

# Aberdeen Global

## Annual Report and Accounts

For the year ended 30 September 2017



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# Incorporation

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Aberdeen Global ("the Company") was incorporated as a société anonyme, qualifying as a société d'investissement à capital variable on 25 February 1988 for an unlimited period and commenced operations on 26 April 1988. It is registered under number B27471 at the Register of Commerce at the District Court of Luxembourg.

As at 30 September 2017, the Company has issued shares in the following Funds:

Asia Pacific Equity	Japanese Equity
Asian Credit Bond	Japanese Smaller Companies
Asian Local Currency Short Duration Bond	Latin American Equity
Asian Property Share	Multi Asset Growth
Asian Smaller Companies	Multi Asset Income
Australasian Equity	Multi-Manager World Equity
Australian Dollar Income Bond	North American Equity
Brazil Bond	North American Smaller Companies
Brazil Equity	Responsible World Equity
China A Share Equity	Russian Equity
Chinese Equity	Select Emerging Markets Bond
Eastern European Equity	Select Emerging Markets Investment Grade Bond
Emerging Markets Corporate Bond	Select Euro High Yield Bond
Emerging Markets Equity	Select Global Credit Bond
Emerging Markets Infrastructure Equity	Select Global Investment Grade Credit Bond
Emerging Markets Local Currency Bond	Smart Beta Low Volatility Global Equity Income
Emerging Markets Local Currency Corporate Bond	SRI Emerging Markets Equity
Emerging Markets Smaller Companies	Swiss Equity
European Equity	Technology Equity
European Equity Dividend	UK Equity
European Equity (Ex UK)	World Credit Bond
Frontier Markets Bond	World Equity
Frontier Markets Equity	World Government Bond
German Equity	World Resources Equity
Indian Bond	World Smaller Companies
Indian Equity	

The full name of each Fund is constituted by the name of the Company, Aberdeen Global, followed by a hyphen and then the specific name of the Fund. Throughout the Financial Statements, the Funds are referred to by their short names as indicated above.

No subscriptions can be received on the basis of this document. Subscriptions are only valid if made on the basis of the current prospectus or on the Key Investor Information Document, accompanied by a copy of the latest annual report or of the subsequent semi-annual report if it has been published.

Please see the Notes to the Financial Statements for changes during the year.

## Important information

Following approval from the Financial Conduct Authority and Prudential Regulation Authority on 25 July 2017, Aberdeen Asset Management PLC and Standard Life plc merged to become Standard Life Aberdeen plc on Monday 14 August 2017. Upon completion of the merger, the ultimate parent company of the Management Company became Standard Life Aberdeen plc. Further information can be found on the website at <https://www.standardlifeaberndeen.com/>.

To date there has been no amendment to legal entities and naming conventions therefore the references to Aberdeen Asset Management throughout this report have not been changed.

# Chairman's Statement

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During the fiscal year ending 30 September 2017, the Company's assets under management ("AUM") increased slightly from US\$28.9 billion to US\$30.7 billion. This increase was the result of strong performances of the financial markets and continued interest from investors in some of our strategies.

The Board of Directors has continued to diversify and broaden the offering to clients during the year. The Board approved the launch of three new Funds over the last 12 months, increasing the total number of active Funds in the umbrella to 51 as at the end of September 2017. The Smart Beta Low Volatility Global Equity Income Fund launched in May, attracting investor contributions of US\$ 154 million as at the end of September 2017. Australian Dollar Income Bond Fund and SRI Emerging Markets Equity Fund were also launched in the year, adding to the range of strategies offered within the umbrella.

The Latin American Equity Fund was the main contributor of AUM growth, with an increase of US\$ 948 million. As at the end of the fiscal year, the Fund had reached a size of US\$ 1.4 billion. The China A Share Equity Fund, which has attracted investment as a vehicle through which to obtain exposure to China, continued to grow with an additional US\$ 823 million in AUM. The Fund has largely outperformed its benchmark since launch and continued to demonstrate strong performance in the last 12 months.

Other asset classes had positive developments as well. Increased client interest was seen across our range of Fixed Income Funds investing in Emerging Markets, with the Board noting that the Indian Bond Fund had almost tripled in size at US \$288 million.

On 13th November 2017, a notice was sent to Shareholders to explain the changes to the Company prospectus. One such change was the merger into Indian Equity Fund of its Subsidiary, Aberdeen Global Indian Equity Limited. The Board noted that the change to a direct investment model improves the structure of the Company, resulting in simplification of the investment structure and associated risk reduction.

Finally, a programme of mergers from external sources into the Company has been planned in the current financial year. Details of the mergers approved by the regulator can be found in the Subsequent Event section of this report.

**CG Little**

December 2017

# Investment Manager's Review

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## Investment review

This past year, the global economy has chugged on, supported by better trade, industrial production and investment. Business and consumer confidence improved and oil prices rebounded on the back of this increase in economic activity. In tandem, equities generally trekked upwards, with the S&P 500 notably hitting fresh records. This was despite major central banks starting to scale back quantitative easing, which had supported financial markets the past decade. The still-accommodative financing conditions left investors flushed with liquidity, and their appetite placed downward pressure on bond yields.

In the US, economic conditions improved, although inflation stayed muted. This upbeat data prompted the Federal Reserve to tighten monetary policy, raising long-dated treasury yields. However, the US dollar weakened as the reflationary trade, triggered by US President Donald Trump's election, waned amid worries that policy-makers would be hamstrung by worsening turmoil inside the White House. Among the sectors, investors rotated out of telecommunications into financials, which would benefit from the shift in interest rate expectations. Technology companies also stood out, as their good financial performance validated investors' conviction about the sector's solid prospects, but this was counterbalanced by regulatory backlash in Europe.

In the Eurozone, the European Central Bank affirmed that economic growth was rosier, and contemplated reducing bond purchases, taking 10-year German bund yields higher. The euro strengthened after elections in France and the Netherlands. On the downside however, businesses fretted over the impact of rising secessionist fervour. Spanish equities slid and the yield on Spain's 10-year bonds rose, after Catalonia initiated a referendum on independence from Spain. Separately in the UK, economic growth was modest and the Bank of England kept interest rates unchanged. Brexit negotiations stalled. The anxiety was further compounded by Prime Minister Theresa May's failed bid to secure a larger mandate from a snap election that resulted in a hung parliament. The outcome saw sterling fall to multi-decade lows.

Turning to Asia, the Chinese economy produced steady growth ahead of its National Congress in October; exports rose, while employment improved. Chinese equities were bolstered by upbeat corporate earnings and solid economic growth, which pushed up iron ore and coal prices, benefiting mining companies. In Japan, monetary policy diverged from other developed markets, with policymakers maintaining easy-money measures, dampening its long-run bond yield and the yen. Meanwhile, rising oil demand, OPEC-led production cuts, and natural calamities battering the Americas, helped shore up oil prices and buoyed the energy sector.

## Outlook

All things considered, we anticipate that earnings growth and the search for yield will continue to lift prices of global equities and fixed income assets, underpinned by continued economic growth. But challenges abound: geopolitical tension, costly natural disasters and potential government policy missteps pose key risks. For instance, supply chains may be ruptured by an increase in protectionism or from a logjam in negotiations over Brexit and NAFTA. The impact of central banks normalising monetary policy and tapering their quantitative easing programmes, as well as China's pursuit of structural reforms, equitable wealth distribution and financial stability, will be closely monitored by investors. The generally low volatility and protracted rise in valuations also warrant caution. Ultimately, we intend to continue managing our portfolios with discipline and vigilance, examining and monitoring company fundamentals, long-term prospects and valuations.

**Aberdeen International  
Fund Managers Limited**  
October 2017



# Net Asset Value History

Numbers are shown in USD terms (unless otherwise stated).

Fund	Share Class	NAV per Share 30.09.17	NAV per Share 30.09.16	NAV per Share 30.09.15	On Going Charges % As at 30.09.17*	OASE % As at 30.09.17*
Asia Pacific Equity	A-1	10.7877	9.2395	8.3543	2.02	0.25
	A-2	78.6282	67.1490	60.3618	2.02	0.25
	A(CZK)-2^	1,201.0884	1,062.4336	-	2.08	0.31
	A(EUR)-1^	12.0845	-	-	2.16	0.39
	A(EUR)-2^	10.5969	9.2406	8.4043	2.08	0.31
	B-2	61.3714	52.9393	48.0731	3.02	0.25
	C-2	16.8160	14.5063	13.1733	3.02	0.25
	D(GBP)-2	58.7028	51.7778	39.9157	2.02	0.25
	E(EUR)-2	12.6245	11.3413	10.2641	2.02	0.25
	I-1	11.2803	9.6546	8.7243	1.23	0.21
	I-2	86.2758	73.1028	65.1924	1.23	0.21
	I(EUR)-1^	-	8.6613	7.9198	-	-
	I(EUR)-2^	12.2289	10.5802	9.5558	1.29	0.27
	L(SGD)-2	10.4959	8.9996	8.4393	2.02	0.25
	R(GBP)-2	13.9568	12.2184	9.3473	1.27	0.25
	S-2	26.8446	22.9649	20.6801	2.19	0.25
	W-2	12.2479	10.5628	9.5884	3.02	0.25
	X-1	10.8590	9.2963	8.4024	1.27	0.25
	X-2	11.6688	9.8907	8.8230	1.27	0.25
	Y(EUR)-2	12.8580	11.4650	10.2988	1.27	0.25
	Z-2	12.0770	-	-	0.23	0.21
Asian Credit Bond <sup>A</sup>	A-1	10.5887	10.6525	9.9795	1.54	0.34
	A-2	11.1694	10.9592	9.9993	1.54	0.34
	I-1	10.5890	10.6529	9.9795	0.90	0.30
	I-2	11.3188	11.0349	10.0042	0.90	0.30
	X-1	10.5890	10.6530	9.9795	0.94	0.34
	X-2	11.3095	11.0302	10.0039	0.94	0.34
	Z-2	11.4606	11.1063	10.0088	0.30	0.30
Asian Local Currency Short Duration Bond	A-1	3.8411	3.8911	3.7939	1.31	0.31
	A-2	6.7517	6.6717	6.3707	1.31	0.31
	A(CHF)-2^	8.9743	9.0963	8.8706	1.45	0.45
	A(EUR)-2^	9.4454	9.5292	9.2177	1.42	0.42
	D(GBP)-1	10.3355	10.8113	9.0394	1.31	0.31
	D(GBP)-2	12.1131	12.3610	10.1216	1.31	0.31
	E(EUR)-2	12.1547	12.6330	12.1445	1.31	0.31
	I-1	9.0586	9.1752	8.9460	0.77	0.27
	I-2	10.3704	10.1916	9.6799	0.77	0.27
	I(EUR)-2^	9.8005	9.8280	9.4506	0.83	0.33
	I(GBP)-1^	8.3901	8.5874	8.4018	0.91	0.41
	R(GBP)-1	10.4533	10.9347	9.1427	0.81	0.31
	R(GBP)-2	11.8756	12.0583	9.8264	0.81	0.31
	X-1	8.7376	8.8508	8.6294	0.81	0.31

# Net Asset Value History

Fund	Share Class	NAV per Share 30.09.17	NAV per Share 30.09.16	NAV per Share 30.09.15	On Going Charges % As at 30.09.17*	OASE % As at 30.09.17*
	X-2	9.9276	9.7598	9.2730	0.81	0.31
	Y(EUR)-2	10.9463	11.3205	10.8286	0.81	0.31
	Z-2	10.5675	10.3330	9.7646	0.27	0.27
Asian Property Share	A-2	19.8573	17.3314	15.8687	1.79	0.29
	A(EUR)-2^	8.8999	7.9370	7.3654	1.93	0.43
	I-2	1,761.7707	1,525.5843	1,385.8576	1.00	0.25
	S-2	19.2533	16.8746	15.5153	2.21	0.29
	X-2	10.9911	9.5211	8.6519	1.04	0.29
	Z-2	10.0230	-	-	0.25	0.25
Asian Smaller Companies	A-2	45.2127	40.6145	37.1956	2.01	0.27
	D(GBP)-2	33.6465	31.2170	24.5169	2.01	0.27
	E(EUR)-1	11.6242	11.0453	10.2800	2.01	0.27
	I-2	49.3900	44.0198	39.9969	1.22	0.23
	L(SGD)-2	10.0644	9.0774	8.6696	2.01	0.27
	R(GBP)-2	13.3282	12.2917	9.5958	1.41	0.27
	X-2	11.1406	9.9480	9.0561	1.41	0.27
	Y(EUR)-2	12.2847	11.5387	10.5734	1.41	0.27
	Z-2	22.5618	19.9077	17.9081	0.22	0.23
	Z(EUR)-2^	11.4110	10.2836	9.3638	0.28	0.29
Australasian Equity	A(AUD)-2	37.9753	35.5032	32.1618	1.76	0.26
	X(AUD)-2	14.7312	13.6697	12.2907	1.01	0.26
	Z(AUD)-2	10.1499	-	-	0.22	0.22
Australian Dollar Income Bond <sup>B</sup>	A(AUD)-3	9.9889	-	-	1.17	0.26
	I(AUD)-1	10.0043	-	-	0.68	0.22
	X(AUD)-1	10.0022	-	-	0.72	0.26
	X(AUD)-2	10.1180	-	-	0.72	0.26
	Z(AUD)-1	10.0144	-	-	0.23	0.22
Brazil Bond	A-1	6.9589	6.5080	5.0846	1.97	0.47
	A-2	140.3844	120.5523	83.4502	1.97	0.47
	E(EUR)-1	7.4401	7.3176	5.7657	1.97	0.47
	I-1	13.1004	12.3049	-	1.43	0.43
	I-2	1,034.1398	882.8913	608.1818	1.43	0.43
	N(JPY)-1	58,436.0403	48,667.6175	42,970.5446	0.93	0.43
Brazil Equity	A-2	7.7687	5.8255	3.7377	2.35	0.60
	I-2	9.0391	6.7244	4.2809	1.56	0.56
	N(JPY)-1	70,140.2005	47,526.3446	36,304.1621	1.21	0.56
	S-2	7.7006	5.7839	3.7175	2.52	0.60
China A Share Equity <sup>C</sup>	A-2	12.1344	9.0651	8.8046	2.00	0.25
	H(EUR)-2	11.0225	8.5950	8.3393	1.21	0.21
	I-1	10.9386	8.1763	7.9588	1.21	0.21
	I-2	12.3795	9.1754	8.8422	1.21	0.21
	Z-1	13.3874	-	-	0.21	0.21
	Z-2	12.6965	9.3177	8.8900	0.21	0.21

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Fund	Share Class	NAV per Share 30.09.17	NAV per Share 30.09.16	NAV per Share 30.09.15	On Going Charges % As at 30.09.17*	OASE % As at 30.09.17*
Chinese Equity	A-2	26.7572	22.4468	20.7495	1.98	0.23
	A(EUR)-2^	10.2553	8.7835	8.2161	2.05	0.30
	D(GBP)-2	19.9218	17.2612	13.6956	1.98	0.23
	I-2	29.3075	24.3925	22.3728	1.19	0.19
	R(GBP)-2	13.9199	11.9714	9.4358	1.23	0.23
	S-2	23.0492	19.3693	17.9614	2.15	0.23
	X-2	11.6350	9.6895	8.9067	1.23	0.23
	Y(EUR)-2	-	-	10.3962	-	-
	Z-2	17.0969	14.0883	12.8133	0.19	0.19
Eastern European Equity	A(EUR)-2	103.7158	95.0785	82.3472	1.99	0.49
	I(EUR)-2	2,372.9133	2,158.3107	1,854.5483	1.20	0.45
	S(EUR)-2	102.1454	94.0329	81.6314	2.41	0.49
	X(EUR)-2	11.5459	10.5051	9.0302	1.24	0.49
Emerging Markets Corporate Bond	A-1	10.6046	10.2665	9.5448	1.70	0.20
	A-2	13.9470	13.0110	11.6083	1.70	0.20
	A-3	10.9953	10.6449	-	1.70	0.20
	A(EUR)-2^	11.6676	11.0942	10.0092	1.77	0.27
	E(EUR)-1	12.0490	12.2708	11.4853	1.70	0.20
	I-2	14.1909	13.1690	11.6859	1.16	0.16
	I(CHF)-2^	10.1981	-	-	1.23	0.23
	I(EUR)-2^	14.1147	13.3522	11.9771	1.23	0.23
	I(GBP)-1^	10.1266	-	-	1.23	0.23
	W-1	11.0028	10.6522	9.9033	2.70	0.20
	W-2	11.6801	11.0030	9.9141	2.70	0.20
	X-1	10.0012	9.6822	9.0013	1.20	0.20
	X-2	12.3644	11.4781	10.1895	1.20	0.20
	Y(EUR)-1	11.0221	11.2249	10.5050	1.20	0.20
	Y(EUR)-2	13.6174	13.2978	11.8838	1.20	0.20
	Z-1	10.7148	10.3729	9.6431	0.16	0.16
	Z(EUR)-1^	10.1287	-	-	0.22	0.22
Emerging Markets Equity	A-1	10.9754	9.5681	8.1133	2.06	0.32
	A-2	71.7139	62.3999	52.7399	2.06	0.32
	A(CHF)-2^	13.2304	11.8010	10.1887	2.10	0.36
	C-2	17.6545	15.5160	13.2480	3.06	0.32
	D(GBP)-2	53.6802	48.2418	34.9667	2.06	0.32
	E(EUR)-2	15.7240	14.3923	12.2465	2.06	0.32
	G-2	10.7742	9.3011	7.7987	1.27	0.28
	G(EUR)-2^	9.8378	-	-	1.41	0.42
	I-1	11.4054	9.9408	8.4255	1.27	0.28
	I-2	78.1391	67.4557	56.5630	1.27	0.28
	J(EUR)-2	9.7879	-	-	1.27	0.28
	R(GBP)-2	13.4746	12.0190	8.6462	1.31	0.32
	S-2	2,482.8244	2,164.0220	1,832.1265	2.23	0.32



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	X-1	10.6311	9.2662	7.8541	1.31	0.32
	X-2	11.2656	9.7292	8.1613	1.31	0.32
	Y(EUR)-2	12.4157	11.2796	9.5260	1.31	0.32
	Z-1	11.3902	9.9196	8.3994	0.27	0.28
	Z-2	19.4164	16.5949	13.7759	0.27	0.28
Emerging Markets Infrastructure Equity	A-1	10.0846	8.7597	7.6544	2.05	0.30
	A-2	8.8096	7.6522	6.6557	2.05	0.30
	A(CHF)-2^	8.1632	7.2667	6.4581	2.16	0.41
	A(EUR)-2^	8.3865	7.4352	6.5362	2.16	0.41
	I-2	994.8051	857.2315	739.7913	1.26	0.26
	I(EUR)-2^	803.9977	707.4733	618.6759	1.36	0.36
	N(JPY)-1	74,225.6490	58,147.0197	60,202.6837	0.78	0.26
	R(GBP)-2	12.0224	10.7261	7.9424	1.30	0.30
	S-2	8.7086	7.5750	6.5997	2.22	0.30
	S(EUR)-2^	8.2856	7.3593	6.4965	2.32	0.40
	X-2	14.8977	12.8366	-	1.27	0.27
	X(EUR)-2^	10.5346	9.2817	8.1252	1.44	0.44
	Y(EUR)-2	11.5719	10.4976	9.1229	1.30	0.30
	Z-2	10.3250	-	-	0.26	0.26
Emerging Markets Local Currency Bond	A-1	6.8257	6.7750	6.1286	1.76	0.26
	A-2	9.8985	9.3402	8.0289	1.76	0.26
	A-3	10.8403	10.7596	-	1.76	0.26
	A(EUR)-2^	7.7107	7.4456	6.4928	1.85	0.35
	E(EUR)-2	224.3545	222.7376	-	1.80	0.30
	I-2	10.2919	9.6591	8.2580	1.22	0.22
	X-1	6.7758	6.7250	6.0834	1.30	0.30
	X-2	8.7099	8.1810	6.9999	1.30	0.30
	Y(EUR)-2	9.5090	9.3944	-	1.30	0.30
	Z-1	10.1695	-	-	0.22	0.22
	Z-2	9.5906	8.9117	7.5436	0.22	0.22
Emerging Markets Local Currency Corporate Bond <sup>D</sup>	A-2	12.0243	11.0187	-	1.70	0.20
	I-2	12.1473	11.0704	-	1.15	0.15
	X-2	12.1360	11.0656	-	1.20	0.20
	Z-1	10.0668	-	-	0.15	0.15
Emerging Markets Smaller Companies	A-2	19.3917	17.7842	15.3444	2.06	0.31
	D(GBP)-2	14.4149	13.6532	10.1019	2.06	0.31
	G-2	10.2558	9.3312	7.9876	1.27	0.27
	I-2	21.1079	19.2060	16.4406	1.27	0.27
	R(GBP)-2	13.3586	12.5776	9.2504	1.46	0.31
	X-2	11.1715	10.1839	8.7341	1.46	0.31
	Y(EUR)-2	12.3110	11.8060	10.1939	1.46	0.31
	Z-2	23.1926	20.8921	17.7059	0.27	0.27

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Fund	Share Class	NAV per Share 30.09.17	NAV per Share 30.09.16	NAV per Share 30.09.15	On Going Charges % As at 30.09.17*	OASE % As at 30.09.17*
Ethical World Equity <sup>E</sup>	A-2	-	-	10.1413	-	-
	H(EUR)-1	-	-	8.6916	-	-
	X-2	-	-	9.9233	-	-
	Y(EUR)-2	-	-	11.5862	-	-
European Equity	A(EUR)-2	50.0317	44.6661	43.6649	1.71	0.20
	I(EUR)-2	1361.1254	1,205.6858	1,169.3815	0.92	0.16
	S(EUR)-2	413.5314	370.7352	363.9569	2.13	0.20
	U-2	11.3170	9.6047	9.3275	1.71	0.20
	X(EUR)-2	13.9361	12.3485	11.9806	0.96	0.20
	Z(EUR)-2	16.3592	14.3816	13.8429	0.17	0.16
European Equity Dividend	A(EUR)-1	153.0229	148.0736	147.3177	1.72	0.22
	A(EUR)-2	199.1762	189.2960	184.8168	1.72	0.22
	A(CHF)-2^	168.2999	161.1591	158.9589	1.86	0.36
	A-2^	200.4689	187.9165	182.8982	1.84	0.34
	I(EUR)-2	2,135.6311	2,013.7545	1,950.4138	0.93	0.18
	S(EUR)-2	193.2822	184.4628	180.8382	2.14	0.22
	X(EUR)-2	13.0568	12.3160	11.9331	0.97	0.22
European Equity (Ex UK)	A(EUR)-2	13.2861	11.8059	11.1798	1.86	0.35
	D(GBP)-2	11.6983	10.2058	8.2318	1.86	0.35
	R(GBP)-2	16.2219	14.0463	11.2448	1.11	0.35
	Z(EUR)-2	10.4574	9.1474	8.5249	0.27	0.26
Flexible Equity <sup>F</sup>	A(EUR)-2	-	-	111.5583	-	-
	I(EUR)-2	-	-	113.4637	-	-
Frontier Markets Bond	A-1	10.4376	10.1082	9.2806	1.79	0.29
	B-1	5.4450	5.2732	4.8409	2.54	0.29
	I-1	10.4392	10.1098	9.2828	1.25	0.25
	I-2	13.7357	12.3610	10.4880	1.25	0.25
	X-2	13.5182	12.1691	10.3254	1.29	0.29
	X(EUR)-2^	12.9648	11.9431	10.2555	1.43	0.43
	Z-2	12.0627	10.7476	-	0.25	0.25
Frontier Markets Equity	A-1	13.2306	12.1301	12.4665	2.66	0.41
	I-2	12.8258	11.6311	11.7467	1.87	0.37
	Z-2	14.5563	12.9926	12.9275	0.37	0.37
German Equity <sup>C</sup>	A(EUR)-1	11.8953	10.6265	-	1.84	0.34
	A(EUR)-2	11.9204	10.6490	-	1.84	0.34
	I(EUR)-2	14.9311	13.2336	11.3473	1.05	0.30
	Z(EUR)-2	15.2421	13.4084	11.4114	0.30	0.30
Indian Bond <sup>A</sup>	A-1	10.6109	10.3606	10.1482	1.34	0.34
	A-2	11.8958	11.0181	10.1812	1.34	0.34
	A-3	9.8140	-	-	1.34	0.34
	A(EUR)-2^	9.8337	-	-	1.48	0.48
	E(EUR)-1	10.1168	10.3910	10.2459	1.34	0.34
	E(EUR)-2	11.3399	11.0496	10.2783	1.34	0.34

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	I-1	10.6119	10.3615	10.1486	0.80	0.30
	I-2	12.0285	11.0823	10.1849	0.80	0.30
	I(EUR)-2^	10.6826	-	-	0.94	0.44
	R(GBP)-1	9.5484	-	-	0.84	0.34
	R(GBP)-2	9.6255	-	-	0.84	0.34
	W-2	9.8478	-	-	2.34	0.34
	X-1	10.0979	-	-	0.84	0.34
	X-2	12.0177	11.0773	10.1844	0.84	0.34
	Z-1	10.1734	-	-	0.30	0.30
	Z-2	12.1530	11.1420	10.1889	0.30	0.30
Indian Equity	A-2	150.8480	134.0882	123.4471	2.12	0.38
	D(GBP)-2	112.5921	103.3832	81.6221	2.12	0.38
	E(EUR)-2	17.0762	15.9670	14.7989	2.12	0.38
	I-2	165.2249	145.7193	133.0908	1.33	0.34
	R(GBP)-2	19.3140	17.5994	13.7905	1.37	0.38
	X-2	16.1468	14.2454	13.0158	1.37	0.38
	Y(EUR)-2	17.7900	16.5101	15.1885	1.37	0.38
	Z-1	14.5838	12.8369	11.8423	0.33	0.34
	Z-2	19.9400	17.4093	15.7406	0.33	0.34
Japanese Equity	A(JPY)-2	496.9291	423.3736	406.3176	1.67	0.18
	A(CHF)-2^	305.9869	263.1557	257.5498	1.72	0.23
	A(EUR)-1^	10.7709	-	-	1.71	0.22
	A(EUR)-2^	13.3383	11.4442	11.1280	1.71	0.22
	A-2^	13.8042	11.6685	11.2695	1.71	0.22
	D(GBP)-2	3.2939	3.2225	2.2425	1.67	0.18
	E(EUR)-2	10.1877	10.1461	-	1.67	0.18
	I(JPY)-2	110,800.0383	93,655.0538	89,167.2607	0.88	0.14
	I(EUR)-2^	13.2651	11.2882	10.8793	1.02	0.28
	I-2^	15.0420	12.6133	12.0994	0.93	0.19
	L(SGD)-2	-	10.7387	9.0870	-	-
	R(GBP)-2	18.9450	18.3920	12.7030	0.92	0.18
	R(GBP)-2^	11.6921	9.8634	9.5174	0.98	0.24
	S(JPY)-2	27,917.8745	23,886.3016	23,022.3180	2.09	0.18
	S(CHF)-2^	295.1420	255.2760	251.0583	2.23	0.32
	S(EUR)-2^	13.0698	11.2392	10.9685	2.16	0.25
	U-2	13.8282	13.0969	10.6289	1.67	0.18
	V-2	11.4527	10.7659	8.6707	0.92	0.18
	W(JPY)-2	11.3967	9.8058	9.5003	2.67	0.18
	W-2^	12.2933	10.4913	-	2.73	0.24
	X(JPY)-2	21.6956	18.3453	17.4746	0.92	0.18
	X(CHF)-2^	10.3347	8.8312	8.5733	1.02	0.28
	X(EUR)-2^	13.8161	11.7533	11.3319	1.02	0.28
	X(GBP)-2^	14.8090	12.4974	12.0864	1.06	0.32

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	X-2^	10.7504	-	-	0.96	0.22
	Y(EUR)-2	17.4473	17.2517	13.9924	0.92	0.18
	Z(GBP)-2^	11.8887	9.9531	-	0.19	0.20
	Z(JPY)-1	10,320.2739	-	-	0.13	0.14
	Z(JPY)-2	10,690.4840	-	-	0.13	0.14
<b>Japanese Smaller Companies</b>	A(JPY)-2	1,507.2994	1,217.4772	1,185.2258	1.68	0.18
	A(CHF)-2^	16.3112	13.3197	13.2132	1.82	0.32
	A(EUR)-2^	23.7924	19.3499	19.0628	1.73	0.23
	A-2^	18.1934	14.5839	14.2913	1.78	0.28
	D(GBP)-2	9.9842	9.2586	6.5357	1.68	0.18
	I(JPY)-1	1,054.8100	-	-	0.89	0.14
	I(JPY)-2	1,472.5602	1,180.0793	1,139.7474	0.89	0.14
	I(EUR)-2^	16.1405	13.0306	12.7440	0.94	0.19
	I-2^	10.5717	8.3924	8.2540	0.95	0.20
	L(SGD)-2	12.1264	10.9314	9.3825	1.68	0.18
	R(GBP)-2	22.7284	20.9191	14.6544	0.93	0.18
	S(JPY)-2	169,633.7757	137,590.2955	134,505.0153	2.10	0.18
	W(JPY)-2	11.8678	9.6816	9.5196	2.68	0.18
	W-2^	13.1222	10.6107	-	2.74	0.24
	X(JPY)-2	26.0183	20.8581	20.1510	0.93	0.18
	X(CHF)-2^	10.3753	8.4050	8.2673	0.99	0.24
	X(EUR)-2^	15.6645	12.6590	12.4052	1.07	0.32
	X-2^	11.2687	-	-	0.99	0.24
	Z(JPY)-2	1,456.1396	1,158.1725	-	0.14	0.14
	Z-2^	13.3939	10.5490	-	0.20	0.20
<b>Latin American Equity</b>	A-2	4,105.9053	3,229.9668	2,395.3054	2.09	0.34
	A(EUR)-2^	8.2243	6.6139	4.9791	2.23	0.48
	E(EUR)-2	9.8359	8.1403	6.0773	2.09	0.34
	I-2	5,011.8903	3,911.2450	2,877.5640	1.30	0.30
	Q-2	1,025.4158	-	-	2.09	0.34
	S-2	4,053.8416	3,194.5619	2,373.2367	2.26	0.34
	X-2	9.6971	7.5703	5.5716	1.34	0.34
	Y(EUR)-2	10.6814	8.7726	6.5028	1.34	0.34
	Z-2	-	798.5146	581.6654	-	-
<b>Multi Asset Growth<sup>H</sup></b>	A(EUR)-1	10.8559	10.3369	-	1.60	0.34
	A(EUR)-2	11.1584	10.3956	-	1.60	0.34
	A(HUF)-2^	1,028.4051	-	-	1.66	0.40
	A(SGD)-2^	10.4326	-	-	1.66	0.40
	I(EUR)-2	11.2517	10.4152	-	0.96	0.30
	W(EUR)-2	10.7282	10.0913	-	2.60	0.34
	X(EUR)-2	11.2453	10.4140	-	1.00	0.34
	Z(EUR)-2	10.9875	-	-	0.36	0.30
	Z(GBP)-2^	11.0994	-	-	0.42	0.36

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Multi Asset Income <sup>l</sup>	A-1	10.0471	9.7749	9.4191	1.59	0.34
	A-2	10.3212	-	-	1.59	0.34
	A-4	10.2465	-	-	1.59	0.34
	A(EUR)-1^	10.2439	10.1386	-	1.65	0.40
	A(EUR)-2^	9.9935	-	-	1.65	0.40
	A(EUR)-4^	10.0496	-	-	1.65	0.40
	A(SGD)-1^	10.1352	-	-	1.65	0.40
	E(EUR)-1	9.2881	9.5032	9.2166	1.59	0.34
	H(EUR)-1	9.4232	9.5826	9.2360	0.95	0.30
	I-1	10.1932	9.8583	9.4390	0.95	0.30
	I(EUR)-1^	10.3602	10.2006	-	1.01	0.36
	I(EUR)-4^	10.1107	-	-	1.01	0.36
	W-1	10.2481	10.0669	-	2.59	0.34
	W(EUR)-1^	9.9400	-	-	2.65	0.40
	X-1	10.1884	9.8531	9.4378	0.99	0.34
	X(EUR)-1^	10.3520	10.1966	-	1.05	0.40
	Y(EUR)-1	9.4131	9.5760	9.2348	0.99	0.34
	Z-1	10.5243	10.1140	9.6257	0.35	0.30
	Z(AUD)-1^	10.1206	-	-	0.41	0.36
Multi-Manager World Equity	A(EUR)-2	17.6122	15.7689	14.9643	2.51	0.29
	I(EUR)-2	18.5286	16.4479	15.4711	1.62	0.25
Multi-Strategy <sup>f</sup>	I(EUR)-2	-	-	10.2738	-	-
North American Equity	A-2	27.5081	23.7036	21.6584	1.73	0.23
	D(GBP)-2	20.4230	18.1761	14.2423	1.73	0.23
	I-2	26.3556	22.5316	20.4256	0.94	0.19
	R(GBP)-2	19.1389	16.9074	13.1497	0.98	0.23
	X-2	16.0033	13.6885	12.4146	0.98	0.23
	Z-2	21.9316	18.6095	16.7440	0.19	0.19
North American Smaller Companies	A-2	16.4809	14.0049	11.9239	1.75	0.25
	A(EUR)-2^	12.4778	10.7765	-	1.81	0.31
	A(SGD)-2^	10.9022	-	-	1.81	0.31
	I-2	22.4974	18.9660	16.0214	0.96	0.21
	I(EUR)-2^	10.6502	-	-	1.02	0.27
	W-2	11.9474	10.2498	-	2.75	0.25
	X-2	10.5907	-	-	1.00	0.25
Responsible World Equity	A-2	11.9554	10.3511	9.3833	1.74	0.24
	E(EUR)-2	15.3803	14.0081	12.7833	1.74	0.24
	I-2	12.4164	10.6915	9.6401	1.20	0.20
	X-2	12.9768	11.1794	10.0828	1.24	0.24
Russian Equity	A(EUR)-2	9.3783	8.1977	6.4697	2.45	0.70
	I(EUR)-2	793.3534	688.0363	538.7081	1.66	0.66
	R(GBP)-2	16.3872	13.9595	-	1.70	0.70
	S(EUR)-2	9.2637	8.1114	6.4126	2.62	0.70
	X(EUR)-2	11.0774	9.6107	7.5278	1.70	0.70

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Select Emerging Markets Bond	A-1	18.5400	18.1860	16.3928	1.71	0.20
	A-2	46.0036	43.0244	36.5546	1.71	0.20
	A-3	11.0258	10.8155	-	1.71	0.20
	A(CHF)-2^	142.1664	136.1703	117.7952	1.76	0.25
	A(CZK)-2^	108.3399	104.9025	90.6423	1.85	0.34
	A(EUR)-1^	8.9444	8.9400	8.1124	1.77	0.26
	A(EUR)-2^	145.5170	138.6845	119.1351	1.76	0.25
	A(GBP)-1^	13.4631	13.3350	-	1.77	0.26
	A(HUF)-2^	1,048.2412	-	-	1.77	0.26
	A(SGD)-1^	10.5142	-	-	1.77	0.26
	I-1	18.7528	18.3948	16.5786	1.17	0.16
	I-2	19.3663	18.0154	15.2219	1.17	0.16
	I(CHF)-1^	9.6964	9.7321	8.9358	1.26	0.25
	I(EUR)-1^	9.0563	9.0477	8.2416	1.22	0.21
	I(EUR)-2^	-	-	8.9664	-	-
	I(GBP)-1^	10.0595	-	-	1.23	0.22
	L(SGD)-1	-	-	9.4438	-	-
	L(SGD)-2	-	-	9.7104	-	-
	R(GBP)-2	14.0554	13.5094	9.7931	1.21	0.20
	W-1	10.9950	10.7853	9.7213	2.71	0.20
	W-2	12.0166	11.3507	9.7378	2.71	0.20
	X-1	9.2736	9.0965	8.1987	1.21	0.20
	X-2	11.9225	11.0953	9.3791	1.21	0.20
	X(EUR)-2^	11.9544	11.3482	9.6976	1.32	0.31
	Y(EUR)-1	10.2204	10.5459	9.5692	1.21	0.20
	Y(EUR)-2	13.1402	12.8631	10.9466	1.21	0.20
	Z-1	10.4359	-	-	0.17	0.16
	Z-2	50.9431	46.9180	39.2485	0.17	0.16
	Z(EUR)-2^	12.4867	11.7198	9.9101	0.22	0.21
Select Emerging Markets Investment Grade Bond <sup>l</sup>	A-1	10.5814	10.5762	-	1.76	0.26
	A-2	11.1269	10.8683	-	1.76	0.26
	A(EUR)-1^	10.2633	10.4808	-	1.82	0.32
	A(EUR)-2^	10.8045	10.7663	-	1.82	0.32
	H(EUR)-1	10.3160	10.8749	9.9875	1.22	0.22
	H(EUR)-2	11.3615	11.6140	10.2913	1.22	0.22
	I-1	9.8965	9.9175	9.0480	1.22	0.22
	I-2	10.8991	10.5912	9.3227	1.22	0.22
	I(EUR)-1^	9.5814	9.7808	9.0153	1.28	0.28
	Z-2	11.2102	10.7845	9.3981	0.22	0.22



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Select Euro High Yield Bond	A(EUR)-1	6.2743	6.1428	5.9902	1.44	0.19
	A(EUR)-2	22.8125	21.3929	19.9638	1.44	0.19
	A(EUR)-3	10.3149	10.0988	-	1.44	0.19
	A(GBP)-1^	19.8868	19.3259	18.7111	1.50	0.25
	A(GBP)-2^	37.4491	34.8786	32.3306	1.50	0.25
	A-1^	10.5871	10.1837	9.8261	1.49	0.24
	A-2^	17.2601	15.9105	14.7018	1.49	0.24
	A-3^	10.5986	10.1931	-	1.50	0.25
	B(EUR)-1	6.2533	6.1223	5.9705	2.44	0.19
	D(GBP)-1	5.6458	5.4259	4.5078	1.44	0.19
	D(GBP)-2^	14.7895	13.7820	12.7512	1.58	0.33
	I(EUR)-2	16.8216	15.6826	14.5486	0.85	0.15
	I-1^	10.3430	9.9434	9.5985	0.99	0.29
	I-2^	10.2600	-	-	0.99	0.29
	R(GBP)-1	11.4907	11.0448	9.1747	0.89	0.19
	W(EUR)-1	10.3307	10.1143	9.8630	2.44	0.19
	W(EUR)-2	11.0664	10.4794	9.8764	2.44	0.19
	W-2^	11.0741	10.3123	-	2.50	0.25
	X(EUR)-1	10.5861	10.3641	10.1065	0.89	0.19
	X(EUR)-2	13.9389	12.9998	12.0651	0.89	0.19
	X-1^	10.2187	-	-	0.95	0.25
	X-2^	10.5622	-	-	0.95	0.25
	Z(EUR)-1	10.0033	-	-	0.15	0.15
	Z(EUR)-2	11.4797	10.6278	-	0.15	0.15
	Z(GBP)-2^	11.2473	10.3284	-	0.21	0.21
Select Global Credit Bond	A(EUR)-1^	-	10.1944	9.7884	-	-
	A(EUR)-2^	10.4540	10.3939	9.7442	1.28	0.38
	A-2^	13.0112	12.7086	11.8020	1.37	0.47
	D(GBP)-1	1.7207	1.7324	1.6501	1.23	0.33
	D(GBP)-2	12.7395	12.5519	11.6460	1.23	0.33
	D-1^	10.6621	10.6281	10.1059	1.37	0.47
	H(EUR)-2	-	9.7839	10.5912	-	-
	R(GBP)-1	10.2466	10.3163	9.8258	0.83	0.33
	R(GBP)-2	11.9492	11.7265	10.8367	0.83	0.33
Select Global Investment Grade Credit Bond	A(GBP)-2	2.2591	2.2469	2.1331	1.23	0.48
	Z(AUD)-1^	9.9857	-	-	0.34	0.34
	Z(GBP)-2	10.7152	10.5565	9.9271	0.28	0.28
Select High Yield Bond <sup>k</sup>	D(GBP)-1	-	-	0.9649	-	-
	R(GBP)-1	-	-	9.3850	-	-

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Smart Beta Low Volatility Global Equity Income <sup>L</sup>	A-1	10.5985	-	-	0.70	0.20
	E(EUR)-1	9.7868	-	-	0.70	0.20
	H(EUR)-1	9.7871	-	-	0.41	0.16
	I-1	10.5987	-	-	0.41	0.16
	R(GBP)-1	10.2094	-	-	0.45	0.20
	Z-1	10.5982	-	-	0.16	0.16
SRI Emerging Markets Equity <sup>M</sup>	A-2	10.5385	-	-	2.07	0.32
	G-2	10.5594	-	-	1.28	0.28
	I-1	10.5314	-	-	1.28	0.28
	I-2	10.5593	-	-	1.28	0.28
	J(EUR)-2	10.1864	-	-	1.28	0.28
	X-1	10.5312	-	-	1.32	0.32
	Z-2	10.5851	-	-	0.28	0.28
Swiss Equity <sup>G</sup>	A(CHF)-2	12.0738	10.0598	-	1.84	0.34
	E(EUR)-2	11.4378	10.0056	-	1.84	0.34
	H(EUR)-2	13.2753	11.5220	10.6233	1.05	0.30
	I(CHF)-2	12.6232	10.4350	9.6326	1.05	0.30
	Z(CHF)-2	12.8862	10.5729	9.6870	0.30	0.30
Technology Equity	A-2	5.6603	4.6816	4.1948	1.95	0.20
	D(GBP)-2	4.2210	3.6058	2.7706	1.95	0.20
	I-2	21.3395	17.4689	15.4901	0.91	0.16
	R(GBP)-2	19.5327	16.5194	12.5667	0.95	0.20
	S-2	134.0937	111.0964	99.7119	2.12	0.20
	X-2	16.3231	13.3684	11.8588	0.95	0.20
	Z-2	10.4932	-	-	0.16	0.16
UK Equity	A(GBP)-2	24.3293	22.1655	19.4073	1.73	0.23
	D(GBP)-1	19.9537	18.4285	16.4024	1.73	0.23
	R(GBP)-1	12.7500	11.7724	10.4749	0.98	0.23
	X(GBP)-2	14.2634	12.8978	11.2058	0.98	0.23
	Z(EUR)-2 <sup>^</sup>	11.3966	10.3264	8.9186	0.25	0.25
World Credit Bond <sup>N</sup>	A-1	10.4789	10.4921	-	1.15	0.25
	A-2	10.9065	10.6909	-	1.15	0.25
	A(EUR)-1 <sup>^</sup>	10.1856	10.3910	-	1.21	0.31
	A(EUR)-2 <sup>^</sup>	10.5852	10.5782	-	1.21	0.31
	D(GBP)-1 <sup>^</sup>	10.3525	10.4738	-	1.21	0.31
	D(GBP)-2 <sup>^</sup>	10.7729	10.6760	-	1.21	0.31
	H(EUR)-1	9.5545	10.0636	-	0.66	0.21
	H(EUR)-2	10.0370	10.2994	-	0.66	0.21
	I-1	10.4799	10.4928	-	0.66	0.21
	I-2	11.0078	10.7375	-	0.66	0.21

# Net Asset Value History

Fund	Share Class	NAV per Share 30.09.17	NAV per Share 30.09.16	NAV per Share 30.09.15	On Going Charges % As at 30.09.17†	OASE % As at 30.09.17*
	R(GBP)-1^	10.3524	10.4711	-	0.76	0.31
	R(GBP)-2^	10.8592	10.7143	-	0.76	0.31
	X-1	10.4799	10.4928	-	0.70	0.25
	X-2	10.9996	10.7337	-	0.70	0.25
	Z-2	11.1010	10.7798	-	0.21	0.21
World Equity	A-2	19.4983	16.9803	15.2851	1.69	0.19
	A(EUR)-2^	-	-	8.9166	-	-
	C-2	15.0953	13.2804	12.0778	2.69	0.19
	D(GBP)-1	16.4961	14.8835	11.5452	1.69	0.19
	D(GBP)-2	14.5318	13.0705	10.0904	1.69	0.19
	E(EUR)-2	16.8902	15.4733	14.0232	1.69	0.19
	I-2	13.4449	11.6462	10.4273	1.15	0.15
	L(SGD)-2	-	-	8.7123	-	-
	R(GBP)-1	14.2507	12.8527	9.9672	1.19	0.19
	R(GBP)-2	15.2150	13.6167	10.4588	1.19	0.19
	X-2	12.7175	11.0198	9.8703	1.19	0.19
	Y(EUR)-2	14.0140	12.7742	11.5192	1.19	0.19
	Z-2	22.8487	19.5938	17.3682	0.15	0.15
World Equity Dividend°	A-1	-	-	8.4965	-	-
	E(EUR)-1	-	-	10.1984	-	-
	X-1	-	-	8.1994	-	-
	Y(EUR)-1	-	-	9.5139	-	-
World Government Bond	A-1	9.4340	9.5938	9.1190	1.23	0.22
	A-2	10.2955	10.3639	9.7403	1.23	0.22
	E(EUR)-1	10.9815	11.7481	11.2424	1.23	0.22
	E(EUR)-2	11.7710	12.4620	11.7850	1.23	0.22
	H(EUR)-2	10.0379	-	-	0.69	0.18
	I-1	9.4274	9.5870	9.1114	0.69	0.18
	I-2	10.5282	10.5381	9.8450	0.69	0.18
	Z-2	10.0277	-	-	0.19	0.18
World Resources Equity	A-2	12.7341	10.5531	9.0566	1.72	0.22
	A(CHF)-2^	8.8427	7.5148	6.5879	1.80	0.30
	A(EUR)-2^	12.3422	10.4439	9.0898	1.82	0.32
	E(EUR)-2	10.7787	9.3963	8.1182	1.72	0.22
	I-2	2,547.9730	2,100.0734	1,792.7259	1.18	0.18
	S-2	12.3558	10.2821	8.8611	2.14	0.22
	S(EUR)-2^	12.0083	10.2053	8.9189	2.21	0.29
	X-2	9.9700	8.2208	7.0195	1.22	0.22
	Y(EUR)-2	10.9848	9.5299	8.1927	1.22	0.22

# Net Asset Value History

Fund	Share Class	NAV per Share 30.09.17	NAV per Share 30.09.16	NAV per Share 30.09.15	On Going Charges % As at 30.09.17 <sup>†</sup>	OASE % As at 30.09.17 <sup>*</sup>
World Smaller Companies	A-2	15.8149	13.4185	11.5202	1.80	0.30
	E(EUR)-2	16.6457	14.8575	12.8422	1.80	0.30
	I-2	16.2282	13.6949	11.6942	1.26	0.26

<sup>†</sup> Source: Aberdeen Asset Management.

The ongoing charges figure (OCF) is the total expenses paid by each share class, against its average net asset value. This includes the annual management charge, the other operating expenses and any synthetic element to incorporate the ongoing charges of any underlying collective investments. The OCF can fluctuate as underlying costs change. Where underlying costs have changed, the OCF disclosed in the Key Investor Information Document will be updated to reflect current charges.

<sup>\*</sup> Operating, Administrative and Servicing Expenses (OASE) Gross Rate.

<sup>^</sup> Base currency exposure share class.

<sup>A</sup> First net asset value calculated on 1 September 2015.

<sup>B</sup> First net asset value calculated on 1 June 2017.

<sup>C</sup> First net asset value calculated on 16 March 2015.

<sup>D</sup> First net asset value calculated 23 November 2015.

<sup>E</sup> Fund closed on 29 February 2016.

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<sup>J</sup> First net asset value calculated on 2 December 2014.

<sup>K</sup> Fund closed on 22 September 2016.

<sup>L</sup> First net asset value calculated on 2 May 2017.

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Exchange Rates	30.09.17	30.09.16	30.09.15
£ - US\$	1.341650	1.299000	1.514750
US\$ - AUD	1.274438	1.306774	1.423998
£ - €	1.134900	1.155900	1.356999
€ - US\$	1.182175	1.123800	1.116250
€ - CHF	1.143801	1.089411	1.090715
JPY - CHF	0.008595	0.009573	0.008159
US\$ - JPY	112.565013	101.265012	119.760479

# Summary of Historic Information

For the year ended 30 September 2017

Fund	Base Currency	Net Asset Value 30.09.17 ('000)	Net Asset Value 30.09.16 ('000)	Net Asset Value 30.09.15 ('000)
Asia Pacific Equity	US Dollars	3,346,525	3,656,001	5,111,659
Asian Credit Bond <sup>A</sup>	US Dollars	28,377	30,021	14,989
Asian Local Currency Short Duration Bond	US Dollars	167,729	205,083	565,687
Asian Property Share	US Dollars	44,072	49,834	61,002
Asian Smaller Companies	US Dollars	2,008,686	1,986,071	2,113,003
Australasian Equity	Australian Dollars	77,189	73,783	65,988
Australian Dollar Income Bond <sup>B</sup>	Australian Dollars	9,165	-	-
Brazil Bond	US Dollars	33,074	37,692	41,194
Brazil Equity	US Dollars	39,117	22,240	13,031
China A Share Equity <sup>C</sup>	US Dollars	1,118,176	294,179	1,839
Chinese Equity	US Dollars	587,311	623,412	1,023,097
Eastern European Equity	Euro	39,781	54,043	49,682
Emerging Markets Corporate Bond	US Dollars	456,204	243,937	243,320
Emerging Markets Equity	US Dollars	5,967,932	6,348,273	5,582,960
Emerging Markets Infrastructure Equity	US Dollars	233,721	243,796	216,898
Emerging Markets Local Currency Bond	US Dollars	197,055	183,958	213,088
Emerging Markets Local Currency Corporate Bond <sup>D</sup>	US Dollars	8,069	7,277	-
Emerging Markets Smaller Companies	US Dollars	1,101,671	1,217,309	1,215,400
Ethical World Equity <sup>E</sup>	US Dollars	-	-	31,496
European Equity	Euro	171,669	199,417	257,253
European Equity Dividend	Euro	58,811	72,266	85,852
European Equity (Ex UK)	Euro	95,111	110,354	55,688
Flexible Equity <sup>F</sup>	Euro	-	-	3,694
Frontier Markets Bond	US Dollars	104,149	77,426	96,893
Frontier Markets Equity	US Dollars	138,142	234,907	277,536
German Equity <sup>G</sup>	Euro	1,961	1,732	1,479
Indian Bond <sup>A</sup>	US Dollars	288,170	79,859	58,739
Indian Equity	US Dollars	2,773,629	3,560,312	4,095,942
Japanese Equity	Japanese Yen	402,019,321	312,313,293	373,449,600
Japanese Smaller Companies	Japanese Yen	86,304,402	72,319,806	115,659,229
Latin American Equity	US Dollars	1,399,330	480,986	229,710
Multi Asset Growth <sup>H</sup>	Euro	70,275	20,782	-
Multi Asset Income <sup>I</sup>	US Dollars	64,430	27,221	18,881
Multi-Manager World Equity	Euro	17,308	17,450	18,322
Multi-Strategy <sup>F</sup>	Euro	-	-	8,860
North American Equity	US Dollars	140,002	132,817	140,176
North American Smaller Companies	US Dollars	498,924	251,447	61,998
Responsible World Equity	US Dollars	8,864	9,147	23,165
Russian Equity	Euro	17,887	17,934	16,099
Select Emerging Markets Bond	US Dollars	1,892,958	1,624,372	1,736,244
Select Emerging Markets Investment Grade Bond <sup>J</sup>	US Dollars	103,674	100,724	83,169
Select Euro High Yield Bond	Euro	1,061,882	999,247	646,174
Select Global Credit Bond	Sterling	45,978	48,249	43,949
Select Global Investment Grade Credit Bond	Sterling	26,233	25,498	23,122

# Summary of Historic Information

Fund	Base Currency	Net Asset Value 30.09.17 ('000)	Net Asset Value 30.09.16 ('000)	Net Asset Value 30.09.15 ('000)
Select High Yield Bond <sup>K</sup>	Sterling	-	-	37,355
Smart Beta Low Volatility Global Equity Income <sup>L</sup>	US Dollars	153,991	-	-
SRI Emerging Markets Equity <sup>M</sup>	US Dollars	54,866	-	-
Swiss Equity <sup>C</sup>	Swiss Franc	1,928	1,590	1,464
Technology Equity	US Dollars	179,399	169,256	233,962
UK Equity	Sterling	37,611	37,838	36,514
World Credit Bond <sup>N</sup>	US Dollars	10,216	9,917	-
World Equity	US Dollars	659,820	895,316	1,241,429
World Equity Dividend <sup>O</sup>	US Dollars	-	-	60,293
World Government Bond	US Dollars	409,215	324,307	250,723
World Resources Equity	US Dollars	124,658	104,789	111,896
World Smaller Companies	US Dollars	30,692	14,457	13,743
<b>Combined Total</b>	<b>US Dollars</b>	<b>30,742,355</b>	<b>28,925,762</b>	<b>30,804,381</b>

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# Performance History

Fund	Base Currency	30.09.17 %	30.09.16 %	30.09.15 %	30.09.14 %
Asia Pacific Equity - A Accumulation Shares	USD	17.14	11.32	(18.65)	4.64
Benchmark: MSCI AC Asia Pacific ex Japan Index	USD	20.99	18.40	(14.23)	6.21
Asian Credit Bond - A Income Shares <sup>A</sup>	USD	1.73	9.78	(0.08)	-
Benchmark: JP Morgan Asia Credit Index	USD	2.17	10.55	0.03	-
Asian Local Currency Short Duration Bond - A Income Shares	USD	1.20	4.77	(7.27)	0.65
Benchmark: iBoxx Asia ex Japan Sovereign 1-3 years Index	USD	0.83	6.32	(6.76)	2.13
Asian Property Share - A Accumulation Shares	USD	14.59	9.36	(18.37)	0.35
Benchmark: MSCI AC Asia Pacific Real Estate Index	USD	12.94	17.62	(6.76)	(3.70)
Asian Smaller Companies - A Accumulation Shares	USD	11.25	9.13	(22.51)	8.02
Benchmark: MSCI AC Asia Pacific Ex-Japan Small Cap Index	USD	12.22	15.44	(13.98)	6.93
Australasian Equity - A Accumulation Shares	AUD	6.94	10.51	3.36	4.81
Benchmark: Australia Stock Exchange All Ordinaries Index	AUD	8.53	14.01	(0.16)	5.89
Australian Dollar Income Bond - A Income Shares <sup>B</sup>	AUD	0.96	-	-	-
Benchmark: Bloomberg AusBond Bank Bill Index	AUD	0.57	-	-	-
Brazil Bond - A Accumulation Shares	USD	16.37	44.45	(33.45)	(1.51)
Benchmark: Brazil CETIP Rate Accumulated Index	USD	14.57	39.89	(30.75)	0.25
Brazil Equity - A Accumulation Shares	USD	33.28	55.92	(45.10)	(11.19)
Benchmark: MSCI Brazil 10/40 Index	USD	26.66	60.43	(46.92)	(3.01)
China A Share Equity - A Accumulation Shares <sup>C</sup>	USD	33.86	2.96	(11.95)	-
Benchmark: MSCI China A TR Index	USD	14.59	(3.28)	(13.20)	-
Chinese Equity - A Accumulation Shares	USD	19.19	8.20	(13.52)	(1.80)
Benchmark: MSCI Zhong Hua Index	USD	28.55	14.92	(4.46)	5.03
Eastern European Equity - A Accumulation Shares	EUR	8.70	15.89	(10.79)	(6.83)
Benchmark: MSCI Emerging Markets Europe 10/40 NR Index	EUR	19.22	8.30	(18.56)	(6.97)
Emerging Markets Corporate Bond - A Accumulation Shares	USD	7.01	12.37	(4.08)	8.15
Benchmark: JP Morgan Corporate EMBI Broad Diversified Index	USD	5.82	11.61	(0.38)	8.33
Emerging Markets Equity - A Accumulation Shares	USD	14.87	18.80	(20.18)	1.99
Benchmark: MSCI Emerging Markets Index	USD	22.91	17.21	(18.98)	4.66
Emerging Markets Infrastructure Equity - S Accumulation Shares	USD	14.82	14.91	(25.71)	5.81
Benchmark: MSCI EM Infrastructure Index	USD	11.48	8.70	(21.26)	8.80

# Performance History

Fund	Base Currency	30.09.17 %	30.09.16 %	30.09.15 %	30.09.14 %
Emerging Markets Local Currency Bond - A Accumulation Shares	USD	6.06	16.36	(22.91)	(3.13)
Benchmark: JP Morgan GBI EM Global Diversified Index	USD	7.32	17.06	(19.77)	(1.54)
Emerging Markets Local Currency Corporate Bond - A Accumulation Shares <sup>D</sup>	USD	9.41	9.81	-	-
Benchmark: Bank of America Merrill Lynch Diversified Broad Local Emerging Markets Non-Sovereign TR USD Index	USD	9.69	5.62	-	-
Effective on 14 August 2017 dealing days fall on every Wednesday of each calendar month. Prior to this date dealing days fell on every business day (except non-dealing days). This may cause a timing discrepancy between the performance period for the fund vs benchmark and the peer group.					
Emerging Markets Smaller Companies - A Accumulation Shares	USD	8.81	16.50	(20.44)	2.03
Benchmark: MSCI Emerging Markets Small Cap Index	USD	15.22	12.95	(14.99)	9.16
Ethical World Equity - A Accumulation Shares <sup>E</sup>	USD	-	(3.90)	(18.86)	5.50
Benchmark: FTSE World Index	USD	-	(1.49)	(5.79)	12.06
European Equity - A Accumulation Shares	EUR	12.49	1.94	(3.24)	8.02
Benchmark: FTSE Europe Index	EUR	17.06	2.47	3.31	13.83
European Equity Dividend - A Accumulation Shares <sup>F</sup>	EUR	5.57	2.20	(4.50)	9.77
Benchmark: MSCI Europe Index	EUR	16.93	2.43	3.15	13.98
European Equity (Ex UK) - A Accumulation Shares	EUR	13.25	4.67	0.44	8.02
Benchmark: FTSE World Europe ex UK Index	EUR	20.48	3.18	4.46	13.94
Flexible Equity - A Accumulation Shares <sup>G</sup>	EUR	-	0.96	(1.85)	3.84
Benchmark: Composite Benchmark being 50% EONIA (Euro Overnight Index Average) Index and 50% MSCI World (Hedged EUR) NR Index	EUR	-	3.25	(0.50)	7.39
Dealing days fall on every Wednesday of each calendar month which may cause a timing discrepancy between the performance period for the fund vs the benchmark and the peer group.					
Frontier Markets Bond - A Income Shares	USD	10.54	17.14	(6.66)	12.67
Benchmark: JP Morgan Next Generation Markets Index (NEXGEM)	USD	8.85	19.89	(1.84)	17.48
Effective on 14 August 2017 dealing days are any business day (except non-dealing days). Prior to this date dealing days fell on every Wednesday of each calendar month which may have caused a timing discrepancy between the performance period for the fund vs benchmark and the peer group.					

# Performance History

Fund	Base Currency	30.09.17 %	30.09.16 %	30.09.15 %	30.09.14 %
Frontier Markets Equity - I Accumulation Shares	USD	9.01	(0.59)	(17.42)	12.57
Benchmark: MSCI Frontier Markets Index	USD	25.95	1.37	(23.85)	30.49
Dealing days fall on the Business Day which falls on the first and third Wednesday of each calendar month to 17 June 2015 and thereafter on the 15th (or next business day if this is a weekend) and last business day of each calendar month. This may cause a timing discrepancy between the performance period for the fund vs the benchmark and the peer group					
German Equity - A Accumulation Shares <sup>H</sup>	EUR	12.90	5.25	13.66	-
Benchmark: HDAX TR Index	EUR	22.75	(3.76)	0.87	-
Indian Bond - A Accumulation Shares <sup>AI</sup>	USD	7.63	8.29	1.80	-
Benchmark: Markit iBoxx ALBI India Index	USD	9.37	10.65	1.90	-
Indian Equity - A Accumulation Shares	USD	12.49	8.69	(0.24)	38.67
Benchmark: MSCI India Index	USD	14.18	6.14	(5.90)	37.61
Japanese Equity - A Accumulation Shares	JPY	17.38	4.20	4.25	15.83
Benchmark: Topix (Tokyo First Section) Index	JPY	29.27	(4.15)	8.42	13.32
Japanese Smaller Companies - A Accumulation Shares <sup>I</sup>	JPY	23.81	3.02	3.30	7.23
Benchmark: MSCI Japan Small Cap Index	JPY	33.92	0.07	9.78	2.71
Latin American Equity - A Accumulation Shares	USD	25.97	37.92	(39.51)	(9.94)
Benchmark: MSCI EM Latin America 10/40 NR Index	USD	25.59	28.65	(38.65)	(1.04)
Multi Asset Growth - A Accumulation Shares <sup>K</sup>	EUR	7.81	3.83	-	-
Benchmark: 1 Month Euribor +4.5% Index	EUR	4.13	1.13	-	-
Multi Asset Income - A Income Shares <sup>L</sup>	USD	8.07	8.66	(4.58)	-
Benchmark: No official benchmark	USD	N/A	N/A	N/A	-
Multi-Manager World Equity - A Accumulation Shares	EUR	10.15	8.14	(0.34)	14.06
Benchmark: MSCI AC World Net Return Index	EUR	12.79	11.21	5.63	19.29
Multi-Strategy - I Accumulation Shares <sup>G</sup>	EUR	-	0.00	(0.76)	0.85
Benchmark: EONIA (Euro Overnight Index Average) +2.5% Index	EUR	-	0.39	2.43	2.63
Dealing days fall on every Wednesday of each calendar month which may cause a timing discrepancy between the performance period for the fund vs benchmark and the peer group					
North American Equity - A Accumulation Shares <sup>M</sup>	USD	16.77	10.44	(8.68)	10.61
Benchmark: S&P 500 Index (1 day lag)	USD	19.11	16.71	(2.75)	19.34
North American Smaller Companies - A Accumulation Shares <sup>N</sup>	USD	18.43	17.82	9.23	9.54
Benchmark: Russell 2000 Index (1 day lag)	USD	21.91	15.96	(1.74)	5.42

# Performance History

Fund	Base Currency	30.09.17 %	30.09.16 %	30.09.15 %	30.09.14 %
Responsible World Equity - A Accumulation Shares	USD	15.64	10.81	(18.86)	8.79
Benchmark: MSCI World Index	USD	18.83	12.02	(4.57)	12.80
Russian Equity - A Accumulation Shares	EUR	13.71	27.59	(19.50)	(11.46)
Benchmark: MSCI Russia 10/40 Index	EUR	13.82	25.72	(11.53)	(10.90)
Select Emerging Markets Bond - A Accumulation Shares	USD	6.67	18.22	(9.05)	6.35
Benchmark: JP Morgan EMBI Global Diversified Index	USD	4.61	16.20	(0.62)	9.67
Select Emerging Markets Investment Grade Bond - H Accumulation Shares <sup>o</sup>	EUR	(2.97)	14.99	1.73	-
Benchmark: JP Morgan EMBI Global Diversified Credit Investment Grade TR Index	EUR	(2.64)	13.28	7.38	-
Select Euro High Yield Bond - A Accumulation Shares <sup>p</sup>	EUR	6.67	7.18	3.06	6.21
Benchmark: Bank of America Merrill Lynch Euro High Yield Constrained TR Index	EUR	7.87	8.48	0.18	9.94
Select Global Credit Bond - D Income Shares	GBP	1.24	7.94	(1.06)	7.89
Benchmark: Bloomberg Barclays Global Aggregate Credit (Hedged GBP 100%) Index	GBP	0.85	8.07	1.89	6.94
Select Global Investment Grade Credit Bond - A Accumulation Shares <sup>q</sup>	GBP	0.45	5.42	0.99	4.21
Benchmark: Bloomberg Barclays Global Aggregate Credit 1-10 years (Hedged GBP) Index	GBP	0.87	5.58	2.08	5.43
Select High Yield Bond - D Income Shares <sup>r</sup>	GBP	-	18.80	0.87	1.37
Benchmark: Bank of America Merrill Lynch European Currency High Yield Constrained Index	GBP	-	23.78	(3.54)	2.46
Smart Beta Low Volatility Global Equity Income - A Income Shares <sup>s</sup>	USD	7.18	-	-	-
Benchmark: MSCI AC World Index	USD	7.71	-	-	-
SRI Emerging Markets Equity - A Accumulation Shares <sup>t</sup>	USD	5.02	-	-	-
Benchmark: MSCI Emerging Markets Index	USD	8.04	-	-	-
Swiss Equity - I Accumulation Shares <sup>h</sup>	CHF	21.36	7.49	(3.64)	-
Benchmark: Swiss Performance Index TR	CHF	17.61	2.34	(2.51)	-
Technology Equity - A Accumulation Shares	USD	19.70	13.86	(6.19)	8.82
Benchmark: Merrill Lynch Technology 100 CR Index	USD	27.47	21.29	1.07	15.88
UK Equity - A Accumulation Shares	GBP	10.40	13.95	(6.41)	1.42
Benchmark: FTSE All-Share Index	GBP	11.94	16.82	(2.30)	6.09

# Performance History

Fund	Base Currency	30.09.17 %	30.09.16 %	30.09.15 %	30.09.14 %
World Credit Bond - A Income Shares <sup>U</sup>	USD	1.72	7.20	-	-
Benchmark: Bloomberg Barclays Global Aggregate Credit (Hedged USD 100%) Index	USD	1.88	8.19	-	-
World Equity - A Accumulation Shares	USD	14.92	11.55	(18.81)	7.08
Benchmark: MSCI World Index	USD	18.83	12.02	(4.57)	12.80
World Equity Dividend - E Income Shares <sup>V</sup>	EUR	-	1.25	(11.66)	9.94
Benchmark: MSCI World Index	EUR	-	0.48	8.00	20.87
World Government Bond - A Accumulation Shares	USD	(0.61)	6.39	(5.35)	2.85
Benchmark: Bloomberg Barclays Capital Global Treasury Universal GDP weighted by country Index	USD	0.13	9.30	(5.20)	1.15
World Resources Equity - A Accumulation Shares	USD	21.63	16.57	(34.25)	3.56
Benchmark: S&P Global Natural Resources Index	USD	20.52	24.71	(30.76)	3.08
World Smaller Companies - A Accumulation Shares	USD	17.99	15.98	(7.95)	3.54
Benchmark: MSCI World Small Cap Index	USD	20.29	14.89	(1.34)	7.01

Performance basis is detailed within the Manager's review.

Past performance is no indication of current or future performance. These performance data do not take account of the commissions and costs incurred on the issue and redemption of shares.

Performance is calculated at 30 September each year unless otherwise stated.

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<sup>A</sup> First net asset value calculated on 1 September 2015.

<sup>B</sup> First net asset value calculated on 1 June 2017.

<sup>C</sup> First net asset value calculated on 16 March 2015.

<sup>D</sup> First net asset value calculated on 23 November 2015.

<sup>E</sup> Fund closed on 29 February 2016. Figures shown for 2016 are from 1 October 2015 to 29 February 2016.

<sup>F</sup> Name changed on 1 January 2014 (formerly named European Equity Income).

<sup>G</sup> Fund closed on 16 December 2015. Figures shown for 2016 are from 1 October 2015 to 16 December 2015.

<sup>H</sup> First net asset value calculated on 29 December 2014.

<sup>I</sup> To 31 March 2016 the benchmark was HSBC Asian Local Bond (ALBI) India Local Currency Government Bond Index.

<sup>J</sup> To 31 May 2017 the benchmark was Russell Nomura Small Cap Index.

<sup>K</sup> First net asset value calculated on 13 June 2016.

<sup>L</sup> First net asset value calculated on 1 June 2015.

<sup>M</sup> Name changed on 1 January 2014 (formerly named American Equity).

<sup>N</sup> Name changed on 1 January 2014 (formerly named American Smaller Companies).

<sup>O</sup> First net asset value calculated on 2 December 2014.

<sup>P</sup> To 31 March 2014 the benchmark was JP Morgan Euro High Yield Index.

<sup>Q</sup> To 31 October 2013 the benchmark was iBoxx Sterling Corporate Financials 1-5 years Index.

Name changed on 1 November 2013 (formerly named Select Sterling Financials Bond).

<sup>R</sup> Fund closed on 22 September 2016. Figures shown for 2016 are from 1 October 2015 to 22 September 2016.

<sup>S</sup> First net asset value calculated on 2 May 2017.

<sup>T</sup> First net asset value calculated on 30 June 2017.

<sup>U</sup> First net asset value calculated on 9 November 2015.

<sup>V</sup> Name changed on 1 January 2014 (formerly named World Equity Income).

Fund closed on 22 February 2016. Figures shown for 2016 are from 1 October 2015 to 22 February 2016.

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## Statement of Net Assets

As at 30 September 2017

	Notes	US\$'000
<b>Assets</b>		
Investments in securities at market value	2.2	30,176,497
Cash at bank		453,796
Amounts held at futures clearing houses and brokers		3,005
Interest and dividends receivable		119,590
Subscriptions receivable		166,019
Receivable for investments sold		153,081
Unrealised gains on forward currency exchange contracts	2.6	66,349
Unrealised gains on future contracts	2.7	62
Unrealised gains on swap contracts	2.8	5
Other assets		17,956
<b>Total assets</b>		<b>31,156,360</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Payable for investments purchased		150,825
Taxes and expenses payable		32,472
Redemptions payable		186,891
Unrealised losses on forward currency exchange contracts	2.6	26,725
Unrealised losses on future contracts	2.7	100
Other liabilities		16,992
<b>Total liabilities</b>		<b>414,005</b>
<b>Net assets at the end of the year</b>		<b>30,742,355</b>

## Statement of Changes in Net Assets

For the year from 1 October 2016 to 30 September 2017

	Notes	US\$'000
Net assets at the beginning of the year		28,925,762
Exchange rate effect on opening net assets		(287,934)
Net gains from investments		380,626
Net realised gains		1,619,927
Net unrealised gains		2,305,909
Proceeds from shares issued		12,021,487
Payments for shares redeemed		(14,151,840)
Net equalisation received	10	1,005
Dividends paid	5	(75,049)
Capacity management charge	15	1,667
Redemption charge	14	767
Unclaimed monies		28
<b>Net assets at the end of the year</b>		<b>30,742,355</b>

## Statement of Operations

For the year from 1 October 2016 to 30 September 2017

	Notes	US\$'000
<b>Income</b>		
Investment income	2.3	751,976
Stocklending income	16	7,599
Bank interest		1,926
Other income		65
<b>Total income</b>		<b>761,566</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Management fees	4.2	307,692
Operating, administrative and servicing fees	4.3	74,984
Less: Volume discount applied	4.3	(2,789)
Net operating, administrative and servicing fees	4.3	72,195
Distribution fees	4.1	331
Other operational expenses		590
Bank interest		132
<b>Total expenses</b>		<b>380,940</b>
<b>Net gains from investments</b>		<b>380,626</b>
Realised gains on investments		1,416,156
Realised gains on forward currency exchange contracts		56,831
Realised gains on future contracts		1,345
Realised currency exchange gains		145,595
<b>Net realised gains</b>		<b>1,619,927</b>
Increase in unrealised appreciation on investments		2,257,715
Decrease in unrealised depreciation on forward foreign exchange contracts		48,499
Decrease in unrealised depreciation on future contracts		10
Increase in unrealised appreciation on swap contracts		5
Unrealised currency exchange losses		(320)
<b>Net unrealised gains</b>		<b>2,305,909</b>
<b>Net increase in assets as a result of operations</b>		<b>4,306,462</b>

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements.



# Asia Pacific Equity

For the year ended 30 September 2017

## Performance

For the year ended 30 September 2017, the value of Asia Pacific Equity – A Accumulation Shares increased by 17.14% compared to an increase of 20.99% in the benchmark, the MSCI AC Asia Pacific Ex-Japan Index.

Source: Lipper, Basis: total return, published NAV to NAV, net of annual charges, gross income reinvested, USD.

Please see the Performance History section for details on the use of MSCI information.

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

Asian equities posted solid gains over the year, driven by improving fundamentals across the region and a recovery in global trade. Gains, however, were capped by doubts over US President Donald Trump's ability to deliver on his economic agenda, geopolitical tensions on the Korean peninsula, and the prospect of major central banks withdrawing stimulus.

China's equity market outpaced the region. Upbeat growth data, along with MSCI's decision to include A-shares to its influential indices and a sustained rise in Chinese internet stocks, drove the mainland market, despite Beijing's increased regulatory scrutiny and efforts to tighten leverage. Meanwhile, a re-rating of the technology sector underpinned South Korea and Taiwan. Companies in the Apple supply chain were among the beneficiaries, although they dipped on profit-taking towards the period-end. South Korea also gained on hopes that tensions with China over the Thaad missile system would thaw after President Moon Jae-in took office in May.

The Philippines, Malaysia and Indonesia, however, were the key regional laggards. Shares in the Philippines declined after an extended run, hampered by President Rodrigo Duterte's unpredictability and domestic political events. Indonesia's private consumption and consumer confidence remained sluggish, despite favourable economic conditions. In Malaysia, the impact of the goods and services tax introduced two years ago continued to be felt, with inflation rising, while a weaker ringgit pushed up the costs of imports.

## Portfolio review

The Fund delivered healthy returns over the review period, although it trailed the benchmark.

China was a key area of weakness. Our light exposure to the market detracted, as the local benchmark led the region. As highlighted earlier, China's rally was also underpinned by a sharp increase in internet stocks. Tencent and Alibaba stood out, buoyed by momentum trading and solid results. Hence, our underweight to Tencent and lack of exposure to Alibaba detracted. We introduced a small position in Tencent towards the end of the year. This reflects our growing conviction in, and comfort with, its business, corporate structure and governance. We think that valuations reflect its high-quality growth potential. Tencent has succeeded in diversifying its presence in the Chinese internet space, creating a powerful ecosystem that leverages on the network effects of its various offerings while at the same time navigating the migration of gaming from PC to mobile. This combination of a growing ecosystem and a growing monetisation of the user base will drive earnings growth. We're more circumspect when it comes to Alibaba. While Alibaba has a strong competitive moat and impressive business model, we see potential downside risks from poor corporate governance.

The surge in Chinese internet stocks helped propel the overall software and services into the best-performing segment in the region. As a result, our underweight to this segment detracted. Our main exposure to software and services is via South Korean internet holding Naver. Its earnings disappointed owing to investments in newer growth platforms and its Japan-listed subsidiary Line Corp. However, Naver's core search-engine business in the domestic market remains solid. That, coupled with the lack of exposure to another tech stock, SK Hynix, which performed well, hurt stock selection in South Korea.

Elsewhere in the technology sector, our holdings in component companies Samsung Electronics and TSMC did well. Both generate sector-leading profit margins, supported by growing demand for their semiconductors, given the rapid rise of automation, digitisation and digitalisation across industries. Investors are buying into their growth prospects and earnings potential. In addition, their balance sheets are strong and valuations still attractive. With their strong cash generation, both companies continue to invest in their businesses and improve shareholder returns through share buybacks and dividends.

Meanwhile, we saw encouraging signs emerging from our commodity and financial holdings which had previously weighed on performance. In Australia, miners Rio Tinto and BHP Billiton rallied as iron ore prices rebounded on the back of China's improving macroeconomic outlook. Our other Australian holding, blood plasma manufacturer CSL, was also a strong contributor. We trimmed our position in CSL after its stock price rose about 30% (in US dollar terms) this year on the back of firm earnings from its immunoglobulin and specialty products. We like the business, given its decent growth pipeline and its wide moat in a sector that has consolidated.

Elsewhere, several of our financial holdings also performed well, as asset quality concerns eased and fee income improved. These included Singapore-based lenders Oversea-Chinese Banking, DBS and United Overseas Bank, which reported better-than-expected quarterly results, driven by healthy fee income from wealth management and good cost controls. While asset quality appears to have stabilised, non-performing loan formation in the oil and gas sector remains a concern. However, all three benefited from growth in regional operations. The re-rating of Singapore lenders' shares provided us the opportunity to take profits. Global lender HSBC benefited from expectations that higher interest rates would push up margins. It also reported robust interim results and is returning more cash to shareholders via a new US\$2 billion share buyback, adding to more than US\$3 billion already pledged over the past year. Domestically focused banks such as Malaysia's CIMB and Indonesia's Bank Central Asia also performed well.

Apart from the portfolio movements stated earlier, we had mentioned in the interim report the initiations of Hindustan Unilever, the Indian subsidiary of Anglo-Dutch consumer goods giant Unilever, and Chinese fast-food operator Yum China following the parent company's (Yum Brands) restructuring.

In the latter half of the period, we introduced Bangkok Dusit Medical Services (BDMS) and China Resources Land (CR Land). BDMS is the largest private hospital group in Thailand with well-recognised brands and good management. BDMS stands to benefit from the rising demand for health care domestically and medical tourism across the region, given its reputation in high-quality complex treatments. CR Land is a Hong Kong-listed Chinese developer with superior profitability, substantial land bank, as well as a good mix of property development and investment.

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In India, we also initiated positions in two companies – Kotak Mahindra Bank and Hero MotoCorp – and exited ICICI Bank. Kotak Mahindra is one of India's leading private-sector banks that has grown rapidly under the founder's stewardship as the local banking sector liberalised and private banks took an increasing market share from the less efficient and less well-managed state-owned banks. With good asset quality and a solid capital base, it is well positioned for a recovery in the Indian credit market, where a notable portion of the banking players remain undercapitalised. Hero is a local motorcycle maker, which we think is a good proxy to domestic consumption, backed by a robust balance sheet. Meanwhile, ICICI Bank's share price rally provided us the opportunity to exit the stock, as the lender's balance sheet was saddled with significant non-performing loans.

Elsewhere, we continued to build our position in the Aberdeen Global – China A Share Fund, which offers an interesting selection of mainland Chinese companies that are poised to capitalise on rising domestic consumption and other positive structural trends in the economy. We are also getting more comfortable with the underlying holdings in the fund, such as Hangzhou Hikvision and Han's Laser Technology, as they continue to deliver decent results and improve transparency. In South Korea, we further added to search engine Naver Corp and cosmetics company AmorePacific on weakness. Despite Naver's muted earnings, its core domestic search-engine business remains solid. As for AMOREPACIFIC, lower tourist arrivals amid political uncertainty has hurt its domestic business. But it has maintained its net cash balance sheet and remains committed to investing in its brands to ensure that it is well positioned for when demand recovers. Its international operations continue to deliver steady growth, as its brands are well recognised by overseas customers.

## Outlook

Looking ahead, sustained liquidity resulting from years of ultra-loose monetary policy has distorted global asset prices, with major stockmarket indices rallying, bond yields dipping, and volatility (based on the Vix index) at historical lows. In Asia and the broader emerging markets, equities have been buoyant, generating robust returns so far this year.

But markets seem to be underpricing the risks that lie ahead. The US Federal Reserve is raising interest rates and pushing ahead with its plan to reduce the size of its balance sheet; the European Central Bank appears likely to scale back its asset purchases soon; and the Bank of England has hinted that it may raise rates earlier than expected. While developing economies are better prepared to manage the fallout from a tightening in monetary policy, the process of withdrawing stimulus is tricky and could prove to be more disruptive than expected. A stronger dollar and rising geopolitical tension risk straining markets further.

The good news is that regional exports are rebounding, thanks to China and the global economic upturn. Although domestic consumption is still muted in some markets, central banks have scope to cut interest rates while governments have ample reserves to stimulate domestic demand. Meanwhile, earnings growth has recovered, with forecasts upgraded in some parts of our portfolio, notably our holdings in China. Valuations, in aggregate, are still attractive compared to the developed world. Such supportive corporate fundamentals give us cause for optimism and confidence in our stock picks.

## Asian Equities Team

October 2017

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## Statement of Net Assets

As at 30 September 2017

	Notes	US\$'000
<b>Assets</b>		
Investments in securities at market value	2.2	3,310,210
Cash at bank		28,529
Interest and dividends receivable		5,353
Subscriptions receivable		5,715
Receivable for investments sold		4,833
Other assets		6,726
<b>Total assets</b>		<b>3,361,366</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Taxes and expenses payable		5,278
Redemptions payable		8,313
Unrealised losses on forward currency exchange contracts	2.6	1,000
Other liabilities		250
<b>Total liabilities</b>		<b>14,841</b>
<b>Net assets at the end of the year</b>		<b>3,346,525</b>

## Statement of Changes in Net Assets

For the year from 1 October 2016 to 30 September 2017

	Notes	US\$'000
Net assets at the beginning of the year		3,656,001
Net gains from investments		13,538
Net realised gains		222,604
Net unrealised gains		291,919
Proceeds from shares issued		451,352
Payments for shares redeemed		(1,288,158)
Net equalisation paid	10	(481)
Dividends paid	5	(250)
<b>Net assets at the end of the year</b>		<b>3,346,525</b>

## Statement of Operations

For the year from 1 October 2016 to 30 September 2017

	Notes	US\$'000
<b>Income</b>		
Investment income	2.3	76,609
Stocklending income	16	82
Bank interest		180
<b>Total income</b>		<b>76,871</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Management fees	4.2	55,193
Operating, administrative and servicing fees	4.3	8,335
Less: Volume discount applied	4.3	(340)
Net operating, administrative and servicing fees	4.3	7,995
Distribution fees	4.1	74
Other operational expenses		71
<b>Total expenses</b>		<b>63,333</b>
<b>Net gains from investments</b>		<b>13,538</b>
Realised gains on investments		221,065
Realised gains on forward currency exchange contracts		1,853
Realised currency exchange losses		(314)
<b>Net realised gains</b>		<b>222,604</b>
Increase in unrealised appreciation on investments		292,767
Increase in unrealised depreciation on forward currency exchange contracts		(861)
Unrealised currency exchange gains		13
<b>Net unrealised gains</b>		<b>291,919</b>
<b>Net increase in assets as a result of operations</b>		<b>528,061</b>

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## Share Transactions

For the year from 1 October 2016 to 30 September 2017

	A-1	A-2	A(CZK)-2 <sup>^</sup>	A(EUR)-1 <sup>^</sup>	A(EUR)-2 <sup>^</sup>	B-2
Shares outstanding at the beginning of the year	1,076,847	36,833,455	33,262	-	3,629,816	85,535
Shares issued during the year	147,581	3,115,374	10,300	60,000	955,158	-
Shares redeemed during the year	(227,355)	(9,646,448)	(20,486)	-	(1,811,141)	(20,051)
<b>Shares outstanding at the end of the year</b>	<b>997,073</b>	<b>30,302,381</b>	<b>23,076</b>	<b>60,000</b>	<b>2,773,833</b>	<b>65,484</b>
<b>Net asset value per share</b>	<b>10.7877</b>	<b>78.6282</b>	<b>1,201.0884</b>	<b>12.0845</b>	<b>10.5969</b>	<b>61.3714</b>

	C-2	D(GBP)-2	E(EUR)-2	I-1	I-2	I (EUR)-I <sup>^B</sup>
Shares outstanding at the beginning of the year	283,031	2,002,146	18,448,340	3,659,961	7,905,758	64,250
Shares issued during the year	-	124,063	5,104,826	507,877	1,399,307	-
Shares redeemed during the year	(165,710)	(404,622)	(4,219,825)	(2,758,909)	(5,479,387)	(64,250)
<b>Shares outstanding at the end of the year</b>	<b>117,321</b>	<b>1,721,587</b>	<b>19,333,341</b>	<b>1,408,929</b>	<b>3,825,678</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Net asset value per share</b>	<b>16.8160</b>	<b>58.7028</b>	<b>12.6245</b>	<b>11.2803</b>	<b>86.2758</b>	<b>-</b>

	I(EUR)-2 <sup>^</sup>	L(SGD)-2	R(GBP)-2	S-2	W-2	X-1
Shares outstanding at the beginning of the year	1,280,523	1,020	1,151,838	416,218	790	889,688
Shares issued during the year	401,742	-	253,407	9,180	26,060	93,243
Shares redeemed during the year	(687,494)	-	(263,639)	(71,770)	(1,741)	(490,612)
<b>Shares outstanding at the end of the year</b>	<b>994,771</b>	<b>1,020</b>	<b>1,141,606</b>	<b>353,628</b>	<b>25,109</b>	<b>492,319</b>
<b>Net asset value per share</b>	<b>12.2289</b>	<b>10.4959</b>	<b>13.9568</b>	<b>26.8446</b>	<b>12.2479</b>	<b>10.8590</b>

	X-2	Y(EUR)-2	Z-2 <sup>c</sup>
Shares outstanding at the beginning of the year	7,922,003	895,094	-
Shares issued during the year	450,587	78,976	406,062
Shares redeemed during the year	(1,899,852)	(390,910)	(600)
<b>Shares outstanding at the end of the year</b>	<b>6,472,738</b>	<b>583,160</b>	<b>405,462</b>
<b>Net asset value per share</b>	<b>11.6688</b>	<b>12.8580</b>	<b>12.0770</b>

<sup>^</sup> Share class launched 16 December 2016.

<sup>B</sup> Share class closed 9 February 2017.

<sup>c</sup> Share class launched 31 October 2016.

<sup>^</sup> Base currency exposure share class.

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements.

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## Portfolio Statement

As at 30 September 2017

Security	Nominal/ Quantity	Market Value US\$'000	Total Net Assets %
Transferable securities and money market instruments admitted to an official exchange listing or dealt on another regulated market 89.52%			
<b>Equities 89.52%</b>			
<b>Australia 2.12%</b>			
CSL	673,629	70,921	2.12
<b>China 3.59%</b>			
Anhui Conch Cement	11,820,500	47,218	1.41
China Resources Land	5,862,000	17,918	0.54
PetroChina	34,583,710	21,895	0.65
Tencent	767,900	33,063	0.99
		<b>120,094</b>	<b>3.59</b>
<b>Hong Kong 19.21%</b>			
AIA	14,415,200	106,259	3.17
China Mobile	9,595,221	97,264	2.91
Dairy Farm International	2,272,163	17,462	0.52
Hang Lung	7,666,186	27,580	0.82
Hang Lung Properties	6,821,642	16,184	0.48
Hong Kong Exchanges & Clearing <sup>oo</sup>	2,453,525	65,935	1.97
Jardine Matheson	150,000	9,498	0.28
Jardine Strategic <sup>oo</sup>	3,870,039	166,837	4.98
MTR	5,770,993	33,674	1.01
Swire Pacific 'B'	45,020,592	77,987	2.33
Swire Properties	7,286,532	24,675	0.74
		<b>643,355</b>	<b>19.21</b>
<b>India 9.64%</b>			
Aditya Birla Capital	4,746,070	13,424	0.40
Grasim Industries	3,390,050	59,009	1.76
Hero MotoCorp	340,000	19,685	0.59
Hindustan Unilever	809,355	14,495	0.43
Housing Development Finance	3,759,304	99,678	2.99
ITC	16,651,000	65,736	1.96
Kotak Mahindra Bank	1,195,800	18,338	0.55
New India Investment Trust <sup>+</sup>	5,402,000	32,234	0.96
		<b>322,599</b>	<b>9.64</b>
<b>Indonesia 4.15%</b>			
Astra International	28,000,000	16,449	0.49
Bank Central Asia	59,589,900	89,867	2.69
Unilever Indonesia	8,869,536	32,407	0.97
		<b>138,723</b>	<b>4.15</b>
<b>Malaysia 2.01%</b>			
CIMB	21,927,448	32,690	0.98
Public Bank	7,108,215	34,443	1.03
		<b>67,133</b>	<b>2.01</b>

# Asia Pacific Equity

	Nominal/ Quantity	Market Value US\$'000	Total Net Assets %
<b>Security</b>			
<b>Philippines 4.14%</b>			
Ayala	3,646,000	69,637	2.08
Ayala Land	25,329,022	21,677	0.65
Bank of the Philippine Islands	24,127,823	47,211	1.41
		<b>138,525</b>	<b>4.14</b>
<b>Singapore 16.50%</b>			
City Developments	12,352,679	103,018	3.08
DBS	4,322,616	66,258	1.98
Keppel	13,283,700	63,535	1.90
Oversea-Chinese Banking	14,693,901	120,595	3.60
Singapore Technologies Engineering	24,934,971	63,258	1.89
Singapore Telecommunications	38,589,362	104,718	3.13
United Overseas Bank	1,772,114	30,641	0.92
		<b>552,023</b>	<b>16.50</b>
<b>South Korea 8.16%</b>			
AMOREPACIFIC	92,949	10,002	0.30
AMOREPACIFIC (PREF)	179,843	24,377	0.73
E-Mart	158,748	28,864	0.86
Naver	87,776	57,133	1.71
Samsung Electronics (PREF)	84,660	152,600	4.56
		<b>272,976</b>	<b>8.16</b>
<b>Sri Lanka 1.61%</b>			
Commercial Bank of Ceylon	12,444,947	11,258	0.34
DFCC Bank	12,216,146	9,507	0.28
John Keells	31,257,908	33,239	0.99
		<b>54,004</b>	<b>1.61</b>
<b>Taiwan 5.36%</b>			
Taiwan Mobile	13,417,377	47,897	1.43
TSMC	18,394,297	131,479	3.93
		<b>179,376</b>	<b>5.36</b>
<b>Thailand 3.09%</b>			
Bangkok Dusit Medical Services (Alien) <sup>∞</sup>	30,258,700	18,645	0.56
Siam Cement (Alien)	5,648,336	84,852	2.53
		<b>103,497</b>	<b>3.09</b>
<b>United Kingdom 8.75%</b>			
BHP Billiton	3,660,000	64,548	1.93
HSBC	7,928,075	77,726	2.32
Rio Tinto	1,804,461	84,079	2.51
Standard Chartered	6,677,814	66,442	1.99
		<b>292,795</b>	<b>8.75</b>



# Asia Pacific Equity

Security	Nominal/ Quantity	Market Value US\$'000	Total Net Assets %
<b>United States 1.19%</b>			
Yum China	995,297	39,787	1.19
<b>Total Equities</b>		<b>2,995,808</b>	<b>89.52</b>
<b>Total Transferable securities and money market instruments admitted to an official exchange listing or dealt on another regulated market</b>		<b>2,995,808</b>	<b>89.52</b>
<b>Open Ended Investment Funds 9.39%</b>			
Aberdeen Global - China A Share Equity Fund Z-2 <sup>†</sup>	13,890,733	176,365	5.27
Aberdeen Global - Indian Equity Fund Z-2 <sup>†</sup>	6,914,175	138,037	4.12
		<b>314,402</b>	<b>9.39</b>
<b>Total Open Ended Investment Funds</b>		<b>314,402</b>	<b>9.39</b>

## Derivatives (0.03%)

### Forward currency exchange contracts (0.03%)

Counterparty	Buy	Sell	Settlement	Buy Amount	Sell Amount	Unrealised Gains/(Losses) US\$'000	Total Net Assets %
BNP Paribas	CZK	USD	15/12/17	27,526,427	1,279,162	(21)	-
BNP Paribas	CZK	USD	15/12/17	309,497	14,371	-	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	03/10/17	6,120	7,189	-	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	04/10/17	2,627	3,095	-	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	15/12/17	28,784,768	34,850,323	(678)	(0.02)
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	15/12/17	10,097,385	12,225,117	(238)	(0.01)
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	15/12/17	729,443	883,151	(17)	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	15/12/17	702,342	851,741	(18)	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	15/12/17	301,505	361,944	(4)	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	15/12/17	256,170	307,776	(4)	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	15/12/17	248,390	296,921	(2)	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	15/12/17	233,489	280,478	(3)	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	15/12/17	224,782	268,710	(2)	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	15/12/17	196,473	236,877	(4)	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	15/12/17	178,764	215,743	(4)	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	15/12/17	142,633	171,760	(2)	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	15/12/17	127,374	152,261	(1)	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	15/12/17	114,498	135,778	-	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	15/12/17	98,545	116,525	-	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	15/12/17	90,793	107,087	1	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	15/12/17	55,811	66,938	(1)	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	15/12/17	47,476	57,171	(1)	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	15/12/17	44,095	52,885	(1)	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	15/12/17	23,938	28,550	-	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	15/12/17	20,668	24,465	-	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	15/12/17	17,268	20,595	-	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	15/12/17	16,203	19,370	-	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	15/12/17	11,895	14,289	-	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	15/12/17	8,649	10,238	-	-

## Asia Pacific Equity

Counterparty	Buy	Sell	Settlement	Buy Amount	Sell Amount	Unrealised Gains/(Losses) US\$'000	Total Net Assets %
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	15/12/17	4,634	5,566	-	-
BNP Paribas	USD	EUR	02/10/17	24,369	20,668	-	-
BNP Paribas	USD	EUR	02/10/17	10,198	8,649	-	-
BNP Paribas	USD	EUR	03/10/17	106,655	90,793	(1)	-
BNP Paribas	USD	EUR	04/10/17	116,087	98,545	-	-
BNP Paribas	USD	EUR	05/10/17	135,268	114,498	-	-
BNP Paribas	USD	EUR	15/12/17	344,760	291,826	(2)	-
BNP Paribas	USD	EUR	15/12/17	148,216	123,364	2	-
BNP Paribas	USD	EUR	15/12/17	63,178	52,628	1	-
BNP Paribas	USD	EUR	15/12/17	7,218	6,120	-	-
BNP Paribas	USD	EUR	15/12/17	6,536	5,429	-	-
BNP Paribas	USD	EUR	15/12/17	3,491	2,895	-	-
BNP Paribas	USD	EUR	15/12/17	3,152	2,618	-	-
BNP Paribas	USD	EUR	15/12/17	3,106	2,627	-	-
Unrealised losses on forward currency exchange contracts						(1,000)	(0.03)
Unrealised losses on derivatives						(1,000)	(0.03)
Total investments						3,309,210	98.88
Other net assets						37,315	1.12
Total net assets						3,346,525	100.00

† Managed by subsidiaries of Aberdeen Asset Management PLC.

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

Currently forward positions are not collateralised.

# Asian Credit Bond

For the year ended 30 September 2017

## Performance

For the year ended 30 September 2017, the value of the Asian Credit Bond – A Income Shares increased by 1.73% compared to an increase of 2.17% in the benchmark, the JP Morgan Asia Credit Index.

Source: Lipper, JP Morgan, Basis: total return, published NAV to NAV, net of annual charges, gross income reinvested, USD.

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

Asian credit markets strengthened over the year under review, with spreads tightening in aggregate. The high-yield sector outperformed investment-grade. Sovereigns, quasi-sovereigns and corporate bonds were all buoyant. Global events held sway during the year. Donald Trump's election victory in the November US presidential election caused a sell-off in government bonds as investors braced themselves for a potential increase in US fiscal spending that could lift inflationary pressures. However, as the new administration struggled and doubts surfaced over President Trump's pro-growth policies, investors returned to fixed income assets. Towards the year-end, bond markets pared gains after major central banks appeared on the brink of ending their decade-long stimulus programmes.

At the industry level, energy as well as metals and mining credits outperformed on the back of price recovery. Consumer-related credit spreads tightened as data showed better-than-expected economic growth in China. Conversely, financial-sector credits lagged as non-performing loans remained a concern in some markets, particularly India. In addition, this segment was hurt by heavy bond supply in China. Industrial-sector credits also underperformed mainly because of non-holding Noble, a commodity trading company that is suffering from potential default and debt restructuring. Nevertheless, product prices improved as Beijing continued its drive to cut excess capacity in commodities and heavy industry.

At the country level, Indonesian credits led gains as sentiment benefited from the central bank's rate cuts and Standard & Poor's decision to restore the country's investment-grade rating. Risk premia narrowed, as seen in several new issues from both private and state-owned enterprises in the consumer, financial and infrastructure sectors. As investors remained optimistic about the Indonesian macro environment. In India, demonetisation and the GST rollout weighed on sentiment at first but companies soon put these issues behind them. The foreign limit for rupee-denominated corporate bonds sold overseas was nearly breached, compelling the central bank to reclassify such bonds. This freed up more corporate bond supply to meet healthy foreign investor appetite. The Chinese credit market was also firm amid solid local demand and lack of offshore bond supply due to regulatory control.

South Korea was the main laggard over the year. Credit spreads widened as investors were cautious amid escalating political tensions. Park Geun-hye was removed as president for alleged corruption, while Pyongyang's missile tests drew global condemnation.

## Portfolio review

During the year, we reduced the portfolio's duration steadily, given rising US interest rates.

We exited several positions as valuations appeared elevated. These included the bonds of PTT Global Chemical, Far East Horizon, Want Want China, China Hongqiao, Hainan Airlines and China Water Affairs. We rotated into bonds with attractive valuations and healthy credit profiles such as India's Reliance Holdings, Hindustan Petroleum, Vedanta Resources and Axis Bank. Elsewhere, we added to our sub-financials weighting with South Korea's Shinhan Bank and emerging-markets lender Standard Chartered.

We also took positions in the perpetual securities of Singapore medical company Parkway Pantai, Thai company PTT Exploration & Production, Sino-Ocean Land and Postal Savings Bank of China.

Given our view that valuations in Asian credit continued to be relatively expensive versus those of global counterparts, we took the opportunity to add some Middle Eastern exposure. For example, we introduced off-benchmark positions in Abu Dhabi sovereign wealth fund Mubadala Development Company, as well as credits in Bahrain and Saudi Arabia.

## Outlook

As investors prepare for the prospect of tapering in the US, the question now turns to what will happen to Asian asset prices as liquidity that has artificially supported markets over the last decade is gradually withdrawn. Certainly renewed volatility remains a distinct risk in the near term. But we are mostly unperturbed. Asia is in good shape. Unlike the US Federal Reserve, most regional central banks should keep monetary policy on an even keel, ensuring some market stability. Most importantly, as external challenges remain elevated, underscored by the recent controversial referendum on independence in Catalonia, we think Asian credit markets offer an attractive, less risky alternative for income-seeking investors. With foreign exchange reserves climbing to new highs amid relatively sturdy economic growth, underpinned by credible fiscal policies, regional markets have the wherewithal to withstand potential shocks.

Valuations in Asian credit markets look expensive on a historical basis but we remain optimistic. We continue to see healthy fundamentals in our investment universe as regional economies and companies benefit from a recovery in commodities, rising global growth and a stable US dollar. Further commitments from China to reduce excess capacity and easier monetary policy from regional central banks to support growth help ensure a supportive environment. Within the asset class, we see better opportunities in investment-grade corporates with resilient balance sheets. Their valuations also remain attractive compared to US credits. Although high-yield corporates are expensive overall, we will seek out credits with good value, underpinned by healthy company cash flows, scale and prudent management. We will also continue to explore opportunities in off-benchmark Middle Eastern credits, given their compelling valuations.

## Asian Fixed Income Team

October 2017

# Asian Credit Bond

## Statement of Net Assets

As at 30 September 2017

	Notes	US\$'000
<b>Assets</b>		
Investments in securities at market value	2.2	27,849
Cash at bank		343
Amounts held at futures clearing houses and brokers		37
Interest receivable		282
Receivable for investments sold		214
Unrealised gains on future contracts	2.7	7
<b>Total assets</b>		<b>28,732</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Payable for investments purchased		278
Taxes and expenses payable		17
Other liabilities		60
<b>Total liabilities</b>		<b>355</b>
<b>Net assets at the end of the year</b>		<b>28,377</b>

## Statement of Changes in Net Assets

For the year from 1 October 2016 to 30 September 2017

	Notes	US\$'000
Net assets at the beginning of the year		30,021
Net gains from investments		945
Net realised gains		343
Net unrealised losses		(549)
Proceeds from shares issued		1,832
Payments for shares redeemed		(3,987)
Net equalisation paid	10	(3)
Dividends paid	5	(225)
<b>Net assets at the end of the year</b>		<b>28,377</b>

## Statement of Operations

For the year from 1 October 2016 to 30 September 2017

	Notes	US\$'000
<b>Income</b>		
Investment income	2.3	1,159
Bank interest		3
<b>Total income</b>		<b>1,162</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Management fees	4.2	128
Operating, administrative and servicing fees	4.3	88
Other operational expenses		1
<b>Total expenses</b>		<b>217</b>
<b>Net gains from investments</b>		<b>945</b>
Realised gains on investments		381
Realised losses on future contracts		(38)
<b>Net realised gains</b>		<b>343</b>
Decrease in unrealised appreciation on investments		(596)
Decrease in unrealised depreciation on future contracts		47
<b>Net unrealised losses</b>		<b>(549)</b>
<b>Net increase in assets as a result of operations</b>		<b>739</b>

## Share Transactions

For the year from 1 October 2016 to 30 September 2017

	A-1	A-2	I-1	I-2	X-1	X-2	Z-2
Shares outstanding at the beginning of the year	115,494	107,146	500,000	882,961	100,000	100,000	934,417
Shares issued during the year	98	650	-	74,014	-	-	88,341
Shares redeemed during the year	(15,592)	(2,446)	-	(198,934)	-	-	(143,511)
<b>Shares outstanding at the end of the year</b>	<b>100,000</b>	<b>105,350</b>	<b>500,000</b>	<b>758,041</b>	<b>100,000</b>	<b>100,000</b>	<b>879,247</b>
<b>Net asset value per share</b>	<b>10.5887</b>	<b>11.1694</b>	<b>10.5890</b>	<b>11.3188</b>	<b>10.5890</b>	<b>11.3095</b>	<b>11.4606</b>

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements.

# Asian Credit Bond

## Portfolio Statement

As at 30 September 2017

Security	Coupon (%)	Maturity	Nominal/ Quantity	Market Value US\$'000	Total Net Assets %
Transferable securities and money market instruments admitted to an official exchange listing or dealt on another regulated market 98.15%					
<b>Bonds 98.15%</b>					
<b>Corporate Bonds 89.03%</b>					
<b>Australia 2.16%</b>					
APT Pipelines	4.2500	15/07/27	60,000	62	0.22
SGSP Australia Assets (EMTN)	3.2500	29/07/26	300,000	296	1.04
Transurban Finance	3.3750	22/03/27	259,000	255	0.90
				<b>613</b>	<b>2.16</b>
<b>China 28.79%</b>					
Agile Property	9.0000	21/05/20	200,000	216	0.76
China Aoyuan Property	6.3500	11/01/20	375,000	385	1.36
China Resources Gas (EMTN)	4.5000	05/04/22	200,000	213	0.75
Chinalco Capital	4.2500	21/04/22	280,000	287	1.01
CNAC HK Finbridge	3.0000	19/07/20	200,000	201	0.71
CNOOC Finance 2015 USA	3.5000	05/05/25	200,000	203	0.72
Eastern Creation II Investment (EMTN)	2.7500	26/09/20	200,000	201	0.71
Franshion Brilliant	3.6000	03/03/22	600,000	603	2.13
Future Land Development	5.0000	16/02/20	300,000	304	1.07
FUXIANG Investment Management (EMTN)	3.6250	30/11/19	300,000	302	1.06
Health and Happiness	7.2500	21/06/21	200,000	211	0.74
Hilong	7.2500	22/06/20	200,000	199	0.70
Postal Savings Bank of China	VAR	PERP	300,000	299	1.05
Proven Honour Capital	4.1250	06/05/26	350,000	361	1.27
Proven Honour Capital	4.1250	19/05/25	300,000	312	1.10
Semiconductor Manufacturing International	4.1250	07/10/19	200,000	204	0.72
Shanghai Hong Kong International Investments	3.8750	20/04/20	200,000	202	0.71
Sino-Ocean Land Treasure Finance III	VAR	PERP	300,000	300	1.06
Sinopec Group Overseas Development 2012	3.9000	17/05/22	400,000	420	1.48
Sinopec Group Overseas Development 2017	2.3750	12/04/20	410,000	410	1.45
Sinopec Group Overseas Development 2017	3.0000	12/04/22	210,000	212	0.75
State Grid Overseas Investment 2016	3.5000	04/05/27	523,000	534	1.88
State Grid Overseas Investment 2016	2.7500	04/05/22	235,000	236	0.83
Tencent (EMTN)	3.8000	11/02/25	290,000	304	1.07
Times Property	6.2500	23/01/20	200,000	206	0.73
Voyage Bonds	3.3750	28/09/22	200,000	200	0.70
Wanda Properties Overseas	4.8750	21/11/18	210,000	209	0.74
Yestar International	6.9000	15/09/21	210,000	219	0.77
361 Degrees International	7.2500	03/06/21	200,000	214	0.76
				<b>8,167</b>	<b>28.79</b>

# Asian Credit Bond

Security	Coupon (%)	Maturity	Nominal/ Quantity	Market Value US\$'000	Total Net Assets %
<b>Hong Kong 14.16%</b>					
Champion (EMTN)	3.7500	17/01/23	400,000	407	1.43
CK Hutchison Capital Securities 17	VAR	PERP	200,000	204	0.72
CK Hutchison International 17	2.8750	05/04/22	300,000	302	1.06
Far East Consortium International (EMTN)	3.7500	08/09/21	200,000	198	0.70
FPC Treasury	4.5000	16/04/23	300,000	307	1.08
HLP Finance (EMTN)	4.7500	25/06/22	400,000	428	1.51
Hongkong Electric Finance (EMTN)	2.8750	03/05/26	400,000	389	1.37
Hongkong Land Finance Cayman Islands (EMTN)	4.5000	01/06/22	400,000	433	1.53
Hutchison Whampoa International 14	3.6250	31/10/24	200,000	208	0.73
ICBCIL Finance (EMTN)	3.0000	05/04/20	600,000	604	2.14
Shimao Property	8.3750	10/02/22	300,000	331	1.17
Shimao Property	4.7500	03/07/22	200,000	205	0.72
				<b>4,016</b>	<b>14.16</b>
<b>India 9.35%</b>					
Adani Ports & Special Economic Zone	4.0000	30/07/27	360,000	359	1.27
Axis Bank (EMTN)	3.0000	08/08/22	300,000	298	1.05
Bharat Petroleum	4.6250	25/10/22	200,000	214	0.75
Bharti Airtel International Netherlands	5.1250	11/03/23	200,000	211	0.74
GCX	7.0000	01/08/19	200,000	175	0.62
Hindustan Petroleum	4.0000	12/07/27	200,000	202	0.71
ICICI Bank Dubai (EMTN)	4.0000	18/03/26	200,000	204	0.72
NTPC (EMTN)	4.7500	03/10/22	200,000	216	0.76
Reliance USA	5.4000	14/02/22	250,000	275	0.97
UPL	3.2500	13/10/21	200,000	201	0.71
Vedanta Resources	6.1250	09/08/24	294,000	299	1.05
				<b>2,654</b>	<b>9.35</b>
<b>Indonesia 3.33%</b>					
Indika Energy Capital II	6.8750	10/04/22	200,000	209	0.74
Jababeka International	6.5000	05/10/23	200,000	209	0.74
Pertamina Persero	6.0000	03/05/42	100,000	113	0.40
Pratama Agung Pte	6.2500	24/02/20	200,000	208	0.73
TBG Global	5.2500	10/02/22	200,000	206	0.72
				<b>945</b>	<b>3.33</b>
<b>Kuwait 0.65%</b>					
Equate Petrochemical (EMTN)	4.2500	03/11/26	180,000	<b>186</b>	<b>0.65</b>
<b>Macao 0.72%</b>					
Wynn Macau	4.8750	01/10/24	200,000	<b>204</b>	<b>0.72</b>

# Asian Credit Bond

Security	Coupon (%)	Maturity	Nominal/ Quantity	Market Value US\$'000	Total Net Assets %
<b>Malaysia 6.23%</b>					
CIMB Bank (EMTN)	3.2630	15/03/22	300,000	306	1.08
GOHL Capital	4.2500	24/01/27	381,000	394	1.39
Malayan Banking	VAR	29/10/26	400,000	412	1.45
RHB Bank (EMTN)	2.5030	06/10/21	365,000	361	1.27
TNB Global Ventures Capital (EMTN)	3.2440	19/10/26	300,000	295	1.04
				<b>1,768</b>	<b>6.23</b>
<b>Mauritius 0.73%</b>					
Neerg Energy	6.0000	13/02/22	200,000	207	0.73
<b>Netherlands 0.74%</b>					
Samvardhana Motherson Automotive Systems	4.8750	16/12/21	200,000	210	0.74
<b>Philippines 5.61%</b>					
AYC Finance	5.1250	PERP	228,000	233	0.82
ICTSI Treasury (EMTN)	5.8750	17/09/25	400,000	443	1.56
Megaworld	4.2500	17/04/23	500,000	509	1.80
Royal Capital	VAR	PERP	400,000	407	1.43
				<b>1,592</b>	<b>5.61</b>
<b>Singapore 3.75%</b>					
DBS (EMTN)	VAR	PERP	284,000	284	1.00
Marble II	5.3000	20/06/22	364,000	371	1.31
Parkway Pantai (EMTN)	VAR	PERP	200,000	204	0.72
United Overseas Bank (EMTN)	VAR	16/09/26	200,000	204	0.72
				<b>1,063</b>	<b>3.75</b>
<b>South Korea 5.20%</b>					
Busan Bank (GMTN)	3.6250	25/07/26	350,000	338	1.20
Doosan Power System	VAR	03/12/45	200,000	200	0.70
Hyundai Capital Services (EMTN)	2.6250	29/09/20	200,000	199	0.70
Industrial Bank of Korea	VAR	PERP	230,000	227	0.80
Korea Hydro & Nuclear Power	3.0000	19/09/22	200,000	201	0.71
Shinhan Bank	2.8750	28/03/22	310,000	309	1.09
				<b>1,474</b>	<b>5.20</b>
<b>Thailand 1.58%</b>					
Krung Thai Bank Cayman (EMTN)	VAR	26/12/24	230,000	239	0.84
PTTEP Treasury Center	VAR	PERP	205,000	209	0.74
				<b>448</b>	<b>1.58</b>
<b>United Arab Emirates 3.46%</b>					
DIB Sukuk	3.6640	14/02/22	368,000	376	1.32
MAF Global Securities	VAR	PERP	200,000	207	0.73
MDC-GMTN (EMTN)	3.0000	19/04/24	200,000	199	0.70
National Bank of Abu Dhabi (EMTN)	3.0000	30/03/22	200,000	201	0.71
				<b>983</b>	<b>3.46</b>

# Asian Credit Bond

Security	Coupon (%)	Maturity	Nominal/ Quantity	Market Value US\$'000	Total Net Assets %
<b>United Kingdom 2.57%</b>					
HSBC	VAR	PERP	400,000	425	1.50
Standard Chartered	3.9500	11/01/23	300,000	305	1.07
				<b>730</b>	<b>2.57</b>
<b>Total Corporate Bonds</b>				<b>25,260</b>	<b>89.03</b>
<b>Government Bonds 9.12%</b>					
<b>Bahrain 0.71%</b>					
Bahrain (Kingdom of)	6.7500	20/09/29	203,000	202	0.71
<b>China 0.69%</b>					
Export-Import Bank of China	2.8750	26/04/26	200,000	196	0.69
<b>Indonesia 4.01%</b>					
Indonesia (Republic of)	4.3500	08/01/27	184,000	196	0.69
Indonesia (Republic of) (EMTN)	3.8500	18/07/27	200,000	206	0.73
Perusahaan Penerbit SBSN Indonesia III	4.3500	10/09/24	500,000	530	1.86
Perusahaan Penerbit SBSN Indonesia III	4.1500	29/03/27	200,000	207	0.73
				<b>1,139</b>	<b>4.01</b>
<b>Saudi Arabia 0.99%</b>					
Saudi Arabia (Government of) (EMTN)	3.6250	04/03/28	281,000	280	0.99
<b>South Korea 2.72%</b>					
Korea National Oil	2.0000	24/10/21	200,000	194	0.68
Korea National Oil	2.6250	14/04/26	200,000	191	0.67
Korea Water Resources	2.7500	23/05/22	390,000	387	1.37
				<b>772</b>	<b>2.72</b>
<b>Total Government Bonds</b>				<b>2,589</b>	<b>9.12</b>
<b>Total Bonds</b>				<b>27,849</b>	<b>98.15</b>
<b>Total Transferable securities and money market instruments admitted to an official exchange listing or dealt on another regulated market</b>				<b>27,849</b>	<b>98.15</b>



# Asian Credit Bond

Derivatives 0.02%

Future contracts 0.02%

Future	Maturity	Notional	Unrealised Gains/(Losses) US\$'000	Total Net Assets %
CBT US Ultra Bond	19/12/17	11	(31)	(0.11)
CBT US 10 Year Note	19/12/17	(18)	22	0.08
CBT US 2 Year Note	29/12/17	22	(13)	(0.05)
CBT US 5 Year Note	29/12/17	(37)	29	0.10
Unrealised gains on future contracts			7	0.02
Unrealised gains on derivatives			7	0.02
Total investments			27,856	98.17
Other net assets			521	1.83
Total net assets			28,377	100.00

# Asian Local Currency Short Duration Bond

For the year ended 30 September 2017

## Performance

For the year ended 30 September 2017, the value of the Asian Local Currency Short Duration Bond – A Income Shares increased by 1.20%, compared to an increase of 0.83% in the benchmark, the iBOXX Asia ex Japan Sovereign 1-3 years Index.

Source: Lipper, Basis: total return, published NAV to NAV, net of annual charges, gross income reinvested, USD.

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

Asian short-duration bond yields ended mixed over the reporting period, during which global challenges held sway. Markets had a shaky start. Donald Trump's election victory in the November US presidential election caused a sell-off in global bonds as investors braced themselves for a potential increase in US fiscal spending that could lift inflationary pressures. However, as the new administration struggled and doubts surfaced over President Trump's pro-growth policies, investors returned to fixed income assets. Towards the year-end, markets pared gains after major central banks appeared on the brink of ending their decade-long stimulus programmes. Notably, the US Federal Reserve (Fed) said it would start unwinding its balance sheet in October and possibly hike rates again in December.

Regional currencies were mixed against the US dollar. The Philippine peso fell by 4.5% amid concerns over the weak external balance. The Sri Lankan rupee depreciated by 4.2% as authorities remained focused on rebuilding reserves. The won declined by 3.9% amid geopolitical tensions in the Korean Peninsula. The rupiah and ringgit corrected by 3% and 2% respectively on prior outperformance. Conversely, a strong current account in Thailand lifted the baht by nearly 4%, while the Indian rupee was 2% firmer on robust foreign flows. The yuan ended relative flat after the central bank removed the reserve requirement for US-dollar purchases in forward contracts to rein in the country's strength.

In short-duration bonds, South Korea was the main laggard as investors were cautious amid heightened tensions both domestically and externally. Park Geun-hye was removed as president for alleged corruption, while Pyongyang's missile tests drew global condemnation. In China, short-duration bonds weakened as money-market rates moved sharply higher after authorities tightened liquidity. Singapore and Hong Kong tracked US Treasury yields higher. In Malaysia, yields were mixed as easier rules on the short-selling of government bonds pared initial market losses. Conversely, reform momentum and attractive yields buoyed sentiment in Indian and Indonesian bonds. In India, November's demonetisation resulted in a flood of large-currency notes being deposited into the banking system, which was then channelled into government bonds. Arguably, the most significant reform was the GST rollout in July, which will unite disparate taxes and lower costs over the long term. Indian bond prices benefited further from the central bank's rate cut in August. Indonesian bonds also gained from two rate cuts and Standard & Poor's decision to restore the country's investment-grade rating. In Sri Lanka, sentiment was aided by continuing IMF loan support, an improving fiscal deficit and the removal of the 10% withholding tax on government securities.

## Portfolio review

The Fund rose and outperformed the benchmark. Our interest rate strategies added to both absolute and relative performance, compensating for negative currency contribution. In interest rates, our overweight to Indian, Indonesian and Sri Lankan bonds added the most to relative return, particularly in terms of yield and duration effects. The underweight to the won also bolstered relative performance. These positions more than made up for the underweight to the Malaysian market, which was the main detractor.

In portfolio activity, we initially added to Asian currency risk and reduced US-dollar positions. However, as regional currencies strengthened and concerns arose over valuations, we reduced the short US-dollar positions. At the same time, we rotated out of more vulnerable regional currencies into those that were more resilient. Specifically, we reduced our exposure to the won, ringgit, Singapore dollar, Philippine peso and yuan, which proved supportive of performance.

As the year progress, we made a more concerted effort to reduce exposure to markets that were sensitive to global risks, whether central bank policy or geopolitical challenges. Specifically, we pared our exposure to South Korea, where bond valuations had become expensive and political tensions persisted. The South Korean exposure dropped to an underweight of 12%, from an overweight of 5% in the middle of the year. It is one of the Fund's largest underweight positions. Similarly, we reduced the Malaysian bond exposure and the Fund ended the year with a 4.5% underweight to this market.

Against this, we added to our positions in markets with low correlations to global risks. India was the main beneficiary and our exposure here reached 23% of the Fund and an overweight of 21% relative to the benchmark. Likewise, we increased our exposure to Sri Lanka. We also added to Indonesia over the year, although valuations have started to appear stretched, prompting us to reverse course.

## Outlook

As investors prepare for the prospect of tapering in the US, the question now turns to what will happen to Asian asset prices as liquidity that has artificially supported markets over the last decade is gradually withdrawn. Certainly renewed volatility remains a distinct risk in the near term. But we are mostly unperturbed. Asia is in good shape. Unlike the Fed, most regional central banks should keep monetary policy on an even keel, ensuring some market stability. More importantly, as external challenges remain elevated, underscored by the recent controversial referendum on independence in Catalonia, we think Asian bonds and currencies offer an attractive, less risky alternative for yield-hungry investors. With foreign exchange reserves climbing to new highs amid relatively sturdy economic growth, underpinned by credible fiscal policies, regional markets have the wherewithal to withstand potential shocks. However, market weakness can also unlock value. We will add to our favoured trades when the opportunity allows. These include India and Sri Lanka, given their high-carry returns and improving structural backdrops. We will also maintain our short-duration bias, given rising US interest rates.

**Asian Fixed Income Team**  
October 2017

# Asian Local Currency Short Duration Bond

## Statement of Net Assets

As at 30 September 2017

	Notes	US\$'000
<b>Assets</b>		
Investments in securities at market value	2.2	160,266
Cash at bank		9,920
Interest receivable		2,147
Subscriptions receivable		1,267
Other assets		4
<b>Total assets</b>		<b>173,604</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Taxes and expenses payable		125
Redemptions payable		5,417
Unrealised losses on forward currency exchange contracts	2.6	96
Other liabilities		237
<b>Total liabilities</b>		<b>5,875</b>
<b>Net assets at the end of the year</b>		<b>167,729</b>

## Statement of Changes in Net Assets

For the year from 1 October 2016 to 30 September 2017

	Notes	US\$'000
Net assets at the beginning of the year		205,083
Net gains from investments		5,272
Net realised losses		(3,823)
Net unrealised gains		328
Proceeds from shares issued		45,455
Payments for shares redeemed		(83,901)
Net equalisation paid	10	(194)
Dividends paid	5	(498)
Unclaimed monies		7
<b>Net assets at the end of the year</b>		<b>167,729</b>

## Statement of Operations

For the year from 1 October 2016 to 30 September 2017

	Notes	US\$'000
<b>Income</b>		
Investment income	2.3	6,838
Bank interest		37
<b>Total income</b>		<b>6,875</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Management fees	4.2	1,063
Operating, administrative and servicing fees	4.3	536
Other operational expenses		4
<b>Total expenses</b>		<b>1,603</b>
<b>Net gains from investments</b>		<b>5,272</b>
Realised losses on investments		(4,251)
Realised gains on forward currency exchange contracts		753
Realised currency exchange losses		(325)
<b>Net realised losses</b>		<b>(3,823)</b>
Decrease in unrealised appreciation on investments		(57)
Decrease in unrealised depreciation on forward currency exchange contracts		370
Unrealised currency exchange gains		15
<b>Net unrealised gains</b>		<b>328</b>
<b>Net increase in assets as a result of operations</b>		<b>1,777</b>

# Asian Local Currency Short Duration Bond

## Share Transactions

For the year from 1 October 2016 to 30 September 2017

	A-1	A-2	A(CHF)-2^	A(EUR)-2^	D(GBP)-1	D(GBP)-2
Shares outstanding at the beginning of the year	1,523,875	5,333,762	203,059	453,409	520,391	60,271
Shares issued during the year	90,223	462,584	-	41,021	-	-
Shares redeemed during the year	(289,803)	(936,140)	(71,751)	(136,926)	(31,878)	(17,617)
<b>Shares outstanding at the end of the year</b>	<b>1,324,295</b>	<b>4,860,206</b>	<b>131,308</b>	<b>357,504</b>	<b>488,513</b>	<b>42,654</b>
<b>Net asset value per share</b>	<b>3.8411</b>	<b>6.7517</b>	<b>8.9743</b>	<b>9.4454</b>	<b>10.3355</b>	<b>12.1131</b>

	E(EUR)-2	I-1	I-2	I(EUR)-2^	I(GBP)-1^	R(GBP)-1
Shares outstanding at the beginning of the year	733,824	44,564	8,642,157	749,913	538,832	41,502
Shares issued during the year	29,305	-	3,908,443	22,323	59,652	578
Shares redeemed during the year	(166,893)	(16,197)	(6,279,009)	(703,507)	(1,306)	(7,398)
<b>Shares outstanding at the end of the year</b>	<b>596,236</b>	<b>28,367</b>	<b>6,271,591</b>	<b>68,729</b>	<b>597,178</b>	<b>34,682</b>
<b>Net asset value per share</b>	<b>12.1547</b>	<b>9.0586</b>	<b>10.3704</b>	<b>9.8005</b>	<b>8.3901</b>	<b>10.4533</b>

	R(GBP)-2	X-1	X-2	Y(EUR)-2	Z-2
Shares outstanding at the beginning of the year	89,108	31,407	88,752	33,408	3,075,515
Shares issued during the year	5,175	-	-	4,245	86,435
Shares redeemed during the year	(30,536)	(24,607)	-	(21,882)	(27,611)
<b>Shares outstanding at the end of the year</b>	<b>63,747</b>	<b>6,800</b>	<b>88,752</b>	<b>15,771</b>	<b>3,134,339</b>
<b>Net asset value per share</b>	<b>11.8756</b>	<b>8.7376</b>	<b>9.9276</b>	<b>10.9463</b>	<b>10.5675</b>

^ Base currency exposure share class.

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements.

# Asian Local Currency Short Duration Bond

## Portfolio Statement

As at 30 September 2017

Security	Coupon (%)	Maturity	Nominal/ Quantity	Market Value US\$'000	Total Net Assets %
Transferable securities and money market instruments admitted to an official exchange listing or dealt on another regulated market 94.14%					
<b>Bonds 94.14%</b>					
<b>Corporate Bonds 15.83%</b>					
<b>China 2.69%</b>					
China Three Gorges	4.3000	24/07/18	30,000,000	4,515	2.69
<b>India 7.04%</b>					
NTPC	8.1800	31/12/20	150,000,000	2,384	1.42
Power Finance	7.5000	17/09/20	400,000,000	6,195	3.70
Power Finance	8.8400	04/03/23	50,000,000	818	0.49
Rural Electrification	8.8000	25/10/20	150,000,000	2,401	1.43
				<b>11,798</b>	<b>7.04</b>
<b>Indonesia 6.10%</b>					
Lembaga Pembiayaan Ekspor Indonesia	9.5000	13/03/20	127,000,000,000	9,788	5.83
Lembaga Pembiayaan Ekspor Indonesia	9.0000	13/03/18	6,000,000,000	450	0.27
				<b>10,238</b>	<b>6.10</b>
<b>Total Corporate Bonds</b>				<b>26,551</b>	<b>15.83</b>
<b>Government Bonds 78.31%</b>					
<b>China 9.00%</b>					
China (Peoples Republic of)	4.0400	24/04/19	40,000,000	6,065	3.61
China (Peoples Republic of)	3.2500	06/09/19	30,000,000	4,495	2.68
China (Peoples Republic of)	3.4000	30/11/20	15,000,000	2,233	1.33
China (Peoples Republic of)	3.0900	30/05/18	10,000,000	1,502	0.90
China (Peoples Republic of)	3.4600	11/07/20	5,000,000	751	0.45
China (Peoples Republic of)	2.8500	28/01/26	300,000	43	0.03
				<b>15,089</b>	<b>9.00</b>
<b>India 14.58%</b>					
Andhra Pradesh (State of)	8.5900	23/01/23	150,000,000	2,491	1.49
Gujarat (State of)	7.2000	14/06/27	50,000,000	783	0.47
India (Republic of)	8.1200	10/12/20	630,000,000	10,097	6.01
India (Republic of)	7.7200	25/05/25	285,140,000	4,571	2.72
India (Republic of)	7.8000	11/04/21	150,000,000	2,387	1.42
Karnataka (State of)	8.9200	07/03/22	250,000,000	4,152	2.47
				<b>24,481</b>	<b>14.58</b>
<b>Indonesia 6.47%</b>					
Indonesia (Republic of)	-	09/11/17	95,000,000,000	7,019	4.19
Indonesia (Republic of)	7.8750	15/04/19	50,000,000,000	3,826	2.28
				<b>10,845</b>	<b>6.47</b>

# Asian Local Currency Short Duration Bond

Security	Coupon (%)	Maturity	Nominal/ Quantity	Market Value US\$'000	Total Net Assets %
<b>Malaysia 6.41%</b>					
Malaysia (Government of)	3.7590	15/03/19	45,000,000	10,751	6.41
<b>Philippines 1.21%</b>					
Philippines (Republic of)	4.9500	15/01/21	100,000,000	2,029	1.21
<b>Singapore 6.27%</b>					
Singapore (Government of)	2.5000	01/06/19	14,000,000	10,511	6.27
<b>South Korea 13.32%</b>					
Korea (Republic of)	1.7500	10/12/18	15,500,000,000	13,552	8.08
Korea (Republic of)	2.7500	10/03/18	10,000,000,000	8,783	5.24
				22,335	13.32
<b>Sri Lanka 9.41%</b>					
Sri Lanka (Republic of)	10.6000	15/09/19	635,000,000	4,234	2.52
Sri Lanka (Republic of)	8.0000	15/11/18	650,000,000	4,196	2.50
Sri Lanka (Republic of)	10.7500	15/01/19	560,000,000	3,731	2.22
Sri Lanka (Republic of)	10.7500	01/03/21	410,000,000	2,748	1.64
Sri Lanka (Republic of)	11.5000	15/12/21	65,000,000	447	0.27
Sri Lanka (Republic of)	11.0000	01/08/21	40,000,000	270	0.16
Sri Lanka (Republic of)	9.2500	01/05/20	25,000,000	162	0.10
				15,788	9.41
<b>Thailand 11.64%</b>					
Thailand (Kingdom of)	3.4500	08/03/19	400,000,000	12,340	7.36
Thailand (Kingdom of)	3.8750	13/06/19	230,000,000	7,181	4.28
				19,521	11.64
<b>Total Government Bonds</b>				131,350	78.31
<b>Total Bonds</b>				157,901	94.14
<b>Total Transferable securities and money market instruments admitted to an official exchange listing or dealt on another regulated market</b>				157,901	94.14
<b>Other transferable securities and money market instruments 1.41%</b>					
<b>Bonds 1.41%</b>					
<b>Corporate Bonds 1.41%</b>					
<b>Malaysia 1.41%</b>					
Cagamas (MTN)	3.7500	18/10/19	10,000,000	2,365	1.41
<b>Total Corporate Bonds</b>				2,365	1.41
<b>Total Bonds</b>				2,365	1.41
<b>Total Other transferable securities and money market instruments</b>				2,365	1.41

# Asian Local Currency Short Duration Bond

## Derivatives (0.06%)

### Forward currency exchange contracts (0.06%)

Counterparty	Buy	Sell	Settlement	Buy Amount	Sell Amount	Unrealised Gains/(Losses) US\$'000	Total Net Assets %
BNP Paribas	CHF	USD	15/12/17	1,186,594	1,260,343	(28)	(0.02)
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	15/12/17	3,492,835	4,228,848	(82)	(0.05)
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	15/12/17	639,557	774,324	(15)	(0.01)
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	15/12/17	24,225	29,172	-	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	15/12/17	14,250	17,180	-	-
BNP Paribas	GBP	USD	15/12/17	5,069,854	6,681,368	135	0.08
BNP Paribas	GBP	USD	15/12/17	9,963	13,263	-	-
BNP Paribas	USD	EUR	15/12/17	110,707	92,221	1	-
BNP Paribas	USD	GBP	15/12/17	38,257	28,427	-	-
BNP Paribas	USD	GBP	15/12/17	33,443	24,870	-	-
BNP Paribas	USD	EUR	15/12/17	28,743	24,330	-	-
BNP Paribas	USD	EUR	15/12/17	22,526	19,047	-	-
BNP Paribas	USD	CHF	15/12/17	8,873	8,606	-	-
BNP Paribas	USD	EUR	15/12/17	6,326	5,354	-	-
BNP Paribas	USD	CHF	15/12/17	6,276	6,050	-	-
BNP Paribas	USD	EUR	15/12/17	4,561	3,796	-	-
BNP Paribas	USD	EUR	15/12/17	4,467	3,777	-	-
Goldman Sachs	CNH	USD	03/11/17	32,369,451	4,900,000	(40)	(0.02)
Goldman Sachs	KRW	USD	05/01/18	2,863,609,750	2,500,000	5	-
Goldman Sachs	KRW	USD	05/01/18	569,075,000	500,000	(2)	-
Goldman Sachs	PHP	USD	27/10/17	186,300,000	3,600,000	59	0.03
Goldman Sachs	USD	THB	15/12/17	4,300,000	142,437,500	26	0.02
Royal Bank of Canada	USD	HKD	29/12/17	5,000,000	38,977,685	(2)	-
Standard Chartered	CNY	USD	12/12/17	18,914,380	2,900,000	(69)	(0.04)
Standard Chartered	INR	USD	03/11/17	237,836,000	3,700,000	(77)	(0.05)
Standard Chartered	KRW	USD	05/01/18	3,395,700,000	3,000,000	(30)	(0.02)
Standard Chartered	USD	INR	03/11/17	3,600,000	235,197,000	18	0.01
UBS	PHP	USD	27/10/17	148,245,100	2,900,000	11	0.01
UBS	THB	USD	10/11/17	124,505,000	3,700,000	35	0.02
UBS	USD	CNH	03/11/17	4,400,000	29,559,200	(38)	(0.02)
UBS	USD	CNH	03/11/17	4,300,000	28,240,250	60	0.04
UBS	USD	CNH	03/11/17	4,100,000	27,728,710	(63)	(0.04)
Unrealised losses on forward currency exchange contracts						(96)	(0.06)
Unrealised losses on derivatives						(96)	(0.06)
Total investments						160,170	95.49
Other net assets						7,559	4.51
Total net assets						167,729	100.00

Currently forward positions are not collateralised.

# Asian Property Share

For the year ended 30 September 2017

## Performance

For the year ended 30 September 2017, the value of Asian Property Share – A Accumulation Shares increased by 14.59% compared to an increase of 12.94% in the benchmark, the MSCI AC Asia Pacific Real Estate Index.

Source: Lipper, Basis: total return, published NAV to NAV, net of annual charges, gross income reinvested, USD.

Please see the Performance History section for details on the use of MSCI information.

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

Asian property shares rose in the 12 months ending 30 September, buoyed by a gradually-synchronised global economic recovery, and more hawkish, but well-telegraphed overtures from major central banks. At the beginning, news of Donald Trump winning the US presidential election in late 2016 sparked a global sell-off that was exacerbated by India's Prime Minister Narendra Modi's surprise announcement on demonetisation. The US Federal Reserve raising rates for the first time in a year would dampen sentiment further, as investors worried about a quickening pace of monetary-policy tightening.

Despite these, Asian property shares went on to clock multi-month rallies. Fears of a new, populist US president gave way to optimism over Trump's stimulus proposals. Economies around the world, particularly the export-oriented ones in Asia, reported healthy export numbers and robust corporate earnings. China's stable economic growth and efforts at deleveraging financial risks buoyed investor sentiment.

## Portfolio review

The Fund benefited the most from its overall positioning in Singapore, as the city-state's property sector was upbeat amid news of real-estate deals and expectations of the government easing property curbs. The share price of City Developments, the portfolio's best-performing holding, rose on investors' excitement as they snapped up well-managed real-estate companies that hold good quality assets but remain at low valuations. Bukit Sembawang Estates, another contributor, was rumoured to be a possible acquisition target, given its valuable and highly sought-after land bank. It also enjoyed a re-rating after a moderate relaxation of government measures lifted stocks in the real estate sector. Global Logistics Properties (GLP) was another top performer. The warehouse operator's largest shareholder had put its 37%-stake up for strategic review.

Our smaller exposure in Australia relative to the benchmark was also a key reason for the Fund's outperformance. Equities there were battered by a fall in commodity prices and a banking-sector rout, while macro-prudential rules were introduced to tame surging home prices, and that had an effect on property stocks.

Conversely, Chinese equities formed the largest detractor to Fund performance. In particular, the top three detractors – China Evergrande, Sunac China, and Country Garden – were non-holdings. As a result, the portfolio missed out on their share-price rallies, which were buoyed by good pipelines of projects and robust earnings results. Share performances of these three developers were supported by their aggressive expansion plans and strong sales numbers. Nonetheless,

their businesses are mostly reliant on residential property sales which are cyclical in the long term and their balance sheets remain stretched. We rather prefer our current China holdings, which give a more nuanced exposure to their business growth and strength in balance sheets. These include China Resources Land, which has a sound property investment and development mix, and a healthier balance sheet with low funding costs.

Our overweight exposure to Malaysia also dragged on performance. YNH Property's plans to sell a five-storey hospital in the country was seen as an attempt to pare its debt and improve future earnings in light of challenging market conditions, and that shook investor confidence. The developer was the Fund's largest detractor during the period in review.

In portfolio activity, we initiated positions in companies with good growth prospects. These included Australia's Viva Energy REIT, which boasts high-quality tenants, long lease-expiry profile, robust balance sheet, and limited capex requirement; Singapore-based Mapletree Commercial Trust, which has a good pipeline of assets and a decent track record of accretive injections; and Hong Kong-listed developer China Resources Land, given its superior profitability, substantial land bank, good property development and investment mix, and attractive valuation.

Conversely, we exited Singapore's GLP at a price close to the privatisation offer of S\$3.38 per share; Hong Kong and Shanghai Hotels, as the challenging operating environment has eroded earnings; and Shopping Centres Australasia because of a weakening operating environment and on valuation grounds.

## Outlook

Looking ahead, the US Federal Reserve's normalisation plans, which include a likely December 2017 rate hike, remain a major concern, as tighter liquidity could dampen appetite for riskier assets and lead to capital outflows from Asia. All eyes will also be on the 19th National Congress of the Communist Party of China, where potential changes to Beijing's policy direction may be announced, including indications about the pace of monetary tightening and reforms. But while mainland growth is expected to moderate, resilience of exports and consumption suggests a sharp slowdown is unlikely. Meanwhile, China will continue to pour huge sums into its One Belt, One Road initiative to improve the region's infrastructure, which bodes well for Asia's property companies.

At the same time, a synchronised global economic recovery, subdued inflation and accommodative monetary policies should continue to lend support to our property holdings. Moreover, property cooling measures are still in place in many Asian economies, which should point to more upside for our holdings' growth when the measures are relaxed. We remain confident in our approach, favouring quality companies that can weather uncertainties in the property sector and tap into Asia's favourable demographics and long-term growth potential.

**Asian Equities Team**  
October 2017



# Asian Property Share

## Statement of Net Assets

As at 30 September 2017

	Notes	US\$'000
<b>Assets</b>		
Investments in securities at market value	2.2	43,800
Cash at bank		170
Interest and dividends receivable		109
Subscriptions receivable		26
Receivable for investments sold		184
Other assets		1
<b>Total assets</b>		<b>44,290</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Taxes and expenses payable		73
Redemptions payable		113
Unrealised losses on forward currency exchange contracts	2.6	32
<b>Total liabilities</b>		<b>218</b>
<b>Net assets at the end of the year</b>		<b>44,072</b>

## Statement of Changes in Net Assets

For the year from 1 October 2016 to 30 September 2017

	Notes	US\$'000
Net assets at the beginning of the year		49,834
Net gains from investments		273
Net realised gains		59
Net unrealised gains		6,349
Proceeds from shares issued		16,939
Payments for shares redeemed		(29,315)
Net equalisation paid	10	(67)
<b>Net assets at the end of the year</b>		<b>44,072</b>

## Statement of Operations

For the year from 1 October 2016 to 30 September 2017

	Notes	US\$'000
<b>Income</b>		
Investment income	2.3	1,180
Stocklending income	16	3
Bank interest		3
<b>Total income</b>		<b>1,186</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Management fees	4.2	772
Operating, administrative and servicing fees	4.3	140
Other operational expenses		1
<b>Total expenses</b>		<b>913</b>
<b>Net gains from investments</b>		<b>273</b>
Realised losses on investments		(24)
Realised gains on forward currency exchange contracts		83
<b>Net realised gains</b>		<b>59</b>
Decrease in unrealised depreciation on investments		6,377
Increase in unrealised depreciation on forward currency exchange contracts		(29)
Unrealised currency exchange gains		1
<b>Net unrealised gains</b>		<b>6,349</b>
<b>Net increase in assets as a result of operations</b>		<b>6,681</b>

## Share Transactions

For the year from 1 October 2016 to 30 September 2017

	A-2	A(EUR)-2 <sup>^</sup>	I-2	S-2	X-2	Z-2 <sup>A</sup>
Shares outstanding at the beginning of the year	1,117,409	126,979	3,505	1,364,937	100,379	-
Shares issued during the year	256,557	107,405	6,623	7,783	13,510	9,870
Shares redeemed during the year	(606,944)	(81,653)	(7,920)	(203,631)	(46,847)	-
<b>Shares outstanding at the end of the year</b>	<b>767,022</b>	<b>152,731</b>	<b>2,208</b>	<b>1,169,089</b>	<b>67,042</b>	<b>9,870</b>
<b>Net asset value per share</b>	<b>19.8573</b>	<b>8.8999</b>	<b>1,761.7707</b>	<b>19.2533</b>	<b>10.9911</b>	<b>10.0230</b>

<sup>A</sup> Share class launched 8 August 2017.

<sup>^</sup> Base currency exposure share class.

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements.

# Asian Property Share

## Portfolio Statement

As at 30 September 2017

Security	Nominal/ Quantity	Market Value US\$'000	Total Net Assets %
<b>Transferable securities and money market instruments admitted to an official exchange listing or dealt on another regulated market 97.62%</b>			
<b>Equities 97.62%</b>			
<b>Australia 6.35%</b>			
Scentre (REIT)	354,166	1,089	2.47
Viva Energy (REIT)	325,000	539	1.22
Westfield (REIT)	189,831	1,170	2.66
		<b>2,798</b>	<b>6.35</b>
<b>China 2.69%</b>			
Anhui Conch Cement	114,500	457	1.04
China Resources Land	238,000	728	1.65
		<b>1,185</b>	<b>2.69</b>
<b>Hong Kong 18.47%</b>			
Hang Lung Properties	496,000	1,177	2.67
Hongkong Land	140,000	1,009	2.29
Jardine Strategic	46,000	1,983	4.50
MTR	142,549	832	1.89
Shangri-La Asia	504,857	935	2.12
Swire Properties	650,200	2,202	5.00
		<b>8,138</b>	<b>18.47</b>
<b>India 3.08%</b>			
Aditya Birla Capital GDR	105,000	297	0.67
Grasim Industries (GDR)	61,000	1,060	2.41
		<b>1,357</b>	<b>3.08</b>
<b>Indonesia 2.23%</b>			
Holcim Indonesia	6,372,000	389	0.88
Indocement Tunggul Prakarsa	419,000	592	1.35
		<b>981</b>	<b>2.23</b>
<b>Japan 19.38%</b>			
Daibiru Corp	203,500	2,248	5.10
Daito Trust Construction Co	2,600	474	1.07
East Japan Railway Co	17,500	1,614	3.66
Mitsubishi Estate Co	165,000	2,869	6.50
Resorttrust Inc	48,000	858	1.95
Sekisui House	28,700	483	1.10
		<b>8,546</b>	<b>19.38</b>
<b>Malaysia 5.36%</b>			
Capitaland Malaysia Mall Trust (REIT)	1,260,000	421	0.95
Oriental	479,800	746	1.69
SP Setia	499,465	422	0.96
SP Setia (PREF)	287,462	76	0.17
YNH Property	2,116,841	699	1.59
		<b>2,364</b>	<b>5.36</b>

# Asian Property Share

						Nominal/ Quantity	Market Value US\$'000	Total Net Assets %
Security								
Philippines 4.30%								
Ayala Land						2,214,000	1,895	4.30
Singapore 27.18%								
Bukit Sembawang Estates						260,000	1,212	2.75
CapitaLand						423,000	1,114	2.53
CDL Hospitality Trusts (REIT)						1,236,000	1,467	3.33
City Developments						439,300	3,663	8.30
Far East Hospitality Trust (REIT)						988,003	486	1.10
Keppel (REIT)						1,002,183	869	1.97
Mapletree Commercial Trust						360,000	404	0.92
United Engineers						300,000	600	1.36
Wheelock Properties Singapore						840,000	1,161	2.64
Yanlord Land						736,000	1,004	2.28
							11,980	27.18
Thailand 4.40%								
Central Pattana (Alien)						657,200	1,540	3.49
LPN Development™						1,080,400	400	0.91
							1,940	4.40
United Kingdom 4.18%								
Millennium & Copthorne Hotels						305,117	1,842	4.18
Total Equities							43,026	97.62
Total Transferable securities and money market instruments admitted to an official exchange listing or dealt on another regulated market							43,026	97.62
Open Ended Investment Funds 1.76%								
Aberdeen Liquidity Fund (Lux) US Dollar Fund Z-1†						774	774	1.76
Total Open Ended Investment Funds							774	1.76
Derivatives (0.07%)								
Forward currency exchange contracts (0.07%)								
							Unrealised Gains/(Losses) US\$'000	Total Net Assets %
Counterparty	Buy	Sell	Settlement	Buy Amount	Sell Amount			
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	15/12/17	1,368,704	1,657,119		(32)	(0.07)
Unrealised losses on forward currency exchange contracts							(32)	(0.07)
Unrealised losses on derivatives							(32)	(0.07)
Total investments							43,768	99.31
Other net assets							304	0.69
Total net assets							44,072	100.00

† Managed by subsidiaries of Aberdeen Asset Management PLC.

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

Currently forward positions are not collateralised.

# Asian Smaller Companies

For the year ended 30 September 2017

## Performance

For the year ended 30 September 2017, the value of Asian Smaller Companies – A Accumulation Shares increased by 11.25% compared to an increase of 12.22% in the benchmark, the MSCI AC Asia Pacific ex Japan Small Cap Index.

Source: Lipper, Basis: total return, published NAV to NAV, net of annual charges, gross income reinvested, USD.

Please see the Performance History section for details on the use of MSCI information.

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

Stocks of smaller companies in Asia rose during the year, rebounding from an early lull in the wake of Donald Trump's unexpected US election victory. Indian equities chalked up a multi-month rally, as investors were encouraged by Prime Minister Narendra Modi's political reforms. Chinese equities rallied on positive corporate earnings and surprisingly robust economic growth. Conversely, Indonesian stocks were moribund, while South Korea's markets were under pressure, from escalating geopolitical tensions on its doorstep.

## Portfolio review

The Fund benefited the most from its positioning in South Korea, where the underweight exposure and stock selection shielded it from the full effects of an equities slump amid intensifying geopolitical tensions on the Korean peninsula. Stock selection in Singapore also contributed to performance.

Several holdings saw their share prices rise on news of potential takeovers. Top contributor Yingde Gases was one of them, after it emerged that it was a takeover target. We divested our holdings in the Chinese industrial gas company at HK\$6 a share. MP Evans, a UK-listed oil-palm company with a focus on Indonesia and Malaysia, also faced an unsolicited takeover attempt. It successfully fought off the bid, which had undervalued its plantations portfolio. Singaporean developer Bukit Sembawang Estates was subject to speculation that it was a possible target, given its valuable and highly sought-after land bank. It also enjoyed a re-rating after a slight relaxation of government measures buoyed real-estate stocks.

Other key contributors saw their share prices rally on brighter prospects for their businesses. Singapore's Venture Corp reported stellar earnings results, with broad-based growth across its diversified customer base. Its share price was buoyed by a decent year-on-year growth in net profits, coupled with management's positive outlook on key areas like medical devices, genomics and automation. Hong Kong's Pacific Basin Shipping saw a recovery in freight rates amid a rosier operating backdrop and is well positioned to capitalise on industry consolidation.

In contrast, gains were capped by our overweight position in Indonesia, as the market there softened on poor economic performance. Chocolate company Delfi, one of the key detractors, suffered as investors worried about its pallid sales in its domestic market, despite owning well-established brands and experience in bringing products to market.

Stock selection in Malaysia also detracted, with retailer Aeon Co as the worst-performing stock. Investors were disappointed by its first-quarter results which were hit by lacklustre retail sales due to cautious consumer spending. Aeon's malls in the Klang Valley will likely face some challenges, given the abundance of retail malls opening and growth of online shopping, but its suburban malls remain supportive for its growth prospects.

Elsewhere, Singapore's Raffles Medical was another top detractor, as it was hit by softer-than-expected demand from foreign patients, while staff costs rose as it ramped up recruitment ahead of a new extension. We remain optimistic about its longer-term growth, which is supported by its ongoing expansion plans in Singapore and China. Muted results hurt China's Tong Ren Tang Technologies (TRT) as a couple of its blockbuster medical products faced competition from cheaper alternatives. That said, TRT is well known domestically. We believe its established brand name can still differentiate it from other less trusted local competitors.

During the year in review, we introduced several companies. They are: Australian health-care operator Healthscope, for its good growth outlook in view of demographic changes; luggage maker Samsonite, which has clear growth prospects in the emerging markets, particularly Asia; Taiwan FamilyMart, the island's second-largest convenience store operator; Australia's health supplements company Blackmores, given its robust balance sheet; and Beijing Capital International Airport, an airport operator in China's capital that can benefit from positive structural trends in tourism, trade, and government initiatives. We also introduced South Korea's furniture-maker Hanssem, Chinese blood plasma and derivatives firm China Biologics, and Pakistan's cement manufacturer Maple Leaf, as they showed solid fundamentals and the ability to tap into growing markets. We also participated in the initial public offer of Shell Philippines, as its wide distribution network, technical backing from its parent, and the country's favourable demographics give it good growth trajectory.

Against this, we sold India's Tata Consultancy Services (TCS), a large-cap stock that we inherited via a share swap when TCS acquired CMC, an Indian small-cap IT services company. We exited Hong Kong's Dah Sing Banking on valuation grounds, and also South Korea's BNK Financial and Manila Water in the Philippines because of uncertainties they face.

## Outlook

Looking ahead, the US Federal Reserve's normalisation plans, which include a likely December rate hike, remain a major concern, as tighter liquidity could dampen appetite for riskier assets and lead to capital outflows from emerging markets. All eyes will also be on China in the run-up to the Communist Party's 19th National Congress, and on potential changes to Beijing's monetary policy and reforms. But while mainland growth is expected to moderate, resilience of exports and consumption suggests a sharp slowdown is unlikely. This should support continued corporate earnings growth, both in China and the broader emerging markets. As such, each economy within Asia is likely to maintain their current trajectories, backed by the broad recovery in exports, which will benefit smaller companies dependent on the domestic sector. This, coupled with subdued inflation and accommodative monetary policies, should benefit our holdings. All these suggest that there is room for further gains. We remain confident in our approach, favouring quality companies that can weather uncertainties and tap into emerging markets' favourable demographics and long-term growth potential.

## Asian Equities Team

October 2017

# Asian Smaller Companies

## Statement of Net Assets

As at 30 September 2017

	Notes	US\$'000
<b>Assets</b>		
Investments in securities at market value	2.2	2,007,454
Cash at bank		25,329
Interest and dividends receivable		2,011
Subscriptions receivable		1,734
Receivable for investments sold		5,743
Other assets		34
<b>Total assets</b>		<b>2,042,305</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Payable for investments purchased		14,024
Taxes and expenses payable		2,601
Redemptions payable		15,710
Unrealised losses on forward currency exchange contracts	2.6	668
Other liabilities		616
<b>Total liabilities</b>		<b>33,619</b>
<b>Net assets at the end of the year</b>		<b>2,008,686</b>

## Statement of Changes in Net Assets

For the year from 1 October 2016 to 30 September 2017

	Notes	US\$'000
Net assets at the beginning of the year		1,986,071
Net gains from investments		18,374
Net realised losses		(60,536)
Net unrealised gains		245,226
Proceeds from shares issued		483,450
Payments for shares redeemed		(662,363)
Net equalisation paid	10	(920)
Dividends paid	5	(616)
<b>Net assets at the end of the year</b>		<b>2,008,686</b>

## Statement of Operations

For the year from 1 October 2016 to 30 September 2017

	Notes	US\$'000
<b>Income</b>		
Investment income	2.3	46,552
Stocklending income	16	1,058
Bank interest		128
<b>Total income</b>		<b>47,738</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Management fees	4.2	24,483
Operating, administrative and servicing fees	4.3	4,943
Less: Volume discount applied	4.3	(101)
Net operating, administrative and servicing fees	4.3	4,842
Other operational expenses		39
<b>Total expenses</b>		<b>29,364</b>
<b>Net gains from investments</b>		<b>18,374</b>
Realised losses on investments		(61,429)
Realised gains on forward currency exchange contracts		1,780
Realised currency exchange losses		(887)
<b>Net realised losses</b>		<b>(60,536)</b>
Decrease in unrealised depreciation on investments		245,819
Increase in unrealised depreciation on forward currency exchange contracts		(597)
Unrealised currency exchange gains		4
<b>Net unrealised gains</b>		<b>245,226</b>
<b>Net increase in assets as a result of operations</b>		<b>203,064</b>

# Asian Smaller Companies

## Share Transactions

For the year from 1 October 2016 to 30 September 2017

	A-2	D(GBP)-2	E(EUR)-1	I-2	L(SGD)-2	R(GBP)-2
Shares outstanding at the beginning of the year	24,522,503	4,246,204	2,410,621	8,342,598	1,020	1,166,414
Shares issued during the year	5,941,892	201,551	7,967,911	1,767,502	-	459,079
Shares redeemed during the year	(6,628,970)	(413,069)	(2,335,038)	(6,468,540)	-	(442,927)
<b>Shares outstanding at the end of the year</b>	<b>23,835,425</b>	<b>4,034,686</b>	<b>8,043,494</b>	<b>3,641,560</b>	<b>1,020</b>	<b>1,182,566</b>
<b>Net asset value per share</b>	<b>45.2127</b>	<b>33.6465</b>	<b>11.6242</b>	<b>49.3900</b>	<b>10.0644</b>	<b>13.3282</b>

	X-2	Y(EUR)-2	Z-2	Z(EUR)-2^
Shares outstanding at the beginning of the year	2,240,829	80,630	17,593,187	2,470,000
Shares issued during the year	42,300	57,279	1,127,919	-
Shares redeemed during the year	(1,131,033)	(55,990)	(1,435,212)	-
<b>Shares outstanding at the end of the year</b>	<b>1,152,096</b>	<b>81,919</b>	<b>17,285,894</b>	<b>2,470,000</b>
<b>Net asset value per share</b>	<b>11.1406</b>	<b>12.2847</b>	<b>22.5618</b>	<b>11.4110</b>

^ Base currency exposure share class.

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements.

# Asian Smaller Companies

## Portfolio Statement

As at 30 September 2017

Security	Nominal/ Quantity	Market Value US\$'000	Total Net Assets %
<b>Transferable securities and money market instruments admitted to an official exchange listing or dealt on another regulated market 99.94%</b>			
<b>Equities 99.94%</b>			
<b>Australia 2.75%</b>			
ARB <sup>™</sup>	1,723,051	23,491	1.16
Blackmores <sup>™</sup>	113,000	10,432	0.52
Cabcharge Australia <sup>™</sup>	4,931,254	7,004	0.35
Healthscope	10,930,000	14,408	0.72
		<b>55,335</b>	<b>2.75</b>
<b>China 5.43%</b>			
Asia Satellite Telecommunications	6,244,500	5,816	0.29
Beijing Capital International Airport	14,240,000	21,240	1.06
China Biologic Products	114,000	10,515	0.52
China Conch Venture	11,110,000	21,635	1.08
Greka Drilling	3,892,794	124	0.01
Han's Laser Technology Industry	3,419,992	22,435	1.12
Tong Ren Tang Technologies	21,370,000	27,320	1.35
		<b>109,085</b>	<b>5.43</b>
<b>Hong Kong 10.64%</b>			
Aeon Credit Service Asia	16,560,000	13,792	0.69
Aeon Stores Hong Kong	7,413,000	5,576	0.28
Convenience Retail Asia	47,990,000	23,686	1.18
Dah Sing Financial	6,108,419	41,429	2.07
Green Dragon Gas	4,276,931	3,443	0.17
Hong Kong & Shanghai Hotels	5,400,802	9,037	0.45
Hong Kong Aircraft Engineering	950,000	6,279	0.31
Kerry Logistics Network	28,238,500	38,974	1.94
Mandarin Oriental International	4,635,700	10,129	0.50
Pacific Basin Shipping	145,595,000	32,994	1.64
Public Financial	39,160,000	17,974	0.89
Towngas China	14,819,354	10,378	0.52
		<b>213,691</b>	<b>10.64</b>
<b>India 12.80%</b>			
Castrol India	3,569,004	19,578	0.97
City Union Bank	14,275,928	35,789	1.78
CONCOR	2,002,250	41,352	2.06
Gujarat Gas	806,740	10,368	0.52
Jyothy Laboratories	3,130,573	19,257	0.96
Kansai Nerolac Paints	4,276,715	31,445	1.57
Mphasis	2,137,830	20,249	1.01
Piramal Enterprises	746,391	30,120	1.50
Ramco Cements	2,052,340	21,765	1.08
Sanofi India	420,163	27,080	1.35
		<b>257,003</b>	<b>12.80</b>

# Asian Smaller Companies

	Nominal/ Quantity	Market Value US\$'000	Total Net Assets %
<b>Security</b>			
<b>Indonesia 10.50%</b>			
Ace Hardware Indonesia	375,021,800	33,760	1.68
AKR Corporindo	64,108,500	33,734	1.68
Astra Otoparts	111,783,700	20,250	1.01
Bank OCBC NISP	233,116,812	31,976	1.59
Bank Permata	320,827,438	16,852	0.84
Holcim Indonesia	264,881,500	16,175	0.81
Multi Bintang Indonesia	36,868,900	39,418	1.96
XL Axiata	67,600,000	18,746	0.93
		<b>210,911</b>	<b>10.50</b>
<b>Malaysia 11.77%</b>			
Aeon	71,423,600	34,845	1.73
Alliance Financial	10,506,900	9,642	0.48
Batu Kawan	2,051,700	9,290	0.46
LPI Capital	4,612,160	19,323	0.96
Manulife	2,363,800	1,800	0.09
Oriental	25,951,500	40,380	2.02
Panasonic Manufacturing Malaysia	1,944,600	17,620	0.88
Shangri-La Hotels Malaysia	20,747,700	25,133	1.25
SP Setia	21,920,347	18,507	0.92
SP Setia (PREF)	10,073,118	2,648	0.13
Tasek	6,044,760	18,295	0.91
United Plantations	4,684,500	30,520	1.52
YNH Property	25,394,674	8,390	0.42
		<b>236,393</b>	<b>11.77</b>
<b>Netherlands 2.17%</b>			
ASM International (non-voting)	689,862	43,566	2.17
<b>Pakistan 0.65%</b>			
Maple Leaf Cement Factory	16,174,500	12,868	0.64
Maple Leaf Cement Factory (Rights)	1,595,475	270	0.01
		<b>13,138</b>	<b>0.65</b>
<b>Philippines 3.55%</b>			
Asian Terminals	70,841,900	15,647	0.78
Cebu	196,895,200	20,677	1.02
Jollibee Foods	2,995,820	14,384	0.72
Manila Water	689,500	418	0.02
Pilipinas Shell Petroleum	15,191,590	20,261	1.01
		<b>71,387</b>	<b>3.55</b>
<b>Singapore 17.59%</b>			
Bukit Sembawang Estates	12,500,900	58,317	2.90
CDL Hospitality Trusts (REIT) <sup>∞</sup>	10,404,240	12,354	0.62
ComfortDelGro	18,326,600	28,139	1.40
Delfi	20,330,400	22,644	1.13



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	Nominal/ Quantity	Market Value US\$'000	Total Net Assets %
<b>Security</b>			
FJ Benjamin	3,600,000	109	0.01
Hong Leong Finance	5,782,900	11,030	0.55
Raffles Medical <sup>oo</sup>	48,802,499	40,341	2.01
SATS	2,783,000	9,458	0.47
SBS Transit <sup>oo</sup>	7,326,500	13,407	0.67
Straits Trading Singapore	14,355,088	25,265	1.26
Venture	3,967,700	51,511	2.56
Wheelock Properties Singapore <sup>oo</sup>	14,921,400	20,630	1.03
Yanlord Land	29,308,200	39,982	1.99
Yoma Strategic <sup>oo</sup>	46,587,199	19,984	0.99
		<b>353,171</b>	<b>17.59</b>
<b>South Korea 3.79%</b>			
Hanssem	147,800	19,518	0.97
Medy-Tox	56,100	24,218	1.21
Shinsegae	191,004	32,478	1.61
		<b>76,214</b>	<b>3.79</b>
<b>Sri Lanka 2.45%</b>			
Aitken Spence	20,215,873	7,593	0.38
Commercial Bank of Ceylon	10,434,674	9,440	0.47
John Keells	30,213,338	32,127	1.60
		<b>49,160</b>	<b>2.45</b>
<b>Taiwan 0.90%</b>			
GlobalWafers	472,000	4,697	0.23
Taiwan FamilyMart	2,252,000	13,330	0.67
		<b>18,027</b>	<b>0.90</b>
<b>Thailand 8.61%</b>			
Aeon Thana Sinsap Thailand	6,954,400	21,113	1.05
Aeon Thana Sinsap Thailand (NVDR)	350,000	1,063	0.05
BEC World <sup>oo</sup>	36,110,900	17,704	0.88
Bumrungrad Hospital (Alien) <sup>oo</sup>	2,511,000	16,113	0.80
Hana Microelectronics	14,415,800	20,586	1.02
Minor International (Alien)	14,267,625	17,380	0.87
Siam City Cement (Alien) <sup>oo</sup>	3,888,148	33,927	1.69
Tisco Financial (Alien)	16,250,590	37,458	1.87
TOA Paint (Thailand) (Alien)	10,655,700	7,668	0.38
		<b>173,012</b>	<b>8.61</b>
<b>United Kingdom 5.25%</b>			
Millennium & Copthorne Hotels	8,631,074	52,109	2.59
MP Evans <sup>oo</sup>	5,077,550	53,307	2.66
		<b>105,416</b>	<b>5.25</b>

# Asian Smaller Companies

						Nominal/ Quantity	Market Value US\$'000	Total Net Assets %
<b>Security</b>								
<b>United States 1.09%</b>								
Samsonite International						5,120,100	21,944	1.09
<b>Total Equities</b>							2,007,453	99.94
<b>Total Transferable securities and money market instruments admitted to an official exchange listing or dealt on another regulated market</b>							2,007,453	99.94
<b>Open Ended Investment Funds nil</b>								
Aberdeen Liquidity Fund (Lux) US Dollar Fund Z-1 <sup>†</sup>						1	1	-
<b>Total Open Ended Investment Funds</b>							1	-
<b>Derivatives (0.03%)</b>								
<b>Forward currency exchange contracts (0.03%)</b>								
Counterparty	Buy	Sell	Settlement	Buy Amount	Sell Amount	Unrealised Gains/(Losses) US\$'000		Total Net Assets %
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	15/12/17	27,752,671	33,600,741	(654)		(0.03)
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	15/12/17	648,698	779,247	(9)		-
BNP Paribas	USD	EUR	15/12/17	713,306	604,748	(5)		-
<b>Unrealised losses on forward currency exchange contracts</b>						<b>(668)</b>		<b>(0.03)</b>
<b>Unrealised losses on derivatives</b>						<b>(668)</b>		<b>(0.03)</b>
<b>Total investments</b>						2,006,786		99.91
<b>Other net assets</b>						1,900		0.09
<b>Total net assets</b>						<b>2,008,686</b>		<b>100.00</b>

<sup>†</sup> Managed by subsidiaries of Aberdeen Asset Management PLC.

<sup>™</sup> A portion of this security is on loan at the year end.

Currently forward positions are not collateralised.

# Australasian Equity

For the year ended 30 September 2017

## Performance

For the year ended 30 September 2017, the value of Australasian Equity A – Accumulation Shares increased by 6.94% compared to an increase of 8.53% in the benchmark, the Australia Stock Exchange All Ordinaries Index.

Source: Lipper, Basis: total return, published NAV to NAV, net of annual charges, gross income reinvested, AUD.

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

Australian equities rose in the year under review. The market was driven by robust performance in the resource sector, as mining companies reported improved profitability thanks to rising commodity prices and cost-cutting measures across the industry. The sector gained further momentum from higher oil prices, owing to disruptions to energy production in Texas and Louisiana caused by Hurricane Harvey. Banking stocks rebounded after falling substantially following a government proposal to impose a major levy on banks. Conversely, telecommunications stocks lagged, weighed down by Telstra's larger-than-expected cut to future dividends. Meanwhile, the Australian dollar continued to strengthen against the US dollar and its major trading partners.

On the economic front, second-quarter GDP rose on the back of increased consumer spending and higher employment participation, but lagged other developed markets. The trade surplus narrowed due to weaker commodities and gas exports, although this is likely to be temporary. Business confidence wavered, despite improving conditions in the mining sector. Wage growth remained modest and inflation met expectations. In policy news, the central bank held interest rates unchanged at 1.5% and maintained its neutral stance, while expecting economic growth to continue picking up.

## Portfolio review

At the stock level, Rio Tinto was a key contributor. The miner reported solid full-year results, benefiting from rising commodity prices. It announced a buyback of an additional US\$2.5 billion worth of its shares, following the sale of its Australian coal assets. Our overweight exposure to Fisher & Paykel Healthcare also aided performance, as its full-year results came at the top end of its forecast range, driven by the outperformance of its Optiflow nasal high-flow therapy hospital products and obstructive sleep apnoea masks. Meanwhile, AGL Energy continued to fare well, owing to better wholesale electricity margins and good cost control.

Conversely, our overweight exposure to Healthscope detracted, as doubts arose over the private hospital operator's ability to execute on its large brownfield pipeline, following two profit downgrades this year. However, its long-term prospects remain robust, as it is the second-largest private hospital operator locally, with structural tailwinds from an aging population and a budget-constrained public system. Also costing the Fund was shopping-centre-focused property developer Westfield, whose shares weakened in line with the broader REIT sector. We believe in Westfield's long-term prospects: it has a portfolio of quality assets, high occupancy levels, long-term rental agreements,

diversification across geographies and is led by a proven management. On the other hand, not holding National Australia Bank hurt performance. The lender's shares rose after the disposal of its non-performing assets in the US and UK, resulting in a leaner business structure. However, we believe that the other three major local banks, which we hold, are superior.

In portfolio activity, we introduced four holdings: Treasury Wine Estates, which has an attractive earnings growth outlook; Auckland International Airport, which owns a large amount of land, as well as generates spin-off revenues and profits from its unregulated retail, car parking, hotel, and property businesses; IOOF given its attractive valuation, solid cost focus and leverage to rising superannuation flows; and Spark New Zealand on its reasonable valuation and leading market position.

Against this, we exited Tatts, taking advantage of the rise in its stock price ahead of Tabcorp's bid, while expecting the takeover to progress.

## Outlook

Looking ahead, some risks to growth are emerging, with credit tightening following bank repricing and local regulators announcing macro-prudential measures on mortgage lending to curb still-rising home prices. Cost pressures driven by high energy prices are also expected to create a significant drag for both businesses and consumers.

Overall we remain cautiously optimistic about Australian equities. We will continue to exploit market volatility, taking the opportunity to either initiate positions we have been closely watching, or add to those quality companies that we already hold (if fundamentals remain unchanged) or shift towards those that exhibit better fundamentals. Our focus remains firmly on cash-generative companies with solid balance sheets, led by prudent management.

## Asian Equities Team

October 2017

# Australasian Equity

## Statement of Net Assets

As at 30 September 2017

	Notes	AU\$'000
<b>Assets</b>		
Investments in securities at market value	2.2	74,346
Cash at bank		2,301
Interest and dividends receivable		241
Subscriptions receivable		688
Receivable for investments sold		868
<b>Total assets</b>		<b>78,444</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Taxes and expenses payable		112
Redemptions payable		1,143
<b>Total liabilities</b>		<b>1,255</b>
<b>Net assets at the end of the year</b>		<b>77,189</b>

## Statement of Changes in Net Assets

For the year from 1 October 2016 to 30 September 2017

	Notes	AU\$'000
Net assets at the beginning of the year		73,783
Net gains from investments		1,844
Net realised gains		1,930
Net unrealised gains		1,774
Proceeds from shares issued		43,118
Payments for shares redeemed		(45,171)
Net equalisation paid	10	(89)
<b>Net assets at the end of the year</b>		<b>77,189</b>

## Statement of Operations

For the year from 1 October 2016 to 30 September 2017

	Notes	AU\$'000
<b>Income</b>		
Investment income	2.3	3,201
Bank interest		27
<b>Total income</b>		<b>3,228</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Management fees	4.2	1,177
Operating, administrative and servicing fees	4.3	205
Other operational expenses		2
<b>Total expenses</b>		<b>1,384</b>
<b>Net gains from investments</b>		<b>1,844</b>
Realised gains on investments		1,928
Realised currency exchange gains		2
<b>Net realised gains</b>		<b>1,930</b>
Increase in unrealised appreciation on investments		1,770
Unrealised currency exchange gains		4
<b>Net unrealised gains</b>		<b>1,774</b>
<b>Net increase in assets as a result of operations</b>		<b>5,548</b>

## Share Transactions

For the year from 1 October 2016 to 30 September 2017

	A-2	X-2	Z-2 <sup>A</sup>
Shares outstanding at the beginning of the year	2,069,360	22,981	-
Shares issued during the year	1,097,563	189,374	850
Shares redeemed during the year	(1,161,708)	(142,344)	-
<b>Shares outstanding at the end of the year</b>	<b>2,005,215</b>	<b>70,011</b>	<b>850</b>
<b>Net asset value per share</b>	<b>37.9753</b>	<b>14.7312</b>	<b>10.1499</b>

<sup>A</sup> Share class launched 11 August 2017.

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements.

# Australasian Equity

## Portfolio Statement

As at 30 September 2017

Security	Nominal/ Quantity	Market Value AU\$'000	Total Net Assets %
Transferable securities and money market instruments admitted to an official exchange listing or dealt on another regulated market 96.32%			
<b>Equities 96.32%</b>			
<b>Consumer Staples 4.35%</b>			
Coca-Cola Amatil	87,900	679	0.88
Treasury Wine Estates	83,700	1,149	1.49
Woolworths	60,800	1,532	1.98
		<b>3,360</b>	<b>4.35</b>
<b>Energy 7.64%</b>			
Caltex Australia	71,100	2,293	2.97
Woodside Petroleum	123,600	3,601	4.67
		<b>5,894</b>	<b>7.64</b>
<b>Financials 27.08%</b>			
AMP	291,200	1,405	1.82
ASX	82,900	4,340	5.62
Australia & New Zealand Banking	103,900	3,080	3.99
Commonwealth Bank of Australia	57,800	4,351	5.63
IOOF	71,400	795	1.03
Medibank Private	472,600	1,380	1.79
Perpetual	26,900	1,400	1.81
Westpac Banking	130,200	4,157	5.39
		<b>20,908</b>	<b>27.08</b>
<b>Health Care 16.19%</b>			
Cochlear	16,880	2,699	3.50
CSL	34,350	4,609	5.97
Fisher & Paykel Healthcare	181,600	2,131	2.76
Healthscope	917,100	1,541	2.00
ResMed (CDI)	156,000	1,516	1.96
		<b>12,496</b>	<b>16.19</b>
<b>Industrials 2.19%</b>			
Auckland International Airport	110,700	660	0.85
Brambles	113,900	1,029	1.34
		<b>1,689</b>	<b>2.19</b>
<b>Information Technology 1.20%</b>			
IRESS	81,000	929	1.20
<b>Materials 20.32%</b>			
Adelaide Brighton	235,900	1,372	1.78
Amcor	203,100	3,102	4.02
BHP Billiton	178,200	4,005	5.19
Incitec Pivot	555,200	1,990	2.58
Rio Tinto	71,300	4,235	5.48
South32	297,200	979	1.27
		<b>15,683</b>	<b>20.32</b>

## Australasian Equity

	Nominal/ Quantity	Market Value AU\$'000	Total Net Assets %
<b>Security</b>			
<b>Real Estate 7.09%</b>			
Scentre (REIT)	677,500	2,656	3.44
Westfield (REIT)	358,400	2,813	3.65
		<b>5,469</b>	<b>7.09</b>
<b>Telecommunication Services 3.57%</b>			
Spark New Zealand	435,500	1,456	1.89
Telstra	371,800	1,298	1.68
		<b>2,754</b>	<b>3.57</b>
<b>Utilities 6.69%</b>			
AGL Energy	125,900	2,949	3.82
AusNet Services	1,308,500	2,215	2.87
		<b>5,164</b>	<b>6.69</b>
<b>Total Equities</b>		<b>74,346</b>	<b>96.32</b>
<b>Total Transferable securities and money market instruments admitted to an official exchange listing or dealt on another regulated market</b>		<b>74,346</b>	<b>96.32</b>
<b>Total investments</b>		<b>74,346</b>	<b>96.32</b>
<b>Other net assets</b>		<b>2,843</b>	<b>3.68</b>
<b>Total net assets</b>		<b>77,189</b>	<b>100.00</b>

# Australian Dollar Income Bond

For the period ended 30 September 2017

## Performance

For the period ended 30 September 2017, the value of Australian Dollar Income Bond – A Income Shares increased by 0.96% compared to an increase of 0.57% in the benchmark, the Bloomberg AusBond Bank Bill Index.

Source: Lipper, Basis: total return, published NAV to NAV, net of annual charges, gross income reinvested, AUD.

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

Despite plenty of perceived risk events flaring up during the period, equities and credit both performed strongly, while core government bonds sold off. The decreased sensitivity of bonds and gold in a reaction to North Korean headlines was noticeable in September, with latter developments having a negligible impact on bond yields compared with August's moves. These hawkish dynamics were first seen after the Federal Open Market Committee announced its plans to reduce the size of the US Federal Reserve balance sheet in October. The accompanying comments reflected the belief that 2017's sub-par inflation readings were impacted by temporary factors that were unlikely to be repeated next year, with Personal Consumption Expenditure inflation forecasted to rise to 1.9% next year (from 1.6% in 2017). The lack of interest in 'safe' assets assisted equities in appreciating past previous record levels, while a renewed Republican focus on tax reform will dangle the carrot of substantial cash flows – i.e. share buybacks and special dividends – in front of investors' faces. The S&P 500 was up approximately 2% during September, taking 2017's capital returns to almost 12%.

Credit returns were strong alongside the general decline in volatility. US investment grade corporates have generated a spread return of 3% in 2017, while US high yield is sitting on total returns of around 6% on stronger oil and gas prices. European credit was more subdued while Australian credit lagged in its usual fashion – the 2-3 month lag which is what we've come to expect from Australian credit. The local credit market still felt relatively strong with new issues experiencing high subscriptions and subsequent scaling, while selling corporate bonds into the market is still an easy task.

## Portfolio review

The Fund has had a very solid start, outperforming its benchmark since inception in June 2017. To see this product deliver on its promises is immensely pleasing to us as fund managers. The Fund now has 25 direct holdings and is diversified across sectors and credit ratings, maintaining an aggregate investment grade rating overall. The Reserve Bank of Australia left interest rates on hold at 1.50% over the period, underscoring the importance of income and playing into the theme this Fund aims to harvest.

Despite widespread pronouncements of unstably high risk asset markets, credit spreads continued their tightening trend in Q3 of 2017. Outperformance was partially offset by a small drag from the residual duration of the portfolio, as yields climbed late in the period. Corporate credit was where the action was, with spread tightening driving returns compared with the bank bills benchmark. The primary market also

provided some new opportunities and attractive relative value in AUD and foreign currency bonds, resulting in excess returns. Examples include the Santos 27's and Newcastle Coal Infrastructure Group (NCIG) 27's. Santos is an Australian oil & gas company that was under immense credit rating pressure two years ago, but has gone through a stunning transformation in a very short period of time thanks to a new management team and a large cut to controllable costs. We think there is upgrade potential in the near future, so it was no surprise that the new deal was heavily oversubscribed and performed strongly on the break. The NCIG 27's are an infrastructure group related to the Port of Newcastle in Australia, which exports high quality thermal coal to key Asian markets. This coal is highly sought after given its high calorific value (which means it delivers more energy, pound for pound, compared with Indonesian coal, for example) and its resultant environmental appeal (you can get the same amount of energy from less burning of coal).

Another opportunity that the Fund pursued in September was the Pilgangoora 22's, issued by the ASX-listed Pilbara Minerals (PLS). PLS is constructing a large open-cut mine that will produce spodumene concentrate, a key ingredient in advanced technology lithium batteries. As countries such as China and Germany increase their electric vehicle penetration requirements, the lithium battery sector is undergoing a significant transformation on the demand side. PLS is in a strong position to supply this key commodity in the near future – the mine will be commissioned in early 2018 – and has secured offtake agreements for 95% of its forecast production with generous price floors, providing security for bondholders. The bond pays an attractive coupon and has performed well for the Fund since purchase, with the capital price increasing from 104 to 106 at the end of the quarter.

## Outlook

While it seems as though many central banks appear to want to lift rates from current levels, sub-par inflation readings and fears about currency spikes (which can tighten financial conditions and impact trade balances – look at the Euro in the September quarter) mean that the journey is likely to be slow and steady if at all. Demographic and technological factors that are deflationary in nature provide a structural backdrop that will reinforce the desire for extra income. The combination of low inflation, decent and synchronised economic growth, rebounding commodity prices and strong technical demand leaves the credit space feeling very comfortable. Global credit spread movements during 2017 reflected these positive catalysts. However, a lot of good news appears to be priced in at this stage, so further spread contraction may be harder to come by.

We still recognise the benefits of Australian credit compared with global alternatives; lower duration, lower volatility, high credit spreads and higher average quality as measured by credit ratings. We are noticing increased demand from Asian investors for Australian credit as these benefits are increasingly appreciated, resulting in further scaling on new issuance and a lack of inventory on broker books.

**Australian Fixed Income Team**  
October 2017

# Australian Dollar Income Bond

## Statement of Net Assets

As at 30 September 2017

	Notes	AU\$'000
<b>Assets</b>		
Investments in securities at market value	2.2	8,958
Cash at bank		148
Interest receivable		91
Unrealised gains on future contracts	2.7	9
Unrealised gains on swap contracts	2.8	6
<b>Total assets</b>		<b>9,212</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Taxes and expenses payable		8
Unrealised losses on forward currency exchange contracts	2.6	11
Other liabilities		28
<b>Total liabilities</b>		<b>47</b>
<b>Net assets at the end of the period</b>		<b>9,165</b>

## Statement of Changes in Net Assets

For the period from 1 June 2017 to 30 September 2017

	Notes	AU\$'000
Net gains from investments		69
Net realised gains		22
Net unrealised losses		(5)
Proceeds from shares issued		9,372
Payments for shares redeemed		(198)
Net equalisation received	10	3
Dividends paid	5	(98)
<b>Net assets at the end of the period</b>		<b>9,165</b>

## Statement of Operations

For the period from 1 June 2017 to 30 September 2017

	Notes	AU\$'000
<b>Income</b>		
Investment income	2.3	99
<b>Total income</b>		<b>99</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Management fees	4.2	23
Operating, administrative and servicing fees	4.3	7
<b>Total expenses</b>		<b>30</b>
<b>Net gains from investments</b>		<b>69</b>
Realised losses on investments		(71)
Realised gains on forward currency exchange contracts		73
Realised currency exchange gains		20
<b>Net realised gains</b>		<b>22</b>
Increase in unrealised depreciation on investments		(9)
Increase in unrealised depreciation on forward currency exchange contracts		(11)
Increase in unrealised appreciation on future contracts		9
Increase in unrealised appreciation on swap contracts		6
<b>Net unrealised losses</b>		<b>(5)</b>
<b>Net increase in assets as a result of operations</b>		<b>86</b>

## Share Transactions

For the period from 1 June 2017 to 30 September 2017

	A-3 <sup>A</sup>	I-1 <sup>A</sup>	X-1 <sup>A</sup>	X-2 <sup>A</sup>	Z-1 <sup>A</sup>
Shares outstanding at the beginning of the period	-	-	-	-	-
Shares issued during the period	933,872	851	851	851	851
Shares redeemed during the period	(19,814)	-	-	-	-
<b>Shares outstanding at the end of the period</b>	<b>914,058</b>	<b>851</b>	<b>851</b>	<b>851</b>	<b>851</b>
<b>Net asset value per share</b>	<b>9.9889</b>	<b>10.0043</b>	<b>10.0022</b>	<b>10.1180</b>	<b>10.0144</b>

<sup>A</sup> Share class launched 1 June 2017.

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements.



# Australian Dollar Income Bond

## Portfolio Statement

As at 30 September 2017

Security	Coupon (%)	Maturity	Nominal/ Quantity	Market Value AU\$'000	Total Net Assets %
Transferable securities and money market instruments admitted to an official exchange listing or dealt on another regulated market					83.28%
<b>Bonds 83.28%</b>					
<b>Corporate Bonds 78.64%</b>					
<b>Australia 60.35%</b>					
Asciano Finance (MTN)	5.2500	19/05/25	400,000	414	4.53
Asciano Finance (MTN)	5.4000	12/05/27	200,000	207	2.26
Aurizon Network (MTN)	4.0000	21/06/24	500,000	496	5.41
AusNet Services (EMTN)	5.3750	02/07/24	300,000	321	3.51
Barmingo Finance	6.6250	15/05/22	265,000	328	3.57
Brisbane Airport (MTN)	6.0000	21/10/20	100,000	108	1.17
Commonwealth Bank of Australia (EMTN)	5.0000	24/09/19	190,000	199	2.17
National Australia Bank	5.0000	11/03/24	250,000	274	2.99
National Australia Bank	FRN	PERP	2,570	199	2.17
Newcastle Coal Infrastructure	4.4000	29/09/27	200,000	255	2.78
Pilgangoora Operations	12.0000	21/06/22	300,000	403	4.40
Qantas Airways (MTN)	4.4000	10/10/23	230,000	233	2.54
Qantas Airways (MTN)	7.5000	11/06/21	200,000	226	2.47
QBE Insurance	VAR	02/12/44	200,000	288	3.14
Santos Finance (EMTN)	4.1250	14/09/27	300,000	379	4.14
SGSP Australia Assets (MTN)	3.7500	28/06/23	400,000	402	4.38
Telstra (MTN)	4.0000	19/04/27	400,000	400	4.37
Virgin Australia	7.8750	15/10/21	300,000	399	4.35
				<b>5,531</b>	<b>60.35</b>
<b>Spain 2.19%</b>					
Banco Santander (EMTN)	FRN	19/01/23	200,000	200	2.19
<b>United Arab Emirates 5.58%</b>					
First Abu Dhabi Bank (MTN)	4.7500	19/03/19	500,000	512	5.58
<b>United Kingdom 10.52%</b>					
Lloyds Banking (MTN)	FRN	20/03/23	500,000	500	5.45
Places For People Treasury (MTN)	4.0000	22/08/22	470,000	464	5.07
				<b>964</b>	<b>10.52</b>
<b>Total Corporate Bonds</b>				<b>7,207</b>	<b>78.64</b>
<b>Government Bonds 4.64%</b>					
<b>South Korea 4.64%</b>					
Korea South-East Power (MTN)	5.7500	25/09/20	400,000	425	4.64
<b>Total Government Bonds</b>				<b>425</b>	<b>4.64</b>
<b>Total Bonds</b>				<b>7,632</b>	<b>83.28</b>

# Australian Dollar Income Bond

						Market Value	Total					
						AU\$'000	Net Assets					
Security							%					
Coupon (%)												
Maturity												
Nominal/ Quantity												
Total Transferable securities and money market instruments admitted to an official exchange listing or dealt on another regulated market						7,632	83.28					
Other transferable securities and money market instruments 5.50%												
Bonds 5.50%												
Corporate Bonds 5.50%												
Australia 5.50%												
NEXTDC				6.2500	09/06/21	500,000	504	5.50				
Total Corporate Bonds							504	5.50				
Total Bonds							504	5.50				
Total Other transferable securities and money market instruments							504	5.50				
Open Ended Investment Funds 8.97%												
Aberdeen Global - Select Euro High Yield Bond Fund Z-1 <sup>†</sup>						54,291	822	8.97				
Total Open Ended Investment Funds							822	8.97				
Derivatives 0.04%												
Future contracts 0.10%												
						Unrealised	Total					
						Gains/(Losses)	Net Assets					
Future						Maturity	Notional	AU\$'000	%			
CBT US 10 Year Note						19/12/17	(3)	9	0.10			
Unrealised gains on future contracts								9	0.10			
Forward currency exchange contracts (0.13%)												
						Unrealised	Total					
						Gains/(Losses)	Net Assets					
Counterparty						Buy	Sell	Settlement	Buy Amount	Sell Amount	AU\$'000	%
ANZ						AUD	EUR	20/10/17	671,021	448,000	(5)	(0.05)
ANZ						AUD	USD	20/10/17	150,488	120,000	(2)	(0.03)
ANZ						AUD	EUR	20/10/17	140,950	94,400	(1)	(0.02)
ANZ						AUD	USD	20/10/17	51,050	41,000	(1)	(0.01)
ANZ						AUD	USD	20/10/17	27,574	22,000	-	-
ANZ						NZD	AUD	15/11/17	295,000	267,982	4	0.04
ANZ						NZD	AUD	15/11/17	178,000	159,981	4	0.04
ANZ						USD	AUD	15/11/17	6,000	7,466	-	-
Westpac Banking						AUD	USD	20/10/17	206,009	158,000	5	0.05
Westpac Banking						AUD	USD	20/10/17	123,618	98,000	(1)	(0.01)
Westpac Banking						AUD	USD	15/11/17	1,080,487	854,000	(9)	(0.09)
Westpac Banking						AUD	NZD	15/11/17	439,647	473,000	4	0.04
Westpac Banking						AUD	USD	15/11/17	252,478	200,000	(3)	(0.03)
Westpac Banking						AUD	USD	15/11/17	179,863	145,000	(6)	(0.06)
Unrealised losses on forward currency exchange contracts											(11)	(0.13)

# Australian Dollar Income Bond

## Swaps 0.07%

Counterparty	Ccy	Termination	Notional	Fund Pays	Fund Receives	Unrealised Gains/(Losses) AU\$'000	Total Net Assets %
Westpac Banking	AUD	13/07/24	1,900,000	2.7010%	6 Month AUD BBR	6	0.07
<b>Unrealised gains on swaps</b>						<b>6</b>	<b>0.07</b>
<b>Unrealised gains on derivatives</b>						<b>4</b>	<b>0.04</b>
<b>Total investments</b>						<b>8,962</b>	<b>97.79</b>
<b>Other net assets</b>						<b>203</b>	<b>2.21</b>
<b>Total net assets</b>						<b>9,165</b>	<b>100.00</b>

† Managed by subsidiaries of Aberdeen Asset Management PLC.  
Currently forward positions are not collateralised.

# Brazil Bond

For the year ended 30 September 2017

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## Performance

For the year ended 30 September 2017, the value of Brazil Bond – A Accumulation Shares increased by 16.37% compared to an increase of 14.57% in the benchmark, the Brazil CETIP Rate Accumulated Index.

Source: Lipper, Basis: total return, published NAV to NAV, net of annual charges, gross income reinvested, USD.

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 run up to the US elections in November last year dominated market news early in the year. Donald Trump's surprise victory sparked some volatility in emerging market (EM) risk assets, with most market participants expecting Hillary Clinton to replace Barack Obama in the White House. Despite a sharp sell-off on the back of initial fears around what a Trump presidency would mean for EM debt, it was a very positive year on the whole for both hard and local currency bonds. The asset class shrugged off prospects of a "hard" Trump – despite the President withdrawing the US from the Trans-Pacific Partnership in January – while the US Federal Reserve's decision to hike interest rates three times over the reporting year did little to offset the 2017 rally. The market is pricing in one more hike in December this year.

In oil news, prices were volatile at the start of the year amid concerns that OPEC members would fail to come to an agreement on production quotas. However, despite a dip in prices over the second quarter, Brent crude rallied, rising 9.1% alone in September as it reached a peak of \$59 per barrel – a level that hasn't been breached since the middle of 2015. There are signs the massive glut in oil inventories is starting to be drawn down as well as rising expectations that the OPEC supply deal will be extended beyond March 2018. Other commodities were relatively subdued for much of the year before an increase over the third quarter of 2017 helped boost the asset class. Demand for both hard currency and local currency remained robust, while emerging market currencies grew in strength against a weakening US dollar.

Brazil's growth moved back into positive territory at 0.3% year-on-year (y/y) in the second quarter of the year, from -0.4% y/y in the first period of the year, but the recovery remains tentative. Both private consumption and exports were strong drivers for the economy, while government spending and investment declined. Recent data suggests that local participants are becoming more positive on the economy, with expectation for 2017 growth now at 0.68% y/y and for 2018 at 2.30% y/y. Fiscal accounts showed a material improvement in August but this was due to one-off revenues, which helped the primary deficit improve to 2.44% of GDP (on a last twelve month basis), compared to -2.64% in July. Falling inflation is encouraging but, politically, there are still concerns which could weigh on the economic outlook but there is progress being made.

## Portfolio review

Over the course of the year, we continued to be positioned in short-dated fixed rate paper to take advantage of the ongoing interest rate cutting cycle.

## Outlook

Portfolio flow data into the asset class remains extremely strong although this could be tested amid potential changes in news flow in the US and Eurozone. President Trump could announce new Federal Reserve Chair this month as Janet Yellen's term is due to end in February, while US tax reform is also back on the agenda. In Europe, while Brexit negotiations continue, we wait to ascertain whether Merkel has been weakened as a result of Germany's election result and what this could mean for the Eurozone project.

All told, monetary policy is expected to remain divergent throughout the rest of the year between advanced and emerging economies. Robust economic growth in advanced economies is giving central banks some room to breathe and reload their monetary policy arsenals ahead of the next slowdown, while uneven recoveries in emerging market economies has several central banks on an easing cycle, including Brazil, Colombia, Russia, Ukraine and South Africa.

## Emerging Market Debt Team

October 2017

# Brazil Bond

## Statement of Net Assets

As at 30 September 2017

	Notes	US\$'000
<b>Assets</b>		
Investments in securities at market value	2.2	32,299
Cash at bank		788
Interest and dividends receivable		503
Subscriptions receivable		346
Receivable for investments sold		4,684
Other assets		2
<b>Total assets</b>		<b>38,622</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Taxes and expenses payable		46
Redemptions payable		5,165
Other liabilities		337
<b>Total liabilities</b>		<b>5,548</b>
<b>Net assets at the end of the year</b>		<b>33,074</b>

## Statement of Changes in Net Assets

For the year from 1 October 2016 to 30 September 2017

	Notes	US\$'000
Net assets at the beginning of the year		37,692
Net gains from investments		3,540
Net realised gains		4,699
Net unrealised losses		(2,209)
Proceeds from shares issued		15,599
Payments for shares redeemed		(24,008)
Net equalisation paid	10	(251)
Dividends paid	5	(1,988)
<b>Net assets at the end of the year</b>		<b>33,074</b>

## Statement of Operations

For the year from 1 October 2016 to 30 September 2017

	Notes	US\$'000
<b>Income</b>		
Investment income	2.3	4,075
<b>Total income</b>		<b>4,075</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Management fees	4.2	365
Operating, administrative and servicing fees	4.3	167
Other operational expenses		1
Bank interest		2
<b>Total expenses</b>		<b>535</b>
<b>Net gains from investments</b>		<b>3,540</b>
Realised gains on investments		4,428
Realised currency exchange gains		271
<b>Net realised gains</b>		<b>4,699</b>
Increase in unrealised depreciation on investments		(2,201)
Unrealised currency exchange losses		(8)
<b>Net unrealised losses</b>		<b>(2,209)</b>
<b>Net increase in assets as a result of operations</b>		<b>6,030</b>

## Share Transactions

For the year from 1 October 2016 to 30 September 2017

	A-1	A-2	E(EUR)-1	I-1	I-2	N(JPY)-1
Shares outstanding at the beginning of the year	196,024	51,988	115,463	895,590	6,939	25,080
Shares issued during the year	270,843	13,981	267,357	357,179	3,976	3,232
Shares redeemed during the year	(100,333)	(27,068)	(143,446)	(1,009,020)	(1,632)	(8,733)
<b>Shares outstanding at the end of the year</b>	<b>366,534</b>	<b>38,901</b>	<b>239,374</b>	<b>243,749</b>	<b>9,283</b>	<b>19,579</b>
<b>Net asset value per share</b>	<b>6.9589</b>	<b>140.3844</b>	<b>7.4401</b>	<b>13.1004</b>	<b>1,034.1398</b>	<b>58,436.0403</b>

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements.

# Brazil Bond

## Portfolio Statement

As at 30 September 2017

Security	Coupon (%)	Maturity	Nominal/ Quantity	Market Value US\$'000	Total Net Assets %
Transferable securities and money market instruments admitted to an official exchange listing or dealt on another regulated market					97.66%
Bonds 97.66%					
Government Bonds 97.66%					
Brazil 97.66%					
Brazil (Federal Republic of)	-	01/04/19	33,500,000	9,514	28.77
Brazil (Federal Republic of)	10.0000	01/01/19	20,370,000	6,642	20.08
Brazil (Federal Republic of)	10.0000	01/01/21	15,120,000	4,954	14.98
Brazil (Federal Republic of)	10.0000	01/01/18	10,540,000	3,349	10.12
Brazil (Federal Republic of)	6.0000	15/08/18	3,200,000	3,115	9.42
Brazil (Federal Republic of)	10.0000	01/01/27	2,800,000	902	2.73
Brazil (Federal Republic of) (INDX)	6.0000	15/05/19	3,850,000	3,823	11.56
				<b>32,299</b>	<b>97.66</b>
Total Government Bonds				<b>32,299</b>	<b>97.66</b>
Total Bonds				<b>32,299</b>	<b>97.66</b>
Total Transferable securities and money market instruments admitted to an official exchange listing or dealt on another regulated market				<b>32,299</b>	<b>97.66</b>
Total investments				<b>32,299</b>	<b>97.66</b>
Other net assets				<b>775</b>	<b>2.34</b>
Total net assets				<b>33,074</b>	<b>100.00</b>

# Brazil Equity

For the year ended 30 September 2017

## Performance

For the year ended 30 September 2017, the value of Brazil Equity - A Accumulation Shares rose by 33.28% compared to a gain of 26.66% in the benchmark, the MSCI Brazil 10/40 Index.

Source: Lipper, Basis: total return, published NAV to NAV, net of annual charges, gross income reinvested, USD.

Please see the Performance History section for details on the use of MSCI information.

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

Brazilian equities rose during the year under review. Sentiment was boosted by a positive outlook for the asset class, Donald Trump's pledge to cut US taxes and three well-signaled US Federal Reserve interest rate hikes.

Domestic political events also swayed markets. Optimism over President Michel Temer's reform agenda lifted equities for much of the year, but Temer became embroiled in a corruption scandal in May 2017. The stockmarket saw its worst one-day decline since 2008 and the real fell by nearly 8%. Temer denied any wrongdoing, rejected calls to step down, and Congress later voted against his indictment. This helped markets more than recover from the sell-off. The economy emerged from its worst recession ever, as GDP grew for the second consecutive quarter on the back of increased household spending.

## Portfolio review

Many of the Fund's holdings held up better than the wider market during the May sell-off, when state-owned companies such as Petrobras came under pronounced pressure, so not holding it buoyed performance. A number of the portfolio's retail stocks rallied on the back of upbeat earnings expectations for the year ahead, including women's shoe designer Arezzo, fashion chain Lojas Renner and apparel producer Hering. Rental car company Localiza also made solid gains, as it appeared well-positioned to benefit from the economic recovery. Meanwhile, Bradespar re-rated after the announcement of a transformational restructuring of its primary asset, iron ore miner Vale. Cielo suffered on ongoing uncertainty over the regulatory environment, so our lack of exposure to the stock was helpful.

Conversely, Valid Solucoes was a key detractor. The payment and mobile solutions company's earnings were hampered by lower volumes in its Latin American business and the Brazilian real's appreciation, although this was mitigated by operating efficiency gains and decreased expenses. Valid's profits began to pick up towards the end of the review period. Elsewhere, BRF underperformed on the back of soft earnings showing it had suffered from weak domestic volumes coupled with margin pressures internationally. Not holding state-owned lender Banco do Brasil also proved costly, as banks continued to outperform the wider market in anticipation of further interest rate cuts.

In portfolio activity, we introduced market-leading software developer Linx, which focuses on the retail sector. It has a resilient business model, good growth prospects and a robust balance sheet. We also initiated a position in M. Dias Branco, a well-run food company with solid brands and a market-leading position in its key product categories. We sold our rights ahead of Multiplan's capital raising.

## Outlook

Brazilian equities continue to be buoyed by business confidence in the country. Investors continue to look to President Temer's reform programme and how quickly it is addressing the fiscal deficit to assess where the country is headed. Inflation is certainly coming under control and growth is slowly but surely picking up. Private investment remains weak, but the government is working hard to sell Brazil as an appealing place to do business. On the political front, although the presidential elections are still a year away, speculation around who the likely contenders will be and the potential outcome may already be causing some degree of apprehension. Despite the noise, our holdings continue to focus on improving their operational efficiencies while maintaining robust balance sheets. This should hold them in good stead in the long term.

## Global Emerging Markets Equity Team

October 2017

# Brazil Equity

## Statement of Net Assets

As at 30 September 2017

	Notes	US\$'000
<b>Assets</b>		
Investments in securities at market value	2.2	38,464
Cash at bank		583
Interest and dividends receivable		60
Subscriptions receivable		1,346
<b>Total assets</b>		<b>40,453</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Payable for investments purchased		723
Taxes and expenses payable		55
Redemptions payable		530
Other liabilities		28
<b>Total liabilities</b>		<b>1,336</b>
<b>Net assets at the end of the year</b>		<b>39,117</b>

## Statement of Changes in Net Assets

For the year from 1 October 2016 to 30 September 2017

	Notes	US\$'000
Net assets at the beginning of the year		22,240
Net gains from investments		264
Net realised losses		(318)
Net unrealised gains		8,604
Proceeds from shares issued		23,099
Payments for shares redeemed		(14,614)
Net equalisation received	10	15
Dividends paid	5	(173)
<b>Net assets at the end of the year</b>		<b>39,117</b>

## Statement of Operations

For the year from 1 October 2016 to 30 September 2017

	Notes	US\$'000
<b>Income</b>		
Investment income	2.3	759
Bank interest		1
<b>Total income</b>		<b>760</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Management fees	4.2	333
Operating, administrative and servicing fees	4.3	162
Other operational expenses		1
<b>Total expenses</b>		<b>496</b>
<b>Net gains from investments</b>		<b>264</b>
Realised losses on investments		(188)
Realised currency exchange losses		(130)
<b>Net realised losses</b>		<b>(318)</b>
Decrease in unrealised depreciation on investments		8,611
Unrealised currency exchange losses		(7)
<b>Net unrealised gains</b>		<b>8,604</b>
<b>Net increase in assets as a result of operations</b>		<b>8,550</b>

## Share Transactions

For the year from 1 October 2016 to 30 September 2017

	A-2	I-2	N(JPY)-1	S-2
Shares outstanding at the beginning of the year	473,876	775,582	25,042	434,243
Shares issued during the year	2,117,974	666,944	4,357	321,029
Shares redeemed during the year	(977,817)	(125,428)	(10,836)	(351,914)
<b>Shares outstanding at the end of the year</b>	<b>1,614,033</b>	<b>1,317,098</b>	<b>18,563</b>	<b>403,358</b>
<b>Net asset value per share</b>	<b>7.7687</b>	<b>9.0391</b>	<b>70,140.2005</b>	<b>7.7006</b>

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements.



# Brazil Equity

## Portfolio Statement

As at 30 September 2017

Security	Nominal/ Quantity	Market Value US\$'000	Total Net Assets %
Transferable securities and money market instruments admitted to an official exchange listing or dealt on another regulated market			
<b>98.33%</b>			
<b>Equities 98.33%</b>			
<b>Consumer Discretionary 14.54%</b>			
Arezzo Industria e Comercio	118,981	1,879	4.80
Cia Hering	57,400	515	1.32
GAEC Educacao	41,500	303	0.77
Lojas Renner	262,540	2,992	7.65
		<b>5,689</b>	<b>14.54</b>
<b>Consumer Staples 16.65%</b>			
Ambev	386,471	2,571	6.57
BRF	117,869	1,703	4.35
M Dias Branco	25,500	400	1.02
Natura Cosmeticos	58,500	577	1.48
Raia Drogasil	53,200	1,262	3.23
		<b>6,513</b>	<b>16.65</b>
<b>Energy 4.72%</b>			
Ultrapar Participacoes	77,600	1,848	4.72
<b>Financials 25.02%</b>			
Banco Bradesco	57,520	608	1.55
Banco Bradesco (PREF)	225,995	2,507	6.41
BM&F Bovespa	251,600	1,905	4.87
Itau Unibanco	240,811	2,919	7.47
Itausa Investimentos Itau (PREF)	529,574	1,846	4.72
		<b>9,785</b>	<b>25.02</b>
<b>Health Care 2.99%</b>			
OdontoPrev	239,700	1,170	2.99
<b>Industrials 12.14%</b>			
Localiza Rent a Car	92,157	1,681	4.30
Valid Solucoes	162,587	1,046	2.67
WEG	139,000	941	2.41
Wilson Sons (BDR)	80,700	1,080	2.76
		<b>4,748</b>	<b>12.14</b>
<b>Information Technology 5.19%</b>			
LINX	137,504	851	2.17
TOTVS	119,300	1,179	3.02
		<b>2,030</b>	<b>5.19</b>

## Brazil Equity

	Nominal/ Quantity	Market Value US\$'000	Total Net Assets %
<b>Security</b>			
<b>Materials 7.71%</b>			
Bradespar	132,800	877	2.24
Bradespar (PREF)	128,300	977	2.50
Vale	115,273	1,162	2.97
		<b>3,016</b>	<b>7.71</b>
<b>Real Estate 9.37%</b>			
Iguatemi Empresa de Shopping Centers	151,310	1,875	4.79
Multiplan Empreendimentos Imobiliarios	77,116	1,790	4.58
		<b>3,665</b>	<b>9.37</b>
<b>Total Equities</b>		<b>38,464</b>	<b>98.33</b>
<b>Total Transferable securities and money market instruments admitted to an official exchange listing or dealt on another regulated market</b>		<b>38,464</b>	<b>98.33</b>
<b>Total investments</b>		<b>38,464</b>	<b>98.33</b>
<b>Other net assets</b>		<b>653</b>	<b>1.67</b>
<b>Total net assets</b>		<b>39,117</b>	<b>100.00</b>

# China A Share Equity

For the year ended 30 September 2017

## Performance

For the year ended 30 September 2017, the value of the China A Share Equity Fund – A Accumulation Shares increased by 33.86%, compared to an increase of 14.59% in the benchmark, the MSCI China A TR Index

Source: Lipper, Basis: total return, published NAV to NAV, net of annual charges, gross income reinvested, USD.

Please see the Performance History section for details on the use of MSCI information.

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

China's A-share market rallied over the review period despite the initial wobble. Risk appetite was weak at first, as Donald Trump's US presidential election victory and a US rate hike briefly sidelined investors. At home, concerns over capital outflows, increased regulatory scrutiny and government curbs on leverage also weighed on sentiment. But markets subsequently recovered amid upbeat corporate earnings and growth data, while worries over capital flight receded. MSCI's decision to include A-shares to its influential indices further propelled the market.

## Portfolio review

The Fund outperformed the benchmark by a wide margin, driven mainly by our holdings in the information technology (IT), consumer-related and industrials sectors.

In IT, video-surveillance product maker Hangzhou Hikvision Digital Technology gained from solid growth in both its domestic and overseas operations; it is also branching out from its traditional video surveillance business. Likewise, positive earnings momentum supported our consumer-related holdings such as Yonghui Superstores, China International Travel Service, Kweichow Moutai, Qingdao Haier, Midea and Fuyao Glass Industry.

In industrials, Han's Laser Technology and Shanghai International Airport (SHIA) were the key contributors. Han's Laser reported upbeat earnings that were driven by demand from the production of Apple's new iPhones. SHIA did well amid improving financial performance in its non-aeronautical business, although its share price dipped towards the period-end as news of potential curbs in air traffic hit the aviation sector. The curbs are difficult to quantify at this stage, given the lack of details; we will continue to monitor the situation.

Conversely, not holding Ping An Insurance and dairy company Inner Mongolia Yili hurt performance. Shares of both companies surged as they continued to report robust earnings. Among our holdings, China World Trade Center (CWTC) and traditional Chinese medicine company Beijing Tongrentang detracted. CWTC's earnings disappointed, with costs rising as it launched another phase of development. Beijing Tongrentang was hampered by lacklustre results at its subsidiary Tong Ren Tang Technologies (TRT), where a couple of its blockbuster products faced competition from cheaper alternatives. That said, TRT is well-known in the mainland. We believe its established brand is still able to differentiate it from other less reputable competitors in China.

In portfolio activity, we initiated positions in Aier Eye Hospital and Foshan Haitian Flavouring & Food. Aier is one of the largest domestic private ophthalmology chains that stands to benefit from structural demand for eye care services. Foshan Haitian Flavouring & Food is a direct consumer staple play. The Chinese soy sauce maker, which also produces a host of other food seasonings, is a market leader in sales of condiments in the mainland.

Against these, we exited several small positions on deteriorating prospects. One of them was local brewer Tsingtao Brewery. Given the tough trading environment, we think Tsingtao may face difficulties growing market share, especially at the expense of regional players such as Beijing Yanjing Brewery. The other was Huaxin Cement, which we sold in view of its weakening business outlook. We prefer Anhui Conch Cement, a proven cost leader domestically given its dominance in eastern China, where the operating environment appears more benign. Last, we divested China Shenhua Energy. Despite the coal producer's integrated structure, current market dynamics constrains it from becoming an industry consolidator.

## Outlook

Thanks to healthy global demand for its exports, China's growth has been rosier than expected. While the economy moderated slightly in the third quarter, that was mainly due to policy efforts to rein in leverage, reduce overcapacity and curb pollution. In a much-anticipated speech at the Communist Party's 19th National Congress, President Xi Jinping avoided specifying a growth target for 2020, instead espousing a near-term aim of a "moderately prosperous society", while pushing for higher-quality growth. This was widely interpreted as a sign that the government will tolerate some deceleration in the economy in its pursuit of supply-side structural reforms, a more equitable wealth distribution and financial stability.

At the corporate level, earnings growth has recovered. Companies as a whole appear healthier, as do valuations, while Beijing continued to tweak supply-side policy. Among our holdings, many posted year-on-year earnings increases, which reflected fundamental growth rather than simply the result of one-off gains or government subsidies. It also suggested that the economy is bottoming out, with investors becoming optimistic and more willing to pay for future growth. Such supportive corporate fundamentals give us cause for optimism and confidence in our stock picks.

## Asian Equities Team

October 2017

# China A Share Equity

## Statement of Net Assets

As at 30 September 2017

	Notes	US\$'000
<b>Assets</b>		
Investments in securities at market value	2.2	1,067,645
Cash at bank		55,675
Interest and dividends receivable		245
Subscriptions receivable		3,004
<b>Total assets</b>		<b>1,126,569</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Payable for investments purchased		7,056
Taxes and expenses payable		295
Redemptions payable		981
Other liabilities		61
<b>Total liabilities</b>		<b>8,393</b>
<b>Net assets at the end of the year</b>		<b>1,118,176</b>

## Statement of Changes in Net Assets

For the year from 1 October 2016 to 30 September 2017

	Notes	US\$'000
Net assets at the beginning of the year		294,179
Net gains from investments		12,666
Net realised gains		12,976
Net unrealised gains		208,668
Proceeds from shares issued		655,567
Payments for shares redeemed		(67,874)
Net equalisation received	10	2,055
Dividends paid	5	(61)
<b>Net assets at the end of the year</b>		<b>1,118,176</b>

## Statement of Operations

For the year from 1 October 2016 to 30 September 2017

	Notes	US\$'000
<b>Income</b>		
Investment income	2.3	14,469
Stocklending income	16	56
Bank interest		152
<b>Total income</b>		<b>14,677</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Management fees	4.2	571
Operating, administrative and servicing fees	4.3	1,430
Other operational expenses		10
<b>Total expenses</b>		<b>2,011</b>
<b>Net gains from investments</b>		<b>12,666</b>
Realised gains on investments		13,680
Realised currency exchange losses		(704)
<b>Net realised gains</b>		<b>12,976</b>
Increase in unrealised appreciation on investments		208,603
Unrealised currency exchange gains		65
<b>Net unrealised gains</b>		<b>208,668</b>
<b>Net increase in assets as a result of operations</b>		<b>234,310</b>

## Share Transactions

For the year from 1 October 2016 to 30 September 2017

	A-2	H(EUR)-2	I-1	I-2	Z-1 <sup>A</sup>	Z-2
Shares outstanding at the beginning of the year	1,244,824	833	750	105,818	-	30,255,376
Shares issued during the year	4,564,027	-	-	940,273	474,021	57,015,913
Shares redeemed during the year	(299,451)	-	-	(904)	(150,650)	(5,829,008)
<b>Shares outstanding at the end of the year</b>	<b>5,509,400</b>	<b>833</b>	<b>750</b>	<b>1,045,187</b>	<b>323,371</b>	<b>81,442,281</b>
<b>Net asset value per share</b>	<b>12.1344</b>	<b>11.0225</b>	<b>10.9386</b>	<b>12.3795</b>	<b>13.3874</b>	<b>12.6965</b>

<sup>A</sup> Share class launched 15 November 2016.

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements.

# China A Share Equity

## Portfolio Statement

As at 30 September 2017

Security	Nominal/ Quantity	Market Value US\$'000	Total Net Assets %
<b>Transferable securities and money market instruments admitted to an official exchange listing or dealt on another regulated market 95.48%</b>			
<b>Equities 95.48%</b>			
<b>Consumer Discretionary 23.09%</b>			
China CYTS Tours 'A'	12,047,097	38,851	3.47
China International Travel Service 'A'	13,104,460	68,025	6.09
Fuyao Glass Industry (Stuttgart)	5,865,600	21,252	1.90
Fuyao Glass Industry (Shanghai)	1,700,000	6,522	0.58
Hangzhou Robam Appliances	2,489,845	15,830	1.42
Midea 'A'	5,711,509	37,991	3.40
Qingdao Haier 'A'	16,866,197	38,321	3.42
SAIC Motor 'A'	6,905,266	31,386	2.81
		<b>258,178</b>	<b>23.09</b>
<b>Consumer Staples 12.33%</b>			
Beijing Yanjing Brewery 'A'	9,814,344	9,522	0.85
Foshan Haitian Flavouring & Food	3,885,664	27,703	2.48
Kweichow Moutai 'A'	685,217	53,375	4.78
Yonghui Superstores 'A'	39,235,563	47,218	4.22
		<b>137,818</b>	<b>12.33</b>
<b>Energy 2.15%</b>			
China Oilfield Services	8,136,000	7,453	0.67
PetroChina	26,212,000	16,595	1.48
		<b>24,048</b>	<b>2.15</b>
<b>Financials 14.37%</b>			
Bank of Ningbo 'A'	7,993,470	18,982	1.70
China Construction Bank	38,636,000	32,078	2.87
China Life Insurance	11,204,000	33,316	2.98
China Merchants Bank	9,982,471	38,383	3.43
China Merchants Bank	1,550,000	5,442	0.49
ICBC China	43,772,000	32,476	2.90
		<b>160,677</b>	<b>14.37</b>
<b>Health Care 10.17%</b>			
Aier Eye Hospital	5,059,482	19,296	1.73
Beijing Tongrentang 'A'	11,275,852	55,017	4.91
China Resources Sanjiu Medical & Pharmaceutical 'A'	9,379,150	39,428	3.53
		<b>113,741</b>	<b>10.17</b>
<b>Industrials 16.62%</b>			
Daqin Railway 'A'	15,621,773	20,587	1.85
Han's Laser Technology	5,765,570	37,847	3.38
Ningbo Zhoushan Port 'A'	22,256,044	19,681	1.76
Shanghai International Airport 'A'	11,170,546	63,887	5.71

## China A Share Equity

	Nominal/ Quantity	Market Value US\$'000	Total Net Assets %
<b>Security</b>			
Shanghai International Port	25,228,022	25,406	2.27
Shenzhen Airport	14,086,783	18,417	1.65
		<b>185,825</b>	<b>16.62</b>
<b>Information Technology 5.52%</b>			
Hangzhou Hikvision Digital Technology 'A'	12,817,700	61,736	5.52
<b>Materials 4.00%</b>			
Anhui Conch Cement 'A'	11,917,768	44,768	4.00
<b>Real Estate 6.07%</b>			
China Vanke	8,279,000	27,267	2.44
China World Trade Center 'A'	14,277,230	40,560	3.63
		<b>67,827</b>	<b>6.07</b>
<b>Utilities 1.16%</b>			
Huaneng Power International	21,044,000	13,027	1.16
<b>Total Equities</b>		<b>1,067,645</b>	<b>95.48</b>
<b>Total Transferable securities and money market instruments admitted to an official exchange listing or dealt on another regulated market</b>		<b>1,067,645</b>	<b>95.48</b>
<b>Total investments</b>		<b>1,067,645</b>	<b>95.48</b>
<b>Other net assets</b>		<b>50,531</b>	<b>4.52</b>
<b>Total net assets</b>		<b>1,118,176</b>	<b>100.00</b>

# Chinese Equity

For the year ended 30 September 2017

## Performance

For the year ended 30 September 2017, the value of Chinese Equity – A Accumulation Shares increased by 19.19% compared to an increase of 28.55% in the benchmark, the MSCI Zhong Hua Index.

Source: Lipper, Basis: total return, published NAV to NAV, net of annual charges, gross income reinvested, USD.

Please see the Performance History section for details on the use of MSCI information.

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

Equities in China and Hong Kong were buoyant over the review period. Despite early concerns over capital outflows, increased regulatory scrutiny and government curbs on leverage, Chinese equities recovered quickly amid upbeat corporate earnings and growth data, while worries over capital flight receded. MSCI's decision to include A-shares to its influential indices and a continued rise in Chinese internet stocks further propelled the mainland market.

In Hong Kong, sustained inflows from China and encouraging domestic economic data drove the market higher. Gains, however, were pared towards the period-end as the decline in shares of property developers and renewed concerns over capital outflows hampered the market. Property shares dipped after eight major Chinese cities announced additional cooling measures to curb rising house prices, while worries about capital flight from Hong Kong resurfaced on the back of a stronger US dollar and the prospect of further rate hikes in the US.

## Portfolio review

The Fund delivered healthy returns over the year, although it lagged the benchmark. Broadly, our buy-and-hold style was hurt by sector rotation and momentum trading, both of which were evident in markets over the period under review.

Information technology (IT) was a key detractor from performance. The sector rallied, driven by the sustained rise in domestic internet giants, notably Alibaba and Tencent; momentum trading and solid results boosted their share prices. Hence, not holding Alibaba and our light exposure to Tencent hurt performance. We introduced a small position in Tencent in May. This reflects our growing conviction in, and comfort with, its business, corporate structure and governance. We think that valuations reflect its high-quality growth potential. Tencent has succeeded in diversifying its presence in the Chinese internet space, creating a powerful eco-system that leverages on the network effects of its various offerings while at the same time navigating the migration of gaming from PC to mobile. This combination of a growing ecosystem and a growing monetisation of the user base will drive earnings growth. We're more circumspect when it comes to Alibaba. While Alibaba has a strong competitive moat and impressive business model, we see potential downside risks from poor corporate governance.

In other technology sub-sector, our holdings in video-surveillance manufacturer Hangzhou Hikvision and semiconductor-equipment supplier ASM Pacific did well. Hikvision gained from solid growth in both its domestic and overseas operations; it is also branching out from its traditional video surveillance business. ASM Pacific posted solid numbers that were driven by several factors, including increased output, ongoing cost reduction efforts and a favourable product mix.

In health care, downbeat results hurt holding Tong Ren Tang Technologies (TRT) as a couple of its blockbuster products faced competition from cheaper alternatives. That said, TRT is a well-known

company in the mainland. We believe its established brand is still able to differentiate it from other less trusted competitors in China.

Conversely, our financial holdings in HSBC, China Merchants Bank and China Construction Bank (CCB) did well on the back of good results. The Chinese lenders, in general, saw a fall in provisions while asset quality and net interest margins stabilised. HSBC benefited from expectations that higher interest rates would push up margins. It also reported robust interim results and is returning more cash to shareholders via a new US\$2 billion share buyback, adding to more than US\$3 billion already pledged over the past year.

In portfolio activity, we had mentioned in the interim report the initiations of China Resources Land; Kweichow Moutai, as well as Chinese fast-food operator Yum China following the parent company's (Yum Brands) restructuring. We had also divested Yingde Gases, Huaxin Cement Printing and Hung Hing Printing.

In the latter half of the period, we introduced five more names: Tencent (mentioned earlier); blood plasma products company China Biologic Products; China Construction Bank; automotive-parts supplier Nexteer; and Chinese travel information provider Travelsky Technology. China Biologic stands to benefit from structural growth in domestic demand for blood plasma products. We like the company's direct sales model and initiated at a reasonable valuation. We introduced CCB to the portfolio, after holding it in the Aberdeen Global – China A Share Equity Fund for some time, as we believe it to be one of the better managed state-owned lenders, and is well positioned amid the government's deleveraging campaign. Nexteer is a beneficiary of the industry's move from hydraulic to electrical power steering, and has a growing business in Asia. Its financials are robust, while management is sensible and has a good track record. Travelsky enjoys a domestic monopoly in airline-ticket distribution and is a proxy to the mainland's growing tourism market fuelled by rising affluence.

Against these, we tidied our small positions in Texwinca and Hongkong & Shanghai Hotels on deteriorating prospects.

## Outlook

Thanks to healthy global demand for its exports, China's growth has been rosier than expected. While the economy moderated slightly in the third quarter, that was mainly due to policy efforts to rein in leverage, reduce overcapacity and curb pollution. In a much-anticipated speech at the Communist Party's 19th National Congress, President Xi Jinping avoided specifying a growth target for 2020, instead espousing a near-term aim of a "moderately prosperous society", while pushing for higher-quality growth. This was widely interpreted as a sign that the government will tolerate some deceleration in the economy in its pursuit of supply-side structural reforms, a more equitable wealth distribution and financial stability.

At the corporate level, earnings growth has recovered. Companies as a whole appear healthier, as do valuations, while Beijing continued to tweak supply-side policy. Among our holdings, particularly in China, many posted year-on-year earnings increases, which reflected fundamental growth rather than simply the result of one-off gains or government subsidies. It also suggested that the economy is bottoming out, with investors becoming optimistic and more willing to pay for future growth. As a result, we have upgraded our forecasts across our Chinese holdings. Such supportive corporate fundamentals give us cause for optimism and confidence in our stock picks.

**Asian Equities Team**  
October 2017

# Chinese Equity

## Statement of Net Assets

As at 30 September 2017

	Notes	US\$'000
<b>Assets</b>		
Investments in securities at market value	2.2	581,629
Cash at bank		7,983
Interest and dividends receivable		2,326
Subscriptions receivable		1,269
Receivable for investments sold		5,046
<b>Total assets</b>		<b>598,253</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Payable for investments purchased		469
Taxes and expenses payable		804
Redemptions payable		9,287
Unrealised losses on forward currency exchange contracts	2.6	382
<b>Total liabilities</b>		<b>10,942</b>
<b>Net assets at the end of the year</b>		<b>587,311</b>

## Statement of Changes in Net Assets

For the year from 1 October 2016 to 30 September 2017

	Notes	US\$'000
Net assets at the beginning of the year		623,412
Net gains from investments		6,988
Net realised losses		(9,284)
Net unrealised gains		113,279
Proceeds from shares issued		149,822
Payments for shares redeemed		(295,912)
Net equalisation paid	10	(994)
<b>Net assets at the end of the year</b>		<b>587,311</b>

## Statement of Operations

For the year from 1 October 2016 to 30 September 2017

	Notes	US\$'000
<b>Income</b>		
Investment income	2.3	16,297
Bank interest		69
Stocklending income	16	253
<b>Total income</b>		<b>16,619</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Management fees	4.2	8,239
Operating, administrative and servicing fees	4.3	1,380
Other operational expenses		12
<b>Total expenses</b>		<b>9,631</b>
<b>Net gains from investments</b>		<b>6,988</b>
Realised losses on investments		(9,776)
Realised gains on forward currency exchange contracts		1,209
Realised currency exchange losses		(717)
<b>Net realised losses</b>		<b>(9,284)</b>
Decrease in unrealised depreciation on investments		113,603
Increase in unrealised depreciation on forward currency exchange contracts		(330)
Unrealised currency exchange gains		6
<b>Net unrealised gains</b>		<b>113,279</b>
<b>Net increase in assets as a result of operations</b>		<b>110,983</b>

## Share Transactions

For the year from 1 October 2016 to 30 September 2017

	A-2	A(EUR)-2 <sup>a</sup>	D(GBP)-2	I-2	R(GBP)-2	S-2
Shares outstanding at the beginning of the year	18,054,396	2,187,443	808,948	589,495	252,451	369,068
Shares issued during the year	3,445,645	1,223,675	20,972	689,864	462,792	1,458
Shares redeemed during the year	(6,194,906)	(1,860,670)	(101,069)	(746,524)	(506,740)	(117,856)
<b>Shares outstanding at the end of the year</b>	<b>15,305,135</b>	<b>1,550,448</b>	<b>728,851</b>	<b>532,835</b>	<b>208,503</b>	<b>252,670</b>
<b>Net asset value per share</b>	<b>26.7572</b>	<b>10.2553</b>	<b>19.9218</b>	<b>29.3075</b>	<b>13.9199</b>	<b>23.0492</b>

	X-2	Z-2
Shares outstanding at the beginning of the year	116,631	10,777,315
Shares issued during the year	1,068,227	946,185
Shares redeemed during the year	(1,048,273)	(5,138,223)
<b>Shares outstanding at the end of the year</b>	<b>136,585</b>	<b>6,585,277</b>
<b>Net asset value per share</b>	<b>11.6350</b>	<b>17.0969</b>

<sup>a</sup> Base currency exposure share class.

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements.



# Chinese Equity

## Portfolio Statement

As at 30 September 2017

Security	Nominal/ Quantity	Market Value US\$'000	Total Net Assets %
<b>Transferable securities and money market instruments admitted to an official exchange listing or dealt on another regulated market 99.03%</b>			
<b>Equities 99.03%</b>			
<b>China 37.72%</b>			
Asia Satellite Telecommunications	8,327,500	7,756	1.32
China Biologic Products	27,000	2,490	0.42
China Conch Venture	6,426,000	12,514	2.13
China Construction Bank	14,300,000	11,873	2.02
China International Travel Service 'A'	2,999,777	15,573	2.65
China Merchants Bank	4,830,000	16,959	2.89
China Resources Land	4,060,000	12,410	2.11
CNOOC	9,299,000	12,013	2.05
CSPC Pharmaceutical	8,860,000	14,815	2.52
Fuyao Glass Industry	4,194,000	15,196	2.59
Greka Drilling	3,882,119	124	0.02
Hangzhou Hikvision Digital Technology 'A'	3,636,075	17,513	2.98
Kweichow Moutai 'A'	177,821	13,850	2.36
Nexteer Automotive	3,600,000	6,153	1.05
PetroChina	13,733,800	8,695	1.48
Shanghai International Airport 'A'	2,109,896	12,068	2.05
Tencent	480,500	20,688	3.53
Tong Ren Tang Technologies	11,627,000	14,864	2.53
TravelSky Technology	2,300,000	5,985	1.02
		<b>221,539</b>	<b>37.72</b>
<b>Hong Kong 49.65%</b>			
Aeon Stores Hong Kong	12,753,000	9,592	1.63
AIA	4,451,600	32,815	5.59
ASM Pacific Technology <sup>∞</sup>	910,400	13,107	2.23
China Mobile	2,526,500	25,611	4.36
Convenience Retail Asia	17,484,000	8,629	1.47
Dah Sing Financial	1,360,788	9,229	1.57
Dairy Farm International	640,600	4,923	0.84
Giordano International	9,687,000	5,804	0.99
Global Brands	31,938,360	3,087	0.53
Green Dragon Gas	3,014,381	2,427	0.41
Hang Lung	2,663,000	9,581	1.63
Hang Lung Properties	2,290,000	5,433	0.93
HKBN	9,540,000	9,948	1.69
Hong Kong & China Gas	6,666,602	12,521	2.13
Hong Kong Exchanges & Clearing <sup>∞</sup>	391,707	10,527	1.79
Jardine Strategic	607,781	26,201	4.46
Kerry Logistics Network	10,876,000	15,011	2.56
MTR	4,648,050	27,121	4.62
Pacific Basin Shipping	59,598,000	13,506	2.30
Shangri-La Asia	8,604,000	15,940	2.71

# Chinese Equity

Security	Nominal/ Quantity	Market Value US\$'000	Total Net Assets %
Swire Pacific 'B'	8,559,500	14,827	2.52
Swire Properties	4,665,530	15,799	2.69
		<b>291,639</b>	<b>49.65</b>
<b>Singapore 1.63%</b>			
Yanlord Land	6,999,300	<b>9,548</b>	<b>1.63</b>
<b>United Kingdom 6.04%</b>			
HSBC	2,313,258	22,679	3.86
Standard Chartered <sup>∞</sup>	1,297,641	12,788	2.18
		<b>35,467</b>	<b>6.04</b>
<b>United States 3.99%</b>			
Samsonite International	3,336,900	14,302	2.43
Yum China	228,500	9,134	1.56
		<b>23,436</b>	<b>3.99</b>
<b>Total Equities</b>		<b>581,629</b>	<b>99.03</b>
Total Transferable securities and money market instruments admitted to an official exchange listing or dealt on another regulated market		<b>581,629</b>	<b>99.03</b>

## Derivatives (0.06%)

### Forward currency exchange contracts (0.06%)

Counterparty	Buy	Sell	Settlement	Buy Amount	Sell Amount	Unrealised Gains/(Losses) US\$'000	Total Net Assets %
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	02/10/17	5,115	6,031	-	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	03/10/17	15,513	18,223	-	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	04/10/17	21,779	25,656	-	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	05/10/17	246,552	291,276	-	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	15/12/17	15,998,684	19,369,943	(377)	(0.06)
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	15/12/17	425,335	510,933	(6)	-
BNP Paribas	USD	EUR	15/12/17	292,374	246,552	-	-
BNP Paribas	USD	EUR	15/12/17	49,296	41,064	1	-
BNP Paribas	USD	EUR	15/12/17	31,118	26,031	-	-
BNP Paribas	USD	EUR	15/12/17	25,753	21,779	-	-
BNP Paribas	USD	EUR	15/12/17	21,861	18,227	-	-
BNP Paribas	USD	EUR	15/12/17	18,297	15,513	-	-
BNP Paribas	USD	EUR	15/12/17	12,667	10,445	-	-
BNP Paribas	USD	EUR	15/12/17	12,337	10,270	-	-
BNP Paribas	USD	EUR	15/12/17	11,950	9,924	-	-
BNP Paribas	USD	EUR	15/12/17	8,064	6,712	-	-
BNP Paribas	USD	EUR	15/12/17	7,127	5,976	-	-
BNP Paribas	USD	EUR	15/12/17	6,055	5,115	-	-
<b>Unrealised losses on forward currency exchange contracts</b>						<b>(382)</b>	<b>(0.06)</b>

# Chinese Equity

Counterparty	Unrealised Gains/(Losses) US\$'000	Total Net Assets %
Unrealised losses on derivatives	(382)	(0.06)
Total investments	581,247	98.97
Other net assets	6,064	1.03
Total net assets	587,311	100.00

<sup>\*\*</sup> A portion of this security is on loan at the year end.  
Currently forward positions are not collateralised.

# Eastern European Equity

For the year ended 30 September 2017

## Performance

For the year ended 30 September 2017, the value of Eastern European Equity – A Accumulation Shares increased by 8.70% compared to an increase of 19.22% in the benchmark, the MSCI Emerging Markets Europe 10/40 NR Index.

Source: Lipper, Basis: total return, published NAV to NAV, net of annual charges, gross income reinvested, EUR.

Please see the Performance History section for details on the use of MSCI information.

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

Eastern European equities posted substantial gains over the review period, in-line with the rally in the wider emerging markets. Markets began the year tentatively following Donald Trump's unexpected election victory, before rebounding on an improved economic outlook across the Continent, while currencies largely shrugged off three US Federal Reserve rate hikes.

Russia was buoyant towards end-2016 on hopes for warmer US relations, but were pressured by the retreating oil price in the first half of 2017. Losses were mitigated by signs of a recovering economy, which returned to growth after a two-year recession. The central bank also cut its key rate four times amid subdued inflation.

In contrast, Turkey was weak in 2016, due to political instability and a series of terror attacks. But stocks and the currency rallied after President Erdogan grabbed sweeping new powers in a controversial referendum. The economy posted robust growth in 2017, driven by healthy government and consumer spending.

Central European markets rose sharply. Poland and Hungary recorded robust economic growth, on rising consumption and improving external demand due to the eurozone's recovery. Politics, however, dampened the mood. In Poland, the zloty fell against the euro as the government attempted to pass laws that threatened the judiciary's independence. Elsewhere, in Romania, proposals seen as effectively permitting low-level graft provoked nationwide protests which eventually unseated the ruling party, and the country welcomed its fourth new government in two years in June. Uncertainty over the government's plans for tax and social security reform also weighed on investor sentiment.

## Portfolio review

The Fund lagged the benchmark index, due largely to currency weakness, as well as negative stock selection.

Poland was the biggest detractor to relative performance. Not holding insurer PZU proved costly, as financial names enjoyed a cyclical rebound. The lack of exposure to crude oil refiner PKN Orlen also hurt, given the rally in its share price. A bright spot was recent introduction Dino Polska, which was among the top contributors as it remained robust on better-than-expected earnings.

Negative stock selection in Turkey also hurt performance.

Bottler Coca-Cola Icecek and cement company Cimsa Cimento were notable detractors, due to a combination of company-specific issues, along with investors' fears of an economic slowdown, which proved overdone.

Conversely, defensive stock selection in Russia, aided performance.

We benefited from not holding oil majors, Gazprom and Rosneft, while the position in steelmaker Novolipetsk Steel was also positive, as operational efficiencies and recovering sales in the US drove its shares higher.

In key portfolio activity, we initiated four holdings over the year. Russian bourse Moscow Exchange has a dominant market position and exposure to increasing local corporate issuance in both equities and bonds. Turkish software developer Logo Yazilim Sanayi ve Ticaret provides a range of enterprise-planning software to small and medium-sized companies, locally and in Romania. Polish retailer Dino Polska has a proven business model and attractive growth prospects. Finally, Domino's Pizza franchise operator DP Eurasia has solid long-term growth prospects, given its exposure to the underpenetrated Turkish market, and a growing presence in Russia.

Against this, we took advantage of a share price rally to sell Russian food retailer O'Key, due to continued disappointment over its restructuring despite a period of engagement with management, and better opportunities elsewhere.

## Outlook

Looking ahead, the US Federal Reserve's normalisation plans, which include a likely December rate hike, remain a major concern for emerging European markets, as tighter liquidity could dampen appetite for riskier assets and lead to capital outflows. Broadening growth and improving economic activity across the Continent, particularly with eastern European economies improving fiscal balances, should position the region to better withstand volatility. Stabilising oil prices will also be supportive of commodity-dependent economies, especially Russia. All these suggest emerging European assets have room for further gains. We remain confident in our approach, favouring quality companies that can weather uncertainties and tap into emerging markets' long-term growth potential.

## Global Emerging Markets Equity Team

October 2017

# Eastern European Equity

## Statement of Net Assets

As at 30 September 2017

	Notes	€'000
<b>Assets</b>		
Investments in securities at market value	2.2	39,660
Cash at bank		70
Interest and dividends receivable		70
Subscriptions receivable		14
Receivable for investments sold		112
Other assets		14
<b>Total assets</b>		<b>39,940</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Taxes and expenses payable		72
Redemptions payable		87
<b>Total liabilities</b>		<b>159</b>
<b>Net assets at the end of the year</b>		<b>39,781</b>

## Statement of Changes in Net Assets

For the year from 1 October 2016 to 30 September 2017

	Notes	€'000
Net assets at the beginning of the year		54,043
Net gains from investments		268
Net realised losses		(398)
Net unrealised gains		4,717
Proceeds from shares issued		9,340
Payments for shares redeemed		(28,147)
Net equalisation paid	10	(42)
<b>Net assets at the end of the year</b>		<b>39,781</b>

## Statement of Operations

For the year from 1 October 2016 to 30 September 2017

	Notes	€'000
<b>Income</b>		
Investment income	2.3	1,246
Stocklending income	16	32
Bank interest		3
<b>Total income</b>		<b>1,281</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Management fees	4.2	774
Operating, administrative and servicing fees	4.3	238
Other operational expenses		1
<b>Total expenses</b>		<b>1,013</b>
<b>Net gains from investments</b>		<b>268</b>
Realised losses on investments		(317)
Realised currency exchange losses		(81)
<b>Net realised losses</b>		<b>(398)</b>
Decrease in unrealised depreciation on investments		4,716
Unrealised currency exchange gains		1
<b>Net unrealised gains</b>		<b>4,717</b>
<b>Net increase in assets as a result of operations</b>		<b>4,587</b>

## Share Transactions

For the year from 1 October 2016 to 30 September 2017

	A-2	I-2	S-2	X-2
Shares outstanding at the beginning of the year	206,468	4,522	247,050	135,305
Shares issued during the year	12,472	2,394	24,370	24,847
Shares redeemed during the year	(75,231)	(6,136)	(62,314)	(15,873)
<b>Shares outstanding at the end of the year</b>	<b>143,709</b>	<b>780</b>	<b>209,106</b>	<b>144,279</b>
<b>Net asset value per share</b>	<b>103.7158</b>	<b>2,372.9133</b>	<b>102.1454</b>	<b>11.5459</b>

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements.

# Eastern European Equity

## Portfolio Statement

As at 30 September 2017

Security	Nominal/ Quantity	Market Value €'000	Total Net Assets %
Transferable securities and money market instruments admitted to an official exchange listing or dealt on another regulated market 99.03%			
<b>Equities 99.03%</b>			
<b>Czech Republic 2.61%</b>			
Komerční Banka	28,100	1,039	2.61
<b>Georgia 1.54%</b>			
Bank of Georgia	16,600	614	1.54
<b>Greece 1.66%</b>			
Jumbo	47,100	661	1.66
<b>Hungary 2.70%</b>			
Gedeon Richter	50,660	1,073	2.70
<b>Netherlands 1.63%</b>			
DP Eurasia	282,000	650	1.63
<b>Poland 6.43%</b>			
Bank Pekao	32,321	960	2.41
Dino Polska	58,300	899	2.26
Eurocash	25,920	232	0.58
Orbis	21,327	468	1.18
		<b>2,559</b>	<b>6.43</b>
<b>Portugal 3.84%</b>			
Jeronimo Martins	91,668	1,529	3.84
<b>Romania 2.93%</b>			
BRD-Groupe Societe Generale	428,958	1,166	2.93
<b>Russian Federation 44.28%</b>			
Global Ports Investments (GDR) <sup>∞</sup>	108,800	391	0.98
Lenta (GDR) <sup>∞</sup>	200,200	1,047	2.63
Lukoil ADR	71,000	3,181	8.00
Magnit	25,221	3,740	9.41
MD Medical Group Investments (GDR)	203,800	1,810	4.55
Mobile Telesystems	141,600	585	1.47
Moscow Exchange MICEX-RTS	248,300	423	1.06
NOVATEK	157,900	1,530	3.85
Novolipetsk Steel	449,300	870	2.19
Sberbank	1,215,000	3,441	8.65
Synergy	65,531	594	1.49
		<b>17,612</b>	<b>44.28</b>

# Eastern European Equity

Security	Nominal/ Quantity	Market Value €'000	Total Net Assets %
<b>Slovenia 1.55%</b>			
Krka	11,100	619	1.55
<b>Switzerland 3.48%</b>			
Coca-Cola HBC	48,300	1,384	3.48
<b>Turkey 20.73%</b>			
Akbank	479,400	1,071	2.69
AvivaSA Emeklilik ve Hayat	99,457	438	1.10
BİM Bırselik Magazalar	86,444	1,525	3.84
Cimsa Cimento	151,119	509	1.28
Coca-Cola Icecek	148,734	1,317	3.32
Enka Insaat ve Sanayi	976,830	1,206	3.03
Haci Omer Sabanci	248,500	593	1.49
Logo Yazilim Sanayi ve Ticaret	38,942	502	1.26
Turkiye Garanti Bankasi	468,869	1,081	2.72
		8,242	20.73
<b>United States 5.65%</b>			
EPAM Systems	18,833	1,400	3.52
Luxoft	20,900	846	2.13
		2,246	5.65
<b>Total Equities</b>		39,394	99.03
<b>Total Transferable securities and money market instruments admitted to an official exchange listing or dealt on another regulated market</b>		39,394	99.03
<b>Open Ended Investment Funds 0.67%</b>			
Aberdeen Liquidity Fund (Lux) US Dollar Fund Z-1†	314	266	0.67
<b>Total Open Ended Investment Funds</b>		266	0.67
<b>Total investments</b>		39,660	99.70
<b>Other net assets</b>		121	0.30
<b>Total net assets</b>		39,781	100.00

† Managed by subsidiaries of Aberdeen Asset Management PLC.

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

# Emerging Markets Corporate Bond

For the year ended 30 September 2017

## Performance

For the year ended 30 September 2017, the value of Emerging Markets Corporate Bond – A Accumulation Shares increased by 7.01% compared to an increase of 5.82% in the benchmark, the JP Morgan Corporate EMBI Broad Diversified Index.

Source: Lipper, JP Morgan, Basis: total return, published NAV to NAV, net of annual charges, gross income reinvested, USD.

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 run up to the US elections in November last year dominated market news early in the period. Donald Trump's surprise victory sparked some volatility in emerging market (EM) risk assets, with most market participants expecting Hillary Clinton to replace Barack Obama in the White House. Despite a sharp sell-off on the back of initial fears around what a Trump presidency would mean for EM debt, it was a very positive period on the whole for both hard and local currency bonds. The asset class shrugged off prospects of a "hard" Trump – despite the President withdrawing the US from the Trans-Pacific Partnership in January – while the US Federal Reserve's decision to hike interest rates three times over the reporting period did little to offset the 2017 rally. The market is pricing in one more hike in December this year.

In oil news, prices were volatile at the start of the period amid concerns that OPEC members would fail to come to an agreement on production quotas. However, despite a dip in prices over the second quarter, Brent crude rallied, rising 9.1% alone in September as it reached a peak of \$59 per barrel – a level that hasn't been breached since the middle of 2015. There are signs the massive glut in oil inventories is starting to be drawn down as well as rising expectations that the OPEC supply deal with be extended beyond March 2018. Other commodities were relatively subdued for much of the period before an increase over the third quarter of 2017 helped boost the asset class. Demand for both hard currency and local currency remained robust, while emerging market currencies grew in strength against a weakening US dollar.

The Eurozone successfully skirted around various political hurdles including potential French and Dutch general election surprises and a possible Greek default. The German election did not play out in the same vein, however. While Angela Merkel is set to continue as German chancellor after winning the national election, her Christian Democrat alliance recorded its worst election result since 1949, amid a larger-than-expected surge in support for her nationalist opponents: the anti-immigration Alternative for Germany party.

Returning our focus back on emerging markets, many nations now find themselves in something of a 'sweet spot', though the picture is a little more mixed for some. A weaker US dollar is boosting global cross-border liquidity and helping a number of emerging market currencies, while China's economy continues to do well despite weakening marginally over the third quarter and lingering fears around debt levels. India has been heralded as one emerging markets brightest spots in recent times but data has become a little mixed. Activity has slowed notably over the past two quarters with the external sector deteriorating alongside weak domestic demand playing a role. A strong rupee and teething issues around the newly implemented Goods & Services Tax (GST) also hindered progress.

## Portfolio review

The Fund delivered significant outperformance versus the benchmark during the 12 month period, driven by a combination of strong country allocation and security selection. Security selection in Latin America was the largest contributor to performance as commodity-related names in Brazil outperformed as commodities rallied and exposure to higher yielding corporates in Mexico performed well after the Peso stabilised and President Trump softened his rhetoric on trade. The Fund's underweight exposure to Hong Kong, South Korea, Israel and Qatar also contributed to performance. In Eastern Europe, our overweight allocation to Ukraine added to performance as our exposure to agricultural companies, MHP and Kernel, were unaffected by the blockades, and we had no exposure to DTEK, the utility company whose assets were seized by rebels. On the other side, our underweight exposure to Caribbean telecom, Digicel in Jamaica detracted from performance.

At the start of the period, we reduced risk leading up to the US election, mainly via duration reduction, which served the Fund well in the Treasury sell-off that followed. Names that we sold here included Mexico Generadora de Energia, a company that runs captive power plants for Southern Copper, as well as the Chilean electricity transmission company, Transelec. In the new year we initiated in names across Latin America, including Aeropuertos Argentina, the country's largest airport concession, and Uruguay's Arcos Dorados, the largest McDonald's franchisee in the world with operations across the region. To fund these purchases we rotated out of names which had started to appear rich on valuations, including the Argentine state energy company, YPF. After a strong rally in credit spreads in 1Q17, our inclination was towards reducing risk going into the Spring, trimming positions in Brazil, Ukraine and Kazakhstan. Later in the period, with strong inflows into the Fund, our focus was deploy capital as we initiated in names such as Atento, a Latin American call centre operator, Vedanta, an Indian miner, and Chinese car rental agency, eHi.

## Outlook

We have long argued that EM economies are in the midst of a cyclical upswing with strong growth rebound and improving fundamentals. We first saw evidence of that recovery in the second half of 2016, and EM companies have since improved fundamentals further with a reduction in headline leverage which is now below 3x. Latin America is the biggest improvement with leverage coming down by 0.2x but it still remains the most levered region owing to a few big state owned enterprises. Recovery in commodity prices, better growth prospects, subdued debt growth, improving default rates and stronger FX all contributed to better credit metrics this year. We feel this trend should continue and with strong interest in the asset class we expect a strong end to the year.

**Emerging Market Debt Team**  
October 2017



# Emerging Markets Corporate Bond

## Statement of Net Assets

As at 30 September 2017

	Notes	US\$'000
<b>Assets</b>		
Investments in securities at market value	2.2	441,790
Cash at bank		4,578
Interest receivable		5,916
Subscriptions receivable		19,096
Receivable for investments sold		538
<b>Total assets</b>		<b>471,918</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Payable for investments purchased		10,163
Taxes and expenses payable		436
Redemptions payable		1,770
Unrealised losses on forward currency exchange contracts	2.6	2,999
Other liabilities		346
<b>Total liabilities</b>		<b>15,714</b>
<b>Net assets at the end of the year</b>		<b>456,204</b>

## Statement of Changes in Net Assets

For the year from 1 October 2016 to 30 September 2017

	Notes	US\$'000
Net assets at the beginning of the year		243,937
Net gains from investments		12,329
Net realised gains		16,410
Net unrealised gains		255
Proceeds from shares issued		403,402
Payments for shares redeemed		(216,743)
Net equalisation received	10	298
Dividends paid	5	(3,684)
<b>Net assets at the end of the year</b>		<b>456,204</b>

## Statement of Operations

For the year from 1 October 2016 to 30 September 2017

	Notes	US\$'000
<b>Income</b>		
Investment income	2.3	15,892
Stocklending income	16	169
Bank interest		15
<b>Total income</b>		<b>16,076</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Management fees	4.2	3,147
Operating, administrative and servicing fees	4.3	588
Distribution fees	4.1	7
Other operational expenses		5
<b>Total expenses</b>		<b>3,747</b>
<b>Net gains from investments</b>		<b>12,329</b>
Realised gains on investments		7,201
Realised gains on forward currency exchange contracts		9,596
Realised currency exchange losses		(387)
<b>Net realised gains</b>		<b>16,410</b>
Increase in unrealised appreciation on investments		3,156
Increase in unrealised depreciation on forward currency exchange contracts		(2,931)
Unrealised currency exchange gains		30
<b>Net unrealised gains</b>		<b>255</b>
<b>Net increase in assets as a result of operations</b>		<b>28,994</b>

# Emerging Markets Corporate Bond

## Share Transactions

For the year from 1 October 2016 to 30 September 2017

	A-1	A-2	A-3	A(EUR)-2 <sup>^</sup>	E(EUR)-1	I-2
Shares outstanding at the beginning of the year	1,318,950	3,971,619	28,014	72,453	721,380	4,785,168
Shares issued during the year	3,012,125	6,575,775	201,409	526,962	26,015	7,322,883
Shares redeemed during the year	(755,292)	(3,279,866)	(114,285)	(15,698)	(31,018)	(8,379,839)
<b>Shares outstanding at the end of the year</b>	<b>3,575,783</b>	<b>7,267,528</b>	<b>115,138</b>	<b>583,717</b>	<b>716,377</b>	<b>3,728,212</b>
<b>Net asset value per share</b>	<b>10.6046</b>	<b>13.9470</b>	<b>10.9953</b>	<b>11.6676</b>	<b>12.0490</b>	<b>14.1909</b>

	I(CHF)-2 <sup>^A</sup>	I(EUR)-2 <sup>^</sup>	I(GBP)-1 <sup>^A</sup>	W-1	W-2	X-1
Shares outstanding at the beginning of the year	-	1,862,169	-	5,967	5,141	930,624
Shares issued during the year	751,087	9,208,522	131,666	59,873	328,397	851,890
Shares redeemed during the year	(5,385)	(2,339,856)	-	(5,100)	(9,727)	(703,400)
<b>Shares outstanding at the end of the year</b>	<b>745,702</b>	<b>8,730,835</b>	<b>131,666</b>	<b>60,740</b>	<b>323,811</b>	<b>1,079,114</b>
<b>Net asset value per share</b>	<b>10.1981</b>	<b>14.1147</b>	<b>10.1266</b>	<b>11.0028</b>	<b>11.6801</b>	<b>10.0012</b>

	X-2	Y(EUR)-1	Y(EUR)-2	Z-1	Z(EUR)-1 <sup>^B</sup>
Shares outstanding at the beginning of the year	2,223,475	59,630	63,313	3,881,612	-
Shares issued during the year	880,421	1,000	-	-	116,005
Shares redeemed during the year	(425,258)	(8,285)	(7,244)	(351,072)	(170)
<b>Shares outstanding at the end of the year</b>	<b>2,678,638</b>	<b>52,345</b>	<b>56,069</b>	<b>3,530,540</b>	<b>115,835</b>
<b>Net asset value per share</b>	<b>12.3644</b>	<b>11.0221</b>	<b>13.6174</b>	<b>10.7148</b>	<b>10.1287</b>

<sup>A</sup> Share class launched 20 June 2017.

<sup>B</sup> Share class launched 24 May 2017.

<sup>^</sup> Base currency exposure share class.

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements.

# Emerging Markets Corporate Bond

## Portfolio Statement

As at 30 September 2017

Security	Coupon (%)	Maturity	Nominal/ Quantity	Market Value US\$'000	Total Net Assets %
Transferable securities and money market instruments admitted to an official exchange listing or dealt on another regulated market 88.34%					
<b>Bonds 88.34%</b>					
<b>Corporate Bonds 88.34%</b>					
<b>Argentina 2.90%</b>					
Aeropuertos Argentina 2000 <sup>oo</sup>	6.8750	01/02/27	4,470,000	4,776	1.05
Cablevision	6.5000	15/06/21	4,100,000	4,386	0.96
Genneia	8.7500	20/01/22	1,820,000	1,994	0.44
IRSA Propiedades Comerciales	8.7500	23/03/23	1,830,000	2,063	0.45
				<b>13,219</b>	<b>2.90</b>
<b>Azerbaijan 0.90%</b>					
Southern Gas Corridor	6.8750	24/03/26	3,650,000	4,125	0.90
<b>Bangladesh 0.60%</b>					
Banglalink Digital Communications	8.6250	06/05/19	2,590,000	2,716	0.60
<b>Barbados 0.31%</b>					
Sagicor Finance 2015	8.8750	11/08/22	1,227,000	1,402	0.31
<b>Brazil 5.66%</b>					
Marfrig <sup>oo</sup>	8.0000	08/06/23	2,370,000	2,461	0.54
Minerva Luxembourg <sup>oo</sup>	6.5000	20/09/26	2,420,000	2,454	0.54
Petrobras Global Finance	5.2990	27/01/25	6,429,000	6,427	1.42
Petrobras Global Finance	8.3750	23/05/21	3,790,000	4,391	0.96
Petrobras Global Finance	7.3750	17/01/27	1,691,000	1,865	0.41
Petrobras Global Finance	6.2500	17/03/24	1,680,000	1,799	0.39
QGOG Atlantic / Alaskan Rigs	5.2500	30/07/18	187,806	185	0.04
Vale Overseas	6.2500	10/08/26	3,710,000	4,219	0.92
Vale Overseas	6.8750	21/11/36	1,740,000	2,001	0.44
				<b>25,802</b>	<b>5.66</b>
<b>Cayman Islands 0.68%</b>					
Sparc EM SPC Panama Metro Line 2	-	05/12/22	3,390,000	3,098	0.68
<b>Chile 3.75%</b>					
Celeo Redes Operacion Chile	5.2000	22/06/47	2,970,000	3,015	0.66
Empresa Electrica Angamos	4.8750	25/05/29	4,330,000	4,417	0.97
GNL Quintero	4.6340	31/07/29	3,290,000	3,450	0.76
Latam Airlines 2015-1 Pass Through Trust A	4.2000	15/08/29	3,375,697	3,452	0.76
Latam Finance	6.8750	11/04/24	2,600,000	2,756	0.60
				<b>17,090</b>	<b>3.75</b>

# Emerging Markets Corporate Bond

Security	Coupon (%)	Maturity	Nominal/ Quantity	Market Value US\$'000	Total Net Assets %
<b>China 6.25%</b>					
China Resources Gas (EMTN)	4.5000	05/04/22	3,540,000	3,766	0.82
Chinalco Capital	4.2500	21/04/22	1,637,000	1,676	0.37
Eastern Creation II Investment (EMTN)	2.7500	26/09/20	2,840,000	2,848	0.62
eHi Car Services	5.8750	14/08/22	2,120,000	2,174	0.48
ENN Energy	6.0000	13/05/21	2,183,000	2,400	0.53
Future Land Development <sup>oo</sup>	5.0000	16/02/20	1,049,000	1,063	0.23
Hilong	7.2500	22/06/20	2,140,000	2,129	0.47
Midea Investment Development (EMTN)	2.3750	03/06/19	3,430,000	3,422	0.75
Postal Savings Bank of China	VAR	PERP	3,250,000	3,240	0.71
Proven Honour Capital	4.1250	19/05/25	3,670,000	3,816	0.83
Shanghai Hong Kong International Investments	3.8750	20/04/20	2,008,000	2,026	0.44
				<b>28,560</b>	<b>6.25</b>
<b>Colombia 3.85%</b>					
Banco de Bogota	6.2500	12/05/26	4,190,000	4,586	1.00
Banco GNB Sudameris <sup>oo</sup>	VAR	03/04/27	4,310,000	4,495	0.99
GrupoSura Finance <sup>oo</sup>	5.5000	29/04/26	3,590,000	3,927	0.86
SURA Asset Management	4.3750	11/04/27	4,456,000	4,545	1.00
				<b>17,553</b>	<b>3.85</b>
<b>Costa Rica 0.66%</b>					
Autopistas del Sol	7.3750	30/12/30	2,837,000	3,004	0.66
<b>Democratic Republic of the Congo 0.62%</b>					
HTA <sup>oo</sup>	9.1250	08/03/22	2,683,000	2,834	0.62
<b>Dominican Republic 1.23%</b>					
AES Andres Dominican Power	7.9500	11/05/26	3,350,000	3,641	0.80
Dominican Republic (Mesteno)	8.5000	02/01/20	1,863,365	1,977	0.43
				<b>5,618</b>	<b>1.23</b>
<b>Ecuador 0.88%</b>					
Petroamazonas	4.6250	16/02/20	4,215,923	4,019	0.88
<b>El Salvador 0.84%</b>					
AES El Salvador Trust II	6.7500	28/03/23	1,800,000	1,701	0.37
Grupo Unicomer <sup>oo</sup>	7.8750	01/04/24	1,940,000	2,121	0.47
				<b>3,822</b>	<b>0.84</b>
<b>Georgia 1.87%</b>					
BGEO	6.0000	26/07/23	3,950,000	4,084	0.89
Georgian Oil and Gas	6.7500	26/04/21	3,220,000	3,413	0.75
Georgian Railway	7.7500	11/07/22	940,000	1,048	0.23
				<b>8,545</b>	<b>1.87</b>

# Emerging Markets Corporate Bond

Security	Coupon (%)	Maturity	Nominal/ Quantity	Market Value US\$'000	Total Net Assets %
<b>Guatemala 3.11%</b>					
Agromercantil Senior Trust	6.2500	10/04/19	1,570,000	1,633	0.36
Cementos Progreso Trust	7.1250	06/11/23	3,090,000	3,311	0.73
Central American Bottling <sup>oo</sup>	5.7500	31/01/27	2,840,000	3,010	0.66
Comcel Trust	6.8750	06/02/24	2,850,000	3,051	0.67
Industrial Senior Trust	5.5000	01/11/22	3,110,000	3,168	0.69
				<b>14,173</b>	<b>3.11</b>
<b>Honduras 0.48%</b>					
Inversiones Atlantida	8.2500	28/07/22	2,140,000	2,207	0.48
<b>Hong Kong 0.61%</b>					
China Oil & Gas <sup>oo</sup>	4.6250	20/04/22	2,717,000	2,778	0.61
<b>India 3.73%</b>					
Bharti Airtel International Netherlands	5.1250	11/03/23	4,000,000	4,226	0.92
Hindustan Petroleum	4.0000	12/07/27	2,173,000	2,198	0.48
ONGC Videsh	4.6250	15/07/24	3,300,000	3,543	0.78
State Bank of India (Dubai) (EMTN)	VAR	PERP	3,410,000	3,587	0.78
Vedanta Resources	6.1250	09/08/24	3,433,000	3,490	0.77
				<b>17,044</b>	<b>3.73</b>
<b>Indonesia 0.44%</b>					
Jababeka International	6.5000	05/10/23	1,920,000	2,007	0.44
<b>Kazakhstan 1.49%</b>					
Nostrum Oil & Gas Finance	8.0000	25/07/22	3,430,000	3,587	0.78
Tengizchevroil Finance International	4.0000	15/08/26	3,250,000	3,230	0.71
				<b>6,817</b>	<b>1.49</b>
<b>Kuwait 0.96%</b>					
Equate Petrochemical (EMTN)	4.2500	03/11/26	4,233,000	4,364	0.96
<b>Luxembourg 0.39%</b>					
Millicom International Cellular	5.1250	15/01/28	1,772,000	1,796	0.39
<b>Macao 0.32%</b>					
Wynn Macau	4.8750	01/10/24	1,435,000	1,465	0.32
<b>Malaysia 0.46%</b>					
Ambank Malaysia (EMTN)	3.1250	03/07/19	2,060,000	2,081	0.46
<b>Mauritius 0.79%</b>					
Liquid Telecommunications Financing	8.5000	13/07/22	1,700,000	1,794	0.39
Neerg Energy	6.0000	13/02/22	1,752,000	1,811	0.40
				<b>3,605</b>	<b>0.79</b>

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Security	Coupon (%)	Maturity	Nominal/ Quantity	Market Value US\$'000	Total Net Assets %
<b>Mexico 5.25%</b>					
Alfa	6.8750	25/03/44	1,761,000	1,994	0.44
BBVA Bancomer Texas <sup>oo</sup>	6.7500	30/09/22	2,910,000	3,339	0.73
CEMEX	7.7500	16/04/26	2,140,000	2,464	0.54
Elementia <sup>oo</sup>	5.5000	15/01/25	2,839,000	3,016	0.66
Grupo Financiero Santander Mexico	VAR	PERP	2,350,000	2,500	0.55
Grupo Posadas	7.8750	30/06/22	2,550,000	2,729	0.60
Trust 1401 <sup>oo</sup>	6.9500	30/01/44	3,050,000	3,382	0.74
Unifin Financiera <sup>oo</sup>	7.2500	27/09/23	4,320,000	4,515	0.99
				<b>23,939</b>	<b>5.25</b>
<b>Morocco 0.98%</b>					
OCP	6.8750	25/04/44	3,970,000	<b>4,476</b>	<b>0.98</b>
<b>Netherlands 0.91%</b>					
GTH Finance	7.2500	26/04/23	1,660,000	1,886	0.41
VimpelCom	4.9500	16/06/24	2,221,000	2,279	0.50
				<b>4,165</b>	<b>0.91</b>
<b>Nigeria 2.41%</b>					
Access Bank (EMTN)	10.5000	19/10/21	1,720,000	1,905	0.42
IHS Netherlands	9.5000	27/10/21	1,680,000	1,763	0.39
United Bank for Africa	7.7500	08/06/22	3,125,000	3,133	0.69
Zenith Bank	7.3750	30/05/22	4,040,000	4,179	0.91
				<b>10,980</b>	<b>2.41</b>
<b>Panama 0.87%</b>					
Global Bank	4.5000	20/10/21	3,861,000	<b>3,961</b>	<b>0.87</b>
<b>Paraguay 0.41%</b>					
Banco Regional SAECA	8.1250	24/01/19	1,760,000	<b>1,868</b>	<b>0.41</b>
<b>Peru 3.63%</b>					
Cia Minera Ares	7.7500	23/01/21	2,330,000	2,455	0.54
InRetail Consumer	5.2500	10/10/21	3,170,000	3,305	0.72
InRetail Shopping Malls	6.5000	09/07/21	2,973,000	3,144	0.69
InterCorp Peru	5.8750	12/02/25	428,000	456	0.10
Southern Copper	6.7500	16/04/40	1,950,000	2,404	0.53
VM	5.3750	04/05/27	4,549,000	4,787	1.05
				<b>16,551</b>	<b>3.63</b>
<b>Philippines 1.53%</b>					
AYC Finance	5.1250	PERP	3,255,000	3,331	0.73
SM Investment	4.2500	17/10/19	3,510,000	3,641	0.80
				<b>6,972</b>	<b>1.53</b>

# Emerging Markets Corporate Bond

Security	Coupon (%)	Maturity	Nominal/ Quantity	Market Value US\$'000	Total Net Assets %
<b>Russian Federation 6.17%</b>					
Alfa Bank	VAR	PERP	3,207,000	3,339	0.73
Credit Bank of Moscow <sup>oo</sup>	VAR	05/10/27	2,450,000	2,092	0.46
Evrax	5.3750	20/03/23	1,860,000	1,915	0.42
Gazprom <sup>oo</sup>	6.5100	07/03/22	3,087,000	3,434	0.75
Global Ports Finance	6.8720	25/01/22	1,820,000	1,930	0.42
GTLK Europe	5.9500	19/07/21	1,750,000	1,857	0.41
Lukoil International Finance <sup>oo</sup>	4.5630	24/04/23	2,940,000	3,063	0.67
Polyus Finance	5.2500	07/02/23	2,010,000	2,105	0.46
Sberbank of Russia Via SB Capital <sup>oo</sup>	6.1250	07/02/22	3,910,000	4,278	0.95
Vnesheconombank Via VEB Finance	6.8000	22/11/25	3,650,000	4,128	0.90
				<b>28,141</b>	<b>6.17</b>
<b>Singapore 2.03%</b>					
Marble II	5.3000	20/06/22	2,100,000	2,139	0.47
Parkway Pantai (EMTN)	VAR	PERP	3,890,000	3,960	0.87
United Overseas Bank (EMTN) <sup>oo</sup>	VAR	19/09/24	3,070,000	3,136	0.69
				<b>9,235</b>	<b>2.03</b>
<b>South Africa 1.90%</b>					
MTN Mauritius Investments <sup>oo</sup>	4.7550	11/11/24	4,420,000	4,414	0.97
Myriad International	6.0000	18/07/20	1,990,000	2,155	0.47
Myriad International <sup>oo</sup>	5.5000	21/07/25	1,905,000	2,081	0.46
				<b>8,650</b>	<b>1.90</b>
<b>South Korea 1.01%</b>					
Korea Development Bank	1.5000	22/01/18	1,600,000	1,597	0.35
Korea Western Power	2.8750	10/10/18	2,990,000	3,008	0.66
				<b>4,605</b>	<b>1.01</b>
<b>Spain 0.79%</b>					
Atento Luxco 1 <sup>oo</sup>	6.1250	10/08/22	3,460,000	3,625	0.79
<b>Thailand 2.18%</b>					
Krung Thai Bank Cayman (EMTN)	VAR	26/12/24	2,210,000	2,301	0.50
PTTEP Treasury Center	VAR	PERP	3,499,000	3,567	0.78
PTTEP Treasury Center	VAR	PERP	985,000	1,004	0.22
Siam Commercial Bank (EMTN)	3.5000	07/04/19	3,030,000	3,084	0.68
				<b>9,956</b>	<b>2.18</b>
<b>Turkey 6.23%</b>					
Akbank (EMTN)	5.1250	31/03/25	3,950,000	3,911	0.86
Odea Bank	VAR	01/08/27	2,200,000	2,100	0.46
Turk Telekomunikasyon <sup>oo</sup>	4.8750	19/06/24	3,930,000	4,037	0.88
Turkiye Garanti Bankasi <sup>oo</sup>	5.2500	13/09/22	3,620,000	3,721	0.82
Turkiye Garanti Bankasi <sup>oo</sup>	VAR	24/05/27	2,059,000	2,067	0.45
Turkiye Halk Bankasi	5.0000	13/07/21	1,900,000	1,876	0.41
Turkiye Is Bankasi	6.1250	25/04/24	1,516,000	1,558	0.34

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Security	Coupon (%)	Maturity	Nominal/ Quantity	Market Value US\$'000	Total Net Assets %
Türkiye Sise ve Cam Fabrikalari	4.2500	09/05/20	3,350,000	3,413	0.75
Yapi ve Kredi Bankasi (EMTN) <sup>∞</sup>	5.8500	21/06/24	2,828,000	2,856	0.63
Yasar	8.8750	06/05/20	2,770,000	2,888	0.63
				<b>28,427</b>	<b>6.23</b>
<b>Ukraine 1.93%</b>					
Kernel <sup>∞</sup>	8.7500	31/01/22	1,560,000	1,712	0.38
MHP <sup>∞</sup>	7.7500	10/05/24	2,870,000	3,087	0.68
Ukreximbank <sup>∞</sup>	9.6250	27/04/22	3,720,000	3,994	0.87
				<b>8,793</b>	<b>1.93</b>
<b>United Arab Emirates 5.41%</b>					
DIB Sukuk <sup>∞</sup>	3.6640	14/02/22	3,230,000	3,293	0.72
DP World	1.7500	19/06/24	1,200,000	1,232	0.27
DP World (EMTN) <sup>∞</sup>	6.8500	02/07/37	2,490,000	3,084	0.68
ICD Sukuk (EMTN)	5.0000	01/02/27	4,050,000	4,290	0.94
Jafz Sukuk	7.0000	19/06/19	2,250,000	2,430	0.53
MAF Global Securities	VAR	PERP	4,090,000	4,236	0.93
Noor Tier 1 Sukuk	VAR	PERP	3,400,000	3,515	0.77
Sukuk Funding No 3 <sup>∞</sup>	4.3480	03/12/18	2,560,000	2,619	0.57
				<b>24,699</b>	<b>5.41</b>
<b>Uruguay 0.92%</b>					
Arcos Dorados <sup>∞</sup>	5.8750	04/04/27	4,002,000	4,217	0.92
<b>Total Corporate Bonds</b>				<b>403,004</b>	<b>88.34</b>
<b>Total Bonds</b>				<b>403,004</b>	<b>88.34</b>
<b>Total Transferable securities and money market instruments admitted to an official exchange listing or dealt on another regulated market</b>				<b>403,004</b>	<b>88.34</b>
<b>Other transferable securities and money market instruments 0.57%</b>					
<b>Bonds 0.57%</b>					
<b>Corporate Bonds 0.57%</b>					
<b>Brazil 0.57%</b>					
GTL Trade Finance <sup>∞</sup>	5.8930	29/04/24	1,970,000	2,108	0.46
OAS Financial	VAR	PERP	3,760,000	315	0.07
OAS Investments	8.2500	19/10/19	2,180,000	183	0.04
				<b>2,606</b>	<b>0.57</b>
<b>Total Corporate Bonds</b>				<b>2,606</b>	<b>0.57</b>
<b>Total Bonds</b>				<b>2,606</b>	<b>0.57</b>
<b>Total Other transferable securities and money market instruments</b>				<b>2,606</b>	<b>0.57</b>



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Security	Nominal/ Quantity	Market Value US\$'000	Total Net Assets %
Open Ended Investment Funds 7.93%			
Aberdeen Liquidity Fund (Lux) US Dollar Fund Z-1 <sup>†</sup>	36,180	36,180	7.93
Total Open Ended Investment Funds		36,180	7.93

## Derivatives (0.66%)

### Forward currency exchange contracts (0.66%)

Counterparty	Buy	Sell	Settlement	Buy Amount	Sell Amount	Unrealised Gains/(Losses) US\$'000	Total Net Assets %
BNP Paribas	CHF	USD	15/12/17	7,641,564	8,116,501	(178)	(0.04)
BNP Paribas	CHF	USD	15/12/17	3,670	3,795	-	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	13/10/17	111,539,275	134,599,350	(2,661)	(0.59)
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	13/10/17	6,456,852	7,610,117	28	0.01
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	13/10/17	1,881,667	2,236,678	(11)	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	13/10/17	1,304,792	1,567,937	(25)	(0.01)
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	13/10/17	403,760	481,084	(3)	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	13/10/17	391,096	469,405	(7)	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	13/10/17	265,085	317,385	(4)	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	13/10/17	236,968	283,543	(3)	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	13/10/17	128,951	151,552	1	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	13/10/17	120,739	144,338	(2)	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	13/10/17	73,040	88,290	(2)	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	13/10/17	63,334	74,853	-	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	13/10/17	23,183	27,888	-	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	13/10/17	21,924	25,867	-	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	13/10/17	3,648	4,347	-	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	15/12/17	3,176,497	3,845,851	(75)	(0.02)
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	15/12/17	3,090,677	3,686,154	(17)	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	15/12/17	598,819	725,002	(14)	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	15/12/17	568,619	689,573	(15)	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	15/12/17	249,839	300,780	(4)	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	15/12/17	66,979	80,065	(1)	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	15/12/17	59,843	72,064	(1)	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	15/12/17	51,800	61,096	-	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	15/12/17	50,001	59,294	-	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	15/12/17	45,824	54,184	-	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	15/12/17	10,171	12,199	-	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	15/12/17	8,330	10,102	-	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	15/12/17	7,763	9,190	-	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	15/12/17	5,275	6,336	-	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	15/12/17	5,191	6,237	-	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	15/12/17	4,570	5,515	-	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	15/12/17	2,983	3,578	-	-
BNP Paribas	GBP	USD	15/12/17	827,072	1,106,954	5	-
BNP Paribas	GBP	USD	15/12/17	504,823	665,287	14	-
BNP Paribas	USD	EUR	02/10/17	25,851	21,924	-	-
BNP Paribas	USD	EUR	02/10/17	9,154	7,763	-	-

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Counterparty	Buy	Sell	Settlement	Buy Amount	Sell Amount	Unrealised Gains/(Losses) US\$'000	Total Net Assets %
BNP Paribas	USD	CHF	02/10/17	3,777	3,670	-	-
BNP Paribas	USD	EUR	03/10/17	151,478	128,951	(1)	-
BNP Paribas	USD	EUR	03/10/17	60,849	51,800	-	-
BNP Paribas	USD	EUR	04/10/17	7,606,172	6,456,852	(27)	(0.01)
BNP Paribas	USD	EUR	04/10/17	53,981	45,824	-	-
BNP Paribas	USD	GBP	05/10/17	1,106,954	827,072	(3)	-
BNP Paribas	USD	EUR	05/10/17	74,823	63,334	-	-
BNP Paribas	USD	EUR	05/10/17	59,071	50,001	-	-
BNP Paribas	USD	EUR	13/10/17	188,258	156,878	3	-
BNP Paribas	USD	EUR	13/10/17	127,743	106,668	2	-
BNP Paribas	USD	CHF	15/12/17	51,822	48,924	1	-
BNP Paribas	USD	CHF	15/12/17	42,518	41,009	-	-
BNP Paribas	USD	EUR	15/12/17	41,371	34,315	1	-
BNP Paribas	USD	EUR	15/12/17	7,429	6,184	-	-
<b>Unrealised losses on forward currency exchange contracts</b>						<b>(2,999)</b>	<b>(0.66)</b>
<b>Unrealised losses on derivatives</b>						<b>(2,999)</b>	<b>(0.66)</b>
<b>Total investments</b>						<b>438,791</b>	<b>96.18</b>
<b>Other net assets</b>						<b>17,413</b>	<b>3.82</b>
<b>Total net assets</b>						<b>456,204</b>	<b>100.00</b>

† Managed by subsidiaries of Aberdeen Asset Management PLC.

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

Currently forward positions are not collateralised.

# Emerging Markets Equity

For the year ended 30 September 2017

## Performance

For the year ended 30 September 2017, the value of Emerging Markets Equity – A Accumulation Shares increased by 14.87% compared to an increase of 22.91% in the benchmark, the MSCI Emerging Markets Index.

Source: Lipper, Basis: total return, published NAV to NAV, net of annual charges, gross income reinvested, USD.

Please see the Performance History section for details on the use of MSCI information.

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

Emerging market equities posted substantial gains over the review period. Markets initially sold-off in a knee-jerk reaction to Donald Trump's election victory. But in 2017, an improving global economy lifted corporate earnings, and this resulted in continued inflows into the asset class on the back of upbeat sentiment. Currencies broadly strengthened against the US dollar, shrugging off three US Federal Reserve (Fed) rate hikes, amid growing worries about the Trump administration and subdued US inflation. Oil prices were volatile, as an OPEC-led agreement to limit output was counterweighed by booming US shale production.

Latin America posted healthy gains. Brazilian equities were robust, despite tumbling in May when President Michel Temer was implicated in a corruption scandal. Lawmakers subsequently voted against indicting him, which was positive for the government's reform program. In Mexico, stocks and the peso were initially battered by Trump's election victory, but recovered as the economy defied Trump's protectionist rhetoric to grow steadily. The central bank also hiked rates seven times to tame inflation. Central European markets also performed well on growing optimism over the region's economic resilience, with Poland, the Czech Republic and Romania all reporting healthy growth. Russian markets seesawed, tracking oil prices, even as hopes for warmer relations with the US faded. South Africa was hampered by domestic political turmoil, though the economy managed to recover from a technical recession.

China led emerging Asia's advance, as mainland share prices rose on better-than-expected economic growth and a sharp rise in domestic internet heavyweights. Chinese A-Shares also won inclusion into benchmark provider MSCI's indices, effective June 2018. In India, sentiment was bolstered by the ruling party's victories in key state elections, though economic growth slowed as November's demonetisation weighed on consumption. The Goods and Services Tax also took effect in July. While near-term disruptions are expected, we see it as a long-term positive. Meanwhile, South Korean markets rallied after liberal Moon Jae-in was elected president on hopes for improving relations with China, but US-North Korea tensions later capped gains.

## Portfolio review

Over the year, the Fund underperformed the benchmark largely due to the underweight to both China and the technology sector.

Notably, technology is the benchmark's largest-weighted sector, partly driven by benchmark provider MSCI's decision to add Chinese internet heavyweights into the China index in 2015 via the inclusion of overseas-listed Chinese stocks. Internet stars, such as Tencent and Alibaba, have thrived in a closed market where names like Facebook, Google and Amazon have limited access. These companies have re-rated substantially and driven the market higher, which has hurt our relative performance.

While we recognize the opportunities that Chinese internet businesses enjoy, we remain concerned over their corporate structures, known as VIEs, designed to circumvent domestic laws restricting direct foreign control. Beijing remains ambiguous about the structures' legality, and investors are betting that, as an increasingly important part of stock markets and economic activity, the risk that the Chinese government may rule VIE structures illegal is increasingly negligible. While still sceptical, we are more sympathetic to the notion that the risk today is lower than in the past.

We are optimistic about Tencent. Since its 2004 listing, we have conducted extensive due diligence regarding its corporate structure and founder, and engaged management on these issues. We take greater comfort from its track record of treating minority shareholders fairly, and like the company's business moat and robust financials. Over time, we have come to appreciate its disciplined capital allocation and their ability to expand and monetise its social media-based ecosystem. Therefore, following further analysis and a meeting with senior management, we have introduced Tencent into our portfolio in the third quarter. While not cheap, we believe its valuations reflect its high-quality growth potential. While we also appreciate Alibaba's operational strengths, its poor governance track record by comparison continues to be a stumbling block.

Elsewhere in Asia, our non-benchmark position in Hong Kong also proved costly. Hang Lung Group was among the key detractors, due to concerns over its property subsidiary's recovery. Stock selection was also negative in Indonesia, as Astra International, a rewarding long-term holding, fell on weaker margins due to more promotional activities in 2017.

Conversely, stock selection in India contributed positively. Mortgage lender Housing Development Finance was buoyed by the post-demonetisation recovery and continued reforms, while Grasim Industries rose on expectations about its restructuring into a broader conglomerate.

Latin America also bolstered performance. Both stock selection and our overweight to Brazil proved beneficial, amid evidence of recovering growth and earnings after a deep recession. Consumer-oriented holdings, including Lojas Renner, outperformed on expectations of improved consumer spending, while lender Banco Bradesco also performed well. Miner Vale was additionally boosted by the move to a single share-class. In Mexico, negative asset allocation due to the market's post-US election weakness was outweighed by robust stock selection, as bank Grupo Financiero Banorte delivered solid results.

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In EMEA, our overweight to Turkey dragged, as the market was weak in 2016 due to political uncertainty and a credit-rating downgrade. Stock selection in Poland was also negative, with Bank Pekao hampered by worries over the impact of partial state ownership. The weakness was mitigated by our underweight to South Africa, given its ongoing political turmoil and deteriorating domestic economy. Our lack of exposure to Qatar was also a bright spot, due to heightened geopolitical tensions in the Middle East.

Apart from Tencent, mentioned earlier, over the year we introduced four other mainland holdings: Yum China, a pure-play restaurant operator with a net cash balance sheet; Shanghai International Airport, given its attractive growth prospects; Midea, a leading appliances manufacturer; and China Resources Land, among the top property developers on its solid fundamentals and attractive valuations.

We also initiated positions in three other holdings: AMOREPACIFIC, a fast-growing South Korean cosmetics business with well-established brands and growing presence overseas, especially in China; SACI Falabella, a diversified retailer with broad regional footprint in Latin America, covering both the more mature Chilean market and neighbouring growth markets; and Kotak Mahindra Bank, a well-managed Indian private-sector bank with good asset quality and a solid capital base.

Against this, we sold SABMiller by tendering the shares to AB InBev in a takeover bid; Yum Brands to reinvest the proceeds into the spun-out Yum China; Multiplan's rights ahead of its upcoming capital raising due to the stock's relative strength; as well as CIMB, ICICI Bank and E-mart in favour of better opportunities elsewhere. We also exited Indian software company Infosys, due to our lower confidence following the resignation of Vishal Sikka as CEO and growing governance concerns.

## Outlook

Looking ahead, the Fed's normalisation plans, which include a likely December rate hike, remain a major concern, as tighter liquidity could dampen appetite for riskier assets and lead to capital outflows from emerging markets. All eyes will also be on China in the run-up to the 19th National Congress of the Communist Party, and on potential changes to Beijing's policy direction, including indications about the pace of monetary tightening and reforms. But while mainland growth is expected to moderate, resilience of exports and consumption suggests a sharp slowdown is unlikely. This should support continued corporate earnings growth, both in China and the broader emerging markets. Developing economies' efforts to de-leverage and reduce current account deficits should position them better to withstand volatility. Growth is also broadening, with Brazil and South Africa emerging from recession. This, coupled with subdued inflation and accommodative monetary policies, should benefit our consumer holdings. Stabilising oil prices will also be positive for commodity-dependent economies, such as Russia. All these suggest emerging assets have room for further gains. We remain confident in our approach, favouring quality companies that can weather uncertainties and tap into emerging markets' favourable demographics and long-term growth potential.

## Global Emerging Markets Equity Team

October 2017

# Emerging Markets Equity

## Statement of Net Assets

As at 30 September 2017

	Notes	US\$'000
<b>Assets</b>		
Investments in securities at market value	2.2	5,937,184
Cash at bank		34,966
Interest and dividends receivable		5,701
Subscriptions receivable		7,156
Receivable for investments sold		64,047
Other assets		2,103
<b>Total assets</b>		<b>6,051,157</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Payable for investments purchased		18,118
Taxes and expenses payable		6,694
Redemptions payable		55,081
Unrealised losses on forward currency exchange contracts	2.6	783
Other liabilities		2,549
<b>Total liabilities</b>		<b>83,225</b>
<b>Net assets at the end of the year</b>		<b>5,967,932</b>

## Statement of Changes in Net Assets

For the year from 1 October 2016 to 30 September 2017

	Notes	US\$'000
Net assets at the beginning of the year		6,348,273
Net gains from investments		58,511
Net realised gains		212,644
Net unrealised gains		617,946
Proceeds from shares issued		1,112,729
Payments for shares redeemed		(2,375,817)
Net equalisation paid	10	(5,215)
Dividends paid	5	(2,549)
Capacity management charge	15	1,410
<b>Net assets at the end of the year</b>		<b>5,967,932</b>

## Statement of Operations

For the year from 1 October 2016 to 30 September 2017

	Notes	US\$'000
<b>Income</b>		
Investment income	2.3	138,711
Stocklending income	16	789
Bank interest		453
Other income		1
<b>Total income</b>		<b>139,954</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Management fees	4.2	64,716
Operating, administrative and servicing fees	4.3	18,235
Less: Volume discount applied	4.3	(1,705)
Net operating, administrative and servicing fees	4.3	16,530
Distribution fees	4.1	69
Other operational expenses		128
<b>Total expenses</b>		<b>81,443</b>
<b>Net gains from investments</b>		<b>58,511</b>
Realised gains on investments		212,816
Realised gains on forward currency exchange contracts		115
Realised currency exchange losses		(287)
<b>Net realised gains</b>		<b>212,644</b>
Increase in unrealised appreciation on investments		618,740
Increase in unrealised depreciation on forward currency exchange contracts		(749)
Unrealised currency exchange losses		(45)
<b>Net unrealised gains</b>		<b>617,946</b>
<b>Net increase in assets as a result of operations</b>		<b>889,101</b>

# Emerging Markets Equity

## Share Transactions

For the year from 1 October 2016 to 30 September 2017

	A-1	A-2	A(CHF)-2 <sup>A</sup>	C-2	D(GBP)-2	E(EUR)-2
Shares outstanding at the beginning of the year	3,016,628	29,331,613	3,170,399	498,667	1,587,522	17,815,058
Shares issued during the year	1,107,663	1,328,969	220,566	-	29,068	512,585
Shares redeemed during the year	(1,484,621)	(8,770,135)	(923,674)	(116,992)	(258,495)	(2,221,798)
<b>Shares outstanding at the end of the year</b>	<b>2,639,670</b>	<b>21,890,447</b>	<b>2,467,291</b>	<b>381,675</b>	<b>1,358,095</b>	<b>16,105,845</b>
<b>Net asset value per share</b>	<b>10.9754</b>	<b>71.7139</b>	<b>13.2304</b>	<b>17.6545</b>	<b>53.6802</b>	<b>15.7240</b>

	G-2	G(EUR)-2 <sup>A</sup>	I-1	I-2	J(EUR)-2 <sup>B</sup>	R(GBP)-2
Shares outstanding at the beginning of the year	128,666,547	-	1,534,867	19,823,379	-	856,232
Shares issued during the year	88,919,822	56,000	206,382	431,033	353,098	144,196
Shares redeemed during the year	(97,488,592)	-	(1,481,809)	(5,347,693)	(54,783)	(191,658)
<b>Shares outstanding at the end of the year</b>	<b>120,097,777</b>	<b>56,000</b>	<b>259,440</b>	<b>14,906,719</b>	<b>298,315</b>	<b>808,770</b>
<b>Net asset value per share</b>	<b>10.7742</b>	<b>9.8378</b>	<b>11.4054</b>	<b>78.1391</b>	<b>9.7879</b>	<b>13.4746</b>

	S-2	X-1	X-2	Y(EUR)-2	Z-1	Z-2
Shares outstanding at the beginning of the year	7,935	302,224	10,120,186	937,563	6,699,407	78,085,796
Shares issued during the year	101	4,039	440,507	104,586	4,622,319	3,237,515
Shares redeemed during the year	(1,232)	(38,527)	(2,205,365)	(431,697)	(29,368)	(19,542,717)
<b>Shares outstanding at the end of the year</b>	<b>6,804</b>	<b>267,736</b>	<b>8,355,328</b>	<b>610,452</b>	<b>11,292,358</b>	<b>61,780,594</b>
<b>Net asset value per share</b>	<b>2,482.8244</b>	<b>10.6311</b>	<b>11.2656</b>	<b>12.4157</b>	<b>11.3902</b>	<b>19.4164</b>

<sup>A</sup> Share class launched 25 September 2017.

<sup>B</sup> Share class launched 20 June 2017.

<sup>^</sup> Base currency exposure share class.

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements.

# Emerging Markets Equity

## Portfolio Statement

As at 30 September 2017

Security	Nominal/ Quantity	Market Value US\$'000	Total Net Assets %
Transferable securities and money market instruments admitted to an official exchange listing or dealt on another regulated market 94.95%			
<b>Equities 94.95%</b>			
<b>Argentina 0.72%</b>			
Tenaris (ADR) <sup>∞</sup>	1,518,241	42,989	0.72
<b>Brazil 12.66%</b>			
Ambev	12,815,600	85,224	1.43
Banco Bradesco (ADR)	15,417,000	170,744	2.87
BRF	4,801,000	69,355	1.16
Lojas Renner	10,647,000	121,342	2.03
Multiplan Empreendimentos Imobiliarios	3,285,400	76,252	1.28
Ultrapar Participacoes	5,471,000	130,274	2.18
Vale (ADR) <sup>∞</sup>	10,122,600	101,985	1.71
		<b>755,176</b>	<b>12.66</b>
<b>Chile 2.28%</b>			
Banco Santander Chile (ADR)	2,357,000	70,003	1.17
SACI Falabella	6,765,000	65,974	1.11
		<b>135,977</b>	<b>2.28</b>
<b>China 3.19%</b>			
China Resources Land	10,793,700	32,993	0.55
Kweichow Moutai 'A'	550,100	42,828	0.72
Midea	2,029,581	13,491	0.23
Shanghai International Airport	7,206,998	41,196	0.69
Tencent	1,394,822	60,056	1.00
		<b>190,564</b>	<b>3.19</b>
<b>Hong Kong 9.92%</b>			
AIA	26,876,600	198,116	3.32
China Mobile	16,363,603	165,874	2.78
Hang Lung	21,823,000	78,511	1.32
Hang Lung Properties	11,760,700	27,901	0.47
Hong Kong Exchanges & Clearing	2,944,732	79,135	1.33
Swire Pacific 'B'	755,600	1,309	0.02
Swire Properties	12,058,660	40,835	0.68
		<b>591,681</b>	<b>9.92</b>
<b>Hungary 1.07%</b>			
Gedeon Richter	2,558,816	64,082	1.07
<b>India 14.64%</b>			
Aditya Birla Capital	5,603,353	15,848	0.27
Grasim Industries	4,002,395	69,668	1.17
Hero MotoCorp	1,448,247	83,847	1.40
Hindustan Unilever	5,084,610	91,061	1.53

# Emerging Markets Equity

	Nominal/ Quantity	Market Value US\$'000	Total Net Assets %
<b>Security</b>			
Housing Development Finance	8,271,934	219,333	3.67
ITC	35,198,382	138,959	2.33
Kotak Mahindra Bank	4,239,400	65,012	1.09
Tata Consultancy Services	1,996,527	74,497	1.25
UltraTech Cement	1,951,711	115,140	1.93
		<b>873,365</b>	<b>14.64</b>
<b>Indonesia 5.22%</b>			
Astra International	268,792,900	157,905	2.64
Bank Central Asia	55,455,500	83,632	1.40
Indocement Tunggal Prakarsa	49,726,100	70,238	1.18
		<b>311,775</b>	<b>5.22</b>
<b>Malaysia 1.21%</b>			
Public Bank	14,922,310	<b>72,306</b>	<b>1.21</b>
<b>Mexico 7.23%</b>			
FEMSA (ADR)	1,705,059	162,876	2.72
Grupo Aeroportuario del Sureste (ADR)	468,435	89,328	1.50
Grupo Financiero Banorte	23,519,700	162,190	2.72
Organizacion Soriana 'B'	7,509,500	17,346	0.29
		<b>431,740</b>	<b>7.23</b>
<b>Philippines 3.78%</b>			
Ayala	1,844,690	35,233	0.59
Ayala Land	125,733,000	107,604	1.80
Bank of the Philippine Islands	42,412,240	82,989	1.39
		<b>225,826</b>	<b>3.78</b>
<b>Poland 0.96%</b>			
Bank Pekao <sup>™</sup>	1,638,041	<b>57,562</b>	<b>0.96</b>
<b>Portugal 1.00%</b>			
Jeronimo Martins	3,012,000	<b>59,393</b>	<b>1.00</b>
<b>Russian Federation 3.64%</b>			
Lukoil ADR	1,661,500	88,010	1.47
Magnit	737,650	129,338	2.17
		<b>217,348</b>	<b>3.64</b>
<b>South Africa 3.66%</b>			
BHP Billiton <sup>™</sup>	1,327,370	23,460	0.39
Massmart	6,308,386	52,109	0.87
MTN	8,220,300	75,805	1.28
Truworths International <sup>™</sup>	11,694,200	66,900	1.12
		<b>218,274</b>	<b>3.66</b>



# Emerging Markets Equity

	Nominal/ Quantity	Market Value US\$'000	Total Net Assets %
<b>Security</b>			
<b>South Korea 8.04%</b>			
AMOREPACIFIC	338,604	36,437	0.61
AMOREPACIFIC (PREF)	162,246	21,992	0.37
Naver	167,732	109,176	1.83
Samsung Electronics (PREF)	173,247	312,278	5.23
		<b>479,883</b>	<b>8.04</b>
<b>Taiwan 5.00%</b>			
Taiwan Mobile	17,257,211	61,605	1.03
TSMC	33,147,559	236,932	3.97
		<b>298,537</b>	<b>5.00</b>
<b>Thailand 4.06%</b>			
Siam Cement (Alien)	8,446,300	126,884	2.13
Siam Commercial Bank (Alien) <sup>∞</sup>	25,101,200	115,345	1.93
		<b>242,229</b>	<b>4.06</b>
<b>Turkey 3.86%</b>			
Akbank	28,393,501	75,014	1.26
BIM Birlesik Magazalar	4,400,000	91,746	1.53
Turkiye Garanti Bankasi	23,380,000	63,708	1.07
		<b>230,468</b>	<b>3.86</b>
<b>United Kingdom 1.00%</b>			
Standard Chartered	6,011,609	59,814	1.00
<b>United States 1.81%</b>			
Yum China	2,701,200	107,980	1.81
<b>Total Equities</b>		<b>5,666,969</b>	<b>94.95</b>
<b>Total Transferable securities and money market instruments admitted to an official exchange listing or dealt on another regulated market</b>		<b>5,666,969</b>	<b>94.95</b>
<b>Other transferable securities and money market instruments nil</b>			
<b>Equities nil</b>			
<b>Turkey nil</b>			
Medya	83,246	-	-
<b>Total Equities</b>		-	-
<b>Total Other transferable securities and money market instruments</b>		-	-
<b>Open Ended Investment Funds 4.53%</b>			
Aberdeen Global - China A Share Equity Fund Z-2 <sup>†</sup>	19,761,327	250,901	4.21
Aberdeen Liquidity Fund (Lux) US Dollar Fund Z-1 <sup>†</sup>	19,314	19,314	0.32
		<b>270,215</b>	<b>4.53</b>
<b>Total Open Ended Investment Funds</b>		<b>270,215</b>	<b>4.53</b>

# Emerging Markets Equity

## Derivatives (0.01%)

### Forward currency exchange contracts (0.01%)

Counterparty	Buy	Sell	Settlement	Buy Amount	Sell Amount	Unrealised Gains/(Losses) US\$'000	Total Net Assets %
BNP Paribas	CHF	USD	04/10/17	20,213	20,778	-	-
BNP Paribas	CHF	USD	15/12/17	33,126,148	35,184,998	(770)	(0.01)
BNP Paribas	CHF	USD	15/12/17	400,000	419,315	(4)	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	15/12/17	560,000	667,894	(3)	-
BNP Paribas	USD	CHF	15/12/17	824,523	799,755	(6)	-
BNP Paribas	USD	CHF	15/12/17	83,186	80,581	(1)	-
BNP Paribas	USD	CHF	15/12/17	37,021	35,305	-	-
BNP Paribas	USD	CHF	15/12/17	33,163	31,893	-	-
BNP Paribas	USD	CHF	15/12/17	30,580	28,743	1	-
BNP Paribas	USD	CHF	15/12/17	28,537	27,289	-	-
BNP Paribas	USD	CHF	15/12/17	28,360	27,368	-	-
BNP Paribas	USD	CHF	15/12/17	20,871	20,213	-	-
BNP Paribas	USD	EUR	15/12/17	14,172	12,015	-	-
BNP Paribas	USD	CHF	15/12/17	13,987	13,360	-	-
BNP Paribas	USD	CHF	15/12/17	8,304	8,000	-	-
BNP Paribas	USD	CHF	15/12/17	8,070	7,703	-	-
BNP Paribas	USD	CHF	15/12/17	7,168	6,767	-	-
Unrealised losses on forward currency exchange contracts						(783)	(0.01)
Unrealised losses on derivatives						(783)	(0.01)
Total investments						5,936,401	99.47
Other net assets						31,531	0.53
Total net assets						5,967,932	100.00

<sup>†</sup> Managed by subsidiaries of Aberdeen Asset Management PLC.

<sup>⊗</sup> A portion of this security is on loan at the year end.

Currently forward positions are not collateralised.

# Emerging Markets Infrastructure Equity

For the year ended 30 September 2017

## Performance

For the year ended 30 September 2017, the value of Emerging Markets Infrastructure Equity – S Accumulation Shares increased by 14.82% compared to an increase of 11.48% in the benchmark, the MSCI EM Infrastructure Index.

Source: Factset, Lipper, Basis: total return, published NAV to NAV, net of annual charges, gross income reinvested, USD.

Please see the Performance History section for details on the use of MSCI information.

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 MSCI EM Infrastructure Index rose over the year under review, buoyed by generally robust economic growth and upbeat corporate earnings. Emerging currencies appreciated on the back of a weakening US dollar, but further gains were capped by the US Federal Reserve's (Fed) more hawkish tilt after positive economic data from the US. Elsewhere, geopolitical tensions remained elevated, with Catalonia's attempt to break away from Spain, the nuclear threat from North Korea and the Kurdish region's bid for independence from Iraq. Oil prices were lifted by expectations that OPEC would continue curbing output, as well as disruptions to energy production in Texas and Louisiana caused by Hurricane Harvey.

China's infrastructure spending slowed towards the period-end as the government started to pursue supply-side reform. Separately, it imposed sales restrictions on eight major cities to curb rising house prices. Brazil was the best performer in Latin America. Its stockmarket recovered from President Michel Temer's corruption scandal, rising on the government's plans to privatise infrastructure assets. Meanwhile, Indonesia's Minister of Public Works and People's Housing announced plans to limit the supply of precast concrete from government-owned contractors to boost private-sector participation in upcoming public projects. In Philippines, President Rodrigo Duterte approved four development projects worth 386.3 billion pesos (US\$7.5 billion), including the construction of Metro Manila Subway, the first of its kind in the country.

## Portfolio review

Over the review period, Asia was our top contributor, driven by good asset allocation and stock selection in India. Grasim Industries fared well after listing its financial services group Aditya Birla Capital (ABC). The distribution of its shares gives ABC greater financial flexibility to access capital markets in its own name. We also remain confident that the Grasim restructure is an overall positive for the business, as it consolidates operations and streamlines efficiencies.

In China, our underweight position to the telecoms sector, including China Mobile, the largest benchmark weight, helped performance, as investors became concerned about its steeper and longer 5G capital expenditure cycle, as well as rising competition from China Telecom and China Unicom. In South Korea, the Fund benefited from not holding Korea Electric Power, whose shares fell after the company was de-rated on cost pressures and its reliance on independent power producers.

Latin America detracted. Performance in Brazil was capped by underperformance elsewhere in the region. Brazil continued to rebound after a series of interest rate cuts and further evidence that the economy was recovering after a period of extreme political volatility. However, Mexico sold off on concerns over the impact of the September earthquakes on the economy. The Fund was hurt by its underweight to America Movil, as its share price recovered from prolonged weakness after receiving improved analyst expectations for a margin recovery. We do not hold the telco because of concerns over competitive and regulatory pressures within Mexico.

Not holding Tal Education and New Oriental Education also hurt performance. Their shares rallied over the year, benefiting from the growing private education sector in China, driven by changes in policies and technology, as well as increased spending on education.

In portfolio activity, we exited Yingde Gases, as the company was acquired by private equity firm PAG Asia Capital.

Against this, we initiated positions in: Aegis Logistics, an Indian logistics service provider with well-located terminals in an industry with high barriers to entry; Bangkok Dusit Medical Services, a well-run Thai hospital chain with a strong business model and good trajectory; SM SAAM, a well-diversified business with growing port, towage and logistics operations in South America; Telefonica Brasil, a leading Brazilian telco that stands to enjoy margin improvement and gain market share as competitors struggle; Safaricom, Kenya's foremost telco operator that is renowned for its mobile-based money transfer network. Finally, we introduced three holdings in China: leading surveillance solutions provider Hangzhou Hikvision, major cement producer Anhui Conch and well-placed mall developer China Resources Land.

## Outlook

Looking ahead, the Fed's normalisation plans, which include a likely December rate hike, remain a major concern, as tighter liquidity could dampen appetite for riskier assets and lead to capital outflows from emerging markets. All eyes will also be on China in the run-up to the 19th National Congress of the Communist Party, and on potential changes to Beijing's policy direction, including indications about the pace of monetary tightening and reforms. But while mainland growth is expected to moderate, resilience of exports and consumption suggests a sharp slowdown is unlikely. This should support continued corporate earnings growth, both in China and the broader emerging markets. Developing economies' efforts to de-leverage and reduce current account deficits should position them better to withstand volatility. Growth is also broadening, with Brazil and South Africa emerging from recession. This, coupled with subdued inflation and accommodative monetary policies, should benefit our consumer holdings. Stabilising oil prices will also be positive for commodity-dependent economies, such as Russia. All these suggest emerging assets have room for further gains. We remain confident in our approach, favouring quality companies that can weather uncertainties and tap into emerging markets' favourable demographics and long-term growth potential.

**Global Emerging Markets Equity Team**  
October 2017

# Emerging Markets Infrastructure Equity

## Statement of Net Assets

As at 30 September 2017

	Notes	US\$'000
<b>Assets</b>		
Investments in securities at market value	2.2	234,607
Cash at bank		636
Interest and dividends receivable		472
Subscriptions receivable		257
Receivable for investments sold		184
Other assets		25
<b>Total assets</b>		<b>236,181</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Taxes and expenses payable		261
Redemptions payable		550
Unrealised losses on forward currency exchange contracts	2.6	1,155
Other liabilities		494
<b>Total liabilities</b>		<b>2,460</b>
<b>Net assets at the end of the year</b>		<b>233,721</b>

## Statement of Changes in Net Assets

For the year from 1 October 2016 to 30 September 2017

	Notes	US\$'000
Net assets at the beginning of the year		243,796
Net gains from investments		2,028
Net realised losses		(17,102)
Net unrealised gains		39,082
Proceeds from shares issued		86,103
Payments for shares redeemed		(119,047)
Net equalisation received	10	22
Dividends paid	5	(1,161)
<b>Net assets at the end of the year</b>		<b>233,721</b>

## Statement of Operations

For the year from 1 October 2016 to 30 September 2017

	Notes	US\$'000
<b>Income</b>		
Investment income	2.3	4,608
Stocklending income	16	68
Bank interest		14
<b>Total income</b>		<b>4,690</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Management fees	4.2	2,077
Operating, administrative and servicing fees	4.3	581
Other operational expenses		4
<b>Total expenses</b>		<b>2,662</b>
<b>Net gains from investments</b>		<b>2,028</b>
Realised losses on investments		(17,898)
Realised losses on forward currency exchange contracts		(154)
Realised currency exchange gains		950
<b>Net realised losses</b>		<b>(17,102)</b>
Decrease in unrealised depreciation on investments		40,131
Increase in unrealised depreciation on forward currency exchange contracts		(1,055)
Unrealised currency exchange gains		6
<b>Net unrealised gains</b>		<b>39,082</b>
<b>Net increase in assets as a result of operations</b>		<b>24,008</b>

# Emerging Markets Infrastructure Equity

## Share Transactions

For the year from 1 October 2016 to 30 September 2017

	A-1	A-2	A(CHF)-2^	A(EUR)-2^	I-2
Shares outstanding at the beginning of the year	29,443	7,158,984	889,942	2,657,471	47,837
Shares issued during the year	78,918	294,613	18,663	2,663,964	44,910
Shares redeemed during the year	(37,707)	(6,151,624)	(226,714)	(2,376,562)	(18,509)
<b>Shares outstanding at the end of the year</b>	<b>70,654</b>	<b>1,301,973</b>	<b>681,891</b>	<b>2,944,873</b>	<b>74,238</b>
<b>Net asset value per share</b>	<b>10.0846</b>	<b>8.8096</b>	<b>8.1632</b>	<b>8.3865</b>	<b>994.8051</b>

	I(EUR)-2^	N(JPY)-1	R(GBP)-2	S-2	S(EUR)-2^
Shares outstanding at the beginning of the year	10,443	138,632	388,048	2,149,083	855,899
Shares issued during the year	9,113	-	89,244	558,861	236,829
Shares redeemed during the year	(4,625)	(22,479)	(403,402)	(1,450,111)	(322,045)
<b>Shares outstanding at the end of the year</b>	<b>14,931</b>	<b>116,153</b>	<b>73,890</b>	<b>1,257,833</b>	<b>770,683</b>
<b>Net asset value per share</b>	<b>803.9977</b>	<b>74,225.6490</b>	<b>12.0224</b>	<b>8.7086</b>	<b>8.2856</b>

	X-2	X(EUR)-2^	Y(EUR)-2	Z-2^
Shares outstanding at the beginning of the year	800	181,649	25,218	-
Shares issued during the year	8,958	10,015	13,624	650
Shares redeemed during the year	(800)	(50,717)	(12,236)	-
<b>Shares outstanding at the end of the year</b>	<b>8,958</b>	<b>140,947</b>	<b>26,606</b>	<b>650</b>
<b>Net asset value per share</b>	<b>14.8977</b>	<b>10.5346</b>	<b>11.5719</b>	<b>10.3250</b>

^ Share class launched 8 August 2017.

^ Base currency exposure share class.

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Tenaris (ADR)	166,750	4,722	2.02
<b>Brazil 13.22%</b>			
Localiza Rent a Car	168,555	3,075	1.32
Multiplan Empreendimentos Imobiliarios	288,400	6,694	2.86
Telefonica Brasil	177,009	2,417	1.03
Ultrapar Participacoes	374,174	8,909	3.80
WEG	461,610	3,126	1.34
Wilson Sons (BDR)	500,613	6,697	2.87
		<b>30,918</b>	<b>13.22</b>
<b>Chile 7.29%</b>			
Banmedica	884,500	2,856	1.22
Empresa Nacional de Telecomunicaciones	208,968	2,165	0.93
Enersis Americas	19,062,406	3,901	1.67
Enersis Chile	9,086,406	1,109	0.47
Parque Arauco	1,709,182	4,683	2.00
Sociedad Matriz	22,123,000	2,336	1.00
		<b>17,050</b>	<b>7.29</b>
<b>China 5.98%</b>			
Anhui Conch Cement 'A'	995,923	3,739	1.60
China Resources Land	740,000	2,262	0.97
Hangzhou Hikvision Digital Technology	551,122	2,653	1.14
Shanghai International Airport	933,046	5,333	2.27
		<b>13,987</b>	<b>5.98</b>
<b>Hong Kong 10.28%</b>			
China Mobile	1,003,500	10,172	4.35
Hang Lung	1,810,000	6,512	2.79
Kerry Logistics Network	3,683,000	5,083	2.17
Pacific Basin Shipping	10,000,000	2,266	0.97
		<b>24,033</b>	<b>10.28</b>
<b>India 14.84%</b>			
Aditya Birla Capital GDR <sup>∞</sup>	725,199	2,051	0.88
Aegis Logistics	831,000	2,991	1.28
Bharti Airtel	508,000	3,022	1.29
Bharti Infratel	607,867	3,702	1.58
CONCOR	389,227	8,038	3.44
Grasim Industries (GDR) <sup>∞</sup>	518,000	8,997	3.84
Gujarat Gas	349,000	4,485	1.92
UltraTech Cement	24,000	1,416	0.61
		<b>34,702</b>	<b>14.84</b>

# Emerging Markets Infrastructure Equity

	Nominal/ Quantity	Market Value US\$'000	Total Net Assets %
<b>Security</b>			
<b>Indonesia 7.72%</b>			
AKR Corporindo	6,691,000	3,521	1.51
Astra International	13,537,900	7,952	3.40
Indocement Tunggal Prakarsa	2,002,000	2,828	1.21
Telekomunikasi Indonesia Persero	10,760,000	3,747	1.60
		<b>18,048</b>	<b>7.72</b>
<b>Kenya 1.93%</b>			
Safaricom	18,770,750	<b>4,500</b>	<b>1.93</b>
<b>Malaysia 2.09%</b>			
DiGi.Com	1,981,000	2,301	0.98
Lafarge Malaysia	1,621,700	2,575	1.11
		<b>4,876</b>	<b>2.09</b>
<b>Mexico 3.92%</b>			
Grupo Aeroportuario del Sureste (ADR)	48,050	<b>9,163</b>	<b>3.92</b>
<b>Peru 0.64%</b>			
Grana y Montero (ADR) <sup>∞</sup>	313,000	<b>1,504</b>	<b>0.64</b>
<b>Philippines 4.15%</b>			
Ayala Land	9,018,800	7,719	3.31
Manila Water	3,251,000	1,969	0.84
		<b>9,688</b>	<b>4.15</b>
<b>Russian Federation 1.77%</b>			
Global Ports Investments (GDR) <sup>∞</sup>	200,250	851	0.36
MD Medical Group Investments (GDR)	312,300	3,279	1.41
		<b>4,130</b>	<b>1.77</b>
<b>Singapore 0.82%</b>			
Keppel	400,000	<b>1,913</b>	<b>0.82</b>
<b>South Africa 5.69%</b>			
African Oxygen	2,353,445	4,083	1.75
MTN	999,246	9,215	3.94
		<b>13,298</b>	<b>5.69</b>
<b>Switzerland 1.05%</b>			
LafargeHolcim	41,745	<b>2,443</b>	<b>1.05</b>
<b>Taiwan 2.42%</b>			
Taiwan Mobile	1,586,000	<b>5,662</b>	<b>2.42</b>
<b>Thailand 7.46%</b>			
Advanced Info Service (Alien) <sup>∞</sup>	900,200	5,149	2.20
Bangkok Dusit Medical Services (Alien)	3,714,000	2,289	0.98

# Emerging Markets Infrastructure Equity

	Nominal/ Quantity	Market Value US\$'000	Total Net Assets %
<b>Security</b>			
Electricity Generating (Alien)	480,000	3,368	1.44
Siam Cement (Alien)	441,000	6,624	2.84
		<b>17,430</b>	<b>7.46</b>
<b>Turkey 4.64%</b>			
Enka Insaat ve Sanayi™	3,911,133	5,708	2.44
Haci Omer Sabanci	1,822,500	5,138	2.20
		<b>10,846</b>	<b>4.64</b>
<b>Total Equities</b>		<b>228,913</b>	<b>97.93</b>
<b>Total Transferable securities and money market instruments admitted to an official exchange listing or dealt on another regulated market</b>		<b>228,913</b>	<b>97.93</b>
<b>Open Ended Investment Funds 2.44%</b>			
Aberdeen Liquidity Fund (Lux) US Dollar Fund Z-1†	5,694	<b>5,694</b>	<b>2.44</b>
<b>Total Open Ended Investment Funds</b>		<b>5,694</b>	<b>2.44</b>

## Derivatives (0.49%)

### Forward currency exchange contracts (0.49%)

Counterparty	Buy	Sell	Settlement	Buy Amount	Sell Amount	Unrealised Gains/(Losses) US\$'000	Total Net Assets %
BNP Paribas	CHF	USD	15/12/17	5,531,388	5,875,174	(129)	(0.06)
BNP Paribas	CHF	USD	15/12/17	118,437	124,602	(2)	-
BNP Paribas	CHF	USD	15/12/17	15,116	15,782	-	-
BNP Paribas	CHF	USD	15/12/17	4,118	4,259	-	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	02/10/17	11,106	13,095	-	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	02/10/17	2,043	2,409	-	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	03/10/17	23,483	27,586	-	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	05/10/17	23,602	27,884	-	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	05/10/17	12,510	14,780	-	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	15/12/17	21,238,105	25,713,420	(502)	(0.22)
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	15/12/17	11,730,890	14,202,835	(276)	(0.12)
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	15/12/17	6,078,016	7,358,781	(143)	(0.06)
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	15/12/17	1,869,454	2,234,711	(15)	(0.01)
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	15/12/17	1,520,218	1,824,955	(20)	(0.01)
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	15/12/17	1,471,788	1,781,925	(35)	(0.01)
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	15/12/17	467,081	564,461	(10)	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	15/12/17	275,230	332,612	(6)	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	15/12/17	136,483	164,164	(2)	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	15/12/17	128,792	154,737	(2)	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	15/12/17	100,092	120,532	(2)	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	15/12/17	93,584	112,241	(1)	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	15/12/17	66,013	79,298	(1)	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	15/12/17	54,006	64,559	-	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	15/12/17	44,424	53,365	(1)	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	15/12/17	32,668	39,294	(1)	-



# Emerging Markets Infrastructure Equity

Counterparty	Buy	Sell	Settlement	Buy Amount	Sell Amount	Unrealised Gains/(Losses) US\$'000	Total Net Assets %
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	15/12/17	32,206	38,412	-	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	15/12/17	20,411	24,400	-	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	15/12/17	19,618	23,618	-	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	15/12/17	18,494	21,931	-	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	15/12/17	9,708	11,773	-	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	15/12/17	7,665	9,191	-	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	15/12/17	6,974	8,247	-	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	15/12/17	5,583	6,724	-	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	15/12/17	5,092	6,139	-	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	15/12/17	4,599	5,550	-	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	15/12/17	3,920	4,640	-	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	15/12/17	3,730	4,491	-	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	15/12/17	3,410	4,136	-	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	15/12/17	3,000	3,547	-	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	15/12/17	2,447	2,953	-	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	15/12/17	2,150	2,564	-	-
BNP Paribas	USD	EUR	02/10/17	4,622	3,920	-	-
BNP Paribas	USD	CHF	02/10/17	4,238	4,118	-	-
BNP Paribas	USD	EUR	04/10/17	8,216	6,974	-	-
BNP Paribas	USD	EUR	04/10/17	3,534	3,000	-	-
BNP Paribas	USD	EUR	05/10/17	21,849	18,494	-	-
BNP Paribas	USD	EUR	15/12/17	717,365	607,983	(4)	-
BNP Paribas	USD	EUR	15/12/17	322,291	273,148	(2)	-
BNP Paribas	USD	CHF	15/12/17	161,460	156,504	(1)	-
BNP Paribas	USD	EUR	15/12/17	160,406	136,080	(1)	-
BNP Paribas	USD	EUR	15/12/17	44,383	36,812	1	-
BNP Paribas	USD	EUR	15/12/17	36,325	30,816	-	-
BNP Paribas	USD	EUR	15/12/17	27,989	23,602	-	-
BNP Paribas	USD	EUR	15/12/17	27,698	23,483	-	-
BNP Paribas	USD	EUR	15/12/17	14,836	12,510	-	-
BNP Paribas	USD	EUR	15/12/17	14,120	11,773	-	-
BNP Paribas	USD	EUR	15/12/17	13,654	11,422	-	-
BNP Paribas	USD	EUR	15/12/17	13,146	11,106	-	-
BNP Paribas	USD	EUR	15/12/17	12,708	10,586	-	-
BNP Paribas	USD	EUR	15/12/17	6,512	5,369	-	-
BNP Paribas	USD	EUR	15/12/17	4,425	3,710	-	-
BNP Paribas	USD	EUR	15/12/17	3,585	2,984	-	-
BNP Paribas	USD	EUR	15/12/17	3,463	2,870	-	-
BNP Paribas	USD	EUR	15/12/17	2,418	2,043	-	-
Unrealised losses on forward currency exchange contracts						(1,155)	(0.49)
Unrealised losses on derivatives						(1,155)	(0.49)
Total investments						233,452	99.88
Other net assets						269	0.12
Total net assets						233,721	100.00

<sup>†</sup> Managed by subsidiaries of Aberdeen Asset Management PLC.

<sup>™</sup> A portion of this security is on loan at the year end.

Currently forward positions are not collateralised.

# Emerging Markets Local Currency Bond

For the year ended 30 September 2017

## Performance

For the year ended 30 September 2017, the value of Emerging Markets Local Currency Bond - A Accumulation Shares increased by 6.06% compared to an increase of 7.32% in the benchmark, the JP Morgan GBI EM Global Diversified Index.

Source: Lipper, Basis: total return, published NAV to NAV, net of annual charges, gross income reinvested, USD.

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 run up to the US elections in November last year dominated market news early in the review period. Donald Trump's surprise victory sparked some volatility in emerging market (EM) risk assets, with most market participants expecting Hillary Clinton to replace Barack Obama in the White House. Despite a sharp sell-off on the back of initial fears around what a Trump presidency would mean for EM debt, it was a very positive year on the whole for both hard and local currency bonds. The asset class shrugged off prospects of a "hard" Trump – despite the President withdrawing the US from the Trans-Pacific Partnership in January – while the US Federal Reserve's decision to hike interest rates three times over the reporting period did little to offset the 2017 rally. The market is pricing in one more hike in December this year.

In oil news, prices were volatile at the start of the review period amid concerns that OPEC members would fail to come to an agreement on production quotas. However, despite a dip in prices over the second quarter, Brent crude rallied, rising 9.1% alone in September as it reached a peak of \$59 per barrel – a level that hasn't been breached since the middle of 2015. There are signs the massive glut in oil inventories is starting to be drawn down as well as rising expectations that the OPEC supply deal will be extended beyond March 2018. Other commodities were relatively subdued for much of the review period before an increase over the third quarter of 2017 helped boost the asset class. Demand for both hard currency and local currency remained robust, while emerging market currencies grew in strength against a weakening US dollar.

The Eurozone successfully skirted around various political hurdles including potential French and Dutch general election surprises and a possible Greek default. The German election did not play out in the same vein, however. While Angela Merkel is set to continue as German chancellor after winning the national election, her Christian Democrat alliance recorded its worst election result since 1949, amid a larger-than-expected surge in support for her nationalist opponents: the anti-immigration Alternative for Germany party.

Returning our focus back on emerging markets, many nations now find themselves in something of a 'sweet spot', though the picture is a little more mixed for some. A weaker US dollar is boosting global cross-border liquidity and helping a number of emerging market currencies, while China's economy continues to do well despite weakening marginally over the third quarter and lingering fears around debt levels. India has been heralded as one emerging markets brightest spots in

recent times but data has become a little mixed. Activity has slowed notably over the past two quarters with the external sector deteriorating alongside weak domestic demand playing a role. A strong rupee and teething issues around the newly implemented Goods & Services Tax (GST) also hindered progress.

## Portfolio review

Overweight positioning and bond selection in Brazil bolstered Fund performance, while overweight allocations to Russia, Turkey and Argentina were also positive contributors. Bond selection and underweight exposure to Hungary was the Fund's most notable detractor, while lack of exposure to the Czech Republic, an underweight allocation to Thailand and positioning in South Africa were also negative for Fund performance.

Over the course of the year we added exposure to Argentina, Russia and Turkey, while reducing positioning in Malaysia, Uruguay and Indonesia. In a further sign of the ever-expanding local currency universe, Argentina, Uruguay and the Czech Republic all entered the benchmark during the review period. Elsewhere, we initiated an off-benchmark position in Ghana and Egypt, while in South Africa we reduced our rates and FX positioning. In currency space, we cut our exposure to Mexican peso, Indian rupee and Malaysian ringgit, while increasing exposure to Argentine peso and Turkish lira, the latter of which we took profit from in August and September.

## Outlook

Portfolio flow data into the asset class remains extremely strong although this could be tested amid potential changes in news flow in the US and Eurozone. President Trump could announce new Federal Reserve Chair this month as Janet Yellen's term is due to end in February, while US tax reform is also back on the agenda. In Europe, while Brexit negotiations continue, we wait to ascertain whether Merkel has been weakened as a result of Germany's election result and what this could mean for the Eurozone project.

All told, monetary policy is expected to remain divergent throughout the rest of the year between advanced and emerging economies. Robust economic growth in advanced economies is giving central banks some room to breathe and reload their monetary policy arsenals ahead of the next slowdown, while uneven recoveries in emerging market economies has several central banks on an easing cycle, including Brazil, Colombia, Russia, Ukraine and South Africa.

## Emerging Market Debt Team

October 2017

# Emerging Markets Local Currency Bond

## Statement of Net Assets

As at 30 September 2017

	Notes	US\$'000
<b>Assets</b>		
Investments in securities at market value	2.2	190,338
Cash at bank		6,932
Interest receivable		3,955
Subscriptions receivable		63
Other assets		7
<b>Total assets</b>		<b>201,295</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Payable for investments purchased		2,510
Taxes and expenses payable		154
Redemptions payable		976
Unrealised losses on forward currency exchange contracts	2.6	358
Other liabilities		242
<b>Total liabilities</b>		<b>4,240</b>
<b>Net assets at the end of the year</b>		<b>197,055</b>

## Statement of Changes in Net Assets

For the year from 1 October 2016 to 30 September 2017

	Notes	US\$'000
Net assets at the beginning of the year		183,958
Net gains from investments		10,121
Net realised losses		(7,358)
Net unrealised gains		7,335
Proceeds from shares issued		88,334
Payments for shares redeemed		(85,116)
Net equalisation received	10	70
Dividends paid	5	(289)
<b>Net assets at the end of the year</b>		<b>197,055</b>

## Statement of Operations

For the year from 1 October 2016 to 30 September 2017

	Notes	US\$'000
<b>Income</b>		
Investment income	2.3	11,743
Bank interest		20
<b>Total income</b>		<b>11,763</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Management fees	4.2	1,214
Operating, administrative and servicing fees	4.3	425
Other operational expenses		3
<b>Total expenses</b>		<b>1,642</b>
<b>Net gains from investments</b>		<b>10,121</b>
Realised losses on investments		(7,920)
Realised gains on forward currency exchange contracts		1,004
Realised currency exchange losses		(442)
<b>Net realised losses</b>		<b>(7,358)</b>
Decrease in unrealised depreciation on investments		8,170
Decrease in unrealised appreciation on forward currency exchange contracts		(810)
Unrealised currency exchange losses		(25)
<b>Net unrealised gains</b>		<b>7,335</b>
<b>Net increase in assets as a result of operations</b>		<b>10,098</b>

# Emerging Markets Local Currency Bond

## Share Transactions

For the year from 1 October 2016 to 30 September 2017

	A-1	A-2	A-3	A(EUR)-2 <sup>^</sup>	E(EUR)-2	I-2
Shares outstanding at the beginning of the year	732,401	577,328	8,676	3,231,136	63,880	4,718,934
Shares issued during the year	622,261	1,285,675	22,594	88,241	19,345	5,375,222
Shares redeemed during the year	(742,153)	(663,549)	(13,853)	(1,227,826)	(23,366)	(4,103,666)
<b>Shares outstanding at the end of the year</b>	<b>612,509</b>	<b>1,199,454</b>	<b>17,417</b>	<b>2,091,551</b>	<b>59,859</b>	<b>5,990,490</b>
<b>Net asset value per share</b>	<b>6.8257</b>	<b>9.8985</b>	<b>10.8403</b>	<b>7.7107</b>	<b>224.3545</b>	<b>10.2919</b>

	X-1	X-2	Y(EUR)-2	Z-1 <sup>^</sup>	Z-2
Shares outstanding at the beginning of the year	56,563	45,055	5,859	-	9,436,224
Shares issued during the year	43,929	18,699	-	670	1,475,351
Shares redeemed during the year	(29,679)	(19,694)	-	-	(2,227,944)
<b>Shares outstanding at the end of the year</b>	<b>70,813</b>	<b>44,060</b>	<b>5,859</b>	<b>670</b>	<b>8,683,631</b>
<b>Net asset value per share</b>	<b>6.7758</b>	<b>8.7099</b>	<b>9.5090</b>	<b>10.1695</b>	<b>9.5906</b>

<sup>^</sup> Share class launched 24 May 2017.

<sup>^</sup> Base currency exposure share class.

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements.

# Emerging Markets Local Currency Bond

## Portfolio Statement

As at 30 September 2017

Security	Coupon (%)	Maturity	Nominal/ Quantity	Market Value US\$'000	Total Net Assets %
Transferable securities and money market instruments admitted to an official exchange listing or dealt on another regulated market 96.59%					
Bonds 96.59%					
Corporate Bonds 2.29%					
Mexico 2.29%					
Petroleos Mexicanos	7.4700	12/11/26	34,490,400	1,726	0.88
Petroleos Mexicanos	7.1900	12/09/24	32,250,000	1,622	0.82
Petroleos Mexicanos	7.1900	12/09/24	23,000,000	1,161	0.59
				<b>4,509</b>	<b>2.29</b>
<b>Total Corporate Bonds</b>				<b>4,509</b>	<b>2.29</b>
Government Bonds 94.30%					
Argentina 3.02%					
Argentina (Republic of)	FRN	21/06/20	58,800,000	3,571	1.82
Argentina (Republic of)	16.0000	17/10/23	20,703,385	1,229	0.62
Argentina (Republic of)	FRN	01/03/18	19,400,000	1,142	0.58
				<b>5,942</b>	<b>3.02</b>
Brazil 9.61%					
Brazil (Federal Republic of)	10.0000	01/01/27	41,830,000	13,479	6.84
Brazil (Federal Republic of)	10.0000	01/01/25	10,250,000	3,327	1.69
Brazil (Federal Republic of)	10.0000	01/01/18	6,700,000	2,129	1.08
				<b>18,935</b>	<b>9.61</b>
Chile nil					
Chile (Republic of)	4.5000	01/03/26	5,000,000	<b>8</b>	-
Colombia 5.89%					
Colombia (Republic of)	7.0000	30/06/32	16,300,000,000	5,568	2.83
Colombia (Republic of)	7.5000	26/08/26	13,370,000,000	4,846	2.46
Colombia (Republic of)	6.0000	28/04/28	3,650,000,000	1,188	0.60
				<b>11,602</b>	<b>5.89</b>
Egypt 0.98%					
Egypt (Republic of)	-	08/05/18	38,000,000	<b>1,941</b>	<b>0.98</b>
Ghana 0.94%					
Ghana (Republic of)	24.7500	19/07/21	4,798,000	1,299	0.66
Ghana (Republic of)	21.5000	09/03/20	2,250,000	545	0.28
				<b>1,844</b>	<b>0.94</b>
Hungary 2.52%					
Hungary (Republic of)	6.5000	24/06/19	1,174,000,000	<b>4,965</b>	<b>2.52</b>

# Emerging Markets Local Currency Bond

Security	Coupon (%)	Maturity	Nominal/ Quantity	Market Value US\$'000	Total Net Assets %
<b>Indonesia 10.88%</b>					
Indonesia (Republic of)	9.0000	15/03/29	94,700,000,000	8,172	4.14
Indonesia (Republic of)	8.3750	15/03/34	75,700,000,000	6,142	3.12
Indonesia (Republic of)	8.2500	15/05/36	31,334,000,000	2,538	1.29
Indonesia (Republic of)	9.0000	15/09/18	31,100,000,000	2,380	1.21
Indonesia (Republic of)	7.8750	15/04/19	25,500,000,000	1,951	0.99
Indonesia (Republic of)	9.5000	15/07/31	2,900,000,000	261	0.13
				<b>21,444</b>	<b>10.88</b>
<b>Malaysia 6.31%</b>					
Malaysia (Government of)	4.3780	29/11/19	13,864,000	3,356	1.69
Malaysia (Government of)	3.5800	28/09/18	9,280,000	2,208	1.12
Malaysia (Government of)	4.4980	15/04/30	9,000,000	2,174	1.10
Malaysia (Government of)	4.0480	30/09/21	6,000,000	1,449	0.74
Malaysia (Government of)	4.2320	30/06/31	4,540,000	1,060	0.54
Malaysia (Government of)	4.1810	15/07/24	3,260,000	787	0.40
Malaysia (Government of)	3.8000	17/08/23	3,240,000	767	0.39
Malaysia (Government of)	4.0590	30/09/24	2,670,000	641	0.33
				<b>12,442</b>	<b>6.31</b>
<b>Mexico 7.60%</b>					
Mexico (Government of)	5.7500	05/03/26	75,950,000	3,906	1.98
Mexico (Government of)	8.5000	18/11/38	56,129,000	3,531	1.79
Mexico (Government of)	8.0000	11/06/20	48,050,500	2,731	1.39
Mexico (Government of)	8.5000	13/12/18	45,000,000	2,521	1.28
Mexico (Government of)	6.5000	10/06/21	41,760,000	2,285	1.16
				<b>14,974</b>	<b>7.60</b>
<b>Peru 3.21%</b>					
Peru (Republic of)	6.9500	12/08/31	15,510,000	5,354	2.72
Peru (Republic of)	6.1500	12/08/32	3,015,000	972	0.49
				<b>6,326</b>	<b>3.21</b>
<b>Poland 11.31%</b>					
Poland (Republic of)	5.2500	25/10/17	38,480,000	10,588	5.38
Poland (Republic of)	5.5000	25/10/19	20,860,000	6,157	3.12
Poland (Republic of)	5.7500	25/10/21	16,000,000	4,945	2.51
Poland (Republic of)	2.5000	25/07/27	2,330,000	594	0.30
				<b>22,284</b>	<b>11.31</b>
<b>Romania 1.33%</b>					
Romania (Republic of)	5.6000	28/11/18	7,360,000	1,980	1.01
Romania (Republic of)	5.8000	26/07/27	2,180,000	637	0.32
				<b>2,617</b>	<b>1.33</b>

# Emerging Markets Local Currency Bond

Security	Coupon (%)	Maturity	Nominal/ Quantity	Market Value US\$'000	Total Net Assets %
<b>Russian Federation 9.00%</b>					
Russia (Federation of)	7.0500	19/01/28	326,280,000	5,508	2.79
Russia (Federation of)	7.5000	18/08/21	271,600,000	4,726	2.40
Russia (Federation of)	7.7000	23/03/33	245,000,000	4,254	2.16
Russia (Federation of)	8.5000	17/09/31	173,110,000	3,245	1.65
				<b>17,733</b>	<b>9.00</b>
<b>South Africa 8.13%</b>					
South Africa (Republic of)	8.0000	31/01/30	52,470,000	3,570	1.80
South Africa (Republic of)	8.2500	31/03/32	44,500,000	3,015	1.53
South Africa (Republic of)	8.0000	21/12/18	35,200,000	2,638	1.34
South Africa (Republic of)	8.5000	31/01/37	37,664,611	2,513	1.28
South Africa (Republic of)	6.2500	31/03/36	37,500,000	2,003	1.02
South Africa (Republic of)	7.0000	28/02/31	29,700,000	1,833	0.93
South Africa (Republic of)	8.7500	28/02/48	6,700,000	449	0.23
				<b>16,021</b>	<b>8.13</b>
<b>Thailand 3.39%</b>					
Thailand (Kingdom of)	4.8750	22/06/29	108,050,000	4,010	2.03
Thailand (Kingdom of)	3.6250	16/06/23	44,090,000	1,450	0.74
Thailand (Kingdom of)	3.8500	12/12/25	36,200,000	1,221	0.62
				<b>6,681</b>	<b>3.39</b>
<b>Turkey 8.51%</b>					
Turkey (Republic of)	10.6000	11/02/26	20,250,000	5,666	2.87
Turkey (Republic of)	10.4000	20/03/24	16,800,000	4,670	2.37
Turkey (Republic of)	8.7000	11/07/18	10,100,000	2,778	1.41
Turkey (Republic of)	8.8000	27/09/23	6,200,000	1,598	0.81
Turkey (Republic of)	9.5000	12/01/22	4,730,000	1,271	0.65
Turkey (Republic of)	11.0000	02/03/22	2,800,000	792	0.40
				<b>16,775</b>	<b>8.51</b>
<b>Uruguay 1.67%</b>					
Uruguay (Republic of)	9.8750	20/06/22	45,408,000	1,693	0.86
Uruguay (Republic of)	8.5000	15/03/28	44,800,000	1,602	0.81
				<b>3,295</b>	<b>1.67</b>
<b>Total Government Bonds</b>				<b>185,829</b>	<b>94.30</b>
<b>Total Bonds</b>				<b>190,338</b>	<b>96.59</b>
<b>Total Transferable securities and money market instruments admitted to an official exchange listing or dealt on another regulated market</b>				<b>190,338</b>	<b>96.59</b>

# Emerging Markets Local Currency Bond

Derivatives (0.18%)

Forward currency exchange contracts (0.18%)

Counterparty	Buy	Sell	Settlement	Buy Amount	Sell Amount	Unrealised Gains/(Losses) US\$'000	Total Net Assets %
Barclays Capital	PLN	USD	13/10/17	4,874,000	1,310,497	27	0.01
Barclays Capital	TRY	USD	13/10/17	950,000	259,177	7	-
Barclays Capital	TRY	USD	13/10/17	850,000	234,276	4	-
Barclays Capital	USD	PEN	22/11/17	1,150,099	3,766,000	-	-
Barclays Capital	USD	COP	22/11/17	1,054,688	3,186,475,000	(23)	(0.01)
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	15/12/17	18,436,999	22,322,062	(435)	(0.21)
BNP Paribas	USD	THB	12/10/17	93,387	3,115,000	-	-
BNP Paribas	USD	IDR	22/11/17	240,649	3,241,539,000	1	-
BNP Paribas	USD	EUR	15/12/17	2,447,263	2,033,115	34	0.02
BNP Paribas	USD	EUR	15/12/17	189,080	160,048	(1)	-
BNP Paribas	USD	EUR	15/12/17	134,893	114,364	(1)	-
BNP Paribas	USD	EUR	15/12/17	118,015	98,591	1	-
BNP Paribas	USD	EUR	15/12/17	3,561	2,964	-	-
Citigroup	COP	USD	22/11/17	2,400,000,000	814,111	(2)	-
Citigroup	TRY	USD	13/10/17	874,000	243,907	1	-
Citigroup	USD	TRY	13/10/17	546,546	1,977,000	(8)	-
Citigroup	USD	ZAR	13/10/17	313,088	4,207,000	2	-
Citigroup	USD	TRY	13/10/17	289,077	1,000,000	9	-
Goldman Sachs	HUF	USD	13/10/17	82,651,000	306,889	8	-
Goldman Sachs	PLN	USD	13/10/17	6,150,000	1,674,757	13	0.01
Goldman Sachs	USD	THB	12/10/17	4,663,784	159,112,000	(108)	(0.05)
Goldman Sachs	USD	MXN	13/10/17	2,035,629	37,127,000	(5)	-
Goldman Sachs	USD	IDR	22/11/17	498,693	6,734,853,000	1	-
HSBC	HUF	USD	13/10/17	710,000,000	2,762,917	(60)	(0.03)
HSBC	USD	PLN	13/10/17	4,276,844	15,350,000	64	0.03
HSBC	USD	ZAR	13/10/17	265,272	3,500,000	7	-
HSBC	USD	MXN	13/10/17	92,902	1,655,000	2	-
JPM Chase	HUF	USD	13/10/17	578,896,000	2,240,126	(36)	(0.02)
JPM Chase	HUF	USD	13/10/17	521,395,000	1,976,125	9	-
JPM Chase	MXN	USD	13/10/17	23,000,000	1,277,117	(13)	(0.01)
JPM Chase	MXN	USD	13/10/17	10,000,000	563,475	(14)	(0.01)
JPM Chase	RON	USD	13/10/17	13,846,000	3,546,298	14	0.01
JPM Chase	RON	USD	13/10/17	700,000	181,951	(2)	-
JPM Chase	TRY	USD	13/10/17	6,683,000	1,802,874	70	0.04
JPM Chase	USD	RON	13/10/17	2,373,984	9,116,000	30	0.02
JPM Chase	USD	RON	13/10/17	2,031,162	7,939,000	(10)	(0.01)
JPM Chase	USD	ZAR	13/10/17	1,920,302	26,096,000	(9)	-
JPM Chase	USD	TRY	13/10/17	1,806,043	6,506,000	(17)	(0.01)
JPM Chase	USD	RON	13/10/17	141,352	566,000	(4)	-
JPM Chase	ZAR	USD	13/10/17	30,500,000	2,227,507	27	0.01
Merrill Lynch	TRY	USD	13/10/17	2,400,000	679,282	(7)	-
Merrill Lynch	USD	PLN	13/10/17	628,978	2,300,000	(2)	-
Morgan Stanley	BRL	USD	22/11/17	2,358,000	740,462	-	-
Royal Bank of Canada	USD	BRL	22/11/17	543,485	1,706,000	8	-
UBS	BRL	USD	22/11/17	18,288,000	5,633,924	107	0.05



## Emerging Markets Local Currency Bond

Counterparty	Buy	Sell	Settlement	Buy Amount	Sell Amount	Unrealised Gains/(Losses) US\$'000	Total Net Assets %
UBS	IDR	USD	22/11/17	4,279,144,000	318,733	(2)	-
UBS	INR	USD	22/11/17	129,795,000	1,989,958	(17)	(0.01)
UBS	PLN	USD	13/10/17	5,651,000	1,565,339	(15)	(0.01)
UBS	USD	HUF	13/10/17	1,867,053	496,863,000	(25)	(0.01)
UBS	USD	TRY	13/10/17	376,022	1,303,000	11	0.01
UBS	USD	TRY	13/10/17	27,925	97,000	1	-
Unrealised losses on forward currency exchange contracts						(358)	(0.18)
Unrealised losses on derivatives						(358)	(0.18)
Total investments						189,980	96.41
Other net assets						7,075	3.59
Total net assets						197,055	100.00

Currently forward positions are not collateralised.

# Emerging Markets Local Currency Corporate Bond

For the year ended 30 September 2017

## Performance

For the year ended 30 September 2017, the value of Emerging Markets Local Currency Corporate Bond – A Accumulation Shares increased 9.41% compared to an increase 9.69% in the benchmark, the Bank of America Merrill Lynch Diversified Broad Local Emerging Markets Non-Sovereign Index.

Source: Lipper, Basis: total return, published NAV to NAV, net of annual charges, gross income reinvested, USD.

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 run up to the US elections in November last year dominated market news early in the year. Donald Trump's surprise victory sparked some volatility in emerging market (EM) risk assets, with most market participants expecting Hillary Clinton to replace Barack Obama in the White House. Despite a sharp sell-off on the back of initial fears around what a Trump presidency would mean for EM debt, it was a very positive year on the whole for both hard and local currency bonds. The asset class shrugged off prospects of a "hard" Trump – despite the President withdrawing the US from the Trans-Pacific Partnership in January – while the US Federal Reserve's decision to hike interest rates three times over the reporting year did little to offset the 2017 rally. The market is pricing in one more hike in December this year.

In oil news, prices were volatile at the start of the year amid concerns that OPEC members would fail to come to an agreement on production quotas. However, despite a dip in prices over the second quarter, Brent crude rallied, rising 9.1% alone in September as it reached a peak of \$59 per barrel – a level that hasn't been breached since the middle of 2015. There are signs the massive glut in oil inventories is starting to be drawn down as well as rising expectations that the OPEC supply deal will be extended beyond March 2018. Other commodities were relatively subdued for much of the year before an increase over the third quarter of 2017 helped boost the asset class. Demand for both hard currency and local currency remained robust, while emerging market currencies grew in strength against a weakening US dollar.

The Eurozone successfully skirted around various political hurdles including potential French and Dutch general election surprises and a possible Greek default. The German election did not play out in the same vein, however. While Angela Merkel is set to continue as German chancellor after winning the national election, her Christian Democrat alliance recorded its worst election result since 1949, amid a larger-than-expected surge in support for her nationalist opponents: the anti-immigration Alternative for Germany party.

Returning our focus back on emerging markets, many nations now find themselves in something of a 'sweet spot', though the picture is a little more mixed for some. A weaker US dollar is boosting global cross-border liquidity and helping a number of emerging market currencies, while China's economy continues to do well despite weakening marginally over the third quarter and lingering fears around debt levels. India has been heralded as one of emerging markets brightest spots in recent times but data has become a little mixed.

Activity has slowed notably over the past two quarters with the external sector deteriorating alongside weak domestic demand playing a role. A strong rupee and teething issues around the newly implemented Goods & Services Tax (GST) also hindered progress.

## Portfolio review

Over the course of the year, the Fund participated in various new issues, including from Fondo Mivivienda, the Peruvian mortgage lender; Bank of Georgia; and Yapi Ve Kredi Bankasi, the Turkish retail bank. Elsewhere, in currency space, we cut our exposure to Mexican peso and South African rand while adding to Turkish lira and Brazilian real.

## Outlook

We have long argued that EM economies are in the midst of a cyclical upswing with strong growth rebound and improving fundamentals. We first saw evidence of that recovery in the second half of 2016, and EM companies have since improved fundamentals further with a reduction in headline leverage which is now below 3x. Latin America is the biggest improvement with leverage coming down by 0.2x but it still remains the most levered region owing to a few big state owned enterprises. Recovery in commodity prices, better growth prospects, subdued debt growth, improving default rates and stronger foreign exchange all contributed to better credit metrics this year. We feel this trend should continue and with strong interest in the asset class we expect a strong end to the year.

## Emerging Market Debt Team

October 2017

# Emerging Markets Local Currency Corporate Bond

## Statement of Net Assets

As at 30 September 2017

	Notes	US\$'000
<b>Assets</b>		
Investments in securities at market value	2.2	7,530
Cash at bank		398
Interest receivable		159
<b>Total assets</b>		<b>8,087</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Taxes and expenses payable		9
Unrealised losses on forward currency exchange contracts	2.6	7
Other liabilities		2
<b>Total liabilities</b>		<b>18</b>
<b>Net assets at the end of the year</b>		<b>8,069</b>

## Statement of Changes in Net Assets

For the year from 1 October 2016 to 30 September 2017

	Notes	US\$'000
Net assets at the beginning of the year		7,277
Net gains from investments		528
Net realised gains		238
Net unrealised losses		(69)
Proceeds from shares issued		101
Payments for shares redeemed		(6)
<b>Net assets at the end of the year</b>		<b>8,069</b>

## Statement of Operations

For the year from 1 October 2016 to 30 September 2017

	Notes	US\$'000
<b>Income</b>		
Investment income	2.3	625
Bank interest		1
<b>Total income</b>		<b>626</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Management fees	4.2	85
Operating, administrative and servicing fees	4.3	13
<b>Total expenses</b>		<b>98</b>
<b>Net gains from investments</b>		<b>528</b>
Realised gains on investments		160
Realised gains on forward currency exchange contracts		80
Realised currency exchange losses		(2)
<b>Net realised gains</b>		<b>238</b>
Decrease in unrealised appreciation on investments		(61)
Increase in unrealised depreciation on forward currency exchange contracts		(7)
Unrealised currency exchange losses		(1)
<b>Net unrealised losses</b>		<b>(69)</b>
<b>Net increase in assets as a result of operations</b>		<b>697</b>

## Share Transactions

For the year from 1 October 2016 to 30 September 2017

	A-2	I-2	X-2	Z-1 <sup>A</sup>
Shares outstanding at the beginning of the year	167,000	324,176	167,000	-
Shares issued during the year	-	4,156	3,784	650
Shares redeemed during the year	(557)	-	-	-
<b>Shares outstanding at the end of the year</b>	<b>166,443</b>	<b>328,332</b>	<b>170,784</b>	<b>650</b>
<b>Net asset value per share</b>	<b>12.0243</b>	<b>12.1473</b>	<b>12.1360</b>	<b>10.0668</b>

<sup>A</sup> Share class launched 24 May 2017.

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements.

# Emerging Markets Local Currency Corporate Bond

## Portfolio Statement

As at 30 September 2017

Security	Coupon (%)	Maturity	Nominal/ Quantity	Market Value US\$'000	Total Net Assets %
Transferable securities and money market instruments admitted to an official exchange listing or dealt on another regulated market 89.51%					
Bonds 89.51%					
Corporate Bonds 86.73%					
Argentina 1.87%					
YPF Sociedad Anonima (EMTN)	FRN	07/07/20	150,000	151	1.87
Brazil 4.03%					
BRF	7.7500	22/05/18	1,041,000	325	4.03
China 4.79%					
Bank of China (EMTN)	4.8800	20/04/20	1,300,000	200	2.48
Longfor Properties	6.7500	28/05/18	1,220,000	187	2.31
				387	4.79
Colombia 3.83%					
Emgesa	8.7500	25/01/21	405,000,000	145	1.79
Findeter	7.8750	12/08/24	470,000,000	164	2.04
				309	3.83
Georgia 2.53%					
Bank of Georgia	11.0000	01/06/20	500,000	204	2.53
India 6.73%					
Housing Development Finance (EMTN)	7.8750	21/08/19	10,000,000	156	1.94
Indiabulls Housing Finance	8.5670	15/10/19	15,000,000	232	2.87
NTPC (EMTN)	7.2500	03/05/22	10,000,000	155	1.92
				543	6.73
Indonesia 4.52%					
Indosat	8.6000	02/09/21	1,740,000,000	133	1.65
Lembaga Pembiayaan Ekspor Indonesia	9.5000	13/03/20	3,000,000,000	231	2.87
				364	4.52
Malaysia 6.68%					
Cagamas MBS	4.0200	29/05/19	750,000	178	2.21
Digi Telecommunications (MTN)	4.3800	14/04/22	1,000,000	238	2.95
Malaysia Airports Capital Bhd (MTN)	4.6800	16/12/22	510,000	123	1.52
				539	6.68
Mexico 10.38%					
America Movil	6.4500	05/12/22	6,150,000	320	3.97
Comision Federal de Electricidad	7.3500	25/11/25	5,350,000	282	3.49
Petroleos Mexicanos	7.1900	12/09/24	4,700,000	236	2.92
				838	10.38

# Emerging Markets Local Currency Corporate Bond

Security	Coupon (%)	Maturity	Nominal/ Quantity	Market Value US\$'000	Total Net Assets %
<b>Netherlands 3.32%</b>					
VimpelCom	9.0000	13/02/18	15,445,000	268	3.32
<b>Russian Federation 10.08%</b>					
Alfa Bond Issuance (EMTN)	9.2500	16/02/22	10,000,000	178	2.21
EvrzHolding Finance	12.6000	23/03/21	9,000,000	177	2.19
Federal Grid Finance (EMTN)	8.4460	13/03/19	15,700,000	273	3.39
Russian Railways via RZD Capital	9.2000	07/10/23	10,000,000	185	2.29
				<b>813</b>	<b>10.08</b>
<b>Singapore 4.76%</b>					
Singapore Airlines (MTN)	3.2200	09/07/20	250,000	189	2.35
Singapore Technologies Telemedia (MTN)	4.0500	02/12/25	250,000	195	2.41
				<b>384</b>	<b>4.76</b>
<b>South Africa 10.63%</b>					
Development Bank of Southern Africa (MTN)	10.0000	27/02/23	3,000,000	228	2.82
Eskom	-	31/12/18	2,250,000	147	1.82
Eskom (MTN)	7.5000	15/09/33	3,000,000	169	2.09
Transnet (MTN)	10.8000	06/11/23	4,000,000	314	3.90
				<b>858</b>	<b>10.63</b>
<b>Turkey 8.63%</b>					
Akbank	7.5000	05/02/18	1,120,000	309	3.84
Turkiye Garanti Bankasi	7.3750	07/03/18	847,000	233	2.88
Yapi ve Kredi Bankasi (EMTN)	13.1250	10/06/20	550,000	154	1.91
				<b>696</b>	<b>8.63</b>
<b>United States 3.95%</b>					
Morgan Stanley	11.5000	22/10/20	920,000	319	3.95
<b>Total Corporate Bonds</b>				<b>6,998</b>	<b>86.73</b>
<b>Government Bonds 2.78%</b>					
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Fondo MIVIVIENDA	7.0000	14/02/24	700,000	224	2.78
<b>Total Government Bonds</b>				<b>224</b>	<b>2.78</b>
<b>Total Bonds</b>				<b>7,222</b>	<b>89.51</b>
Total Transferable securities and money market instruments admitted to an official exchange listing or dealt on another regulated market				<b>7,222</b>	<b>89.51</b>
<b>Other transferable securities and money market instruments 3.82%</b>					
<b>Bonds 3.82%</b>					
<b>Corporate Bonds 3.82%</b>					
<b>Malaysia 1.48%</b>					
CIMB Bank	4.8000	23/12/25	500,000	120	1.48

# Emerging Markets Local Currency Corporate Bond

Security	Coupon (%)	Maturity	Nominal/ Quantity	Market Value US\$'000	Total Net Assets %		
Singapore 2.34%							
SingTel Group Treasury (MTN)	2.7200	03/09/21	250,000	188	2.34		
Total Corporate Bonds				308	3.82		
Total Bonds				308	3.82		
Total Other transferable securities and money market instruments				308	3.82		
Derivatives (0.09%)							
Forward currency exchange contracts (0.09%)							
Counterparty	Buy	Sell	Settlement	Buy Amount	Sell Amount	Unrealised Gains/(Losses) US\$'000	Total Net Assets %
HSBC	USD	RUB	22/11/17	151,917	9,285,000	(8)	(0.11)
JPM Chase	USD	ZAR	13/10/17	225,615	3,066,000	(1)	(0.01)
UBS	BRL	USD	22/11/17	354,000	109,056	2	0.03
Unrealised losses on forward currency exchange contracts						(7)	(0.09)
Unrealised losses on derivatives						(7)	(0.09)
Total investments				7,523			93.24
Other net assets				546			6.76
Total net assets				8,069			100.00

Currently forward positions are not collateralised.

# Emerging Markets Smaller Companies

For the year ended 30 September 2017

## Performance

For the year ended 30 September 2017, the value of Emerging Markets Smaller Companies – A Accumulation Shares increased 8.81% compared to an increase 15.22% in the benchmark, the MSCI Global Emerging Markets Small Cap Index.

Source: Lipper, Basis: total return, published NAV to NAV, net of annual charges, gross income reinvested, USD.

Please see the Performance History section for details on the use of MSCI information.

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 broader emerging markets smaller companies index rose steadily, rebounding from an early lull in the wake of Donald Trump's unexpected US election victory. While geo-political tensions and a series of natural disasters threatened global risk appetites at times, higher-yielding assets remained in favour largely across the board. Investors were generally heartened by signs of improvement in corporate earnings, buoyant economic signals across both developed and emerging markets, and stabilising oil prices.

European markets performed particularly well on growing optimism over the region's economic resilience, with Poland, the Czech Republic and Romania all reporting healthy growth. Russia returned to favour, initially on hopes of a thaw in US relations under the Trump presidency. While that did not materialise, sentiment remained supported by the oil price recovery and a return to growth for the first time in two years. Brazilian equities were largely irrepressible on the back of encouraging economic signals, a chunky cut in interest rates and the government's plan to privatise state assets; even the raft of corruption allegations levelled at President Michel Temer did little to dampen investor enthusiasm.

In Asia, Chinese equities outperformed on broadly positive corporate earnings, surprisingly robust economic growth and the rise of domestic internet heavyweights. Amid this, investors largely shrugged off S&P's downgrade of China's credit rating on increased risk from prolonged credit growth. Conversely, Indonesian stocks were moribund, while South Korea's markets also came under pressure, from escalating geopolitical tensions on its doorstep.

## Portfolio review

The Fund underperformed the benchmark. Our overall positioning in Turkey was a key detractor as the deteriorating lira weighed on US dollar returns, with bottler Coca-Cola Icecek coming under particular pressure given its balance sheet is largely US-dollar funded. The Fund's stock selection and overweight to Taiwan also proved costly as the country's smaller companies, which are heavily slanted towards the technology sector, rose in anticipation of increased demand for their products that are used in the new iPhones.

At stock level, Singaporean confectionery producer Delfi suffered from lacklustre sales growth and profitability in an environment of subdued consumer demand, while Jordanian drug-maker Hikma Pharmaceuticals faltered after cutting revenue forecasts due to the delayed launch of a new high-profile generic. In China, traditional medicine manufacturer TRT Technologies disappointed on subdued sales of core products amid heightened competition, while Peruvian infrastructure firm Grana Y Montero's shares fell sharply after it became embroiled in a corruption scandal. However, the latter began to recover later in the year on growing confidence in its ability to surmount the allegations.

Conversely, our overweight to South Korea mitigated losses as its market corrected amid growing concerns over the brinkmanship of its northern neighbour, as well as the continued de-rating of companies in the biotech industry, a key driver of the South Korean small-cap market last year. We also benefited from our overweight to Brazil as its markets were supported by an improving outlook for earnings, as well as the broader economy. Footwear retailer Arezzo was the top contributor to performance following robust second-quarter results.

Elsewhere, Chinese industrial gas company Yingde Gases also contributed to returns after it became a takeover target. We divested Yingde to private equity firm PAG Capital at HK\$6 a share. In India, Piramal Enterprises' share price was particularly buoyant on the back of an improving outlook for its financing business, given the company's willingness to raise capital to support growth.

During the year, we introduced Medy-Tox, a South Korean maker of botulinum toxin, when its valuation turned more reasonable following broader weakness in the health-care sector. The company has a 40% share of the domestic market and is one of eight such manufacturers globally. We also initiated: Taiwanese retail chain Poya, which is taking market share from smaller rivals with its large stores and diverse products; attractively-valued, Turkish software developer Logo; leading South Korean home-furnishing franchise Hanssem, which has an asset-light business model, reputable brand and solid track record; high-quality airport operator Shenzhen Airport; leading Polish supermarket chain Dino Polksa; Habib Bank, Pakistan's largest lender by assets; and dominant African financial institution Guaranty Trust Bank. Separately, we participated in Pilipinas Shell Petroleum's (Shell Philippines') initial public offering.

Against this, we sold Yingde Gases, Dah Sing Banking Group, O'Key Group, Texwinca, Sonda and HAECO to fund better opportunities elsewhere, as well as BNK Financial on deteriorating prospects.

## Outlook

Looking ahead, the Federal Reserve's normalisation plans, which include a likely December rate hike, remain a major concern, as tighter liquidity could dampen appetite for riskier assets and lead to capital outflows from emerging markets. All eyes will also be on China in the run-up to the Communist Party's 19th National Congress, and on potential changes to Beijing's monetary policy and reforms. But while mainland growth is expected to moderate, resilience of exports and consumption suggests a sharp slowdown is unlikely. This should support continued corporate earnings growth, both in China and the broader emerging markets. Developing economies' efforts to de-leverage and reduce current account deficits should position them better to withstand volatility. Growth is also broadening, with Brazil and South Africa emerging from recession. This, coupled with subdued inflation and accommodative monetary policies, should benefit our consumer holdings. Stabilising oil prices will also be positive for commodity-dependent economies, such as Russia. All these suggest emerging assets have room for further gains. We remain confident in our approach, favouring quality companies that can weather uncertainties and tap into emerging markets' favourable demographics and long-term growth potential.

**Global Emerging Markets Equity Team**  
October 2017

# Emerging Markets Smaller Companies

## Statement of Net Assets

As at 30 September 2017

	Notes	US\$'000
<b>Assets</b>		
Investments in securities at market value	2.2	1,092,462
Cash at bank		7,868
Interest and dividends receivable		1,391
Subscriptions receivable		257
Receivable for investments sold		5,824
Other assets		48
<b>Total assets</b>		<b>1,107,850</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Payable for investments purchased		331
Taxes and expenses payable		1,310
Redemptions payable		4,538
<b>Total liabilities</b>		<b>6,179</b>
<b>Net assets at the end of the year</b>		<b>1,101,671</b>

## Statement of Changes in Net Assets

For the year from 1 October 2016 to 30 September 2017

	Notes	US\$'000
Net assets at the beginning of the year		1,217,309
Net gains from investments		7,887
Net realised losses		(11,859)
Net unrealised gains		99,110
Proceeds from shares issued		161,702
Payments for shares redeemed		(372,169)
Net equalisation paid	10	(566)
Capacity management charge	15	257
<b>Net assets at the end of the year</b>		<b>1,101,671</b>

## Statement of Operations

For the year from 1 October 2016 to 30 September 2017

	Notes	US\$'000
<b>Income</b>		
Investment income	2.3	23,626
Stocklending income	16	190
Bank interest		54
<b>Total income</b>		<b>23,870</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Management fees	4.2	12,745
Operating, administrative and servicing fees	4.3	3,214
Other operational expenses		24
<b>Total expenses</b>		<b>15,983</b>
<b>Net gains from investments</b>		<b>7,887</b>
Realised losses on investments		(11,764)
Realised currency exchange losses		(95)
<b>Net realised losses</b>		<b>(11,859)</b>
Decrease in unrealised depreciation on investments		99,114
Unrealised currency exchange losses		(4)
<b>Net unrealised gains</b>		<b>99,110</b>
<b>Net increase in assets as a result of operations</b>		<b>95,138</b>

## Share Transactions

For the year from 1 October 2016 to 30 September 2017

	A-2	D(GBP)-2	G-2	I-2
Shares outstanding at the beginning of the year	18,892,227	5,957,960	23,939,338	19,476,770
Shares issued during the year	738,737	3,847,302	6,992,010	831,896
Shares redeemed during the year	(8,867,967)	(327,452)	(1,507,756)	(9,504,920)
<b>Shares outstanding at the end of the year</b>	<b>10,762,997</b>	<b>9,477,810</b>	<b>29,423,592</b>	<b>10,803,746</b>
<b>Net asset value per share</b>	<b>19.3917</b>	<b>14.4149</b>	<b>10.2558</b>	<b>21.1079</b>

	R(GBP)-2	X-2	Y(EUR)-2	Z-2
Shares outstanding at the beginning of the year	407,937	1,968,450	62,902	7,211,266
Shares issued during the year	44,295	146,802	-	-
Shares redeemed during the year	(164,199)	(654,524)	(36,467)	(399,353)
<b>Shares outstanding at the end of the year</b>	<b>288,033</b>	<b>1,460,728</b>	<b>26,435</b>	<b>6,811,913</b>
<b>Net asset value per share</b>	<b>13.3586</b>	<b>11.1715</b>	<b>12.3110</b>	<b>23.1926</b>

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements.



# Emerging Markets Smaller Companies

## Portfolio Statement

As at 30 September 2017

Security	Nominal/ Quantity	Market Value US\$'000	Total Net Assets %
Transferable securities and money market instruments admitted to an official exchange listing or dealt on another regulated market 99.16%			
<b>Equities 99.16%</b>			
<b>Brazil 10.05%</b>			
Arezzo Industria e Comercio	1,022,617	16,152	1.47
Iguatemi Empresa de Shopping Centers	1,767,008	21,901	1.99
Localiza Rent a Car	602,818	10,997	1.00
OdontoPrev	3,314,253	16,172	1.47
TOTVS	1,316,498	13,019	1.18
Valid Solucoes	1,435,413	9,237	0.84
Wilson Sons (BDR)	1,740,662	23,285	2.10
		<b>110,763</b>	<b>10.05</b>
<b>Chile 3.05%</b>			
Parque Arauco	12,255,937	33,576	3.05
<b>China 1.99%</b>			
Shenzhen Airport	8,600,036	11,237	1.02
Tong Ren Tang Technologies	8,350,000	10,674	0.97
		<b>21,911</b>	<b>1.99</b>
<b>Egypt 1.43%</b>			
Edita Food Industries (GDR) <sup>o</sup>	1,353,250	7,105	0.64
Juhayna Food Industries	18,948,982	8,674	0.79
		<b>15,779</b>	<b>1.43</b>
<b>Hong Kong 2.81%</b>			
Pacific Basin Shipping	136,715,000	30,981	2.81
<b>India 14.88%</b>			
Castrol India	1,725,870	9,468	0.86
CONCOR	1,371,601	28,327	2.57
Godrej Consumer Products	2,525,276	35,404	3.22
Kansai Nerolac Paints	3,266,210	24,015	2.18
Mphasis	1,397,951	13,241	1.20
Piramal Enterprises	634,594	25,609	2.32
Ramco Cements	2,627,213	27,862	2.53
		<b>163,926</b>	<b>14.88</b>
<b>Indonesia 7.88%</b>			
Ace Hardware Indonesia	296,293,900	26,673	2.42
AKR Corporindo	57,675,700	30,349	2.76
Bank OCBC NISP	80,522,543	11,045	1.00
Bank Permata	131,967,978	6,932	0.63
Holcim Indonesia	193,492,400	11,816	1.07
		<b>86,815</b>	<b>7.88</b>

# Emerging Markets Smaller Companies

	Nominal/ Quantity	Market Value US\$'000	Total Net Assets %
<b>Security</b>			
<b>Jordan 0.97%</b>			
Hikma Pharmaceuticals <sup>™</sup>	656,542	10,667	0.97
<b>Kenya 1.17%</b>			
East African Breweries	5,316,800	12,874	1.17
<b>Malaysia 5.56%</b>			
Aeon	37,192,200	18,144	1.65
Guinness Anchor	1,284,500	5,637	0.51
Oriental	5,968,400	9,287	0.84
SP Setia	15,240,515	12,867	1.17
SP Setia (PREF)	6,520,831	1,714	0.16
United Plantations	2,081,400	13,561	1.23
		<b>61,210</b>	<b>5.56</b>
<b>Mexico 2.66%</b>			
Grupo Aeroportuario del Centro Norte (ADR)	659,354	29,252	2.66
<b>Netherlands 2.49%</b>			
ASM International (non-voting)	433,862	27,399	2.49
<b>Nigeria 2.18%</b>			
Guaranty Trust Bank	7,206,927	812	0.07
Guinness Nigeria	26,630,835	7,048	0.64
Guinness Nigeria (Interim Line)	12,104,925	3,204	0.29
Zenith Bank	197,192,066	12,957	1.18
		<b>24,021</b>	<b>2.18</b>
<b>Pakistan 1.41%</b>			
Habib Bank	4,750,000	8,113	0.74
Maple Leaf Cement Factory	9,152,800	7,282	0.66
Maple Leaf Cement Factory (Rights)	934,850	158	0.01
		<b>15,553</b>	<b>1.41</b>
<b>Peru 1.13%</b>			
Grana y Montero (ADR) <sup>™</sup>	2,598,949	12,488	1.13
<b>Philippines 4.04%</b>			
Jollibee Foods	6,005,400	28,833	2.62
Pilipinas Shell Petroleum	11,768,150	15,695	1.42
		<b>44,528</b>	<b>4.04</b>
<b>Poland 2.00%</b>			
Dino Polska	765,944	13,956	1.27
Eurocash <sup>™</sup>	763,534	8,081	0.73
		<b>22,037</b>	<b>2.00</b>

# Emerging Markets Smaller Companies

	Nominal/ Quantity	Market Value US\$'000	Total Net Assets %
<b>Security</b>			
<b>Romania 1.38%</b>			
BRD-Groupe Societe Generale	4,718,633	15,157	1.38
<b>Russian Federation 1.91%</b>			
Synergy	1,964,595	21,060	1.91
<b>Singapore 3.45%</b>			
Delfi	17,014,400	18,951	1.72
Yanlord Land	14,000,200	19,099	1.73
		<b>38,050</b>	<b>3.45</b>
<b>South Africa 5.87%</b>			
African Oxygen	5,974,411	10,365	0.94
City Lodge Hotels	1,018,509	10,455	0.95
Clicks	1,412,604	16,516	1.50
JSE	1,282,861	11,765	1.07
Spar	1,257,554	15,559	1.41
		<b>64,660</b>	<b>5.87</b>
<b>South Korea 2.86%</b>			
Hanssem	75,000	9,904	0.90
Medy-Tox	31,300	13,512	1.22
Shinsegae	47,665	8,105	0.74
		<b>31,521</b>	<b>2.86</b>
<b>Sri Lanka 2.26%</b>			
John Keells	23,463,481	24,950	2.26
<b>Taiwan 1.57%</b>			
Poya International	1,445,310	17,254	1.57
<b>Thailand 5.40%</b>			
BEC World	17,856,300	8,754	0.79
Bumrungrad Hospital (Alien) <sup>∞</sup>	1,675,000	10,748	0.98
Central Pattana (Alien)	5,700,000	13,353	1.21
Hana Microelectronics	7,598,000	10,850	0.98
Siam City Cement (Alien) <sup>∞</sup>	1,813,950	15,828	1.44
		<b>59,533</b>	<b>5.40</b>
<b>Turkey 7.10%</b>			
Aksigorta	9,846,088	8,486	0.77
AvivaSA Emeklilik ve Hayat <sup>∞</sup>	2,003,607	10,435	0.95
Cimsa Cimento <sup>∞</sup>	5,159,522	20,559	1.87
Coca-Cola Icecek	2,558,949	26,783	2.42
Logo Yazilim Sanayi ve Ticaret	786,758	11,997	1.09
		<b>78,260</b>	<b>7.10</b>

## Emerging Markets Smaller Companies

	Nominal/ Quantity	Market Value US\$'000	Total Net Assets %
<b>Security</b>			
<b>United States 1.66%</b>			
EPAM Systems	207,380	18,236	1.66
<b>Total Equities</b>		1,092,461	99.16
<b>Total Transferable securities and money market instruments admitted to an official exchange listing or dealt on another regulated market</b>		1,092,461	99.16
<b>Open Ended Investment Funds nil</b>			
Aberdeen Liquidity Fund (Lux) US Dollar Fund Z-1 <sup>†</sup>	1	1	-
<b>Total Open Ended Investment Funds</b>		1	-
<b>Total investments</b>		1,092,462	99.16
<b>Other net assets</b>		9,209	0.84
<b>Total net assets</b>		1,101,671	100.00

<sup>†</sup> Managed by subsidiaries of Aberdeen Asset Management PLC.

<sup>⊗</sup> A portion of this security is on loan at the year end.

# European Equity

For the year ended 30 September 2017

## Performance

For the year ended 30 September 2017, the value of European Equity - A Accumulation Shares increased by 12.49% compared with an increase of 17.06% in its benchmark, the FTSE Europe Index.

Source: Lipper, Basis: total return, published NAV to NAV, net of annual charges, gross income reinvested, EUR.

Please remember that past performance is not a guide to future returns. The price of shares and the revenue from them may fall as well as rise. Investors may not get back the amount originally invested.

## Market review

European equities rose in the year under review. At the start, investors were spooked by the sell-off in Chinese equities and the continued fall in the oil price. Sentiment was also dampened after the UK's decision to leave the European Union and worries over the global economy's health. But the market recovered on the back of a rosier global economic backdrop, a resilient Eurozone economy and a rebound in the oil price. Second-quarter Eurozone GDP accelerated at its fastest in six years, while ratings agency Moody's anticipated above-trend growth both this year and the next. Sentiment was also supported by the US Federal Reserve's interest-rate normalisation, and the European Central Bank's accommodative policy stance. However, the gains were capped by populist discontent in Germany which shaved Angela Merkel's winning margin at the elections, Catalonia's referendum in Spain, and uncertainty from the ongoing Brexit negotiations.

## Portfolio review

The Fund delivered healthy returns over the review year, although it trailed the benchmark.

At the stock level, detractors included a lack of exposure to both HSBC and Banco Santander which negatively affected performance as banks performed well on the back of increasing interest-rate expectations, as did Allianz, which also benefited from rising bond yields.

Mitigating the underperformance were Temenos, which benefited from upbeat investor sentiment on potential new contract wins, alongside earnings upgrades; Prudential, as it delivered solid growth in its Asian business and is a beneficiary of rising global interest rates; and Swatch, as its share price recovered somewhat amid signs of improving demand for its watches from the key markets of mainland China and Hong Kong.

In addition to the changes already mentioned in the interim report, key portfolio activity in the second half included divesting Ericsson, LafargeHolcim, Nordea Bank, and Royal Dutch Shell to recycle capital into more attractive opportunities elsewhere. Against this, we introduced Fuchs Petrolub, a world-leading maker of lubricant that has a wide array of industrial uses. We like the company for its healthy balance sheet, a good track record and a focus on delivering high returns on invested capital. We also initiated a holding in well-capitalised Swedish banking group Svenska Handelsbanken, which presents superior growth opportunities relative to its peers, while supported by an attractive and growing dividend.

## Outlook

Looking ahead, the economic picture in Europe continues to look encouraging driven by a combination of upbeat consumer sentiment, a tightening labour market and better global growth. This reflects in the prospects for GDP growth this year and beyond, where growth expectations are at their highest in a decade. In politics, Angela Merkel's alliance remains the largest force in the Bundestag even though the populist AfD party made gains in the recent German election, while we also saw the advent of more political risk in the form of Catalonia's recent independence referendum.

In the UK, the stockmarket's continued upward trajectory seems less apparent, with significant uncertainty about the shape of Brexit negotiations, which coupled with the Bank of England's decision to hold interest rates at 0.25% and a rise in inflation as a result of sterling's weakness, has hurt domestic demand and in turn, led to a weaker economic outlook.

While recognising that we are not immune to these dynamics, we do, however, maintain the view that the underlying strength of our holdings will outweigh the broader environment in the long term. Hence, our consistent approach to identify companies that possess the best diversified earnings streams, superior business models and robust balance sheets at attractive valuations.

## Pan European Equity Team

October 2017

# European Equity

## Statement of Net Assets

As at 30 September 2017

	Notes	€'000
<b>Assets</b>		
Investments in securities at market value	2.2	171,026
Cash at bank		804
Interest and dividends receivable		167
Subscriptions receivable		150
Other assets		88
<b>Total assets</b>		<b>172,235</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Taxes and expenses payable		206
Redemptions payable		360
<b>Total liabilities</b>		<b>566</b>
<b>Net assets at the end of the year</b>		<b>171,669</b>

## Statement of Changes in Net Assets

For the year from 1 October 2016 to 30 September 2017

	Notes	€'000
Net assets at the beginning of the year		199,417
Net gains from investments		2,143
Net realised gains		13,276
Net unrealised gains		7,335
Proceeds from shares issued		17,256
Payments for shares redeemed		(67,358)
Net equalisation paid	10	(400)
<b>Net assets at the end of the year</b>		<b>171,669</b>

## Statement of Operations

For the year from 1 October 2016 to 30 September 2017

	Notes	€'000
<b>Income</b>		
Investment income	2.3	4,799
Stocklending income	16	36
<b>Total income</b>		<b>4,835</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Management fees	4.2	2,325
Operating, administrative and servicing fees	4.3	360
Other operational expenses		4
Bank interest		3
<b>Total expenses</b>		<b>2,692</b>
<b>Net gains from investments</b>		<b>2,143</b>
Realised gains on investments		13,305
Realised currency exchange losses		(29)
<b>Net realised gains</b>		<b>13,276</b>
Increase in unrealised appreciation on investments		7,336
Unrealised currency exchange losses		(1)
<b>Net unrealised gains</b>		<b>7,335</b>
<b>Net increase in assets as a result of operations</b>		<b>22,754</b>

## Share Transactions

For the year from 1 October 2016 to 30 September 2017

	A-2	I-2	S-2	U(USD)-2	X-2	Z-2
Shares outstanding at the beginning of the year	2,028,513	17,564	115,168	19,878	468,917	2,710,163
Shares issued during the year	151,532	2,048	2,250	1	31,992	394,868
Shares redeemed during the year	(454,470)	(15,434)	(14,799)	(10,128)	(12,560)	(1,252,004)
<b>Shares outstanding at the end of the year</b>	<b>1,725,575</b>	<b>4,178</b>	<b>102,619</b>	<b>9,751</b>	<b>488,349</b>	<b>1,853,027</b>
<b>Net asset value per share</b>	<b>50.0317</b>	<b>1,361.1254</b>	<b>413.5314</b>	<b>11.3170</b>	<b>13.9361</b>	<b>16.3592</b>

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements.

# European Equity

## Portfolio Statement

As at 30 September 2017

Security	Nominal/ Quantity	Market Value €'000	Total Net Assets %
Transferable securities and money market instruments admitted to an official exchange listing or dealt on another regulated market 97.00%			
Equities 97.00%			
Austria 2.56%			
Schoeller-Bleckmann Oilfield Equipment <sup>∞</sup>	65,200	4,392	2.56
Denmark 6.84%			
Novo Nordisk 'B'	201,100	8,142	4.74
Novozymes 'B'	82,700	3,600	2.10
		11,742	6.84
France 6.35%			
Edenred	173,100	3,976	2.32
Essilor International	32,600	3,416	1.99
L'Oreal	19,500	3,508	2.04
		10,900	6.35
Germany 8.28%			
Bayer	47,800	5,501	3.20
Fuchs Petrolub	81,400	3,534	2.06
Henkel	50,200	5,181	3.02
		14,216	8.28
Ireland 1.88%			
Experian	189,800	3,229	1.88
Italy 3.74%			
Amplifon	298,500	3,841	2.24
Brunello Cucinelli <sup>∞</sup>	98,300	2,578	1.50
		6,419	3.74
Netherlands 5.46%			
GrandVision	197,100	4,214	2.46
Heineken	61,800	5,167	3.00
		9,381	5.46
Norway 1.98%			
Kongsberg Gruppen	244,900	3,396	1.98
Spain 2.25%			
Amadeus IT	70,100	3,854	2.25
Sweden 4.19%			
Atlas Copco 'B'	111,700	3,650	2.13
Svenska Handelsbanken 'A'	278,000	3,538	2.06
		7,188	4.19

# European Equity

Security	Nominal/ Quantity	Market Value €'000	Total Net Assets %
<b>Switzerland 20.01%</b>			
Nestle	100,000	7,088	4.13
Roche	22,600	4,883	2.84
Schindler	19,300	3,608	2.10
SGS	1,830	3,717	2.17
Swatch	74,900	5,050	2.94
Temenos	38,500	3,325	1.94
UBS	353,100	5,108	2.98
VZ	5,800	1,566	0.91
		<b>34,345</b>	<b>20.01</b>
<b>United Kingdom 33.46%</b>			
Aveva	77,200	2,133	1.24
BHP Billiton	209,100	3,119	1.82
British American Tobacco	121,300	6,432	3.75
Compass	198,300	3,563	2.08
Croda International	77,800	3,349	1.95
GlaxoSmithKline	184,300	3,113	1.81
Inmarsat	339,500	2,479	1.44
Pearson	318,700	2,214	1.29
Prudential	349,600	7,088	4.12
Rolls-Royce	475,400	4,786	2.79
Schroders (non voting)	131,800	3,641	2.12
Spirax-Sarco Engineering	32,200	2,019	1.18
Standard Chartered	402,800	3,390	1.97
Unilever	133,700	6,553	3.82
Weir	160,400	3,577	2.08
		<b>57,456</b>	<b>33.46</b>
<b>Total Equities</b>		<b>166,518</b>	<b>97.00</b>
<b>Total Transferable securities and money market instruments admitted to an official exchange listing or dealt on another regulated market</b>		<b>166,518</b>	<b>97.00</b>
<b>Other transferable securities and money market instruments nil</b>			
<b>Equities nil</b>			
<b>Spain nil</b>			
CEMEX Espana	305	-	-
<b>Total Equities</b>		-	-
<b>Total Other transferable securities and money market instruments</b>		-	-
<b>Open Ended Investment Funds 2.63%</b>			
Aberdeen European Smaller Companies Equity Fund Z-Acc <sup>†</sup>	181,072	3,607	2.10
Aberdeen Liquidity Fund (Lux) Euro Fund Z-3 <sup>†</sup>	901	901	0.53
		<b>4,508</b>	<b>2.63</b>
<b>Total Open Ended Investment Funds</b>		<b>4,508</b>	<b>2.63</b>



# European Equity

	Nominal/ Quantity	Market Value €'000	Total Net Assets %
Security			
Total investments		171,026	99.63
Other net assets		643	0.37
Total net assets		171,669	100.00

† Managed by subsidiaries of Aberdeen Asset Management PLC.  
 \* A portion of this security is on loan at the year end.

# European Equity Dividend

For the year ended 30 September 2017

## Performance

For the year ended 30 September 2017, the value of European Equity Dividend - A Accumulation Shares increased by 5.57%, compared with an increase of 16.93% in its benchmark, the MSCI Europe Index.

Source: Lipper, Basis: total return, published NAV to NAV, net of annual charges, gross income reinvested, EUR.

Please see the Performance History section for details on the use of MSCI information.

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## Market review

European equities rose in the year under review. At the start, investors were spooked by the sell-off in Chinese equities and the continued fall in the oil price. Sentiment was also dampened after the UK's decision to leave the European Union and worries over the global economy's health. But the market recovered on the back of a rosier global economic backdrop, a resilient Eurozone economy and a rebound in the oil price. Second-quarter Eurozone GDP accelerated at its fastest in six years, while ratings agency Moody's anticipated above-trend growth both this year and the next. Sentiment was also supported by the US Federal Reserve's interest-rate normalisation, and the European Central Bank's accommodative policy stance. However, the gains were capped by populist discontent in Germany which shaved Angela Merkel's winning margin at the elections, Catalonia's referendum in Spain, and uncertainty from the ongoing Brexit negotiations.

## Portfolio review

At the stock level, detractors included Provident Financial, whose shares were hurt by operational issues associated with a new working model in the company's home-credit business; we exited the position in the latter half. Defensively-focused Imperial Brands also detracted as its shares suffered from sector rotation into more cyclical areas. Last, Pearson's shares suffered following a profit warning and dividend cut, due largely to weaker-than-expected demand for textbooks in US universities.

Mitigating the underperformance were Temenos, which benefited from upbeat investor sentiment on potential new contract wins, alongside earnings upgrades; Nordea Bank, which was buoyed by expectations for interest rates increases as well as progress with cost cutting and robust capital generation; and Prudential, as it delivered solid growth in its Asian business and is a beneficiary of rising global interest rates.

In addition to the changes already mentioned in the interim report, key portfolio activity in the second half included divesting Ericsson, LafargeHolcim, National Grid, Pearson, Provident Financial and Standard Chartered to recycle capital into more attractive opportunities elsewhere. Against this, we introduced hearing-aid retailer Amplifon, given its international scale that should result in greater cost efficiency, allowing it to be more price competitive; well-run and high quality luxury goods company, Brunello Cucinelli, recognising its exciting growth prospects; mature-market bank ING Groep, which enjoys plenty of options for growth, as well as an attractive valuation and a compelling dividend yield; and good quality pan-European lender Svenska Handelsbanken, which offers industry-leading returns, a clear strategy and an attractive yield.

## Outlook

Looking ahead, the economic picture in Europe continues to look encouraging driven by a combination of upbeat consumer sentiment, a tightening labour market and better global growth. This reflects in the prospects for GDP growth this year and beyond, where growth expectations are at their highest in a decade. In politics, Angela Merkel's alliance remains the largest force in the Bundestag even though the populist AfD party made gains in the recent German election, while we also saw the advent of more political risk in the form of Catalonia's recent independence referendum.

In the UK, the stockmarket's continued upward trajectory seems less apparent, with significant uncertainty about the shape of Brexit negotiations, which coupled with the Bank of England's decision to hold interest rates at 0.25% and a rise in inflation as a result of sterling's weakness, has hurt domestic demand and in turn, led to a weaker economic outlook.

While recognising that we are not immune to these dynamics, we do, however, maintain the view that the underlying strength of our holdings will outweigh the broader environment in the long term. Hence, our consistent approach to identify companies that possess the best diversified earnings streams, superior business models and robust balance sheets at attractive valuations.

## Pan European Equity Team

October 2017

# European Equity Dividend

## Statement of Net Assets

As at 30 September 2017

	Notes	€'000
<b>Assets</b>		
Investments in securities at market value	2.2	58,956
Cash at bank		410
Interest and dividends receivable		125
Subscriptions receivable		2
Unrealised gains on forward currency exchange contracts	2.6	58
Other assets		28
<b>Total assets</b>		<b>59,579</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Payable for investments purchased		231
Taxes and expenses payable		88
Redemptions payable		404
Other liabilities		45
<b>Total liabilities</b>		<b>768</b>
<b>Net assets at the end of the year</b>		<b>58,811</b>

## Statement of Changes in Net Assets

For the year from 1 October 2016 to 30 September 2017

	Notes	€'000
Net assets at the beginning of the year		72,266
Net gains from investments		1,123
Net realised losses		(2,379)
Net unrealised gains		4,682
Proceeds from shares issued		4,363
Payments for shares redeemed		(21,072)
Net equalisation paid	10	(127)
Dividends paid	5	(45)
<b>Net assets at the end of the year</b>		<b>58,811</b>

## Share Transactions

For the year from 1 October 2016 to 30 September 2017

	A-1	A-2	A(CHF)-2^	A(USD)-2^
Shares outstanding at the beginning of the year	17,705	144,533	28,168	26,602
Shares issued during the year	3,462	9,841	18	211
Shares redeemed during the year	(4,928)	(44,828)	(8,508)	(8,496)
<b>Shares outstanding at the end of the year</b>	<b>16,239</b>	<b>109,546</b>	<b>19,678</b>	<b>18,317</b>
<b>Net asset value per share</b>	<b>153.0229</b>	<b>199.1762</b>	<b>168.2999</b>	<b>200.4689</b>

	I-2	S-2	X-2
Shares outstanding at the beginning of the year	3,954	137,646	25,671
Shares issued during the year	462	2,911	17,586
Shares redeemed during the year	(2,043)	(22,003)	(3,187)
<b>Shares outstanding at the end of the year</b>	<b>2,373</b>	<b>118,554</b>	<b>40,070</b>
<b>Net asset value per share</b>	<b>2,135.6311</b>	<b>193.2822</b>	<b>13.0568</b>

^ Base currency exposure share class.

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements.

## Statement of Operations

For the year from 1 October 2016 to 30 September 2017

	Notes	€'000
<b>Income</b>		
Investment income	2.3	2,328
Stocklending income	16	4
<b>Total income</b>		<b>2,332</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Management fees	4.2	1,052
Operating, administrative and servicing fees	4.3	154
Other operational expenses		1
Bank interest		2
<b>Total expenses</b>		<b>1,209</b>
<b>Net gains from investments</b>		<b>1,123</b>
Realised losses on investments		(2,048)
Realised losses on forward currency exchange contracts		(336)
Realised currency exchange gains		5
<b>Net realised losses</b>		<b>(2,379)</b>
Increase in unrealised appreciation on investments		4,642
Increase in unrealised appreciation on forward currency exchange contracts		39
Unrealised currency exchange gains		1
<b>Net unrealised gains</b>		<b>4,682</b>
<b>Net increase in assets as a result of operations</b>		<b>3,426</b>

# European Equity Dividend

## Portfolio Statement

As at 30 September 2017

Security	Nominal/ Quantity	Market Value €'000	Total Net Assets %
Transferable securities and money market instruments admitted to an official exchange listing or dealt on another regulated market 99.68%			
<b>Equities 99.68%</b>			
<b>Austria 1.55%</b>			
Schoeller-Bleckmann Oilfield Equipment	13,500	909	1.55
<b>Denmark 7.69%</b>			
Novo Nordisk 'B'	60,000	2,429	4.12
Novozymes 'B'	26,700	1,162	1.98
Scandinavian Tobacco	62,000	934	1.59
		<b>4,525</b>	<b>7.69</b>
<b>France 9.02%</b>			
Edenred	67,000	1,539	2.62
L'Oreal	4,400	791	1.35
TOTAL	27,895	1,267	2.15
Unibail-Rodamco (REIT)	8,300	1,707	2.90
		<b>5,304</b>	<b>9.02</b>
<b>Germany 3.86%</b>			
Hannover Re	12,400	1,263	2.15
Henkel	9,750	1,006	1.71
		<b>2,269</b>	<b>3.86</b>
<b>Ireland 1.54%</b>			
Experian	53,400	908	1.54
<b>Italy 2.94%</b>			
Amplifon	70,400	906	1.55
Brunello Cucinelli	22,500	590	1.00
Gima TT	18,469	231	0.39
		<b>1,727</b>	<b>2.94</b>
<b>Netherlands 7.31%</b>			
GrandVision	47,500	1,016	1.73
ING Groep	76,000	1,185	2.01
Royal Dutch Shell 'B'	80,700	2,101	3.57
		<b>4,302</b>	<b>7.31</b>
<b>Norway 1.47%</b>			
Kongsberg Gruppen	62,500	867	1.47

# European Equity Dividend

	Nominal/ Quantity	Market Value €'000	Total Net Assets %
<b>Security</b>			
<b>Sweden 7.34%</b>			
Atlas Copco 'B'	36,900	1,206	2.05
Nordea Bank	163,000	1,863	3.17
Svenska Handelsbanken 'A'	97,800	1,245	2.12
		<b>4,314</b>	<b>7.34</b>
<b>Switzerland 22.01%</b>			
Nestle	33,500	2,374	4.03
Novartis	17,200	1,246	2.12
Roche	8,200	1,772	3.01
Schindler	6,600	1,234	2.10
SGS	500	1,016	1.73
Swatch	18,300	1,234	2.10
Temenos	11,800	1,019	1.73
UBS	123,400	1,785	3.04
Zurich Insurance	4,900	1,266	2.15
		<b>12,946</b>	<b>22.01</b>
<b>United Kingdom 34.95%</b>			
BBA Aviation	346,500	1,173	2.00
BHP Billiton	79,000	1,179	2.00
British American Tobacco	41,500	2,200	3.74
Compass	50,961	916	1.56
Croda International	25,000	1,076	1.83
GlaxoSmithKline	104,000	1,757	2.99
Imperial Brands	47,000	1,698	2.89
Inmarsat	147,000	1,074	1.83
Prudential	112,000	2,271	3.86
Rolls-Royce	90,500	911	1.55
Schroders (non voting)	52,000	1,436	2.44
Unilever	48,000	2,354	3.99
Vodafone	734,400	1,740	2.96
Weir	34,500	769	1.31
		<b>20,554</b>	<b>34.95</b>
<b>Total Equities</b>		<b>58,625</b>	<b>99.68</b>
<b>Total Transferable securities and money market instruments admitted to an official exchange listing or dealt on another regulated market</b>			
		<b>58,625</b>	<b>99.68</b>
<b>Open Ended Investment Funds 0.56%</b>			
Aberdeen Liquidity Fund (Lux) Euro Fund Z-3†	331	331	0.56
<b>Total Open Ended Investment Funds</b>		<b>331</b>	<b>0.56</b>

# European Equity Dividend

Derivatives 0.10%

Forward currency exchange contracts 0.10%

Counterparty	Buy	Sell	Settlement	Buy Amount	Sell Amount	Unrealised Gains/(Losses) €'000	Total Net Assets %
BNP Paribas	CHF	EUR	15/12/17	3,247,270	2,849,103	(7)	(0.01)
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	15/12/17	282,440	334,933	-	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	15/12/17	8,083	9,745	-	-
BNP Paribas	USD	EUR	05/10/17	334,933	283,505	-	-
BNP Paribas	USD	EUR	15/12/17	3,899,315	3,220,656	64	0.11
BNP Paribas	USD	EUR	15/12/17	92,320	76,805	1	-
<b>Unrealised gains on forward currency exchange contracts</b>						<b>58</b>	<b>0.10</b>
<b>Unrealised gains on derivatives</b>						<b>58</b>	<b>0.10</b>
<b>Total investments</b>						<b>59,014</b>	<b>100.34</b>
<b>Other net assets</b>						<b>(203)</b>	<b>(0.34)</b>
<b>Total net assets</b>						<b>58,811</b>	<b>100.00</b>

<sup>†</sup> Managed by subsidiaries of Aberdeen Asset Management PLC.  
Currently forward positions are not collateralised.

# European Equity (Ex UK)

For the year ended 30 September 2017

## Performance

For the year ended 30 September 2017, the value of European Equity (ex UK) - A Accumulation Shares increased by 13.25% compared with an increase of 20.48% in its benchmark, the FTSE World Europe ex UK Index.

Source: Lipper, Basis: total return, published NAV to NAV, net of annual charges, gross income reinvested, EUR.

Please remember that past performance is not a guide to future returns. The price of shares and the revenue from them may fall as well as rise. Investors may not get back the amount originally invested.

## Market review

European equities rose in the year under review. At the start, investors were spooked by the sell-off in Chinese equities and the continued fall in the oil price. Sentiment was also dampened after the UK's decision to leave the European Union and worries over the global economy's health. But the market recovered on the back of a rosier global economic backdrop, a resilient Eurozone economy and a rebound in the oil price. Second-quarter Eurozone GDP accelerated at its fastest in six years, while ratings agency Moody's anticipated above-trend growth both this year and the next. Sentiment was also supported by the US Federal Reserve's interest-rate normalisation, and the European Central Bank's accommodative policy stance. However, the gains were capped by populist discontent in Germany which shaved Angela Merkel's winning margin at the elections, Catalonia's referendum in Spain, and uncertainty from the ongoing Brexit negotiations.

## Portfolio review

The Fund delivered healthy returns over the review year, although it trailed the benchmark.

At the stock level, detractors included GrandVision, which was hurt by quarterly results that were affected by the timing of Easter holidays and the impact of French regulatory changes on its business; Vopak, after it posted weaker-than-expected results due to soft storage demand, reflecting a shift in long-term oil price assumptions among oil traders; and Fugro, whose shares were buffeted over the quarter as it strove to adapt its capacity and organisation to the still-challenging conditions in the offshore oil & gas market.

Mitigating the underperformance were Temenos, which benefited from upbeat investor sentiment on potential new contract wins, alongside earnings upgrades; MTU Aero Engines, as investors responded positively to its robust order backlog, improvement in the MRO division, as well as positive sales and margin forecasts for the current year; and a lack of exposure to Anheuser Busch Inbev, as its shares suffered from weak FY16 numbers reflecting profitability which was hurt by weakness in the Brazilian business, soft pricing, and adverse foreign exchange movements.

In addition to the changes already mentioned in the interim report, key portfolio activity in the second half included divesting Ericsson, Royal Dutch Shell and Vopak to recycle capital into more attractive opportunities elsewhere. Against this, we introduced Tecan, a leading provider of laboratory-automation systems, services and consumables for the life sciences and diagnostics industries. We believe it has solid prospects, supported by good levels of recurring revenue and a net cash balance sheet.

## Outlook

Looking ahead, the economic picture in Europe continues to look encouraging driven by a combination of upbeat consumer sentiment, a tightening labour market and better global growth. This reflects in the prospects for GDP growth this year and beyond, where growth expectations are at their highest in a decade. In politics, Angela Merkel's alliance remains the largest force in the Bundestag even though the populist AfD party made gains in the recent German election, while we also saw the advent of more political risk in the form of Catalonia's recent independence referendum.

While recognising that we are not immune to these dynamics, we do, however, maintain the view that the underlying strength of our holdings will outweigh the broader environment in the long term. Hence, our consistent approach to identify companies that possess the best diversified earnings streams, superior business models and robust balance sheets at attractive valuations.

## Pan European Equity Team

October 2017

# European Equity (Ex UK)

## Statement of Net Assets

As at 30 September 2017

	Notes	€'000
<b>Assets</b>		
Investments in securities at market value	2.2	94,459
Cash at bank		622
Interest and dividends receivable		8
Subscriptions receivable		63
Other assets		74
<b>Total assets</b>		<b>95,226</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Taxes and expenses payable		109
Redemptions payable		6
<b>Total liabilities</b>		<b>115</b>
<b>Net assets at the end of the year</b>		<b>95,111</b>

## Statement of Changes in Net Assets

For the year from 1 October 2016 to 30 September 2017

	Notes	€'000
Net assets at the beginning of the year		110,354
Net gains from investments		757
Net realised gains		5,612
Net unrealised gains		7,894
Proceeds from shares issued		28,348
Payments for shares redeemed		(57,700)
Net equalisation paid	10	(154)
<b>Net assets at the end of the year</b>		<b>95,111</b>

## Statement of Operations

For the year from 1 October 2016 to 30 September 2017

	Notes	€'000
<b>Income</b>		
Investment income	2.3	2,185
Stocklending income	16	55
<b>Total income</b>		<b>2,240</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Management fees	4.2	1,134
Operating, administrative and servicing fees	4.3	342
Other operational expenses		2
Bank interest		5
<b>Total expenses</b>		<b>1,483</b>
<b>Net gains from investments</b>		<b>757</b>
Realised gains on investments		5,651
Realised currency exchange losses		(39)
<b>Net realised gains</b>		<b>5,612</b>
Increase in unrealised appreciation on investments		7,898
Unrealised currency exchange losses		(4)
<b>Net unrealised gains</b>		<b>7,894</b>
<b>Net increase in assets as a result of operations</b>		<b>14,263</b>

## Share Transactions

For the year from 1 October 2016 to 30 September 2017

	A-2	D(GBP)-2	R(GBP)-2	Z-2
Shares outstanding at the beginning of the year	177,685	7,334,447	55,872	2,276,733
Shares issued during the year	396,164	440,740	19,625	1,921,894
Shares redeemed during the year	(463,781)	(2,493,083)	(10,276)	(2,064,156)
<b>Shares outstanding at the end of the year</b>	<b>110,068</b>	<b>5,282,104</b>	<b>65,221</b>	<b>2,134,471</b>
<b>Net asset value per share</b>	<b>13.2861</b>	<b>11.6983</b>	<b>16.2219</b>	<b>10.4574</b>

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements.



# European Equity (Ex UK)

## Portfolio Statement

As at 30 September 2017

Security	Nominal/ Quantity	Market Value €'000	Total Net Assets %
Transferable securities and money market instruments admitted to an official exchange listing or dealt on another regulated market 94.34%			
Equities 94.34%			
Austria 4.42%			
Schoeller-Bleckmann Oilfield Equipment <sup>∞</sup>	33,000	2,223	2.33
Vienna Insurance	79,500	1,985	2.09
		<b>4,208</b>	<b>4.42</b>
Denmark 6.65%			
Novo Nordisk 'B'	110,500	4,474	4.71
Novozymes 'B'	42,500	1,850	1.94
		<b>6,324</b>	<b>6.65</b>
France 8.07%			
Dassault Systemes	22,800	1,949	2.05
Edenred	95,000	2,182	2.29
Essilor International	15,500	1,624	1.71
L'Oreal	10,700	1,925	2.02
		<b>7,680</b>	<b>8.07</b>
Germany 11.80%			
Bayer	25,000	2,877	3.03
Fuchs Petrolub	39,500	1,715	1.80
Henkel	26,200	2,704	2.85
Linde	11,200	1,971	2.07
MTU Aero Engines	14,500	1,951	2.05
		<b>11,218</b>	<b>11.80</b>
Italy 4.62%			
Amplifon	223,500	2,876	3.02
Brunello Cucinelli <sup>∞</sup>	58,000	1,521	1.60
		<b>4,397</b>	<b>4.62</b>
Netherlands 7.06%			
Fugro	124,000	1,484	1.56
GrandVision	108,000	2,309	2.43
Heineken	35,000	2,926	3.07
		<b>6,719</b>	<b>7.06</b>
Norway 1.84%			
Kongsberg Gruppen	126,500	1,754	1.84
Spain 3.09%			
Amadeus IT	53,500	2,941	3.09

## European Equity (Ex UK)

Security	Nominal/ Quantity	Market Value €'000	Total Net Assets %
<b>Sweden 10.33%</b>			
Assa Abloy 'B'	97,000	1,871	1.97
Atlas Copco 'B'	67,500	2,206	2.31
Nordea Bank	168,500	1,927	2.03
Svenska Handelsbanken 'A'	157,500	2,004	2.11
Swedish Match	61,500	1,820	1.91
		<b>9,828</b>	<b>10.33</b>
<b>Switzerland 31.62%</b>			
Burckhardt Compression <sup>oo</sup>	7,300	1,931	2.03
Givaudan	700	1,289	1.36
LafargeHolcim	34,000	1,683	1.77
Nestle	64,300	4,558	4.80
Novartis	26,500	1,920	2.02
Partners	2,900	1,665	1.75
Roche	11,200	2,420	2.54
Schindler	10,000	1,869	1.97
SGS	930	1,889	1.99
Swatch	42,500	2,866	3.01
Tecan	11,000	1,926	2.03
Temenos	25,000	2,159	2.27
UBS	210,000	3,038	3.19
VZ	3,150	850	0.89
		<b>30,063</b>	<b>31.62</b>
<b>United Kingdom 4.84%</b>			
Unilever	92,000	4,602	4.84
<b>Total Equities</b>		<b>89,734</b>	<b>94.34</b>
Total Transferable securities and money market instruments admitted to an official exchange listing or dealt on another regulated market		<b>89,734</b>	<b>94.34</b>
Other transferable securities and money market instruments nil			
Equities nil			
United States nil			
Verigen	8,334	-	-
<b>Total Equities</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total Other transferable securities and money market instruments</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Open Ended Investment Funds 4.97%</b>			
Aberdeen European Smaller Companies Equity Fund Z-Acc <sup>†</sup>	190,341	3,792	3.99
Aberdeen Liquidity Fund (Lux) Euro Fund Z-3 <sup>†</sup>	933	933	0.98
		<b>4,725</b>	<b>4.97</b>

# European Equity (Ex UK)

	Nominal/ Quantity	Market Value €'000	Total Net Assets %
Security			
Total Open Ended Investment Funds		4,725	4.97
Total investments		94,459	99.31
Other net assets		652	0.69
Total net assets		95,111	100.00

<sup>†</sup> Managed by subsidiaries of Aberdeen Asset Management PLC.

<sup>∞</sup> A portion of this security is on loan at the year end.

# Frontier Markets Bond

For the year ended 30 September 2017

## Performance

For the year ended 30 September 2017, the value of Frontier Markets Bond – A Income Shares increased by 10.54% compared to an increase of 8.85% in the benchmark, the J.P. Morgan Next Generation Markets Index (NEXGEM).

Source: Lipper, JP Morgan Basis: total return, published NAV to NAV, net of annual charges, gross income reinvested, USD.

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 run up to the US elections in November last year dominated market news early in the period. Donald Trump's surprise victory sparked some volatility in emerging market (EM) risk assets, with most market participants expecting Hillary Clinton to replace Barack Obama in the White House. Despite a sharp sell-off on the back of initial fears around what a Trump presidency would mean for EM debt, it was a very positive period on the whole for both hard and local currency bonds. The asset class shrugged off prospects of a "hard" Trump – despite the President withdrawing the US from the Trans-Pacific Partnership in January – while the US Federal Reserve's (Fed) decision to hike interest rates three times over the reporting period did little to offset the 2017 rally. The market is pricing in one more hike in December this year.

In oil news, prices were volatile at the start of the period amid concerns that OPEC members would fail to come to an agreement on production quotas. However, despite a dip in prices over the second quarter, Brent crude rallied, rising 9.1% alone in September as it reached a peak of \$59 per barrel – a level that hasn't been breached since the middle of 2015. There are signs the massive glut in oil inventories is starting to be drawn down as well as rising expectations that the OPEC supply deal will be extended beyond March 2018. Other commodities were relatively subdued for much of the period before an increase over the third quarter of 2017 helped boost the asset class. Demand for both hard currency and local currency remained robust, while emerging market currencies grew in strength against a weakening US dollar.

The Eurozone successfully skirted around various political hurdles including potential French and Dutch general election surprises and a possible Greek default. The German election did not play out in the same vein, however. While Angela Merkel is set to continue as German chancellor after winning the national election, her Christian Democrat alliance recorded its worst election result since 1949, amid a larger-than-expected surge in support for her nationalist opponents: the anti-immigration Alternative for Germany party.

Returning our focus back on emerging markets, many nations now find themselves in something of a 'sweet spot', though the picture is a little more mixed for some. A weaker US dollar is boosting global cross-border liquidity and helping a number of emerging market currencies, while China's economy continues to do well despite weakening marginally over the third quarter and lingering fears around debt levels. India has been heralded as one of emerging markets' brightest spots in recent times but data has become a little mixed. Activity has

slowed notably over the past two quarters with the external sector deteriorating alongside weak domestic demand playing a role. A strong rupee and teething issues around the newly implemented Goods & Services Tax also hindered progress.

## Portfolio review

Over the year, the Fund participated in various sovereign new issues, including from Suriname, Pakistan, Egypt, Nigeria and Iraq. At the start of the period, we reduced our Mongolia exposure following positive performance. Elsewhere, in sub-Saharan Africa we carried out a switch, preferring Zambia to Ethiopia, while later topping up hard currency positions in Ghana, Senegal and Cameroon. We reduced the Fund's positioning in Jamaica and the Dominican Republic, and at the end of the year increased allocation to El Salvador and Lebanon, seeing attractive valuation opportunities. In corporate space, we carried out a switch within our Zenith Bank holding, preferring the Nigerian company's new five year security to the old bond maturing in 2019. We also purchased an inaugural issue from the Nigerian bank, United Bank for Africa, and sold out of Cementos Progreso, a Guatemalan construction company. In local currency, we added a position in Egyptian treasury bills after the central bank allowed Egyptian pound to freely float. While later in the year, we carried out a switch within our Argentina holdings, preferring a new higher-yielding floating-rate note to the nominal bonds. We also initiated exposure in Nigeria and Georgia, and added to Ukraine.

## Outlook

Portfolio flow data into the asset class remains extremely strong although this could be tested amid potential changes in news flow in the US and Eurozone. President Trump could announce new Fed Chair this month as Janet Yellen's term is due to end in February, while US tax reform is also back on the agenda. In Europe, while Brexit negotiations continue, we wait to ascertain whether Merkel has been weakened as a result of Germany's election result and what this could mean for the Eurozone project.

All told, monetary policy is expected to remain divergent throughout the rest of the year between advanced and emerging economies. Robust economic growth in advanced economies is giving central banks some room to breathe and reload their monetary policy arsenals ahead of the next slowdown, while uneven recoveries in emerging market economies has several central banks on an easing cycle, including Brazil, Colombia, Russia, Ukraine and South Africa.

## Emerging Market Debt Team

October 2017

# Frontier Markets Bond

## Statement of Net Assets

As at 30 September 2017

	Notes	US\$'000
<b>Assets</b>		
Investments in securities at market value	2.2	97,881
Cash at bank		7,394
Interest receivable		1,817
Subscriptions receivable		531
<b>Total assets</b>		<b>107,623</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Payable for investments purchased		2,944
Taxes and expenses payable		125
Redemptions payable		15
Unrealised losses on forward currency exchange contracts	2.6	38
Other liabilities		352
<b>Total liabilities</b>		<b>3,474</b>
<b>Net assets at the end of the year</b>		<b>104,149</b>

## Statement of Changes in Net Assets

For the year from 1 October 2016 to 30 September 2017

	Notes	US\$'000
Net assets at the beginning of the year		77,426
Net gains from investments		6,132
Net realised gains		3,209
Net unrealised losses		(397)
Proceeds from shares issued		42,195
Payments for shares redeemed		(21,115)
Net equalisation received	10	61
Dividends paid	5	(3,362)
<b>Net assets at the end of the year</b>		<b>104,149</b>

## Share Transactions

For the year from 1 October 2016 to 30 September 2017

	A-1	B-1	I-1	I-2	X-2	X(EUR)-2 <sup>^</sup>
Shares outstanding at the beginning of the year	3,418,590	1,753,717	25,736	1,248,863	1,323,309	117,732
Shares issued during the year	853,415	-	1,498,696	432,403	380,574	194,598
Shares redeemed during the year	(775,447)	(260,067)	(182,938)	(552,690)	(96,484)	(111,669)
<b>Shares outstanding at the end of the year</b>	<b>3,496,558</b>	<b>1,493,650</b>	<b>1,341,494</b>	<b>1,128,576</b>	<b>1,607,399</b>	<b>200,661</b>
<b>Net asset value per share</b>	<b>10.4376</b>	<b>5.4450</b>	<b>10.4392</b>	<b>13.7357</b>	<b>13.5182</b>	<b>12.9648</b>
						<b>Z-2</b>
Shares outstanding at the beginning of the year						22,477
Shares issued during the year						448,232
Shares redeemed during the year						(38,827)
<b>Shares outstanding at the end of the year</b>						<b>431,882</b>
<b>Net asset value per share</b>						<b>12.0627</b>

<sup>^</sup> Base currency exposure share class.

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements.

## Statement of Operations

For the year from 1 October 2016 to 30 September 2017

	Notes	US\$'000
<b>Income</b>		
Investment income	2.3	7,444
Bank interest		14
<b>Total income</b>		<b>7,458</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Management fees	4.2	1,020
Operating, administrative and servicing fees	4.3	240
Distribution fees	4.1	64
Other operational expenses		2
<b>Total expenses</b>		<b>1,326</b>
<b>Net gains from investments</b>		<b>6,132</b>
Realised gains on investments		2,671
Realised gains on forward currency exchange contracts		190
Realised currency exchange gains		348
<b>Net realised gains</b>		<b>3,209</b>
Increase in unrealised depreciation on investments		(235)
Decrease in unrealised appreciation on forward currency exchange contracts		(155)
Unrealised currency exchange losses		(7)
<b>Net unrealised losses</b>		<b>(397)</b>
<b>Net increase in assets as a result of operations</b>		<b>8,944</b>

# Frontier Markets Bond

## Portfolio Statement

As at 30 September 2017

Security	Coupon (%)	Maturity	Nominal/ Quantity	Market Value US\$'000	Total Net Assets %
Transferable securities and money market instruments admitted to an official exchange listing or dealt on another regulated market 88.71%					
<b>Bonds 88.71%</b>					
<b>Corporate Bonds 23.88%</b>					
<b>Bangladesh 1.25%</b>					
Banglalink Digital Communications	8.6250	06/05/19	1,240,000	1,300	1.25
<b>Barbados 1.43%</b>					
Sagicor Finance 2015	8.8750	11/08/22	1,300,000	1,485	1.43
<b>Democratic Republic of the Congo 1.02%</b>					
HTA	9.1250	08/03/22	1,004,000	1,060	1.02
<b>Ecuador 1.38%</b>					
EP PetroEcuador	FRN	24/09/19	871,579	880	0.84
Petroamazonas	4.6250	16/02/20	589,279	562	0.54
				1,442	1.38
<b>El Salvador 0.45%</b>					
Grupo Unicomer	7.8750	01/04/24	426,000	466	0.45
<b>Georgia 1.80%</b>					
Bank of Georgia	11.0000	01/06/20	4,600,000	1,878	1.80
<b>Honduras 0.96%</b>					
Inversiones Atlantida	8.2500	28/07/22	970,000	1,000	0.96
<b>Mauritius 1.47%</b>					
Liquid Telecommunications Financing	8.5000	13/07/22	1,450,000	1,530	1.47
<b>Mongolia 1.50%</b>					
Trade & Development Bank of Mongolia (EMTN)	9.3750	19/05/20	1,440,000	1,562	1.50
<b>Nigeria 4.58%</b>					
Access Bank (EMTN)	10.5000	19/10/21	780,000	864	0.83
IHS Netherlands	9.5000	27/10/21	940,000	987	0.95
United Bank for Africa	7.7500	08/06/22	930,000	932	0.90
Zenith Bank	7.3750	30/05/22	1,920,000	1,987	1.90
				4,770	4.58
<b>Sri Lanka 2.24%</b>					
National Savings Bank	8.8750	18/09/18	2,220,000	2,331	2.24
<b>Ukraine 1.93%</b>					
Kernel	8.7500	31/01/22	480,000	527	0.51
MHP	7.7500	10/05/24	1,380,000	1,484	1.42
				2,011	1.93

# Frontier Markets Bond

Security	Coupon (%)	Maturity	Nominal/ Quantity	Market Value US\$'000	Total Net Assets %
<b>United Kingdom 2.04%</b>					
ICBC Standard Bank (EMTN)	-	07/05/18	861,000,360	2,129	2.04
<b>United States 1.83%</b>					
Citigroup Global Markets (EMTN)	13.3000	02/08/19	51,022,000	1,906	1.83
<b>Total Corporate Bonds</b>				<b>24,870</b>	<b>23.88</b>
<b>Government Bonds 64.83%</b>					
<b>Argentina 2.96%</b>					
Argentina (Republic of)	FRN	21/06/20	31,686,551	1,924	1.85
Argentina (Republic of)	16.0000	17/10/23	19,503,618	1,158	1.11
				<b>3,082</b>	<b>2.96</b>
<b>Cameroon 2.84%</b>					
Cameroon (Republic of)	9.5000	19/11/25	2,500,000	2,963	2.84
<b>Ecuador 6.00%</b>					
Ecuador (Republic of)	10.7500	28/03/22	3,550,000	3,966	3.82
Ecuador (Republic of)	10.5000	24/03/20	2,100,000	2,273	2.18
				<b>6,239</b>	<b>6.00</b>
<b>Egypt 5.99%</b>					
Egypt (Republic of)	-	29/05/18	123,000,000	6,229	5.99
<b>El Salvador 1.98%</b>					
El Salvador (Republic of)	5.8750	30/01/25	2,100,000	2,066	1.98
<b>Ethiopia 1.00%</b>					
Ethiopia (Republic of)	6.6250	11/12/24	1,010,000	1,040	1.00
<b>Gabon 1.54%</b>					
Gabon (Republic of)	6.3750	12/12/24	1,642,833	1,606	1.54
<b>Ghana 5.60%</b>					
Ghana (Republic of)	8.1250	18/01/26	2,750,000	2,928	2.82
Ghana (Republic of)	18.2500	21/09/20	4,600,000	1,055	1.01
Ghana (Republic of)	24.7500	19/07/21	3,430,000	929	0.89
Ghana (Republic of)	21.5000	09/03/20	3,800,000	921	0.88
				<b>5,833</b>	<b>5.60</b>
<b>Honduras 3.69%</b>					
Honduras (Republic of)	7.5000	15/03/24	3,370,000	3,846	3.69
<b>Iraq 3.73%</b>					
Iraq (Republic of)	5.8000	15/01/28	2,100,000	1,969	1.89
Iraq (Republic of)	6.7520	09/03/23	1,923,000	1,913	1.84
				<b>3,882</b>	<b>3.73</b>

# Frontier Markets Bond

Security	Coupon (%)	Maturity	Nominal/ Quantity	Market Value US\$'000	Total Net Assets %
<b>Ivory Coast 1.81%</b>					
Ivory Coast (Government of)	6.3750	03/03/28	1,120,000	1,157	1.11
Ivory Coast (Government of) (STEP)	VAR	31/12/32	743,050	729	0.70
				<b>1,886</b>	<b>1.81</b>
<b>Kenya 4.98%</b>					
Kenya (Republic of)	6.8750	24/06/24	2,770,000	2,836	2.73
Kenya (Republic of)	11.0000	02/12/24	254,000,000	2,348	2.25
				<b>5,184</b>	<b>4.98</b>
<b>Lebanon 1.94%</b>					
Lebanon (Republic of)	6.8500	23/03/27	1,000,000	999	0.96
Lebanon (Republic of) (EMTN)	6.1000	04/10/22	1,020,000	1,022	0.98
				<b>2,021</b>	<b>1.94</b>
<b>Mongolia 2.22%</b>					
Mongolia (Government of) (EMTN)	10.8750	06/04/21	850,000	989	0.95
Mongolia (Government of) (EMTN)	4.1250	05/01/18	870,000	875	0.84
Mongolia (Government of) (EMTN)	8.7500	09/03/24	400,000	449	0.43
				<b>2,313</b>	<b>2.22</b>
<b>Nigeria 0.66%</b>					
Nigeria (Federal Republic of)	7.8750	16/02/32	630,000	<b>688</b>	<b>0.66</b>
<b>Rwanda 2.75%</b>					
Rwanda (Republic of)	6.6250	02/05/23	2,730,000	<b>2,867</b>	<b>2.75</b>
<b>Senegal 3.44%</b>					
Senegal (Republic of)	6.2500	30/07/24	2,550,000	2,729	2.62
Senegal (Republic of)	6.2500	23/05/33	824,000	850	0.82
				<b>3,579</b>	<b>3.44</b>
<b>Sri Lanka 4.69%</b>					
Sri Lanka (Republic of)	11.0000	01/08/21	295,000,000	1,991	1.92
Sri Lanka (Republic of)	8.0000	15/11/18	225,000,000	1,453	1.39
Sri Lanka (Republic of)	11.2000	01/09/23	210,000,000	1,438	1.38
				<b>4,882</b>	<b>4.69</b>
<b>Uganda 1.63%</b>					
Uganda (Government of)	13.6250	24/09/19	3,700,000,000	1,052	1.00
Uganda (Government of)	20.1250	12/04/17	2,300,000,000	651	0.63
				<b>1,703</b>	<b>1.63</b>
<b>Uruguay 1.30%</b>					
Uruguay (Republic of)	8.5000	15/03/28	19,100,000	683	0.65
Uruguay (Republic of)	9.8750	20/06/22	18,067,000	673	0.65
				<b>1,356</b>	<b>1.30</b>
<b>Venezuela 0.96%</b>					
Petroleos de Venezuela	6.0000	16/05/24	3,250,000	<b>996</b>	<b>0.96</b>



# Frontier Markets Bond

Security	Coupon (%)	Maturity	Nominal/ Quantity	Market Value US\$'000	Total Net Assets %
<b>Zambia 3.12%</b>					
Zambia (Republic of)	8.9700	30/07/27	2,987,000	3,252	3.12
<b>Total Government Bonds</b>				<b>67,513</b>	<b>64.83</b>
<b>Total Bonds</b>				<b>92,383</b>	<b>88.71</b>
Total Transferable securities and money market instruments admitted to an official exchange listing or dealt on another regulated market				92,383	88.71
<b>Other transferable securities and money market instruments 5.28%</b>					
<b>Bonds 5.28%</b>					
<b>Corporate Bonds 1.82%</b>					
<b>Netherlands 1.82%</b>					
ING Bank (EMTN)	-	26/02/18	2,038,000	1,898	1.82
<b>Total Corporate Bonds</b>				<b>1,898</b>	<b>1.82</b>
<b>Government Bonds 3.46%</b>					
<b>Dominican Republic 3.46%</b>					
Dominican (Republic of)	16.0000	10/07/20	75,000,000	1,832	1.77
Dominican (Republic of)	11.5000	10/05/24	58,000,000	1,307	1.25
Dominican (Republic of)	12.5000	09/02/18	21,600,000	461	0.44
				<b>3,600</b>	<b>3.46</b>
<b>Total Government Bonds</b>				<b>3,600</b>	<b>3.46</b>
<b>Total Bonds</b>				<b>5,498</b>	<b>5.28</b>
<b>Total Other transferable securities and money market instruments</b>				<b>5,498</b>	<b>5.28</b>

## Derivatives (0.04%)

### Forward currency exchange contracts (0.04%)

Counterparty	Buy	Sell	Settlement	Buy Amount	Sell Amount	Unrealised Gains/(Losses) US\$'000	Total Net Assets %
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	15/12/17	1,500,000	1,799,042	(18)	(0.02)
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	15/12/17	1,095,676	1,326,558	(26)	(0.03)
BNP Paribas	USD	EUR	15/12/17	17,349	14,441	-	-
Citigroup	EUR	USD	13/10/17	152,000	173,965	6	0.01
<b>Unrealised losses on forward currency exchange contracts</b>						<b>(38)</b>	<b>(0.04)</b>
<b>Unrealised losses on derivatives</b>						<b>(38)</b>	<b>(0.04)</b>
<b>Total investments</b>						<b>97,843</b>	<b>93.95</b>
<b>Other net assets</b>						<b>6,306</b>	<b>6.05</b>
<b>Total net assets</b>						<b>104,149</b>	<b>100.00</b>

Currently forward positions are not collateralised.

# Frontier Markets Equity

For the year ended 30 September 2017

## Performance

For the year ended 30 September 2017, the value of Frontier Markets Equity – I Accumulation Shares increased 9.01% compared to an increase of 25.95% in the benchmark, the MSCI Frontier Markets Index.

Source: Lipper, Basis: total return, published NAV to NAV, net of annual charges, gross income reinvested, USD.

Please see the Performance History section for details on the use of MSCI information.

Dealing days fall on the Business Day which falls on the 15th (or next business day if this is a weekend) and last business day of each calendar month. This may cause a timing discrepancy between the performance period for the Fund vs the benchmark and the peer group.

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 broader Frontier Markets index rose steadily, rebounding from an early lull in the wake of Donald Trump's unexpected US election victory. While geo-political tensions and a series of natural disasters threatened global risk appetites at times, higher-yielding assets remained in favour largely across the board. Investors were generally heartened by signs of improvement in corporate earnings, buoyant economic signals across both developed and emerging markets, and stabilising oil prices. Index heavyweights Argentina and Kuwait did particularly well, which accounted for the bulk of the index's overall gains.

Argentine equities remained upbeat throughout the year on signs of a more sustainable recovery; the economy expanded by 4.9% in July, its best growth rate in two years. Meanwhile, President Macri's unexpectedly good showing in primary legislative elections later in the year provided further support, on hopes it would provide momentum to his reform agenda. Signs of a recovery in oil prices lured investors back to Kuwait's markets, as did anticipation of the country's upgrade to emerging market status by the lesser-known FTSE Russell index. Nigerian equities also rallied after a lengthy period on the outer, as the central bank's move to remedy its detrimental currency controls restored some much-needed confidence in the country's markets.

Pakistani equities bucked the trend, softening in the wake of its upgrade to emerging market status, then selling off sharply after the supreme court disqualified prime minister Nawaz Sharif from holding public office over corruption allegations stemming from the Panama Papers leak. The central bank governor's subsequent dismissal amid rumours of a potential currency devaluation only aggravated matters.

## Portfolio review

The Fund underperformed the benchmark. Our non-benchmark exposure to Pakistan posed the biggest drag on performance, as equities came under considerable pressure from political upheaval, as well as widespread portfolio rebalancing following its promotion to emerging market status. Meanwhile, Habib Bank was among the top detractors at stock level after US regulators fined its New York branch for failing to comply with anti-money laundering legislation, despite the bank's small international clearing operations. While Pakistan is now classified as an emerging market, we intend to maintain our position. Its long-term economic outlook is favourable, thanks in part to China's substantial investment in the country's infrastructure, and it is home to a pool of quality companies with attractive prospects.

The underweight to Argentina and lack of exposure to Kuwait also detracted significantly from relative returns, given the two index heavyweights were the year's top performers. However, our newly-initiated position in Argentine bank BBVA Frances was a key contributor at stock level. Our overweight to Sri Lanka also proved costly. The

market lagged on lacklustre economic indicators and tight monetary policy, which put particular pressure on the share prices of conglomerates John Keells and Aitkin Spence. At stock level, Jordanian drugmaker Hikma Pharmaceuticals was the top detractor after it cut revenue forecasts on delays to the launch of a new high-profile generic. Despite decent results, bottler Coca-Cola Icecek's share price softened on the back of a broader sell-off in Turkish equities, as well as the impact of the appreciating US dollar on its debt levels.

Conversely, our Nigerian holdings supported relative performance, with Guaranty Trust Bank and Zenith Bank doing particularly well on the back of solid results and early signs of a domestic economic recovery. In Ghana, dairy products manufacturer Fan Milk's share price climbed more than 80% as confidence in the new government rose and the economy markedly picked up pace, growing by 9% in the second quarter compared to a year ago. Elsewhere, Thai-based nutrition company Mega LifeSciences' better-than-expected results helped boost relative performance, as did Bangladesh's leading telco, Grameenphone, while Panamanian airline Copa benefited from an optimistic outlook for growth.

During the review period, we initiated Vietnamese electronics retailer Mobile World Investment, which has decent exposure to domestic consumption in an underpenetrated market, as well as attractively-valued Pakistani cement company Maple Leaf Cement Factory, for its considerable growth potential.

We also introduced: Kenya-based Equity Group, the local market leader in small to medium business banking; Square Pharmaceuticals, Bangladesh's largest generic drug maker; Globant, an Argentinian digital software developer with a good global reputation; Sri Lanka-based Hemas, a family-controlled conglomerate and domestic market leader in hair oils, baby care and branded drug distribution; Olympic Industries, which owns Bangladesh's best-selling biscuit brand; and Vietnamese brewer Saigon Beer Alcohol Beverage, which is well positioned to benefit from the government's privatisation drive. Finally, we participated in Argentine bank BBVA Frances's equity offering, which was reasonably valued given the sector's attractive growth prospects.

Against this, we sold DFCC Bank to fund better opportunities elsewhere, along with PZ Cussons, Krka and Tenaris given our waning confidence in their respective outlooks. We also took advantage of its expensive valuation and exited Engro Foods on disappointing operational delivery.

## Outlook

Broadly speaking, the global backdrop looks relatively encouraging for frontier markets. The world economy appears more resilient than it has been for some time, interest rates in the West remain accommodative and the US dollar seems on shakier ground. Meanwhile, investors are attracted to the asset class for its diversity, high-growth potential, and inefficient pricing. Individually, frontier nations have their fair share of challenges to contend with; however, many have shown measurable progress in governance and accountability in recent years, while their economies are among the world's fastest-growing. As always, meticulous research and disciplined stock-picking is crucial. We believe the high-quality businesses in which we invest, with their robust balance sheets, decent dividend yields and prudent management, all have the means to prosper over the longer term.

## Global Emerging Markets Equity Team

October 2017

# Frontier Markets Equity

## Statement of Net Assets

As at 30 September 2017

	Notes	US\$'000
<b>Assets</b>		
Investments in securities at market value	2.2	143,610
Cash at bank		88
Interest and dividends receivable		516
Receivable for investments sold		4,655
Other assets		176
<b>Total assets</b>		<b>149,045</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Taxes and expenses payable		160
Redemptions payable		10,105
Other liabilities		638
<b>Total liabilities</b>		<b>10,903</b>
<b>Net assets at the end of the year</b>		<b>138,142</b>

## Statement of Changes in Net Assets

For the year from 1 October 2016 to 30 September 2017

	Notes	US\$'000
Net assets at the beginning of the year		234,907
Net gains from investments		3,398
Net realised gains		2,522
Net unrealised gains		11,829
Proceeds from shares issued		56,374
Payments for shares redeemed		(170,289)
Net equalisation paid	10	(1,348)
Dividends paid	5	(18)
Redemption charge	14	767
<b>Net assets at the end of the year</b>		<b>138,142</b>

## Statement of Operations

For the year from 1 October 2016 to 30 September 2017

	Notes	US\$'000
<b>Income</b>		
Investment income	2.3	5,793
Stocklending income	16	95
Bank interest		9
<b>Total income</b>		<b>5,897</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Management fees	4.2	1,741
Operating, administrative and servicing fees	4.3	754
Other operational expenses		4
<b>Total expenses</b>		<b>2,499</b>
<b>Net gains from investments</b>		<b>3,398</b>
Realised gains on investments		3,837
Realised currency exchange losses		(1,315)
<b>Net realised gains</b>		<b>2,522</b>
Decrease in unrealised depreciation on investments		11,886
Unrealised currency exchange losses		(57)
<b>Net unrealised gains</b>		<b>11,829</b>
<b>Net increase in assets as a result of operations</b>		<b>17,749</b>

## Share Transactions

For the year from 1 October 2016 to 30 September 2017

	A-1	I-2	Z-2
Shares outstanding at the beginning of the year	336,539	15,238,480	4,124,242
Shares issued during the year	2,344	1,212	4,440,648
Shares redeemed during the year	(621)	(9,498,689)	(4,440,648)
<b>Shares outstanding at the end of the year</b>	<b>338,262</b>	<b>5,741,003</b>	<b>4,124,242</b>
<b>Net asset value per share</b>	<b>13.2306</b>	<b>12.8258</b>	<b>14.5563</b>

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements.

# Frontier Markets Equity

## Portfolio Statement

As at 30 September 2017

Security	Nominal/ Quantity	Market Value US\$'000	Total Net Assets %
Transferable securities and money market instruments admitted to an official exchange listing or dealt on another regulated market 102.33%			
Equities 102.33%			
Argentina 2.24%			
BBVA Francés (ADR)	152,000	3,099	2.24
Bangladesh 7.22%			
British American Tobacco Bangladesh	57,000	2,079	1.51
Grameenphone	762,228	3,858	2.79
Olympic Industries	430,000	1,424	1.03
Square Pharmaceuticals	699,513	2,609	1.89
		9,970	7.22
Egypt 5.59%			
Commercial International Bank Egypt	802,625	3,714	2.68
Edita Food Industries (GDR)	336,314	1,766	1.28
Juhayna Food Industries	4,904,221	2,245	1.63
		7,725	5.59
Georgia 2.78%			
Bank of Georgia	87,801	3,840	2.78
Ghana 2.85%			
Fan Milk	875,856	3,932	2.85
Jordan 1.87%			
Hikma Pharmaceuticals <sup>oo</sup>	158,974	2,583	1.87
Kenya 11.92%			
Bamburi Cement	947,700	1,634	1.18
British American Tobacco Kenya	225,973	1,760	1.27
East African Breweries	1,137,700	2,754	1.99
Equity Group	5,523,400	2,053	1.49
Safaricom	26,055,000	6,245	4.53
Wpp Scangroup	11,114,200	2,013	1.46
		16,459	11.92
Lebanon 1.29%			
BLOM Bank (GDR)	141,511	1,787	1.29
Morocco 1.60%			
Maroc Telecom	152,278	2,215	1.60

# Frontier Markets Equity

	Nominal/ Quantity	Market Value US\$'000	Total Net Assets %
<b>Security</b>			
<b>Nigeria 10.71%</b>			
Guaranty Trust Bank	40,457,511	4,558	3.30
Guinness Nigeria	6,707,901	1,775	1.29
Guinness Nigeria (Interim Line)	3,049,045	807	0.58
Nestle Nigeria	551,752	1,875	1.36
Nigerian Breweries	3,905,333	1,795	1.30
Zenith Bank	60,547,099	3,979	2.88
		<b>14,789</b>	<b>10.71</b>
<b>Oman 0.92%</b>			
Bank Muscat	1,239,990	1,272	0.92
<b>Pakistan 11.86%</b>			
Habib Bank	2,532,400	4,324	3.14
Jubilee Life Insurance	336,671	2,201	1.59
Linde Pakistan	497,643	1,273	0.92
Maple Leaf Cement Factory	3,160,000	2,514	1.82
Maple Leaf Cement Factory (Rights)	395,000	67	0.05
Packages	479,650	2,601	1.88
Shell Pakistan	861,000	3,400	2.46
		<b>16,380</b>	<b>11.86</b>
<b>Panama 1.60%</b>			
Copa 'A'	17,800	2,217	1.60
<b>Romania 3.00%</b>			
BRD-Groupe Societe Generale	1,288,781	4,140	3.00
<b>Singapore 2.28%</b>			
Yoma Strategic	7,349,812	3,153	2.28
<b>South Africa 2.53%</b>			
MTN	378,526	3,491	2.53
<b>Sri Lanka 9.23%</b>			
Aitken Spence	1,312,230	493	0.36
Chevron Lubricants Lanka	2,185,195	1,761	1.27
Commercial Bank of Ceylon	2,449,078	2,216	1.60
Hemas	2,728,000	2,103	1.52
John Keells	5,807,213	6,174	4.48
		<b>12,747</b>	<b>9.23</b>
<b>Tanzania 1.03%</b>			
Tanzania Breweries	240,000	1,422	1.03
<b>Thailand 2.07%</b>			
Mega LifeSciences (Alien)	2,520,000	2,862	2.07

# Frontier Markets Equity

	Nominal/ Quantity	Market Value US\$'000	Total Net Assets %
<b>Security</b>			
<b>Turkey 3.13%</b>			
Coca-Cola Icecek	413,451	4,327	3.13
<b>United States 4.99%</b>			
EPAM Systems	36,800	3,236	2.34
Globant	48,886	1,959	1.42
Pricesmart	19,100	1,704	1.23
		<b>6,899</b>	<b>4.99</b>
<b>Vietnam 11.62%</b>			
FPT	1,920,500	4,122	2.98
Mobile World Investment	670,000	3,432	2.48
Saigon Beer Alcohol Beverage	110,000	1,275	0.92
Vietnam Dairy Products	1,098,726	7,225	5.24
		<b>16,054</b>	<b>11.62</b>
<b>Total Equities</b>		<b>141,363</b>	<b>102.33</b>
<b>Total Transferable securities and money market instruments admitted to an official exchange listing or dealt on another regulated market</b>		<b>141,363</b>	<b>102.33</b>
<b>Other transferable securities and money market instruments 1.63%</b>			
<b>Equities 1.63%</b>			
<b>Oman 1.63%</b>			
Shell Oman Marketing	461,314	2,247	1.63
<b>Total Equities</b>		<b>2,247</b>	<b>1.63</b>
<b>Total Other transferable securities and money market instruments</b>		<b>2,247</b>	<b>1.63</b>
<b>Total investments</b>		<b>143,610</b>	<b>103.96</b>
<b>Other net assets</b>		<b>(5,468)</b>	<b>(3.96)</b>
<b>Total net assets</b>		<b>138,142</b>	<b>100.00</b>

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

# German Equity

For the year ended 30 September 2017

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## Performance

For the year ended 30 September 2017, the value of German Equity - A Accumulation Shares increased by 12.90% compared to an increase of 22.75% in the benchmark, the HDAX TR Index.

Source: Lipper, Basis: total return, published NAV to NAV, net of annual charges, gross income reinvested, EUR.

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

German stocks rose in the year under review. Initially, solid economic data helped lift the benchmark to pre-Brexit levels, its highest in more than one-and-a-half years. Hopes that the Trump administration will make good on its proposed tax cuts, the European Central Bank's decision to hold interest rates unchanged, and Emmanuel Macron's decisive French presidential victory boosted sentiment. However, these gains were capped by rising populist discontent in Europe, which shaved Angela Merkel's winning margin at the German national election, Catalonia's independence referendum in Spain, continued uncertainty from the ongoing Brexit negotiations, the Federal Reserve's policy normalisation and interest rate hike, as well as heightened geopolitical tensions in Syria and North Korea.

In economic news, the German economy expanded in the second quarter albeit by slower than expected, underpinned by domestic demand and investment. September data was upbeat, with leading indicators accelerating at their fastest pace in more than six years, paving the way for decent third-quarter GDP expansion. This was despite a fall in business sentiment, which was dented by heightened geopolitical tensions, ongoing problems in the automotive industry and a stronger euro. Inflation was unchanged at its highest level in four months, led by energy and food prices.

## Portfolio review

At the stock level, detracting from relative performance was a lack of exposure to Allianz, which benefited from rising bond yields and the expectation for further interest rate increases in the developed world were positive for Allianz. Also costing the Fund was Aurelius, as its share price fell after short-selling outfit Gotham City published a research report that dented investor confidence. Finally, GEA's results showed continued weak demand from its dairy customers, with a decline in new orders and cancellations for existing ones.

Mitigating the underperformance was MTU Aero Engines, as the market responded positively to its solid order backlogs, an improvement in the MRO division, as well as positive sales and margin forecasts for the year. Also contributing to relative performance was GRENKE Leasing, as its shares performed well after it upgraded its forecast on the back of better-than-expected growth in international markets.

In addition to the changes already mentioned in the interim report, key portfolio activity in the second half included divesting Aurelius, BMW and Daimler to re-invest in more attractive opportunities in the market. This included the introduction of online fashion retailer Zalando. It has a compelling investment case, given its market leadership, coupled with a solid European presence, supported by structural market growth and the potential to develop its revenue streams.

## Outlook

Looking ahead, the economic picture in Europe continues to look encouraging driven by a combination of upbeat consumer sentiment, a tightening labour market and better global growth. This reflects in the prospects for GDP growth this year and beyond, where growth expectations are at their highest in a decade. In politics, Angela Merkel's alliance remains the largest force in the Bundestag even though the populist AfD party made gains in the recent German election, while we also saw the advent of more political risk in the form of Catalonia's recent independence referendum.

While recognising that we are not immune to these dynamics, we do, however, maintain the view that the underlying strength of our holdings will outweigh the broader environment in the long term. Hence, our consistent approach to identify companies that possess the best diversified earnings streams, superior business models and robust balance sheets at attractive valuations.

## Pan European Equity Team

October 2017

# German Equity

## Statement of Net Assets

As at 30 September 2017

	Notes	€'000
<b>Assets</b>		
Investments in securities at market value	2.2	1,949
Cash at bank		10
Interest and dividends receivable		1
Other assets		2
<b>Total assets</b>		<b>1,962</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Taxes and expenses payable		1
<b>Total liabilities</b>		<b>1</b>
<b>Net assets at the end of the year</b>		<b>1,961</b>

## Statement of Changes in Net Assets

For the year from 1 October 2016 to 30 September 2017

	Notes	€'000
Net assets at the beginning of the year		1,732
Net gains from investments		11
Net realised gains		38
Net unrealised gains		180
<b>Net assets at the end of the year</b>		<b>1,961</b>

## Statement of Operations

For the year from 1 October 2016 to 30 September 2017

	Notes	€'000
<b>Income</b>		
Investment income	2.3	23
<b>Total income</b>		<b>23</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Management fees	4.2	7
Operating, administrative and servicing fees	4.3	5
<b>Total expenses</b>		<b>12</b>
<b>Net gains from investments</b>		<b>11</b>
Realised gains on investments		38
<b>Net realised gains</b>		<b>38</b>
Increase in unrealised appreciation on investments		180
<b>Net unrealised gains</b>		<b>180</b>
<b>Net increase in assets as a result of operations</b>		<b>229</b>

## Share Transactions

For the year from 1 October 2016 to 30 September 2017

	A-1	A-2	I-2	Z-2
Shares outstanding at the beginning of the year	710	710	65,000	63,857
Shares issued during the year	-	-	-	-
Shares redeemed during the year	-	-	-	-
<b>Shares outstanding at the end of the year</b>	<b>710</b>	<b>710</b>	<b>65,000</b>	<b>63,857</b>
<b>Net asset value per share</b>	<b>11.8953</b>	<b>11.9204</b>	<b>14.9311</b>	<b>15.2421</b>

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements.



# German Equity

## Portfolio Statement

As at 30 September 2017

Security	Nominal/ Quantity	Market Value €'000	Total Net Assets %
Transferable securities and money market instruments admitted to an official exchange listing or dealt on another regulated market 98.06%			
<b>Equities 98.06%</b>			
<b>Consumer Discretionary 9.38%</b>			
CTS Eventim	1,547	58	2.96
Fielmann	673	49	2.50
TAKKT	1,820	35	1.78
Zalando	990	42	2.14
		<b>184</b>	<b>9.38</b>
<b>Consumer Staples 8.77%</b>			
Beiersdorf	400	36	1.84
Henkel	870	90	4.59
KWS Saat	125	46	2.34
		<b>172</b>	<b>8.77</b>
<b>Financials 6.84%</b>			
GRENKE Leasing	984	78	3.98
Hannover Re	550	56	2.86
		<b>134</b>	<b>6.84</b>
<b>Health Care 17.34%</b>			
Bayer	1,045	119	6.07
CompuGroup Medical	1,125	54	2.75
Fresenius Medical Care	681	56	2.86
Gerresheimer	790	52	2.65
Sartorius (PREF)	728	59	3.01
		<b>340</b>	<b>17.34</b>
<b>Industrials 22.64%</b>			
Bertrandt	700	59	3.01
Brenntag	1,060	50	2.55
GEA	1,070	41	2.09
KION	770	62	3.16
MTU Aero Engines	605	81	4.13
Rational	80	47	2.40
Siemens	480	57	2.90
Stabilus	616	47	2.40
		<b>444</b>	<b>22.64</b>
<b>Information Technology 14.94%</b>			
CANCOM	733	47	2.40
GFT Technologies <sup>∞</sup>	2,380	38	1.94
Nemetschek	885	61	3.11
SAP	820	75	3.82
XING	271	72	3.67
		<b>293</b>	<b>14.94</b>

## German Equity

	Nominal/ Quantity	Market Value €'000	Total Net Assets %
<b>Security</b>			
<b>Materials 11.78%</b>			
BASF	700	63	3.21
Fuchs Petrolub	1,410	61	3.11
Linde	322	57	2.91
Symrise	780	50	2.55
		<b>231</b>	<b>11.78</b>
<b>Real Estate 6.37%</b>			
Deutsche Wohnen	2,000	72	3.67
LEG Immobilien	620	53	2.70
		<b>125</b>	<b>6.37</b>
<b>Total Equities</b>		<b>1,923</b>	<b>98.06</b>
<b>Total Transferable securities and money market instruments admitted to an official exchange listing or dealt on another regulated market</b>		<b>1,923</b>	<b>98.06</b>
<b>Open Ended Investment Funds 1.33%</b>			
Aberdeen Liquidity Fund (Lux) Euro Fund Z-3 <sup>†</sup>	26	26	1.33
<b>Total Open Ended Investment Funds</b>		<b>26</b>	<b>1.33</b>
<b>Total investments</b>		<b>1,949</b>	<b>99.39</b>
<b>Other net assets</b>		<b>12</b>	<b>0.61</b>
<b>Total net assets</b>		<b>1,961</b>	<b>100.00</b>

<sup>†</sup> Managed by subsidiaries of Aberdeen Asset Management PLC.

<sup>∞</sup> A portion of this security is on loan at the year end.

# Indian Bond

For the year ended 30 September 2017

## Performance

For the year ended 30 September 2017, the value of the Indian Bond–A Accumulation Shares increased by 7.63% compared to an increase of 9.37% in the benchmark, Markit iBoxx ALBI India Index.

Source: Lipper, Basis: total return, published NAV to NAV, net of annual charges, gross income reinvested, USD.

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

Indian bonds and the rupee had a good year, outperforming most of their regional counterparts, as the reform momentum accelerated. November's surprise demonetisation resulted in a flood of large-currency notes being deposited into the banking system, which was then channelled into government bonds, fuelling the market rally early in the reporting year. Later, consolidation among troubled public-sector banks bolstered hopes that bad loans would moderate and balance sheets would strengthen. Arguably, the most significant reform delivered over the year was the rollout of the long-awaited goods-and-services tax in July. The new levy, which will unify disparate taxes and lower prices for most basic products over the long term, was a feather in the cap for Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Meanwhile, the Reserve Bank of India's monetary policy remained accommodative and bond prices benefited from the rate cut in August. As the reporting year drew to a close, profit-taking pared market gains. This was partly fuelled by rising concerns over the fiscal deficit as slowing GDP growth prompted expectations of increased government spending. The US Federal Reserve's intention to unwind its balance sheet also weighed on sentiment in emerging markets towards the year-end.

Local-currency government bond yields fell across the curve over the year. The 3-year, 5-year and 10-year yields fell by around 30 basis points, 20 bps and 15 basis points respectively. Credit markets also strengthened; similarly, spreads outperformed at the short end of the curve. Robust overseas demand compelled the RBI to reclassify masala bonds, or rupee-denominated debt sold overseas. By removing such bonds from the 2.44 trillion-rupee foreign limit on corporate bonds, the central bank freed up more corporate debt for foreign investors.

## Portfolio review

The Fund's performance in absolute terms was robust. In our exposure to government bonds, the good returns were driven by yield and duration effects. The credit portion of the Fund also posted positive returns.

In the first half of the reporting year, we reduced our exposure to government bonds on the back of the sector's outperformance. We did this by rotating into quasi-sovereign and corporate bonds. Subsequently, we pared further the exposure to quasi-sovereigns as we expanded our allocation to corporate debt, notably those issued by Housing Development Finance Corp, Axis Bank, ICICI Bank, Reliance Jio Infocomm, Adani Transmission and the financing entities of Indiabulls.

In the latter half of the reporting year, we increased our exposure to state debt as there was no quota requirement for these securities and they were attractively valued at 40-50 bps above Indian government bonds. In particular, we purchased the debt issued by Gujarat, Karnataka and Tamil Nadu.

Over the year, we reduced the Fund's duration steadily. During the market sell-off in September, we took the opportunity to pare the Fund's short-duration position from 0.5 years closer to 0.3 years.

## Outlook

Slowing GDP growth has led investors to question the demonetisation and GST implementation but we prefer to take a long-term view of the Indian market. The aim of replacing large-currency notes was to weed out black money and indeed more capital has re-entered the banking system that is taxable, which will help boost government coffers. As for the GST, previous governments had been unable to deliver this reform. The current administration was able to underscore its resolve and ability to win over various stakeholders, no easy feat in a divisive political system. Initial hiccups will persist in the short term as businesses adapt to the new tax regime but over time moving goods across states will be easier, export competitiveness should improve, while investments will gain from the lower cost of capital goods. Combined with further infrastructure development, the long-term gains are undeniable. The central bank appears unperturbed by the recent moderation in economic growth, having cut rates just once over the reporting year. We are similarly sanguine. Should growth slow drastically and markets react adversely, we take comfort in knowing that policymakers have room to manoeuvre, given record foreign exchange reserves, benign inflation and high levels of real rates. For local bonds, valuations have risen of late but the markets remain attractive relative to other developed and emerging-market peers.

## Asian Fixed Income Team

October 2017

# Indian Bond

## Statement of Net Assets

As at 30 September 2017

	Notes	US\$'000
<b>Assets</b>		
Investments in securities at market value	2.2	277,274
Cash at bank		1,555
Interest receivable		7,339
Subscriptions receivable		21,945
Other assets		42
<b>Total assets</b>		<b>308,155</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Payable for investments purchased		16,832
Taxes and expenses payable		150
Redemptions payable		2,483
Unrealised losses on forward currency exchange contracts	2.6	257
Other liabilities		263
<b>Total liabilities</b>		<b>19,985</b>
<b>Net assets at the end of the year</b>		<b>288,170</b>

## Statement of Changes in Net Assets

For the year from 1 October 2016 to 30 September 2017

	Notes	US\$'000
Net assets at the beginning of the year		79,859
Net gains from investments		9,220
Net realised gains		2,273
Net unrealised gains		2,448
Proceeds from shares issued		241,778
Payments for shares redeemed		(46,132)
Net equalisation received	10	512
Dividends paid	5	(1,788)
<b>Net assets at the end of the year</b>		<b>288,170</b>

## Statement of Operations

For the year from 1 October 2016 to 30 September 2017

	Notes	US\$'000
<b>Income</b>		
Investment income	2.3	10,038
Bank interest		13
<b>Total income</b>		<b>10,051</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Management fees	4.2	351
Operating, administrative and servicing fees	4.3	477
Other operational expenses		3
<b>Total expenses</b>		<b>831</b>
<b>Net gains from investments</b>		<b>9,220</b>
Realised gains on investments		568
Realised gains on forward currency exchange contracts		1,940
Realised currency exchange losses		(235)
<b>Net realised gains</b>		<b>2,273</b>
Increase in unrealised appreciation on investments		2,671
Increase in unrealised depreciation on forward currency exchange contracts		(228)
Unrealised currency exchange gains		5
<b>Net unrealised gains</b>		<b>2,448</b>
<b>Net increase in assets as a result of operations</b>		<b>13,941</b>

# Indian Bond

## Share Transactions

For the year from 1 October 2016 to 30 September 2017

	A-1	A-2	A-3 <sup>A</sup>	A(EUR)-2 <sup>AB</sup>	E(EUR)-1	E(EUR)-2
Shares outstanding at the beginning of the year	57,916	61,514	-	-	70,489	710
Shares issued during the year	1,885,614	2,079,592	1,220,506	103,024	136,347	323,915
Shares redeemed during the year	(63,511)	(45,253)	(4,592)	-	(3,460)	(120,475)
<b>Shares outstanding at the end of the year</b>	<b>1,880,019</b>	<b>2,095,853</b>	<b>1,215,914</b>	<b>103,024</b>	<b>203,376</b>	<b>204,150</b>
<b>Net asset value per share</b>	<b>10.6109</b>	<b>11.8958</b>	<b>9.8140</b>	<b>9.8337</b>	<b>10.1168</b>	<b>11.3399</b>

	I-1	I-2	I(EUR)-2 <sup>AC</sup>	R(GBP)-1 <sup>D</sup>	R(GBP)-2 <sup>D</sup>	W-2 <sup>B</sup>
Shares outstanding at the beginning of the year	429,537	448,957	-	-	-	-
Shares issued during the year	656,364	4,632,005	2,666,728	213,871	202,679	20,726
Shares redeemed during the year	(484,874)	(619,370)	(681,320)	(3,543)	(500)	-
<b>Shares outstanding at the end of the year</b>	<b>601,027</b>	<b>4,461,592</b>	<b>1,985,408</b>	<b>210,328</b>	<b>202,179</b>	<b>20,726</b>
<b>Net asset value per share</b>	<b>10.6119</b>	<b>12.0285</b>	<b>10.6826</b>	<b>9.5484</b>	<b>9.6255</b>	<b>9.8478</b>

	X-1 <sup>E</sup>	X-2	Z-1 <sup>F</sup>	Z-2
Shares outstanding at the beginning of the year	-	25,889	-	6,106,316
Shares issued during the year	78,204	1,534,459	3,319,162	2,425,372
Shares redeemed during the year	(2,735)	(34,625)	(751,964)	(1,196,202)
<b>Shares outstanding at the end of the year</b>	<b>75,469</b>	<b>1,525,723</b>	<b>2,567,198</b>	<b>7,335,486</b>
<b>Net asset value per share</b>	<b>10.0979</b>	<b>12.0177</b>	<b>10.1734</b>	<b>12.1530</b>

<sup>A</sup> Share class launched 31 July 2017.

<sup>B</sup> Share class launched 18 August 2017.

<sup>C</sup> Share class launched 16 December 2016.

<sup>D</sup> Share class launched 3 August 2017.

<sup>E</sup> Share class launched 3 May 2017.

<sup>F</sup> Share class launched 22 November 2016.

<sup>A</sup> Base currency exposure share class.

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements.

# Indian Bond

## Portfolio Statement

As at 30 September 2017

Security	Coupon (%)	Maturity	Nominal/ Quantity	Market Value US\$'000	Total Net Assets %
Transferable securities and money market instruments admitted to an official exchange listing or dealt on another regulated market 96.22%					
<b>Bonds 96.22%</b>					
<b>Corporate Bonds 34.04%</b>					
<b>India 34.04%</b>					
Adani Transmission	10.2500	15/04/21	550,000,000	8,952	3.11
Axis Bank	7.6000	20/10/23	350,000,000	5,379	1.87
Axis Bank	8.8500	05/12/24	200,000,000	3,280	1.14
GAIL India	8.3000	23/02/22	50,000,000	800	0.28
HDFC Bank	7.9500	21/09/26	550,000,000	8,659	3.00
Housing Development Finance	8.4300	04/03/25	300,000,000	4,824	1.67
Housing Development Finance	7.9000	24/08/26	200,000,000	3,081	1.07
Housing Development Finance	7.6000	26/06/20	50,000,000	773	0.27
ICICI Bank	7.6000	07/10/23	350,000,000	5,392	1.87
ICICI Bank	9.2500	04/09/24	200,000,000	3,352	1.16
Indiabulls Housing Finance	8.9000	26/09/21	550,000,000	8,545	2.97
Indian Railway Finance	8.7900	04/05/30	100,000,000	1,714	0.59
National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development	7.2000	21/10/31	100,000,000	1,512	0.52
NHPC	8.2400	27/06/31	150,000,000	2,445	0.85
NHPC	8.5400	26/11/23	50,000,000	807	0.28
NTPC	9.1700	22/09/24	200,000,000	3,351	1.16
NTPC	8.1000	27/05/31	150,000,000	2,443	0.85
Power Finance	8.3900	19/04/25	200,000,000	3,203	1.11
Power Finance	7.6300	14/08/26	200,000,000	3,070	1.07
Power Finance	7.5000	17/09/20	150,000,000	2,323	0.81
Power Grid of India	9.3000	04/09/29	250,000,000	4,385	1.52
Power Grid of India	7.3000	19/06/27	200,000,000	3,065	1.06
Reliance Jio Infocomm	8.9500	04/10/20	500,000,000	7,975	2.77
Rural Electrification	8.2700	06/02/25	350,000,000	5,605	1.95
Rural Electrification	8.5700	21/12/24	100,000,000	1,628	0.56
Rural Electrification	7.1400	09/12/21	100,000,000	1,537	0.53
				<b>98,100</b>	<b>34.04</b>
<b>Total Corporate Bonds</b>				<b>98,100</b>	<b>34.04</b>
<b>Government Bonds 62.18%</b>					
<b>India 62.18%</b>					
Andhra Pradesh (State of)	8.5900	23/01/23	650,000,000	10,795	3.75
Export-Import Bank of India	8.8800	18/10/22	250,000,000	4,149	1.44
Export-Import Bank of India	8.1100	11/07/31	150,000,000	2,413	0.84
Export-Import Bank of India	8.2500	23/06/31	100,000,000	1,625	0.56
Export-Import Bank of India	8.1500	21/01/30	50,000,000	804	0.28
Gujarat (State of)	7.5200	24/05/27	500,000,000	8,001	2.78
Gujarat (State of)	7.2000	14/06/27	250,000,000	3,916	1.36
India (Government of)	8.3300	07/06/36	950,000,000	16,201	5.62
India (Government of)	7.7300	19/12/34	900,000,000	14,541	5.05
India (Government of)	8.4000	28/07/24	645,260,000	10,657	3.70

# Indian Bond

Security	Coupon (%)	Maturity	Nominal/ Quantity	Market Value US\$'000	Total Net Assets %
India (Government of)	7.8800	19/03/30	640,000,000	10,423	3.62
India (Government of)	8.1300	22/06/45	480,750,000	8,096	2.81
India (Government of)	8.6000	02/06/28	475,200,000	8,073	2.80
India (Government of)	8.2400	10/11/33	200,000,000	3,362	1.17
India (Government of)	6.6200	28/11/51	200,000,000	2,837	0.98
India (Republic of)	8.1700	01/12/44	650,000,000	10,986	3.81
India (Republic of)	7.3500	22/06/24	450,000,000	7,083	2.46
India (Republic of)	8.3000	02/07/40	380,000,000	6,437	2.23
India (Republic of)	8.2700	09/06/20	257,100,000	4,114	1.43
India (Republic of)	8.1500	24/11/26	200,000,000	3,285	1.14
India (Republic of)	8.0800	02/08/22	27,100,000	438	0.15
Karnataka (State of)	8.9200	07/03/22	750,000,000	12,456	4.32
Maharashtra (State of)	8.6700	24/02/26	500,000,000	8,474	2.94
Maharashtra (State of)	7.3300	13/09/27	200,000,000	3,154	1.09
National Highways Authority of India	7.1700	23/12/21	300,000,000	4,617	1.60
Tamil Nadu (State of)	8.6000	06/03/23	750,000,000	12,237	4.25
				<b>179,174</b>	<b>62.18</b>
<b>Total Government Bonds</b>				<b>179,174</b>	<b>62.18</b>
<b>Total Bonds</b>				<b>277,274</b>	<b>96.22</b>
<b>Total Transferable securities and money market instruments admitted to an official exchange listing or dealt on another regulated market</b>				<b>277,274</b>	<b>96.22</b>

## Derivatives (0.09%)

### Forward currency exchange contracts (0.09%)

Counterparty	Buy	Sell	Settlement	Buy Amount	Sell Amount	Unrealised Gains/(Losses) US\$'000	Total Net Assets %
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	03/10/17	1,892,656	2,229,549	8	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	15/12/17	15,929,202	19,285,819	(376)	(0.14)
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	15/12/17	9,000,000	10,615,158	69	0.02
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	15/12/17	665,040	798,886	(9)	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	15/12/17	580,000	702,218	(14)	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	15/12/17	554,753	668,836	(10)	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	15/12/17	450,813	541,544	(6)	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	15/12/17	100,000	119,267	(1)	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	15/12/17	13,764	16,221	-	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	15/12/17	3,500	4,215	-	-
BNP Paribas	INR	USD	03/11/17	754,942,500	11,700,000	(202)	(0.08)
BNP Paribas	INR	USD	03/11/17	405,048,420	6,300,000	(131)	(0.05)
BNP Paribas	INR	USD	03/11/17	209,713,280	3,200,000	(6)	-
BNP Paribas	INR	USD	03/11/17	135,437,400	2,100,000	(37)	(0.01)
BNP Paribas	INR	USD	03/11/17	122,149,290	1,900,000	(40)	(0.01)
BNP Paribas	INR	USD	03/11/17	110,803,110	1,700,000	(12)	-
BNP Paribas	INR	USD	03/11/17	83,781,230	1,300,000	(24)	(0.01)
BNP Paribas	INR	USD	03/11/17	83,666,830	1,300,000	(26)	(0.01)

# Indian Bond

Counterparty	Buy	Sell	Settlement	Buy Amount	Sell Amount	Unrealised Gains/(Losses) US\$'000	Total Net Assets %
BNP Paribas	INR	USD	03/11/17	70,719,000	1,100,000	(23)	(0.01)
BNP Paribas	INR	USD	03/11/17	70,642,000	1,100,000	(24)	(0.01)
BNP Paribas	INR	USD	03/11/17	45,241,000	700,000	(11)	-
BNP Paribas	USD	EUR	02/10/17	10,572,300	9,000,000	(67)	(0.02)
BNP Paribas	USD	INR	03/11/17	5,900,000	380,948,840	98	0.03
BNP Paribas	USD	INR	03/11/17	5,600,000	359,940,000	118	0.04
BNP Paribas	USD	INR	03/11/17	5,500,000	354,601,500	99	0.03
BNP Paribas	USD	INR	03/11/17	3,800,000	246,236,200	49	0.02
BNP Paribas	USD	INR	03/11/17	2,500,000	161,963,000	33	0.01
BNP Paribas	USD	INR	03/11/17	2,200,000	141,878,000	39	0.01
BNP Paribas	USD	EUR	15/12/17	3,176,640	2,683,565	(9)	-
BNP Paribas	USD	EUR	15/12/17	2,237,966	1,892,656	(9)	-
BNP Paribas	USD	EUR	15/12/17	431,268	359,401	5	-
BNP Paribas	USD	EUR	15/12/17	157,520	130,520	3	-
BNP Paribas	USD	EUR	15/12/17	29,829	25,249	-	-
BNP Paribas	USD	EUR	15/12/17	12,380	10,284	-	-
BNP Paribas	USD	EUR	15/12/17	3,426	2,852	-	-
Credit Suisse	INR	USD	03/11/17	90,580,000	1,400,000	(20)	(0.01)
Royal Bank of Canada	INR	USD	03/11/17	215,963,880	3,300,000	(11)	-
Standard Chartered	INR	USD	03/11/17	1,091,673,000	16,500,000	128	0.04
Standard Chartered	INR	USD	03/11/17	289,890,000	4,500,000	(85)	(0.03)
Standard Chartered	INR	USD	03/11/17	221,391,000	3,400,000	(28)	(0.01)
Standard Chartered	INR	USD	03/11/17	182,931,000	2,800,000	(14)	-
Standard Chartered	INR	USD	03/11/17	160,427,500	2,500,000	(56)	(0.02)
Standard Chartered	INR	USD	03/11/17	121,884,050	1,900,000	(44)	(0.02)
Standard Chartered	INR	USD	03/11/17	91,035,000	1,400,000	(13)	-
Standard Chartered	INR	USD	03/11/17	71,541,250	1,100,000	(10)	-
Standard Chartered	USD	INR	03/11/17	7,000,000	450,380,000	140	0.04
Standard Chartered	USD	INR	03/11/17	5,000,000	321,600,000	102	0.04
Standard Chartered	USD	INR	03/11/17	4,100,000	264,163,000	76	0.03
Standard Chartered	USD	INR	03/11/17	2,600,000	167,160,500	54	0.02
Standard Chartered	USD	INR	03/11/17	2,500,000	164,690,000	(8)	-
Standard Chartered	USD	INR	03/11/17	2,400,000	156,072,000	23	0.01
Standard Chartered	USD	INR	03/11/17	1,700,000	111,491,100	2	-
Standard Chartered	USD	INR	03/11/17	1,100,000	70,708,000	23	0.01
Unrealised losses on forward currency exchange contracts						(257)	(0.09)
Unrealised losses on derivatives						(257)	(0.09)
Total investments						277,017	96.13
Other net assets						11,153	3.87
Total net assets						288,170	100.00

Currently forward positions are not collateralised.



# Indian Equity

For the year ended 30 September 2017

## Performance

For the year ended 30 September 2017, the value of Indian Equity – A Accumulation Shares increased by 12.49% compared to an increase of 14.18% in the benchmark, the MSCI India Index.

Source: Lipper, Basis: total return, published NAV to NAV, net of annual charges, gross income reinvested, USD.

Please see the Performance History section for details on the use of MSCI information.

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

Indian equities rose in the year under review, which was marked by two momentous policy reforms – demonetisation and GST. Both initially unnerved markets, causing short-term pain to some segments of the population and the corporate world. The cash crunch from demonetisation receded quickly, and our holdings held up relatively well during the transition. A Reserve Bank of India report released several months after the exercise revealed that 99% of cancelled notes were deposited or exchanged for fresh currency. While this means that most of the 'black money' the Narendra Modi government had hoped to wipe out remains in circulation, other long-term benefits should not be overlooked, such as expanding the tax base and bringing more people into the formal banking system. Meanwhile, the launch of the new national sales tax was fairly benign, helped in part by the government proactively raising awareness and offering training and outreach programmes. This cushioned some teething problems, such as technical glitches with the online platform. While GST-related disruptions remain, most companies we spoke to expect the issues to be resolved and demand to normalise by the end of the year. Politically, Modi's Bharatiya Janata Party remains popular as evidenced by a number of key state election victories during the year, notably in the most-populous state of Uttar Pradesh. On the economic front, June-quarter GDP growth of 5.7% was the slowest pace of expansion in three years, but retains India's status among the world's fastest-growing countries.

## Portfolio review

Health care was the worst performing sector, and stocks like Sun Pharmaceutical were a drag on performance due to declining prices and stepped-up scrutiny from US regulators. However, robust stock selection in this sector more than shielded the Fund. The lack of exposure to Dr Reddy's Laboratories helped, and our largest exposure in health care, Piramal Enterprises, outperformed. Its share price rose on the back of an improving outlook for its financing business, especially in light of the company's willingness to raise more capital to support growth. Among our financial sector holdings, HDFC Bank and Kotak Mahindra Bank both gained from demonetisation, posting solid income growth driven largely by net interest income. Not holding Axis Bank was another contributor, as the stock fell after reporting a sharp increase in provisions for bad loans.

Our exposure to materials lifted returns, as it was one of the best-performing sectors over the review period. The cash-reliant sector rebounded when it became apparent that demonetisation's effects were abating. Notably, Grasim Industries rose on expectations of its restructuring. This outweighed the negative effect of not holding Vedanta, which was buoyed by improving commodity prices.

Consumer stocks also resumed their rally as the disruptive effects of demonetisation faded and spending recovered, so our positioning in both consumer staples and the discretionary space were positive. Not holding Maruti Suzuki detracted, but not holding Tata Motors, which disappointed on the earnings front, more than made up for this. Our consumer stocks such as Hindustan Unilever and Godrej Consumer Products did well.

The Fund's lack of exposure to energy, particularly to Reliance Industries, was a key detractor. The stock rebounded on better refining margins and an improving outlook for its telecommunications business. We do not hold Reliance due to its leveraged balance sheet and discretionary capital allocation policies which are not always shareholder friendly.

In portfolio activity, we participated in the Tata Consultancy Services and Mphasis share buyback schemes, which were priced at attractive premiums to the market. As shareholders in Grasim Industries, we received shares in Aditya Birla Capital (ABC), a well-run diversified financial services group owned by Grasim, and trimmed other positions whose share prices had been strong to build on our position in ABC. The distribution of its shares gives ABC greater financial flexibility to access capital markets in its own name.

Against this, we reduced our exposure to Infosys by half, after careful consideration. We engaged with management when they called for shareholder feedback. While the dust appears to have settled from recent acrimonious developments, we think that Infosys could continue to face uncertainty on several fronts – strategy, management, board and leadership. Nandan Nilekani, the widely respected Infosys alumnus, has returned as non-executive chairman following Vishal Sikka's resignation as chief executive officer in August. While we welcome Nilekani's appointment, the selection of a new CEO will take time. That said, Infosys is still among India's best software developers. It continues to generate steady cash flow, backed by a solid balance sheet, and is moving in the right direction in addressing the issues that confront it. Finally, we trimmed our position in ICICI Bank, taking profits from its resilient share price as we rebalance the portfolio to selectively position for a credit recovery while reducing the risk of exposure to stress in the banking system as a whole.

## Outlook

Indian equities have been consolidating their gains in recent months, which may be a relief given they tend to trade at a premium to their Asian counterparts, but are still in positive territory. With Prime Minister Modi facing some flak lately for his handling of the more controversial reforms, he may need another blockbuster policy move to reignite confidence in his ability to steer the economy onto a more sustainable path. There remain some key areas of concern. Investment is lacklustre, private capital spending has stalled, and the country's purported demographic dividend could well prove to be a thorn in its side instead if jobs growth is not forthcoming. With rural demand not pulling its weight as was earlier expected, increased urbanisation may be the answer, but that hinges on how well it is executed. Still, one of the major appeals of India is that there is no dearth of quality companies run by experienced management who are agile and innovative enough to generate profits in spite of the present constraints. Our holdings continue to focus on making their operations efficient and maintaining robust balance sheets. This should hold them in good stead in the long term.

## Asian Equities Team

October 2017

# Indian Equity

## Statement of Net Assets

As at 30 September 2017

	Notes	US\$'000
<b>Assets</b>		
Investments in securities at market value	2.2	2,694,432
Cash at bank		50,298
Interest and dividends receivable		1,503
Subscriptions receivable		26,943
Receivable for investments sold		530
Other assets		7,955
<b>Total assets</b>		<b>2,781,661</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Taxes and expenses payable		1,301
Redemptions payable		6,678
Other liabilities		53
<b>Total liabilities</b>		<b>8,032</b>
<b>Net assets at the end of the year</b>		<b>2,773,629</b>

## Statement of Changes in Net Assets

For the year from 1 October 2016 to 30 September 2017

	Notes	US\$'000
Net assets at the beginning of the year		3,560,312
Net gains from investments		19,895
Net realised gains		711,544
Net unrealised losses		(277,009)
Proceeds from shares issued		659,081
Payments for shares redeemed		(1,899,670)
Net equalisation paid	10	(471)
Dividends paid	5	(53)
<b>Net assets at the end of the year</b>		<b>2,773,629</b>

## Statement of Operations

For the year from 1 October 2016 to 30 September 2017

	Notes	US\$'000
<b>Income</b>		
Investment income	2.3	44,043
Bank interest		167
<b>Total income</b>		<b>44,210</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Management fees	4.2	13,379
Operating, administrative and servicing fees	4.3	11,186
Less: Volume discount applied	4.3	(321)
Net operating, administrative and servicing fees	4.3	10,865
Other operational expenses		71
<b>Total expenses</b>		<b>24,315</b>
<b>Net gains from investments</b>		<b>19,895</b>
Realised gains on investments		711,402
Realised currency exchange gains		142
<b>Net realised gains</b>		<b>711,544</b>
Decrease in unrealised appreciation on investments		(276,896)
Unrealised currency exchange losses		(113)
<b>Net unrealised losses</b>		<b>(277,009)</b>
<b>Net increase in assets as a result of operations</b>		<b>454,430</b>

## Share Transactions

For the year from 1 October 2016 to 30 September 2017

	A-2	D(GBP)-2	E(EUR)-2	I-2	R(GBP)-2	X-2
Shares outstanding at the beginning of the year	3,985,799	2,392,308	633,650	1,919,601	1,999,003	658,450
Shares issued during the year	1,069,438	151,512	273,861	390,455	1,883,843	155,440
Shares redeemed during the year	(1,732,416)	(1,989,106)	(296,316)	(1,290,435)	(2,141,084)	(140,230)
<b>Shares outstanding at the end of the year</b>	<b>3,322,821</b>	<b>554,714</b>	<b>611,195</b>	<b>1,019,621</b>	<b>1,741,762</b>	<b>673,660</b>
<b>Net asset value per share</b>	<b>150.8480</b>	<b>112.5921</b>	<b>17.0762</b>	<b>165.2249</b>	<b>19.3140</b>	<b>16.1468</b>

	Y(EUR)-2	Z-1	Z-2
Shares outstanding at the beginning of the year	10,732	752,353	134,902,848
Shares issued during the year	33,025	138,341	21,463,222
Shares redeemed during the year	(27,466)	(444,421)	(58,827,254)
<b>Shares outstanding at the end of the year</b>	<b>16,291</b>	<b>446,273</b>	<b>97,538,816</b>
<b>Net asset value per share</b>	<b>17.7900</b>	<b>14.5838</b>	<b>19.9400</b>

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements.

# Indian Equity

## Portfolio Statement

As at 30 September 2017

Security	Nominal/ Quantity	Market Value US\$'000	Total Net Assets %
Transferable securities and money market instruments admitted to an official exchange listing or dealt on another regulated market 97.14%			
<b>Equities 97.14%</b>			
<b>Consumer Discretionary 7.50%</b>			
Bosch	310,907	97,682	3.52
Hero MotoCorp	1,907,000	110,407	3.98
		<b>208,089</b>	<b>7.50</b>
<b>Consumer Staples 16.74%</b>			
Emami	2,020,000	33,724	1.22
Godrej Consumer Products	7,092,130	99,430	3.58
Hindustan Unilever	6,286,456	112,585	4.06
ITC	33,278,518	131,380	4.74
Nestle India	785,062	87,064	3.14
		<b>464,183</b>	<b>16.74</b>
<b>Financials 20.13%</b>			
Aditya Birla Capital	9,514,405	26,910	0.97
HDFC Bank	3,065,000	84,476	3.05
Housing Development Finance	9,965,917	264,248	9.52
ICICI Bank	13,415,000	56,837	2.05
Kotak Mahindra Bank	8,220,000	126,056	4.54
		<b>558,527</b>	<b>20.13</b>
<b>Health Care 12.33%</b>			
GlaxoSmithKline Pharmaceuticals	626,279	24,607	0.89
Lupin	2,883,751	44,744	1.61
Piramal Enterprises	2,903,727	117,180	4.23
Sanofi India	860,050	55,432	2.00
Sun Pharmaceutical	12,958,483	99,931	3.60
		<b>341,894</b>	<b>12.33</b>
<b>Industrials 5.32%</b>			
ABB India	2,200,870	47,105	1.70
CONCOR	4,869,775	100,572	3.62
		<b>147,677</b>	<b>5.32</b>
<b>Information Technology 15.89%</b>			
Cognizant Technology Solutions 'A'	755,000	54,756	1.97
Infosys	5,784,714	79,635	2.87
Mphasis	8,927,225	84,557	3.05
Tata Consultancy Services	5,943,851	221,785	8.00
		<b>440,733</b>	<b>15.89</b>

# Indian Equity

	Nominal/ Quantity	Market Value US\$'000	Total Net Assets %
<b>Security</b>			
<b>Materials 14.98%</b>			
ACC	1,220,000	31,014	1.12
Ambuja Cements	20,625,787	84,554	3.05
Asian Paints	5,319,449	92,127	3.32
Castrol India	5,340,000	29,294	1.06
Grasim Industries	6,796,004	118,295	4.26
UltraTech Cement	1,020,060	60,178	2.17
		<b>415,462</b>	<b>14.98</b>
<b>Telecommunication Services 2.52%</b>			
Bharti Airtel	3,940,000	23,438	0.85
Bharti Infratel	7,606,561	46,324	1.67
		<b>69,762</b>	<b>2.52</b>
<b>Utilities 1.73%</b>			
Gujarat Gas	3,742,972	48,105	1.73
<b>Total Equities</b>		<b>2,694,432</b>	<b>97.14</b>
<b>Total Transferable securities and money market instruments admitted to an official exchange listing or dealt on another regulated market</b>		<b>2,694,432</b>	<b>97.14</b>
<b>Total investments</b>		<b>2,694,432</b>	<b>97.14</b>
<b>Other net assets</b>		<b>79,197</b>	<b>2.86</b>
<b>Total net assets</b>		<b>2,773,629</b>	<b>100.00</b>

# Japanese Equity

For the year ended 30 September 2017

## Performance

For the year ended 30 September 2017, the Japanese Equity – A Accumulation Shares increased 17.38%, compared to an increase of 29.27% in the benchmark, the Topix (Tokyo First Section) Index.

Source: Lipper, Basis: total return, published NAV to NAV, net of annual charges, gross income reinvested, JPY.

Please remember that past performance is not a guide to future returns. The price of shares and the revenue from them may fall as well as rise. Investors may not get back the amount originally invested.

## Market review

Japanese equities rose in the review year. Sentiment has been underpinned by an improved outlook for corporate earnings, which was supported in turn by yen weakness. On the policy front, the Bank of Japan unsurprisingly held its monetary-policy course amid still subdued inflation. Further afield, a slew of external events also moved the stockmarket. In particular, the UK's shock decision to leave the European Union and Theresa May's subsequent snap-election gamble that left her weakened ahead of Brexit negotiations, Donald Trump's unexpected election as US president last November, which had initially whet risk appetite on hopes that he would usher in a raft of pro-business reform. However, these did not materialise after repeated failure to repeal and replace Obamacare, on which major fiscal reforms were predicated.

## Portfolio review

The Fund delivered healthy returns over the review year, although it trailed the benchmark.

For the review year, we view the Fund's performance as wholly consistent with our high-quality portfolio that has remained defensively positioned. The underlying holdings, made up of better-run companies, tend to do well amid tougher market conditions, with their businesses relatively unperturbed by yen appreciation. In contrast, poorer quality companies that have benefited more from yen weakness, were favoured by the market during the year, particularly those that have exhibited more aggressive growth.

Detracting from relative performance was Japan Tobacco, which saw its shares come under pressure as competing novel nicotine products continued to take market share from its domestic cigarette sales. The company launched a competing product in the key Tokyo market in June and expects to expand sales nationwide by year-end. Also costing the Fund was Seven & i, which reported in-line results. However, its shares were dented by unexpectedly weaker-than-expected food sales at Ito-Yokado, an area that was supposed to drive the unit's growth. Last, KDDI detracted as defensive stocks lagged during the year. We see no fundamental change for KDDI's business, including its competitiveness among domestic mobile operators.

Mitigating the underperformance was reduction-gear maker Nabtesco and sensor company Keyence, both of which posted excellent results driven by rising demand for automation. Similarly, specialty chemicals maker Shin-Etsu Chemical posted healthy numbers that were buoyed by rising global demand for silicon wafers, as well as firm prices for PVC amid stricter environmental regulations.

In addition to the changes already mentioned in the interim report, key portfolio activity in the second half included divesting auto-components supplier Aisin Seiki after a period of outperformance and even though it retains a robust position in automatic transmissions. We re-invested the proceeds in several new introductions. These included cosmetics company Shiseido that has made good progress on restructuring the business under the new president, Masahiko Uotani, who has addressed underperforming brands, executed on cost structure reforms, and aligned executives behind an incentive-based pay structure. We also introduced Stanley Electric, one of the world's largest automotive-lighting manufacturers that is well positioned to benefit from an industry-wide structural shift from halogen to LED headlamps as demand for energy efficiency increases while its unique in-house LED manufacturing capabilities will improve cost efficiencies that will result in improved profitability. Another addition was leading local furniture and home-furnishings retailer Nitori Holdings, with 30 consecutive years of sales and profit growth and is looking to accelerate earnings momentum by expanding into urban city centres with its interior decorating stores. Its unique vertically-integrated operation allows it to achieve superior margins and management of this largely domestic business is now looking to replicate its success in key overseas markets such as China. Finally, we also initiated a position in leading automotive chip-maker Renesas Electronics, which is well-positioned to benefit from growing focus on vehicle electrification, autonomous driving, and the increasing connectivity between industrial applications. This is underpinned by its cutting-edge technology in miniaturised microcontrollers, which improves energy consumption and enhances memory size, while its analogue semiconductor technology is used in a broad range of applications.

## Outlook

Looking ahead, the Japanese stockmarket appears likely to maintain its upward trajectory in tandem with world equity markets, underpinned by positive global economic growth and firming oil prices. So far, investors have shrugged off the US Federal Reserve's balance sheet normalisation, as well as near-term geopolitical uncertainties, such as the secessionist impasse in Spain and the still-unfolding spat between the US and North Korea. At home, robust demand for exports, coupled with a recovery in domestic consumption, should keep the Japanese economy on its longest growth streak since the 2000s. At the same time, Prime Minister Abe's snap election gambit appears to be working, with his rivals seemingly unable to mount a credible opposition.

Meanwhile, company fundamentals remain firm, with upgrades in the earnings forecasts for the automotive, electronics and machinery sectors. Given this rather benign backdrop, the portfolio's underlying holdings should be able to maintain their lead in their respective markets and surmount any short-term challenges, particularly with the help of able leadership and backed by solid balance sheets.

## Asian Equities Team

October 2017

# Japanese Equity

## Statement of Net Assets

As at 30 September 2017

	Notes	JP¥'000
<b>Assets</b>		
Investments in securities at market value	2.2	392,785,350
Cash at bank		718,389
Interest and dividends receivable		2,070,852
Subscriptions receivable		2,681,648
Receivable for investments sold		4,358,453
Unrealised gains on forward currency exchange contracts	2.6	6,219,568
<b>Total assets</b>		<b>408,834,260</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Payable for investments purchased		3,435,220
Taxes and expenses payable		418,016
Redemptions payable		2,842,406
Other liabilities		119,297
<b>Total liabilities</b>		<b>6,814,939</b>
<b>Net assets at the end of the year</b>		<b>402,019,321</b>

## Statement of Changes in Net Assets

For the year from 1 October 2016 to 30 September 2017

	Notes	JP¥'000
Net assets at the beginning of the year		312,313,293
Net gains from investments		1,163,290
Net realised gains		29,671,591
Net unrealised gains		49,151,534
Proceeds from shares issued		234,729,166
Payments for shares redeemed		(224,938,816)
Net equalisation received	10	48,560
Dividends paid	5	(119,297)
<b>Net assets at the end of the year</b>		<b>402,019,321</b>

## Statement of Operations

For the year from 1 October 2016 to 30 September 2017

	Notes	JP¥'000
<b>Income</b>		
Investment income	2.3	5,901,845
Stocklending income	16	88,850
<b>Total income</b>		<b>5,990,695</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Management fees	4.2	4,172,049
Operating, administrative and servicing fees	4.3	677,697
Less: Volume discount applied	4.3	(36,212)
Net operating, administrative and servicing fees	4.3	641,485
Distribution fees	4.1	976
Other operational expenses		7,328
Bank interest		5,567
<b>Total expenses</b>		<b>4,827,405</b>
<b>Net gains from investments</b>		<b>1,163,290</b>
Realised gains on investments		14,769,836
Realised losses on forward currency exchange contracts		(2,336,315)
Realised currency exchange gains		17,238,070
<b>Net realised gains</b>		<b>29,671,591</b>
Increase in unrealised appreciation on investments		42,300,094
Decrease in unrealised depreciation on forward currency exchange contracts		6,853,180
Unrealised currency exchange losses		(1,740)
<b>Net unrealised gains</b>		<b>49,151,534</b>
<b>Net increase in assets as a result of operations</b>		<b>79,986,415</b>

# Japanese Equity

## Share Transactions

For the year from 1 October 2016 to 30 September 2017

	A-2	A(CHF)-2 <sup>A</sup>	A(EUR)1 <sup>A</sup>	A(EUR)-2 <sup>A</sup>	A(USD)-2 <sup>A</sup>	D(GBP)-2
Shares outstanding at the beginning of the year	113,450,965	193,798	-	46,729,748	31,821,390	16,502,517
Shares issued during the year	68,769,388	35,624	96,079	22,924,141	25,068,440	10,071,900
Shares redeemed during the year	(84,443,115)	(76,555)	-	(20,764,151)	(23,818,244)	(11,228,740)
<b>Shares outstanding at the end of the year</b>	<b>97,777,238</b>	<b>152,867</b>	<b>96,079</b>	<b>48,889,738</b>	<b>33,071,586</b>	<b>15,345,677</b>
<b>Net asset value per share</b>	<b>496.9291</b>	<b>305.9869</b>	<b>10.7709</b>	<b>13.3383</b>	<b>13.8042</b>	<b>3.2939</b>

	E(EUR)-2	I-2	I(EUR)-2 <sup>A</sup>	I(USD)-2 <sup>A</sup>	L(SGD)-2 <sup>B</sup>	R(GBP)-2
Shares outstanding at the beginning of the year	600	1,109,064	7,440,147	16,276,787	49,962	62,954
Shares issued during the year	970,231	777,011	6,290,981	9,746,849	-	151,851
Shares redeemed during the year	(46,810)	(693,243)	(6,902,961)	(8,783,178)	(49,962)	(56,075)
<b>Shares outstanding at the end of the year</b>	<b>924,021</b>	<b>1,192,832</b>	<b>6,828,167</b>	<b>17,240,458</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>158,730</b>
<b>Net asset value per share</b>	<b>10.1877</b>	<b>110,800.0383</b>	<b>13.2651</b>	<b>15.0420</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>18.9450</b>

	R(GBP)-2 <sup>A</sup>	S-2	S(CHF)-2 <sup>A</sup>	S(EUR)-2 <sup>A</sup>	U(USD)-2	V(USD)-2
Shares outstanding at the beginning of the year	1,313,995	46,077	29,358	1,458,123	4,061,014	976,004
Shares issued during the year	244,387	36,031	323	442,137	1,133,610	365,550
Shares redeemed during the year	(382,433)	(38,792)	(6,278)	(550,104)	(3,616,229)	(1,099,563)
<b>Shares outstanding at the end of the year</b>	<b>1,175,949</b>	<b>43,316</b>	<b>23,403</b>	<b>1,350,156</b>	<b>1,578,395</b>	<b>241,991</b>
<b>Net asset value per share</b>	<b>11.6921</b>	<b>27,917.8745</b>	<b>295.1420</b>	<b>13.0698</b>	<b>13.8282</b>	<b>11.4527</b>

	W-2	W(USD)-2 <sup>A</sup>	X-2	X(CHF)-2 <sup>A</sup>	X(EUR)-2 <sup>A</sup>	X(GBP)-2 <sup>A</sup>
Shares outstanding at the beginning of the year	100,000	71,000	94,883,193	585,195	1,447,076	1,431,959
Shares issued during the year	344,131	11,824	67,719,496	74,273	172,511	795,567
Shares redeemed during the year	(100,000)	-	(100,046,424)	(344,476)	(1,439,360)	(1,357,993)
<b>Shares outstanding at the end of the year</b>	<b>344,131</b>	<b>82,824</b>	<b>62,556,265</b>	<b>314,992</b>	<b>180,227</b>	<b>869,533</b>
<b>Net asset value per share</b>	<b>11.3967</b>	<b>12.2933</b>	<b>21.6956</b>	<b>10.3347</b>	<b>13.8161</b>	<b>14.8090</b>

	X(USD)-2 <sup>A</sup>	Y(EUR)-2	Z-1 <sup>D</sup>	Z-2 <sup>E</sup>	Z(GBP)-2 <sup>A</sup>
Shares outstanding at the beginning of the year	-	209,482	-	-	97,305
Shares issued during the year	258,649	131,121	1,229,070	1,041	99,239
Shares redeemed during the year	(67,897)	(109,567)	(70)	-	(120,700)
<b>Shares outstanding at the end of the year</b>	<b>190,752</b>	<b>231,036</b>	<b>1,229,000</b>	<b>1,041</b>	<b>75,844</b>
<b>Net asset value per share</b>	<b>10.7504</b>	<b>17.4473</b>	<b>10,320.2739</b>	<b>10,690.4840</b>	<b>11.8887</b>

<sup>A</sup> Share class launched 16 December 2016.

<sup>B</sup> Share class closed 5 October 2016.

<sup>C</sup> Share class launched 6 January 2017.

<sup>D</sup> Share class launched 8 May 2017.

<sup>E</sup> Share class launched 15 March 2017.

<sup>F</sup> Base currency exposure share class.

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements.



# Japanese Equity

## Portfolio Statement

As at 30 September 2017

Security	Nominal/ Quantity	Market Value JP¥'000	Total Net Assets %
<b>Transferable securities and money market instruments admitted to an official exchange listing or dealt on another regulated market 97.70%</b>			
<b>Equities 97.70%</b>			
<b>Basic Materials 8.64%</b>			
Kansai Paint Co <sup>∞</sup>	2,094,000	5,931,255	1.48
Nippon Paint Holdings Co	1,374,600	5,257,845	1.31
Shin-Etsu Chemical Co	2,343,000	23,564,723	5.85
		<b>34,753,823</b>	<b>8.64</b>
<b>Consumer Goods 27.57%</b>			
Asics Corp <sup>∞</sup>	2,930,000	4,912,145	1.22
Calbee Inc <sup>∞</sup>	1,935,900	7,656,485	1.90
Denso Corp	1,380,200	7,857,479	1.95
Honda Motor Co <sup>∞</sup>	2,274,500	7,575,222	1.88
Japan Tobacco Inc	5,104,700	18,821,028	4.69
Makita Corp <sup>∞</sup>	2,782,000	12,616,370	3.15
Mandom Corp	1,766,600	5,463,211	1.36
Pigeon Corp	2,945,000	11,323,525	2.82
Rinnai Corp	364,300	3,510,031	0.87
Sekisui House	2,060,000	3,905,760	0.97
Shimano Inc	538,600	8,070,921	2.01
Shiseido	1,224,000	5,508,612	1.37
Stanley Electric Co Ltd	1,941,200	7,488,179	1.86
Toyota Motor Corp <sup>∞</sup>	909,400	6,102,074	1.52
		<b>110,811,042</b>	<b>27.57</b>
<b>Consumer Services 9.26%</b>			
East Japan Railway Co <sup>∞</sup>	991,400	10,293,211	2.56
Nitori Holdings Co Ltd	329,000	5,293,610	1.32
Seven & i Holdings Co	3,867,020	16,802,201	4.17
USS Co <sup>∞</sup>	2,140,100	4,858,027	1.21
		<b>37,247,049</b>	<b>9.26</b>
<b>Financials 12.19%</b>			
AEON Financial Service Co <sup>∞</sup>	2,901,700	6,820,446	1.70
Concordia Financial <sup>∞</sup>	7,552,700	4,200,056	1.04
Daito Trust Construction Co <sup>∞</sup>	632,000	12,956,000	3.22
Japan Exchange Group Inc <sup>∞</sup>	4,400,900	8,762,192	2.18
Mitsubishi Estate Co <sup>∞</sup>	3,000,000	5,870,250	1.46
Suruga Bank <sup>∞</sup>	4,287,700	10,401,960	2.59
		<b>49,010,904</b>	<b>12.19</b>
<b>Health Care 10.04%</b>			
Astellas Pharma Inc <sup>∞</sup>	4,155,600	5,948,741	1.48
Chugai Pharmaceutical Co	2,494,500	11,649,315	2.90
Shionogi & Co <sup>∞</sup>	1,154,000	7,094,792	1.76
Sysmex Corp <sup>∞</sup>	2,182,060	15,656,281	3.90
		<b>40,349,129</b>	<b>10.04</b>



# Japanese Equity

	Nominal/ Quantity	Market Value JP¥'000	Total Net Assets %
<b>Security</b>			
<b>Industrials 19.11%</b>			
Amada Co <sup>∞</sup>	12,534,000	15,479,490	3.85
Daikin Industries Ltd	1,050,400	11,958,804	2.97
FANUC Corp	710,800	16,192,024	4.03
Keyence Corp <sup>∞</sup>	315,376	18,843,716	4.69
Nabtesco Corp	3,430,900	14,349,739	3.57
		<b>76,823,773</b>	<b>19.11</b>
<b>Technology 7.19%</b>			
Renesas Electronics Corp	4,833,200	5,923,087	1.47
SCSK Corp <sup>∞</sup>	1,687,800	8,059,245	2.00
Yahoo Japan Corp <sup>∞</sup>	27,967,900	14,934,858	3.72
		<b>28,917,190</b>	<b>7.19</b>
<b>Telecommunications 3.70%</b>			
KDDI Corp <sup>∞</sup>	5,016,000	14,872,440	3.70
		<b>392,785,350</b>	<b>97.70</b>
<b>Total Equities</b>			
<b>Total Transferable securities and money market instruments admitted to an official exchange listing or dealt on another regulated market</b>			
		<b>392,785,350</b>	<b>97.70</b>

## Derivatives 1.55%

### Forward currency exchange contracts 1.55%

Counterparty	Buy	Sell	Settlement	Buy Amount	Sell Amount	Unrealised Gains/(Losses) JP¥'000	Total Net Assets %
BNP Paribas	CHF	JPY	02/10/17	16,787	1,930,957	22	-
BNP Paribas	CHF	JPY	03/10/17	121,731	14,111,725	51	-
BNP Paribas	CHF	JPY	04/10/17	15,586	1,805,056	8	-
BNP Paribas	CHF	JPY	05/10/17	2,760	320,296	1	-
BNP Paribas	CHF	JPY	15/12/17	45,973,656	5,239,088,874	117,351	0.03
BNP Paribas	CHF	JPY	15/12/17	6,669,515	760,047,931	17,024	-
BNP Paribas	CHF	JPY	15/12/17	3,058,581	348,551,264	7,807	-
BNP Paribas	CHF	JPY	15/12/17	1,174,720	136,230,891	637	-
BNP Paribas	CHF	JPY	15/12/17	169,788	19,690,106	92	-
BNP Paribas	CHF	JPY	15/12/17	68,897	7,924,320	103	-
BNP Paribas	CHF	JPY	15/12/17	51,218	5,904,794	63	-
BNP Paribas	CHF	JPY	15/12/17	50,855	5,819,800	105	-
BNP Paribas	CHF	JPY	15/12/17	40,089	4,649,624	21	-
BNP Paribas	CHF	JPY	15/12/17	28,387	3,229,663	78	-
BNP Paribas	CHF	JPY	15/12/17	24,613	2,860,661	7	-
BNP Paribas	CHF	JPY	15/12/17	16,804	1,935,655	22	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	JPY	02/10/17	935,115	123,237,352	1,200	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	JPY	02/10/17	14,874	1,960,276	19	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	JPY	03/10/17	50,460	6,692,841	22	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	JPY	04/10/17	111,954	14,857,870	40	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	JPY	05/10/17	2,766,009	367,411,699	665	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	JPY	05/10/17	33,070	4,392,687	8	-

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Counterparty	Buy	Sell	Settlement	Buy Amount	Sell Amount	Unrealised Gains/(Losses) JP¥'000	Total Net Assets %
BNP Paribas	EUR	JPY	13/10/17	612,649,631	79,540,179,108	1,989,684	0.50
BNP Paribas	EUR	JPY	13/10/17	88,898,302	11,541,648,829	288,712	0.08
BNP Paribas	EUR	JPY	13/10/17	8,333,030	1,094,140,184	14,798	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	JPY	13/10/17	7,958,268	1,063,235,760	(4,170)	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	JPY	13/10/17	4,498,673	598,511,971	160	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	JPY	13/10/17	4,490,925	596,471,650	1,169	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	JPY	13/10/17	4,376,156	576,702,108	5,666	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	JPY	13/10/17	4,201,065	552,450,186	6,617	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	JPY	13/10/17	3,646,248	484,798,202	435	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	JPY	13/10/17	3,553,682	476,397,018	(3,482)	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	JPY	13/10/17	2,131,157	280,849,895	2,759	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	JPY	13/10/17	1,776,830	235,993,342	463	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	JPY	13/10/17	1,216,584	161,388,324	512	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	JPY	13/10/17	709,362	94,762,928	(363)	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	JPY	13/10/17	489,219	64,933,603	170	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	JPY	13/10/17	314,190	42,095,774	(284)	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	JPY	13/10/17	302,331	40,507,003	(273)	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	JPY	13/10/17	232,543	30,489,397	457	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	JPY	13/10/17	178,579	23,479,117	286	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	JPY	13/10/17	151,047	20,208,910	(108)	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	JPY	13/10/17	84,360	11,309,040	(83)	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	JPY	13/10/17	62,111	8,270,115	(5)	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	JPY	13/10/17	54,363	7,273,274	(39)	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	JPY	13/10/17	50,000	6,641,775	12	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	JPY	13/10/17	27,733	3,594,630	96	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	JPY	13/10/17	11,019	1,452,248	14	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	JPY	13/10/17	4,416	587,513	-	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	JPY	13/10/17	3,518	467,844	-	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	JPY	13/10/17	2,683	355,317	2	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	JPY	13/10/17	2,290	301,083	4	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	JPY	13/10/17	2,263	302,891	(2)	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	JPY	15/12/17	16,756,525	2,176,489,924	54,445	0.01
BNP Paribas	EUR	JPY	15/12/17	3,011,788	391,198,421	9,786	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	JPY	15/12/17	1,005,258	130,572,079	3,266	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	JPY	15/12/17	448,781	59,988,759	(239)	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	JPY	15/12/17	269,299	35,763,187	91	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	JPY	15/12/17	68,316	9,007,262	88	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	JPY	15/12/17	54,471	7,238,810	13	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	JPY	15/12/17	52,284	6,858,221	103	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	JPY	15/12/17	48,504	6,501,472	(44)	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	JPY	15/12/17	47,026	6,241,945	19	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	JPY	15/12/17	29,975	4,012,753	(22)	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	JPY	15/12/17	27,053	3,616,184	(14)	-
BNP Paribas	GBP	JPY	05/10/17	8,164	1,228,645	4	-
BNP Paribas	GBP	JPY	15/12/17	13,281,476	1,877,905,013	125,131	0.04
BNP Paribas	GBP	JPY	15/12/17	12,376,040	1,749,882,997	116,600	0.03
BNP Paribas	GBP	JPY	15/12/17	864,617	122,250,586	8,146	-
BNP Paribas	GBP	JPY	15/12/17	388,929	58,587,357	69	-

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Counterparty	Buy	Sell	Settlement	Buy Amount	Sell Amount	Unrealised Gains/(Losses) JP¥'000	Total Net Assets %
BNP Paribas	GBP	JPY	15/12/17	311,715	45,546,694	1,464	-
BNP Paribas	GBP	JPY	15/12/17	250,501	37,878,469	(99)	-
BNP Paribas	GBP	JPY	15/12/17	22,390	3,271,591	105	-
BNP Paribas	GBP	JPY	15/12/17	17,847	2,698,647	(7)	-
BNP Paribas	GBP	JPY	15/12/17	15,600	2,272,360	80	-
BNP Paribas	GBP	JPY	15/12/17	15,000	2,272,818	(11)	-
BNP Paribas	JPY	USD	02/10/17	36,178,949	323,677	(256)	-
BNP Paribas	JPY	CHF	02/10/17	1,932,886	16,804	(22)	-
BNP Paribas	JPY	EUR	02/10/17	1,452,165	11,019	(14)	-
BNP Paribas	JPY	EUR	02/10/17	355,293	2,683	(2)	-
BNP Paribas	JPY	EUR	03/10/17	161,362,411	1,216,584	(530)	-
BNP Paribas	JPY	USD	03/10/17	136,178,008	1,206,022	422	-
BNP Paribas	JPY	USD	03/10/17	13,446,033	119,081	42	-
BNP Paribas	JPY	EUR	03/10/17	6,237,350	47,026	(20)	-
BNP Paribas	JPY	EUR	04/10/17	64,925,922	489,219	(175)	-
BNP Paribas	JPY	EUR	04/10/17	35,739,623	269,299	(96)	-
BNP Paribas	JPY	CHF	04/10/17	4,642,953	40,089	(21)	-
BNP Paribas	JPY	USD	04/10/17	584,046	5,184	-	-
BNP Paribas	JPY	EUR	05/10/17	6,641,550	50,000	(12)	-
BNP Paribas	JPY	USD	13/10/17	612,614,796	5,578,023	(14,925)	-
BNP Paribas	JPY	EUR	13/10/17	367,424,146	2,766,009	(669)	-
BNP Paribas	JPY	EUR	13/10/17	145,772,515	1,091,202	558	-
BNP Paribas	JPY	USD	13/10/17	129,834,379	1,155,152	(123)	-
BNP Paribas	JPY	EUR	13/10/17	123,244,459	935,115	(1,198)	-
BNP Paribas	JPY	USD	13/10/17	106,130,853	950,022	(749)	-
BNP Paribas	JPY	USD	13/10/17	95,896,306	856,070	(413)	-
BNP Paribas	JPY	USD	13/10/17	82,685,859	743,763	(989)	-
BNP Paribas	JPY	USD	13/10/17	52,639,379	473,721	(655)	-
BNP Paribas	JPY	USD	13/10/17	51,580,279	458,700	(24)	-
BNP Paribas	JPY	USD	13/10/17	44,588,848	401,284	(556)	-
BNP Paribas	JPY	USD	13/10/17	44,571,533	406,438	(1,154)	-
BNP Paribas	JPY	USD	13/10/17	41,812,179	378,912	(816)	-
BNP Paribas	JPY	EUR	13/10/17	35,148,145	264,355	(32)	-
BNP Paribas	JPY	USD	13/10/17	31,378,623	280,118	(135)	-
BNP Paribas	JPY	EUR	13/10/17	27,377,276	207,730	(267)	-
BNP Paribas	JPY	EUR	13/10/17	26,988,056	204,777	(263)	-
BNP Paribas	JPY	EUR	13/10/17	26,942,629	206,669	(560)	-
BNP Paribas	JPY	USD	13/10/17	17,875,362	160,346	(164)	-
BNP Paribas	JPY	EUR	13/10/17	14,859,627	111,954	(39)	-
BNP Paribas	JPY	EUR	13/10/17	12,693,796	97,370	(264)	-
BNP Paribas	JPY	EUR	13/10/17	11,417,072	88,083	(305)	-
BNP Paribas	JPY	USD	13/10/17	7,826,233	69,499	7	-
BNP Paribas	JPY	EUR	13/10/17	7,013,647	52,675	4	-
BNP Paribas	JPY	EUR	13/10/17	6,693,916	50,460	(21)	-
BNP Paribas	JPY	EUR	13/10/17	4,994,211	38,091	(75)	-
BNP Paribas	JPY	USD	13/10/17	4,821,738	43,723	(97)	-
BNP Paribas	JPY	USD	13/10/17	2,754,649	24,791	(34)	-
BNP Paribas	JPY	USD	13/10/17	1,160,481	10,325	(1)	-

# Japanese Equity

Counterparty	Buy	Sell	Settlement	Buy Amount	Sell Amount	Unrealised Gains/(Losses) JP¥'000	Total Net Assets %
BNP Paribas	JPY	USD	13/10/17	1,111,114	10,117	(27)	-
BNP Paribas	JPY	EUR	13/10/17	951,001	7,318	(23)	-
BNP Paribas	JPY	USD	13/10/17	756,749	6,778	(6)	-
BNP Paribas	JPY	EUR	13/10/17	692,192	5,180	3	-
BNP Paribas	JPY	USD	13/10/17	438,962	3,906	-	-
BNP Paribas	JPY	EUR	13/10/17	327,418	2,492	(4)	-
BNP Paribas	JPY	EUR	13/10/17	326,545	2,488	(5)	-
BNP Paribas	JPY	USD	13/10/17	305,733	2,783	(7)	-
BNP Paribas	JPY	USD	13/10/17	271,917	2,443	(3)	-
BNP Paribas	JPY	EUR	15/12/17	68,548,681	511,407	461	-
BNP Paribas	JPY	CHF	15/12/17	38,493,874	338,343	(927)	-
BNP Paribas	JPY	CHF	15/12/17	22,341,664	192,701	(110)	-
BNP Paribas	JPY	EUR	15/12/17	17,328,256	130,076	10	-
BNP Paribas	JPY	CHF	15/12/17	14,130,727	121,731	(52)	-
BNP Paribas	JPY	EUR	15/12/17	4,395,445	33,070	(7)	-
BNP Paribas	JPY	CHF	15/12/17	3,514,214	30,380	(25)	-
BNP Paribas	JPY	CHF	15/12/17	3,396,494	29,586	(51)	-
BNP Paribas	JPY	EUR	15/12/17	2,892,534	21,642	11	-
BNP Paribas	JPY	EUR	15/12/17	1,961,396	14,874	(19)	-
BNP Paribas	JPY	CHF	15/12/17	1,933,723	16,787	(22)	-
BNP Paribas	JPY	CHF	15/12/17	1,807,649	15,586	(8)	-
BNP Paribas	JPY	EUR	15/12/17	1,790,929	13,354	13	-
BNP Paribas	JPY	GBP	15/12/17	1,227,213	8,164	(4)	-
BNP Paribas	JPY	GBP	15/12/17	1,052,729	7,227	(37)	-
BNP Paribas	JPY	EUR	15/12/17	941,965	7,071	1	-
BNP Paribas	JPY	CHF	15/12/17	872,106	7,504	(2)	-
BNP Paribas	JPY	CHF	15/12/17	839,927	7,336	(15)	-
BNP Paribas	JPY	CHF	15/12/17	603,604	5,214	(4)	-
BNP Paribas	JPY	CHF	15/12/17	579,303	4,997	(3)	-
BNP Paribas	JPY	EUR	15/12/17	505,960	3,804	-	-
BNP Paribas	JPY	CHF	15/12/17	320,711	2,760	(1)	-
BNP Paribas	USD	JPY	02/10/17	950,022	106,188,709	751	-
BNP Paribas	USD	JPY	04/10/17	69,499	7,829,729	(7)	-
BNP Paribas	USD	JPY	04/10/17	3,906	439,153	-	-
BNP Paribas	USD	JPY	05/10/17	1,155,152	129,885,321	144	-
BNP Paribas	USD	JPY	05/10/17	10,325	1,160,936	1	-
BNP Paribas	USD	JPY	13/10/17	444,899,356	47,867,700,445	2,184,454	0.55
BNP Paribas	USD	JPY	13/10/17	249,269,703	26,819,475,709	1,223,914	0.31
BNP Paribas	USD	JPY	13/10/17	6,665,743	730,266,107	19,645	-
BNP Paribas	USD	JPY	13/10/17	6,319,637	698,145,479	12,828	-
BNP Paribas	USD	JPY	13/10/17	5,622,360	626,617,137	5,911	-
BNP Paribas	USD	JPY	13/10/17	5,018,419	565,312,909	(730)	-
BNP Paribas	USD	JPY	13/10/17	3,168,046	349,981,678	6,430	-
BNP Paribas	USD	JPY	13/10/17	3,129,817	352,566,333	(455)	-
BNP Paribas	USD	JPY	13/10/17	3,044,223	334,196,273	8,285	-
BNP Paribas	USD	JPY	13/10/17	1,206,022	136,123,134	(443)	-
BNP Paribas	USD	JPY	13/10/17	412,807	45,552,407	889	-
BNP Paribas	USD	JPY	13/10/17	323,677	36,159,237	255	-

# Japanese Equity

Counterparty	Buy	Sell	Settlement	Buy Amount	Sell Amount	Unrealised Gains/(Losses) JP¥'000	Total Net Assets %
BNP Paribas	USD	JPY	13/10/17	311,119	34,827,491	174	-
BNP Paribas	USD	JPY	13/10/17	119,081	13,440,615	(44)	-
BNP Paribas	USD	JPY	13/10/17	95,211	10,319,669	392	-
BNP Paribas	USD	JPY	13/10/17	68,046	7,297,400	358	-
BNP Paribas	USD	JPY	13/10/17	50,037	5,578,107	51	-
BNP Paribas	USD	JPY	13/10/17	49,973	5,416,425	206	-
BNP Paribas	USD	JPY	13/10/17	44,451	4,975,911	25	-
BNP Paribas	USD	JPY	13/10/17	24,991	2,688,448	123	-
BNP Paribas	USD	JPY	13/10/17	5,184	583,786	(1)	-
BNP Paribas	USD	JPY	15/12/17	1,950,029	209,223,293	9,471	-
BNP Paribas	USD	JPY	15/12/17	927,732	99,538,576	4,506	-
BNP Paribas	USD	JPY	15/12/17	52,500	5,674,153	214	-
BNP Paribas	USD	JPY	15/12/17	43,579	4,852,253	35	-
BNP Paribas	USD	JPY	15/12/17	40,771	4,463,410	109	-
BNP Paribas	USD	JPY	15/12/17	29,790	3,310,890	30	-
BNP Paribas	USD	JPY	15/12/17	18,250	2,037,052	10	-
BNP Paribas	USD	JPY	15/12/17	7,500	825,225	16	-
Unrealised gains on forward currency exchange contracts						6,219,568	1.55
Unrealised gains on derivatives						6,219,568	1.55
Total investments						399,004,918	99.25
Other net assets						3,014,403	0.75
Total net assets						402,019,321	100.00

\* A portion of this security is on loan at the year end.  
Currently forward positions are not collateralised.

# Japanese Smaller Companies

For the year ended 30 September 2017

## Performance

For the year ended 30 September 2017, the Japanese Smaller Companies - A Accumulation Shares increased by 23.81%, compared to an increase of 33.92% in the benchmark, the Russell Nomura Small Cap Index to 31 May 2017, thereafter the MSCI Japan Small Cap Index.

Source: Lipper, Basis: total return, published NAV to NAV, net of annual charges, gross income reinvested, JPY.

Please see the Performance History section for details on the use of MSCI information.

Please remember that past performance is not a guide to future returns. The price of shares and the revenue from them may fall as well as rise. Investors may not get back the amount originally invested.

## Market review

Japanese small-cap equities rose in the review year, outpacing their large-cap counterparts for most of the year. Sentiment has been underpinned by an improved outlook for corporate earnings, which was supported in turn by yen weakness. Notably, investors have been more positive about smaller companies, given their higher exposure to the improving domestic economy, which has helped to grow earnings, while limiting the external impact, such as the volatility stemming from currency movements. On the policy front, the Bank of Japan unsurprisingly held its monetary-policy course amid still subdued inflation. Further afield, a slew of events elsewhere also moved the stockmarket. In particular, the UK's shock decision to leave the European Union and Theresa May's subsequent snap-election gamble that left her weakened ahead of Brexit negotiations, Donald Trump's unexpected election as US president last November, which had initially whet risk appetite on hopes that he would usher in a raft of pro-business reform. However, these did not materialise after repeated failure to repeal and replace Obamacare, on which major fiscal reforms were predicated.

## Portfolio review

During the year, we switched the Fund's benchmark to the MSCI Japan Small Cap index because it is more representative of the investable universe and is more internationally recognised. The Fund delivered healthy returns over the review year, although it trailed the benchmark. We view the Fund's performance as wholly consistent with our high-quality portfolio that has remained defensively positioned. The underlying holdings, made up of better-run companies, tend to do well amid tougher market conditions, with their businesses relatively unperturbed by yen appreciation. In contrast, poorer quality companies that have benefited more from yen weakness, were favoured by the market during the year, particularly those that have exhibited more aggressive growth.

Detracting from performance was Okinawa-based supermarket operator San-A, as apparel sales and profits were dented by a warm winter, as well as on concerns over rising labour costs in the archipelago. Also costing the Fund was Asics, whose results fell short of market expectations, as demand for high-performance sneakers in North America remained weak in light of the growing fashion-oriented athleisure trend.

Mitigating the underperformance was Hitachi Koki, which we exited after it was subject to a takeover bid that was triggered by Hitachi's sale of its controlling stake to private equity group KKR. While we believe the bid was below the fair value of the business, our opposition to the bid was rebuffed by the company's board, leaving us with little choice but to tender our shares. That said, we believe our return from

this investment has been more than satisfactory.

Also benefiting the Fund was reduction-gear maker Nabtesco, which posted excellent results driven by rising demand for automation.

In addition to the changes already mentioned in the interim report, key portfolio activity in the second half included divesting Shizuoka Gas, on concerns over its investments in several businesses with poor potential returns, along with cash-settlements provider Wellnet, given its deteriorating business outlook, which has been affected by the loss of a key customer, as well as rising procurement costs. We also exited Sky Perfect JSAT and Optex in favour of better opportunities.

Against this, we participated in office space intermediary TKP's IPO because we like its asset-light business model and its aspirations to expand across Japan. We introduced Eiken Chemical, a manufacturer of clinical diagnostic tests with ambitions to replicate its domestic success abroad; and electronics-peripherals fabless manufacturer Elecom. Its well-managed sales-and-inventory management system has allowed it to create products that take advantage of market trends and ensure efficient distribution and procurement. We believe there is scope for more efficiency improvements and growth opportunities through its recent acquisitions that will allow its expansion into industrial applications. Another new addition was toymaker Tomy, which has been restructuring, with new management making good progress with branding and its overseas businesses. We are upbeat about its outlook, supported by management's strategy to strengthen core products locally and abroad.

## Outlook

Looking ahead, the Japanese stockmarket appears likely to maintain its upward trajectory in tandem with world equity markets, underpinned by positive global economic growth and firming oil prices. So far, investors have shrugged off the US Federal Reserve's balance sheet normalisation, as well as near-term geopolitical uncertainties, such as the secessionist impasse in Spain and the still-unfolding spat between the US and North Korea. At home, robust demand for exports, coupled with a recovery in domestic consumption, should keep the Japanese economy on its longest growth streak since the 2000s. At the same time, Prime Minister Abe's snap election gambit appears to be working, with his rivals seemingly unable to mount a credible opposition.

Meanwhile, company fundamentals remain firm, with upgrades in the earnings forecasts for the automotive, electronics and machinery sectors. Given this rather benign backdrop, the portfolio's underlying holdings should be able to maintain their lead in their respective markets and surmount any short-term challenges, particularly with the help of able leadership and backed by solid balance sheets.

## Asian Equities Team

October 2017

# Japanese Smaller Companies

## Statement of Net Assets

As at 30 September 2017

	Notes	JP¥'000
<b>Assets</b>		
Investments in securities at market value	2.2	84,509,813
Cash at bank		1,061,645
Interest and dividends receivable		395,266
Subscriptions receivable		1,120,735
Unrealised gains on forward currency exchange contracts	2.6	574,039
<b>Total assets</b>		<b>87,661,498</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Payable for investments purchased		635,238
Taxes and expenses payable		81,242
Redemptions payable		526,579
Other liabilities		114,037
<b>Total liabilities</b>		<b>1,357,096</b>
<b>Net assets at the end of the year</b>		<b>86,304,402</b>

## Statement of Changes in Net Assets

For the year from 1 October 2016 to 30 September 2017

	Notes	JP¥'000
Net assets at the beginning of the year		72,319,806
Net gains from investments		203,105
Net realised gains		10,975,904
Net unrealised gains		11,393,394
Proceeds from shares issued		70,383,899
Payments for shares redeemed		(78,857,930)
Net equalisation received	10	261
Dividends paid	5	(114,037)
<b>Net assets at the end of the year</b>		<b>86,304,402</b>

## Statement of Operations

For the year from 1 October 2016 to 30 September 2017

	Notes	JP¥'000
<b>Income</b>		
Investment income	2.3	1,176,541
Stocklending income	16	33,170
<b>Total income</b>		<b>1,209,711</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Management fees	4.2	852,099
Operating, administrative and servicing fees	4.3	148,520
Distribution fees	4.1	1,139
Other operational expenses		1,680
Bank interest		3,168
<b>Total expenses</b>		<b>1,006,606</b>
<b>Net gains from investments</b>		<b>203,105</b>
Realised gains on investments		6,838,231
Realised gains on forward currency exchange contracts		4,340,991
Realised currency exchange losses		(203,318)
<b>Net realised gains</b>		<b>10,975,904</b>
Increase in unrealised appreciation on investments		10,694,151
Decrease in unrealised depreciation on forward currency exchange contracts		705,456
Unrealised currency exchange losses		(6,213)
<b>Net unrealised gains</b>		<b>11,393,394</b>
<b>Net increase in assets as a result of operations</b>		<b>22,572,403</b>



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## Share Transactions

For the year from 1 October 2016 to 30 September 2017

	A-2	A(CHF)-2 <sup>^</sup>	A(EUR)-2 <sup>^</sup>	A(USD)-2 <sup>^</sup>	D(GBP)-2	I-1 <sup>^</sup>
Shares outstanding at the beginning of the year	8,828,450	89,894	3,142,774	4,635,774	4,306,376	-
Shares issued during the year	5,333,983	5,370	1,121,919	2,086,340	5,341,460	19,783,370
Shares redeemed during the year	(7,054,727)	(19,129)	(1,251,247)	(3,822,326)	(5,380,344)	(189,833)
<b>Shares outstanding at the end of the year</b>	<b>7,107,706</b>	<b>76,135</b>	<b>3,013,446</b>	<b>2,899,788</b>	<b>4,267,492</b>	<b>19,593,537</b>
<b>Net asset value per share</b>	<b>1,507.2994</b>	<b>16.3112</b>	<b>23.7924</b>	<b>18.1934</b>	<b>9.9842</b>	<b>1,054.8100</b>

	I-2	I(EUR)-2 <sup>^</sup>	I(USD)-2 <sup>^</sup>	L(SGD)-2	R(GBP)-2	S-2
Shares outstanding at the beginning of the year	18,970,276	11,629,340	101,401	1,020	147,507	6,871
Shares issued during the year	15,976,437	3,224,066	1,115,379	-	72,452	1,959
Shares redeemed during the year	(17,222,249)	(13,490,474)	(1,018,456)	-	(74,335)	(2,640)
<b>Shares outstanding at the end of the year</b>	<b>17,724,464</b>	<b>1,362,932</b>	<b>198,324</b>	<b>1,020</b>	<b>145,624</b>	<b>6,190</b>
<b>Net asset value per share</b>	<b>1,472.5602</b>	<b>16.1405</b>	<b>10.5717</b>	<b>12.1264</b>	<b>22.7284</b>	<b>169,633.7757</b>

	W-2	W(USD)-2 <sup>^</sup>	X-2	X(CHF)-2 <sup>^</sup>	X(EUR)-2 <sup>^</sup>	X(USD)-2 <sup>^B</sup>
Shares outstanding at the beginning of the year	1,333,944	71,000	6,350,198	90,476	177,655	-
Shares issued during the year	1,049,418	-	1,129,116	53,700	69,779	64,551
Shares redeemed during the year	(100,000)	-	(1,038,295)	-	(22,383)	(466)
<b>Shares outstanding at the end of the year</b>	<b>2,283,362</b>	<b>71,000</b>	<b>6,441,019</b>	<b>144,176</b>	<b>225,051</b>	<b>64,085</b>
<b>Net asset value per share</b>	<b>11.8678</b>	<b>13.1222</b>	<b>26.0183</b>	<b>10.3753</b>	<b>15.6645</b>	<b>11.2687</b>

	Z-2	Z(USD)-2 <sup>^</sup>
Shares outstanding at the beginning of the year	629,896	73,278
Shares issued during the year	-	-
Shares redeemed during the year	(1,000)	-
<b>Shares outstanding at the end of the year</b>	<b>628,896</b>	<b>73,278</b>
<b>Net asset value per share</b>	<b>1,456.1396</b>	<b>13.3939</b>

<sup>^</sup> Share class launched 15 May 2017.

<sup>B</sup> Share class launched 27 January 2017.

<sup>^</sup> Base currency exposure share class.

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements.



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## Portfolio Statement

As at 30 September 2017

Security	Nominal/ Quantity	Market Value JP¥'000	Total Net Assets %
Transferable securities and money market instruments admitted to an official exchange listing or dealt on another regulated market 97.92%			
Equities 97.92%			
Basic Materials 7.10%			
Kansai Paint Co <sup>∞</sup>	1,150,000	3,257,375	3.78
Nippon Paint Holdings Co	750,000	2,868,750	3.32
		<b>6,126,125</b>	<b>7.10</b>
Consumer Goods 25.35%			
Asics Corp	1,000,000	1,676,500	1.94
Calbee Inc <sup>∞</sup>	850,000	3,361,750	3.90
Descente	144,800	222,340	0.26
Mandom Corp	1,300,000	4,020,251	4.65
Milbon Co	130,500	891,315	1.03
Musashi Seimitsu Industry Co <sup>∞</sup>	877,700	3,080,727	3.57
Pigeon Corp	988,000	3,798,860	4.40
Pilot Corp	340,000	1,829,200	2.12
Tamron Co	572,600	1,244,832	1.44
Tomy Co Ltd	1,129,500	1,756,937	2.04
		<b>21,882,712</b>	<b>25.35</b>
Consumer Services 14.18%			
Ain Holdings Inc	196,500	1,524,840	1.77
Resorttrust Inc <sup>∞</sup>	1,700,000	3,422,100	3.97
San-A Co	639,000	3,201,390	3.71
USS Co	1,800,000	4,086,000	4.73
		<b>12,234,330</b>	<b>14.18</b>
Financials 6.41%			
Daibiru Corp <sup>∞</sup>	2,800,000	3,481,800	4.04
Kabu.com Securities	6,000,000	2,049,000	2.37
		<b>5,530,800</b>	<b>6.41</b>
Health Care 14.84%			
Asahi Intecc Co	600,000	3,516,000	4.07
BML	600,000	1,445,100	1.67
Eiken Chemical Co Ltd	210,000	919,800	1.07
EPS Corp	889,000	1,920,685	2.23
Mani Inc	900,000	2,427,300	2.81
Sysmex Corp	360,000	2,583,000	2.99
		<b>12,811,885</b>	<b>14.84</b>

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	Nominal/ Quantity	Market Value JP¥'000	Total Net Assets %
<b>Security</b>			
<b>Industrials 22.71%</b>			
Aeon Delight Co	680,000	2,876,400	3.33
Amada Co	3,060,000	3,779,099	4.39
Daiwa Industries	1,000,000	1,201,000	1.39
Harmonic Drive Systems Inc <sup>∞</sup>	85,000	493,425	0.57
Heian Ceremony Service Co	1,303,200	1,245,859	1.44
Intage Inc <sup>∞</sup>	1,889,000	2,557,706	2.96
Nabtesco Corp	825,500	3,452,654	4.01
Naigai Trans Line	120,000	204,900	0.24
SK Kaken Co	80,000	730,800	0.85
TKP Corp <sup>∞</sup>	700,000	1,678,250	1.94
Yushin Precision Equipment Co <sup>∞</sup>	437,500	1,375,938	1.59
		<b>19,596,031</b>	<b>22.71</b>
<b>Technology 3.49%</b>			
Canon Electronics Inc	940,000	2,132,860	2.47
Elecom Co Ltd	390,000	883,155	1.02
		<b>3,016,015</b>	<b>3.49</b>
<b>Telecommunications 3.84%</b>			
Okinawa Cellular Telephone Co	843,800	3,311,915	3.84
		<b>84,509,813</b>	<b>97.92</b>
<b>Total Equities</b>			
<b>Total Transferable securities and money market instruments admitted to an official exchange listing or dealt on another regulated market</b>			
		<b>84,509,813</b>	<b>97.92</b>

## Derivatives 0.67%

### Forward currency exchange contracts 0.67%

Counterparty	Buy	Sell	Settlement	Buy Amount	Sell Amount	Unrealised Gains/(Losses) JP¥'000	Total Net Assets %
BNP Paribas	CHF	JPY	15/12/17	1,179,702	134,437,064	3,011	-
BNP Paribas	CHF	JPY	15/12/17	1,152,470	131,333,783	2,942	-
BNP Paribas	CHF	JPY	15/12/17	243,581	28,082,089	298	-
BNP Paribas	CHF	JPY	15/12/17	35,660	4,141,300	14	-
BNP Paribas	CHF	JPY	15/12/17	33,505	3,848,196	56	-
BNP Paribas	CHF	JPY	15/12/17	32,546	3,737,972	54	-
BNP Paribas	CHF	JPY	15/12/17	30,016	3,485,819	11	-
BNP Paribas	CHF	JPY	15/12/17	24,027	2,779,342	20	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	JPY	02/10/17	2,634,876	347,246,076	3,381	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	JPY	02/10/17	5,491	723,603	7	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	JPY	02/10/17	4,459	590,458	3	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	JPY	13/10/17	69,976,456	9,085,029,308	227,261	0.27
BNP Paribas	EUR	JPY	13/10/17	1,892,821	252,883,517	(992)	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	JPY	13/10/17	1,468,593	192,828,587	2,608	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	JPY	13/10/17	567,796	76,074,447	(514)	-

# Japanese Smaller Companies

Counterparty	Buy	Sell	Settlement	Buy Amount	Sell Amount	Unrealised Gains/(Losses) JP¥'000	Total Net Assets %
BNP Paribas	EUR	JPY	13/10/17	113,477	15,212,384	(111)	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	JPY	13/10/17	81,118	10,775,308	20	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	JPY	13/10/17	67,677	8,873,259	133	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	JPY	13/10/17	52,429	6,955,021	22	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	JPY	13/10/17	30,616	4,089,912	(16)	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	JPY	13/10/17	30,038	3,986,974	10	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	JPY	13/10/17	19,447	2,587,264	1	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	JPY	13/10/17	11,686	1,536,433	19	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	JPY	15/12/17	21,000,290	2,727,708,705	68,234	0.09
BNP Paribas	EUR	JPY	15/12/17	3,310,972	430,059,139	10,759	0.01
BNP Paribas	EUR	JPY	15/12/17	568,460	74,949,471	734	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	JPY	15/12/17	161,189	21,424,360	36	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	JPY	15/12/17	89,950	12,023,630	(48)	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	JPY	15/12/17	67,330	8,844,699	120	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	JPY	15/12/17	29,310	3,864,771	37	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	JPY	15/12/17	27,104	3,597,634	11	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	JPY	15/12/17	22,479	3,004,430	(12)	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	JPY	15/12/17	5,487	728,286	2	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	JPY	15/12/17	3,771	504,873	(3)	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	JPY	15/12/17	2,008	263,353	4	-
BNP Paribas	JPY	USD	02/10/17	241,295,598	2,158,762	(1,705)	-
BNP Paribas	JPY	USD	02/10/17	414,556	3,676	1	-
BNP Paribas	JPY	EUR	03/10/17	6,953,904	52,429	(23)	-
BNP Paribas	JPY	USD	03/10/17	6,257,171	55,415	19	-
BNP Paribas	JPY	USD	03/10/17	4,234,313	37,500	13	-
BNP Paribas	JPY	EUR	03/10/17	3,594,986	27,104	(12)	-
BNP Paribas	JPY	EUR	03/10/17	727,750	5,487	(2)	-
BNP Paribas	JPY	EUR	04/10/17	3,986,503	30,038	(11)	-
BNP Paribas	JPY	USD	04/10/17	384,927	3,417	-	-
BNP Paribas	JPY	USD	04/10/17	371,723	3,300	-	-
BNP Paribas	JPY	USD	05/10/17	56,974,823	506,713	(63)	-
BNP Paribas	JPY	EUR	05/10/17	21,410,917	161,189	(39)	-
BNP Paribas	JPY	EUR	05/10/17	10,774,943	81,118	(20)	-
BNP Paribas	JPY	USD	05/10/17	1,686,600	15,000	(2)	-
BNP Paribas	JPY	EUR	13/10/17	347,266,101	2,634,876	(3,377)	-
BNP Paribas	JPY	EUR	13/10/17	54,587,507	408,003	291	-
BNP Paribas	JPY	EUR	13/10/17	6,457,406	48,497	4	-
BNP Paribas	JPY	EUR	13/10/17	3,183,290	24,418	(66)	-
BNP Paribas	JPY	EUR	13/10/17	1,197,248	9,237	(32)	-
BNP Paribas	JPY	EUR	13/10/17	698,045	5,284	(5)	-
BNP Paribas	JPY	EUR	13/10/17	590,498	4,459	(3)	-
BNP Paribas	JPY	EUR	13/10/17	572,064	4,341	(6)	-
BNP Paribas	JPY	EUR	13/10/17	454,434	3,418	-	-
BNP Paribas	JPY	USD	15/12/17	99,693,206	889,029	(11)	-
BNP Paribas	JPY	USD	15/12/17	36,129,460	325,900	(420)	-
BNP Paribas	JPY	USD	15/12/17	16,906,770	156,430	(637)	-
BNP Paribas	JPY	EUR	15/12/17	14,083,088	105,878	(13)	-

# Japanese Smaller Companies

Counterparty	Buy	Sell	Settlement	Buy Amount	Sell Amount	Unrealised Gains/(Losses) JP¥'000	Total Net Assets %
BNP Paribas	JPY	USD	15/12/17	9,559,558	85,644	(45)	-
BNP Paribas	JPY	USD	15/12/17	6,212,962	55,888	(55)	-
BNP Paribas	JPY	USD	15/12/17	4,624,161	42,286	(118)	-
BNP Paribas	JPY	EUR	15/12/17	4,429,891	33,253	3	-
BNP Paribas	JPY	USD	15/12/17	3,542,685	32,197	(68)	-
BNP Paribas	JPY	USD	15/12/17	2,303,237	20,620	(9)	-
BNP Paribas	JPY	EUR	15/12/17	1,167,098	9,000	(31)	-
BNP Paribas	JPY	EUR	15/12/17	1,149,789	8,573	8	-
BNP Paribas	JPY	EUR	15/12/17	1,012,576	7,576	4	-
BNP Paribas	JPY	EUR	15/12/17	724,016	5,491	(7)	-
BNP Paribas	JPY	EUR	15/12/17	654,651	5,019	(14)	-
BNP Paribas	JPY	EUR	15/12/17	447,302	3,337	3	-
BNP Paribas	JPY	EUR	15/12/17	312,995	2,380	(4)	-
BNP Paribas	USD	JPY	15/12/17	47,888,546	5,138,077,080	232,586	0.28
BNP Paribas	USD	JPY	15/12/17	2,158,762	240,504,412	1,599	-
BNP Paribas	USD	JPY	15/12/17	1,954,730	209,727,697	9,494	0.01
BNP Paribas	USD	JPY	15/12/17	1,311,543	145,766,408	1,322	-
BNP Paribas	USD	JPY	15/12/17	1,212,179	132,429,980	3,515	-
BNP Paribas	USD	JPY	15/12/17	967,989	107,272,708	1,286	-
BNP Paribas	USD	JPY	15/12/17	937,861	100,625,362	4,555	0.01
BNP Paribas	USD	JPY	15/12/17	882,268	94,660,687	4,285	-
BNP Paribas	USD	JPY	15/12/17	692,761	74,328,031	3,365	-
BNP Paribas	USD	JPY	15/12/17	506,713	56,798,943	29	-
BNP Paribas	USD	JPY	15/12/17	55,415	6,237,205	(22)	-
BNP Paribas	USD	JPY	15/12/17	50,950	5,723,646	(10)	-
BNP Paribas	USD	JPY	15/12/17	44,401	4,860,814	119	-
BNP Paribas	USD	JPY	15/12/17	37,500	4,220,801	(15)	-
BNP Paribas	USD	JPY	15/12/17	30,311	3,319,810	79	-
BNP Paribas	USD	JPY	15/12/17	24,517	2,754,196	(5)	-
BNP Paribas	USD	JPY	15/12/17	23,744	2,638,989	24	-
BNP Paribas	USD	JPY	15/12/17	22,196	2,424,848	64	-
BNP Paribas	USD	JPY	15/12/17	21,871	2,394,329	58	-
BNP Paribas	USD	JPY	15/12/17	16,200	1,784,685	32	-
BNP Paribas	USD	JPY	15/12/17	15,000	1,681,394	1	-
BNP Paribas	USD	JPY	15/12/17	4,637	513,860	6	-
BNP Paribas	USD	JPY	15/12/17	3,676	413,198	(1)	-
BNP Paribas	USD	JPY	15/12/17	3,417	383,713	(1)	-
BNP Paribas	USD	JPY	15/12/17	3,300	370,551	(1)	-
BNP Paribas	USD	JPY	15/12/17	2,718	290,693	14	-
BNP Paribas	USD	JPY	15/12/17	2,558	286,209	1	-
Unrealised gains on forward currency exchange contracts						574,039	0.67
Unrealised gains on derivatives						574,039	0.67
Total investments						85,083,852	98.59
Other net assets						1,220,550	1.41
Total net assets						86,304,402	100.00

\* A portion of this security is on loan at the year end.  
Currently forward positions are not collateralised.

# Latin American Equity

For the year ended 30 September 2017

## Performance

For the year ended 30 September 2017, the value of Latin American Equity - A Accumulation Shares increased by 25.97% compared to a gain of 25.59% in the benchmark, the MSCI EM Latin America 10/40 Index.

Source: Lipper, Basis: total return, published NAV to NAV, net of annual charges, gross income reinvested, USD.

Please see the Performance History section for details on the use of MSCI information.

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

Latin American stockmarkets rose in the year under review. Sentiment was boosted by a positive outlook for the asset class, Donald Trump's pledge to cut US taxes and three well-signalled US Federal Reserve interest rate hikes.

Political events in Brazil, the region's largest economy, also swayed markets. Optimism over President Michel Temer's reform agenda lifted equities for much of the year, but Temer became embroiled in a corruption scandal in May 2017. The stockmarket saw its worst one-day decline since 2008 and the real fell by nearly 8%. Temer denied any wrongdoing, rejected calls to step down, and Congress later voted against his indictment. This helped markets more than recover from the sell-off. The economy emerged from its worst recession ever, as GDP grew for the second consecutive quarter on the back of increased household spending.

Mexican stocks and the peso shrugged off a beating after the US presidential elections, rebounding in the second half of the review period. It raised its growth forecast for the year to between 2 and 2.6%, despite the country's worst earthquakes in a century.

In Chile, the stockmarket saw record foreign inflows, amid improving consumer confidence and greater clarity over the upcoming presidential elections. Elsewhere, Argentina was hurt by MSCI's decision not to restore its emerging-market status despite a host of market-friendly policies from President Mauricio Macri. However, stocks were buoyed by healthy economic growth.

## Portfolio review

Robust stock selection in Brazil was the key driver of outperformance. The fund's holdings held up better than the wider market during the May sell-off, when state-owned companies such as Petrobras came under pronounced pressure, so not holding it buoyed performance. A number of the portfolio's retail stocks rallied on the back of upbeat earnings expectations for the year ahead, including women's shoe designer Arezzo Industria e Comercio, fashion chain Lojas Renner and apparel producer Cia Hering. Rental car company Localiza Rent a Car also made solid gains, as it appeared well-positioned to benefit from the economic recovery. Meanwhile, Bradespar re-rated after the announcement of a transformational restructuring of its primary asset, iron ore miner Vale.

Conversely, the Fund's lack of exposure to America Movil was the biggest detractor. The Mexican telecommunications operator rose after it posted better-than-expected profits. However, we continue to find better investment opportunities elsewhere. Holdings Grana y Montero and BRF also hurt performance. Grana y Montero became embroiled in a corruption investigation in Peru following allegations by former project partner Odebrecht. Grana y Montero strenuously denied the allegation and launched an internal investigation led by independent lawyers. It also began a board renewal process to add some well-known independent directors. Separately, BRF underperformed on the back of soft earnings showing it had suffered from weak domestic volumes coupled with margin pressures internationally.

In portfolio activity, we sold Natura Cosmeticos, to fund better opportunities elsewhere. We used the proceeds to initiate a position in Mexican hotel operator Hoteles City Express, which has a solid business model in a sector with good long-term growth opportunities. We also initiated a position in LINX, a retail-oriented software provider that was trading at attractive valuations, and Argentine bank BBVA Frances, a well-run and conservative lender with good growth potential. Against this, we sold our rights ahead of Multiplan's capital raising.

## Outlook

Latin American equities continue to be buoyed by investor confidence in the region. The US Federal Reserve's normalisation plans, which include a likely December rate hike, remain a major concern, as tighter liquidity could dampen appetite for riskier assets. Regional economies' efforts to de-leverage and reduce current account deficits should position them better to withstand volatility. Stabilising oil prices will also be positive for commodity-dependent economies.

Most regional economies are successfully keeping inflation under control and working on kickstarting growth. In Brazil, investors continue to look to President Temer's reform programme and how quickly it is addressing the fiscal deficit to assess where the country is headed. On the political front, although the presidential elections are still a year away, speculation around who the likely contenders will be and the potential outcome may already be causing some degree of apprehension. Mexican equities have been lagging the region, but valuations remain relatively expensive. On the other hand, Argentina has proven resilient, with the Macri government's popularity increasing amid a pick-up in growth.

Despite the noise, Latin America is an appealing choice for investors looking to tap into growth potential that is lasting and sustainable. Our holdings continue to focus on improving their operational efficiencies while maintaining robust balance sheets, and this should hold them in good stead in the long term.

## Global Emerging Markets Equity Team

October 2017

# Latin American Equity

## Statement of Net Assets

As at 30 September 2017

	Notes	US\$'000
<b>Assets</b>		
Investments in securities at market value	2.2	1,371,121
Cash at bank		24,273
Interest and dividends receivable		1,317
Subscriptions receivable		11,895
<b>Total assets</b>		<b>1,408,606</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Payable for investments purchased		6,798
Taxes and expenses payable		1,510
Redemptions payable		771
Unrealised losses on forward currency exchange contracts	2.6	197
<b>Total liabilities</b>		<b>9,276</b>
<b>Net assets at the end of the year</b>		<b>1,399,330</b>

## Statement of Changes in Net Assets

For the year from 1 October 2016 to 30 September 2017

	Notes	US\$'000
Net assets at the beginning of the year		480,986
Net gains from investments		9,343
Net realised losses		(3,554)
Net unrealised gains		203,188
Proceeds from shares issued		1,209,911
Payments for shares redeemed		(508,217)
Net equalisation received	10	7,673
<b>Net assets at the end of the year</b>		<b>1,399,330</b>

## Statement of Operations

For the year from 1 October 2016 to 30 September 2017

	Notes	US\$'000
<b>Income</b>		
Investment income	2.3	19,513
Stocklending income	16	18
Bank interest		39
<b>Total income</b>		<b>19,570</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Management fees	4.2	7,995
Operating, administrative and servicing fees	4.3	2,221
Other operational expenses		11
<b>Total expenses</b>		<b>10,227</b>
<b>Net gains from investments</b>		<b>9,343</b>
Realised losses on investments		(792)
Realised gains on forward currency exchange contracts		433
Realised currency exchange losses		(3,195)
<b>Net realised losses</b>		<b>(3,554)</b>
Decrease in unrealised depreciation on investments		203,369
Increase in unrealised depreciation on forward currency exchange contracts		(181)
<b>Net unrealised gains</b>		<b>203,188</b>
<b>Net increase in assets as a result of operations</b>		<b>208,977</b>

# Latin American Equity

## Share Transactions

For the year from 1 October 2016 to 30 September 2017

	A-2	A(EUR)-2 <sup>^</sup>	E(EUR)-2	I-2	Q-2 <sup>A</sup>	S-2
Shares outstanding at the beginning of the year	26,851	394,761	1,550,338	88,788	-	7,537
Shares issued during the year	36,176	1,535,858	4,151,460	220,327	470,476	5,325
Shares redeemed during the year	(45,838)	(528,696)	(4,796,946)	(61,335)	(1,820)	(8,465)
<b>Shares outstanding at the end of the year</b>	<b>17,189</b>	<b>1,401,923</b>	<b>904,852</b>	<b>247,780</b>	<b>468,656</b>	<b>4,397</b>
<b>Net asset value per share</b>	<b>4,105.9053</b>	<b>8.2243</b>	<b>9.8359</b>	<b>5,011.8903</b>	<b>1,025.4158</b>	<b>4,053.8416</b>

	X-2	Y(EUR)-2	Z-2 <sup>B</sup>
Shares outstanding at the beginning of the year	133,664	305,655	2,213
Shares issued during the year	4,688,279	356,215	224
Shares redeemed during the year	(1,167,698)	(54,967)	(2,437)
<b>Shares outstanding at the end of the year</b>	<b>3,654,245</b>	<b>606,903</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Net asset value per share</b>	<b>9.6971</b>	<b>10.6814</b>	<b>-</b>

<sup>A</sup> Share class launched 5 April 2017.

<sup>B</sup> Share class closed 10 April 2017.

<sup>^</sup> Base currency exposure share class.

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements.

# Latin American Equity

## Portfolio Statement

As at 30 September 2017

Security	Nominal/ Quantity	Market Value US\$'000	Total Net Assets %
Transferable securities and money market instruments admitted to an official exchange listing or dealt on another regulated market 97.98%			
<b>Equities 97.98%</b>			
<b>Argentina 2.66%</b>			
BBVA Francés (ADR)	771,200	15,721	1.12
Tenaris (ADR)	760,981	21,547	1.54
		<b>37,268</b>	<b>2.66</b>
<b>Brazil 58.90%</b>			
AmBev	7,444,633	49,507	3.54
AmBev ADR	2,872,700	18,945	1.35
Arezzo Industria e Comercio	2,449,329	38,686	2.76
Banco Bradesco	3,202,450	33,825	2.42
Banco Bradesco (ADR)	1,129,600	12,510	0.89
Banco Bradesco (PREF)	5,174,675	57,413	4.10
BM&F Bovespa	4,669,150	35,345	2.53
Bradespar (PREF)	5,876,528	44,745	3.20
BRF	1,909,283	27,582	1.97
BRF (ADR)	633,000	9,112	0.65
Cia Hering	1,472,950	13,220	0.94
Iguatemi Empresa de Shopping Centers	1,400,750	17,361	1.24
Itau Unibanco	5,520,469	66,930	4.78
Itau Unibanco (ADR)	800,000	10,956	0.78
Itausa Investimentos Itau (PREF)	10,308,700	35,930	2.57
LINX	2,809,000	17,379	1.24
Localiza Rent a Car	1,480,145	27,002	1.93
Lojas Renner	6,445,125	73,454	5.26
Multiplan Empreendimentos Imobiliarios	2,349,972	54,541	3.90
OdontoPrev	4,071,150	19,866	1.42
TOTVS	1,933,355	19,119	1.37
Ultrapar Participacoes	1,684,814	40,118	2.87
Ultrapar Participacoes (ADR)	467,300	11,124	0.79
Vale	2,785,500	28,078	2.01
Vale (ADR)	504,142	5,079	0.36
Valid Solucoes	2,247,479	14,463	1.03
WEG	3,758,020	25,448	1.82
Wilson Sons (BDR)	1,238,738	16,571	1.18
		<b>824,309</b>	<b>58.90</b>
<b>Chile 10.11%</b>			
Banco Santander Chile (ADR)	1,085,921	32,252	2.30
Embotelladora Andina 'A' (PREF)	9,607,628	40,212	2.87
Parque Arauco	9,254,395	25,353	1.81
SACI Falabella	4,476,290	43,654	3.13
		<b>141,471</b>	<b>10.11</b>



# Latin American Equity

Security	Nominal/ Quantity	Market Value US\$'000	Total Net Assets %
<b>Colombia 1.60%</b>			
Bancolombia	2,024,400	22,348	1.60
<b>Mexico 22.49%</b>			
Arca Continental	4,415,000	30,326	2.17
FEMSA (ADR)	624,702	59,676	4.27
Grupo Aeroportuario del Centro Norte (ADR)	606,572	26,911	1.92
Grupo Aeroportuario del Sureste (ADR)	178,900	34,115	2.44
Grupo Financiero Banorte	8,377,950	57,774	4.13
Grupo Financiero Santander Mexico	7,943,500	16,150	1.15
Grupo Lala	7,771,975	13,193	0.94
Hoteles City Express	11,368,700	13,623	0.97
Kimberly-Clark de Mexico	7,066,364	14,421	1.03
Organizacion Soriana 'B'	699,816	1,616	0.12
Wal-Mart de Mexico	20,432,200	46,908	3.35
		<b>314,713</b>	<b>22.49</b>
<b>Peru 2.02%</b>			
Cementos Pacasmayo	7,600,566	19,395	1.38
Fossal	826,532	92	0.01
Grana y Montero (ADR)	1,829,581	8,791	0.63
		<b>28,278</b>	<b>2.02</b>
<b>United States 0.20%</b>			
Globant	68,232	2,734	0.20
<b>Total Equities</b>		<b>1,371,121</b>	<b>97.98</b>
Total Transferable securities and money market instruments admitted to an official exchange listing or dealt on another regulated market		<b>1,371,121</b>	<b>97.98</b>

## Derivatives (0.01%)

### Forward currency exchange contracts (0.01%)

Counterparty	Buy	Sell	Settlement	Buy Amount	Sell Amount	Unrealised Gains/(Losses) US\$'000	Total Net Assets %
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	03/10/17	16,847	19,790	-	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	15/12/17	6,453,426	7,813,298	(151)	(0.01)
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	15/12/17	4,958,876	5,927,752	(41)	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	15/12/17	190,641	225,423	1	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	15/12/17	82,168	98,947	(1)	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	15/12/17	49,915	60,092	(1)	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	15/12/17	45,890	55,135	(1)	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	15/12/17	25,000	30,171	-	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	15/12/17	21,871	26,231	-	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	15/12/17	21,074	25,134	-	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	15/12/17	19,631	23,807	(1)	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	15/12/17	7,782	9,382	-	-

## Latin American Equity

Counterparty	Buy	Sell	Settlement	Buy Amount	Sell Amount	Unrealised Gains/(Losses) US\$'000	Total Net Assets %
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	15/12/17	3,968	4,697	-	-
BNP Paribas	USD	EUR	02/10/17	4,679	3,968	-	-
BNP Paribas	USD	EUR	04/10/17	224,575	190,641	(1)	-
BNP Paribas	USD	EUR	15/12/17	420,089	355,204	(2)	-
BNP Paribas	USD	EUR	15/12/17	170,724	142,814	1	-
BNP Paribas	USD	EUR	15/12/17	19,870	16,847	-	-
BNP Paribas	USD	EUR	15/12/17	12,090	10,071	-	-
BNP Paribas	USD	EUR	15/12/17	11,211	9,347	-	-
Morgan Stanley	USD	HUF	04/10/17	2,712	715,000	-	-
Royal Bank of Canada	EUR	USD	03/10/17	20,139	23,706	-	-
UBS	EUR	USD	02/10/17	11,048	12,987	-	-
UBS	EUR	USD	04/10/17	11,994	14,159	-	-
Unrealised losses on forward currency exchange contracts						(197)	(0.01)
Unrealised losses on derivatives						(197)	(0.01)
Total investments						1,370,924	97.97
Other net assets						28,406	2.03
Total net assets						1,399,330	100.00

Currently forward positions are not collateralised.

# Multi Asset Growth

For the year ended 30 September 2017

## Performance

For the year ended 30 September 2017, the value of Multi Asset Growth – A Accumulation Shares increased by 7.81% compared to an increase of 4.13% in the benchmark, 1 Month Euribor +4.5% Index.

Source: Lipper, Basis: total return, published NAV to NAV, net of annual charges, gross income reinvested, EUR.

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 US, markets reached a series of record highs following Donald Trump's victory in the country's presidential election. The rally stalled in late summer amid concerns that the new administration might be unable to push its economic stimulus plans through Congress. In September, however, robust corporate earnings allowed markets to resume their upward trajectory. Although it underperformed most of its peers, the UK equity market produced double-digit returns in sterling terms, partly a consequence of the currency's weakness, which boosted the profits of FTSE 100 companies with large global operations. European shares also performed well, helped by optimism over greater political stability after defeats for populist candidates in the Dutch and French elections.

Government and investment-grade corporate bonds struggled over the review period, with government bonds falling in value and corporate bonds making little progress overall. The prices of US, German and UK government bonds fell sharply in September as investors anticipated earlier monetary tightening by the major central banks. Conversely, emerging-market bonds performed well, helped by sustained inflows of overseas capital, with investors attracted by relatively high yields and the improving economies of many issuing countries.

Towards the end of the review period, there were a number of natural catastrophes that caused significant insurance losses. This included three hurricanes impacting the United States and two earthquakes in Mexico. This hurt holdings in Catco and two listed investment companies managed by Blue Capital, offsetting the positive performance seen throughout the year.

## Portfolio review

The Fund did well over the year with most asset classes contributing positively to performance.

Over the review period, we increased our emerging-market local-currency debt weighting. We believe that emerging economies have greater medium to long-term growth prospects than developed ones. This was predominantly funded by a reduction in our equity weighting.

We increased exposure to asset-backed securities (ABS) throughout the year. In December, we invested in the Prytania Diversified Asset-Backed Securities Fund, a third-party fund that invests in a range of asset-backed securities.

Towards the end of the reporting period, we added two open-ended funds: a "fund of one" managed by TwentyFour Asset Management, which provides a diversified exposure to European ABS markets; and

another managed by Fair Oaks, focused primarily on medium-risk securities backed by portfolios of corporate loans. We funded this by reducing exposure to high-yield debt and loans. These asset classes have performed well and now appear fully valued.

In absolute return, we allocated to an alternative risk premia strategy, which provides exposure to a broad collection of indices across equities, fixed income, currencies and commodities. The underlying indices are provided by Goldman Sachs, while the asset allocation between the indices is managed by Aberdeen's experienced Hedge Fund Solutions Team.

Within property, we established positions in Residential Secure Income and Triple Point Social Housing, both of which are specialist property companies focussing on social housing in the UK. We also initiated holdings in PRS, which will invest in newly constructed houses for the private-rental sector; and Warehouse, which is targeting an attractive return through investments in commercial real estate.

Our exposure to infrastructure increased as we took advantage of several attractively priced placements and initiated holdings in BBGI SICAV, International Public Partnerships and Greencoat Renewables.

In special opportunities, we added a position in BioPharma Credit, which invests in a diversified portfolio of debt backed by assets or royalties from biotechnology firms. We took a strategic stake in the Aberdeen Diversified Income and Growth Trust (ADIG). As a closed-end fund, ADIG is able to invest in a number of illiquid asset classes that cannot be accessed directly by this Fund.

## Outlook

Economic growth remains in place but rising asset valuations are making it hard to find compelling opportunities for future returns. For example, on a number of measures, US equities appear to be expensive. The price that investors have to pay for every unit of expected earnings from US companies is as high now as it was at the peak of the tech bubble. Markets can remain expensive for prolonged periods – and there could be a greater risk for long-term investors sitting on the side-lines – but all else being equal we prefer to allocate to asset classes where we can find compelling return potential.

## Diversified Multi-Asset Team

October 2017

# Multi Asset Growth

## Statement of Net Assets

As at 30 September 2017

	Notes	€'000
<b>Assets</b>		
Investments in securities at market value	2.2	66,110
Cash at bank		4,485
Interest and dividends receivable		456
Subscriptions receivable		2,661
Unrealised gains on future contracts	2.7	1
Other assets		13
<b>Total assets</b>		<b>73,726</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Payable for investments purchased		2,735
Taxes and expenses payable		53
Redemptions payable		12
Unrealised losses on forward currency exchange contracts	2.6	542
Other liabilities		109
<b>Total liabilities</b>		<b>3,451</b>
<b>Net assets at the end of the year</b>		<b>70,275</b>

## Statement of Changes in Net Assets

For the year from 1 October 2016 to 30 September 2017

	Notes	€'000
Net assets at the beginning of the year		20,782
Net gains from investments		916
Net realised gains		2,126
Net unrealised losses		(1,216)
Proceeds from shares issued		61,926
Payments for shares redeemed		(15,041)
Net equalisation received	10	885
Dividends paid	5	(103)
<b>Net assets at the end of the year</b>		<b>70,275</b>

## Statement of Operations

For the year from 1 October 2016 to 30 September 2017

	Notes	€'000
<b>Income</b>		
Investment income	2.3	1,267
<b>Total income</b>		<b>1,267</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Management fees	4.2	235
Operating, administrative and servicing fees	4.3	106
Distribution fees	4.1	4
Bank interest		6
<b>Total expenses</b>		<b>351</b>
<b>Net gains from investments</b>		<b>916</b>
Realised gains on investments		268
Realised gains on forward currency exchange contracts		1,752
Realised gains on future contracts		111
Realised currency exchange losses		(5)
<b>Net realised gains</b>		<b>2,126</b>
Decrease in unrealised appreciation on investments		(495)
Decrease in unrealised appreciation on forward currency exchange contracts		(744)
Decrease in unrealised depreciation on future contracts		8
Unrealised currency exchange gains		15
<b>Net unrealised losses</b>		<b>(1,216)</b>
<b>Net increase in assets as a result of operations</b>		<b>1,826</b>

# Multi Asset Growth

## Share Transactions

For the year from 1 October 2016 to 30 September 2017

	A-1	A-2	A(HUF)-2 <sup>A</sup>	A(SGD)-2 <sup>B</sup>	I-2	W-2
Shares outstanding at the beginning of the year	500,087	499,417	-	-	500,000	600
Shares issued during the year	94,007	603,189	822,265	213,231	3,259,488	105,013
Shares redeemed during the year	(164,414)	(503,264)	-	-	(87,076)	(166)
<b>Shares outstanding at the end of the year</b>	<b>429,680</b>	<b>599,342</b>	<b>822,265</b>	<b>213,231</b>	<b>3,672,412</b>	<b>105,447</b>
<b>Net asset value per share</b>	<b>10.8559</b>	<b>11.1584</b>	<b>1,028.4051</b>	<b>10.4326</b>	<b>11.2517</b>	<b>10.7282</b>

	X-2	Z-2 <sup>C</sup>	Z(GBP)-2 <sup>D</sup>
Shares outstanding at the beginning of the year	500,000	-	-
Shares issued during the year	1,886	1,224,705	50,398
Shares redeemed during the year	(53,581)	(616,137)	-
<b>Shares outstanding at the end of the year</b>	<b>448,305</b>	<b>608,568</b>	<b>50,398</b>
<b>Net asset value per share</b>	<b>11.2453</b>	<b>10.9875</b>	<b>11.0994</b>

<sup>A</sup> Share class launched 5 April 2017.

<sup>B</sup> Share class launched 15 March 2017.

<sup>C</sup> Share class launched 5 December 2016.

<sup>D</sup> Share class launched 22 November 2016.

<sup>E</sup> Base currency exposure share class.

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements.

# Multi Asset Growth

## Portfolio Statement

As at 30 September 2017

Security	Nominal/ Quantity	Market Value €'000	Total Net Assets %
<b>Transferable securities and money market instruments admitted to an official exchange listing or dealt on another regulated market 78.68%</b>			
<b>Equities 58.91%</b>			
<b>Australia 0.33%</b>			
AGL Energy	5,661	88	0.13
Ansell	1,640	24	0.03
Fortescue Metals	8,559	29	0.04
Metcash	16,150	28	0.04
Qantas Airways	9,539	37	0.05
Seven West Media	65,257	29	0.04
		<b>235</b>	<b>0.33</b>
<b>Bermuda 1.99%</b>			
Blue Capital Global Reinsurance Fund	744,112	591	0.84
Blue Capital Reinsurance	53,445	745	1.06
RenaissanceRe	562	64	0.09
		<b>1,400</b>	<b>1.99</b>
<b>Brazil nil</b>			
PPLA11 Participations	800	-	-
<b>Canada 0.43%</b>			
CGI 'A'	1,871	82	0.12
George Weston	724	53	0.08
Loblaw	3,636	167	0.23
		<b>302</b>	<b>0.43</b>
<b>Czech Republic 0.08%</b>			
MONETA Money Bank	8,359	25	0.04
O2 Czech Republic	2,967	31	0.04
		<b>56</b>	<b>0.08</b>
<b>Denmark 0.04%</b>			
H Lundbeck	645	31	0.04
<b>Finland 0.19%</b>			
UPM-Kymmene	5,943	136	0.19
<b>France 0.60%</b>			
Atos	1,591	208	0.30
Peugeot	2,111	43	0.06
Thales	1,742	167	0.24
		<b>418</b>	<b>0.60</b>

# Multi Asset Growth

	Nominal/ Quantity	Market Value €'000	Total Net Assets %
<b>Security</b>			
<b>Germany 0.37%</b>			
Covestro	1,738	126	0.18
Deutsche Lufthansa	3,298	78	0.11
Uniper	2,424	56	0.08
		<b>260</b>	<b>0.37</b>
<b>Guernsey 10.56%</b>			
Bluefield Solar Income Fund	140,681	185	0.26
Doric Nimrod Air Three	129,726	154	0.22
DP Aircraft	213,659	199	0.28
International Public Partnerships	581,755	1,043	1.48
John Laing Infrastructure Fund	729,437	1,072	1.53
NB Global Floating Rate Income Fund	2,281,710	2,453	3.50
NextEnergy Solar Fund	459,476	587	0.83
Renewables Infrastructure	772,036	953	1.36
SQN Asset Finance Income Fund	403,251	458	0.65
TwentyFour Income Fund <sup>oo</sup>	235,899	315	0.45
		<b>7,419</b>	<b>10.56</b>
<b>Hong Kong 0.73%</b>			
CLP	4,500	39	0.06
Hongkong Land	5,100	31	0.04
Huabao International	54,000	28	0.04
i-Cable Communications	5,871	-	-
Jardine Matheson	1,500	80	0.11
Jardine Strategic	3,100	113	0.16
NWS	15,230	25	0.04
PCCW	52,000	24	0.03
WH	109,000	98	0.14
Wheelock	9,000	54	0.08
Yue Yuen Industrial	7,000	23	0.03
		<b>515</b>	<b>0.73</b>
<b>Hungary 0.04%</b>			
Magyar Telekom	16,420	26	0.04
<b>Ireland 0.59%</b>			
Greencoat Renewables	385,684	413	0.59
<b>Israel 0.03%</b>			
Strauss	1,535	24	0.03
<b>Italy nil</b>			
Gedi Gruppo Editoriale	81	-	-
<b>Japan 4.05%</b>			
Adastria Co	1,700	32	0.05
Astellas Pharma Inc	20,000	215	0.31
Azbil Corp	800	29	0.04

# Multi Asset Growth

	Nominal/ Quantity	Market Value €'000	Total Net Assets %
<b>Security</b>			
Brother Industries Ltd	3,300	65	0.09
Canon Inc	9,000	261	0.36
Canon Marketing Japan Inc	1,300	26	0.04
Capcom Co Ltd	1,300	27	0.04
Coca-Cola West Co	1,000	27	0.04
Comsys Holdings Corp	1,400	28	0.04
Daikyo Inc	1,800	30	0.04
Daito Trust Construction Co	1,200	185	0.26
GLORY Ltd	900	27	0.04
Gree	4,500	26	0.04
Haseko Corp	3,000	34	0.05
Kajima Corp	13,000	109	0.16
Kanden Co	3,000	27	0.04
Kinden Corp	2,200	30	0.04
Kirin Holdings Co Ltd	12,700	254	0.35
Konami Holdings Corp	900	37	0.05
Leopalace 21 Corp	4,700	28	0.04
Maeda Road Construction Co	2,000	36	0.05
Marubeni Corp	22,400	129	0.18
Matsumotokiyoshi Holdings Co	600	34	0.05
Megmilk Snow Brand Co	1,000	23	0.03
Miraca Holdings	700	28	0.04
Mitsubishi Gas Chemical	1,800	36	0.05
Mitsubishi Shokuhin Co	1,000	25	0.04
NH Foods	2,000	46	0.07
Nichirei Corp	1,200	25	0.04
Nippo Corp	2,000	36	0.05
Nippon Electric Glass Co	1,100	36	0.05
NTT	2,700	105	0.15
Obayashi Corp	10,100	102	0.15
Osaka Gas Co	2,000	31	0.04
SCREEN Holdings Co	600	35	0.05
Sega Sammy Holdings	2,200	26	0.04
Sumitomo Corp	19,100	232	0.33
Sumitomo Osaka Cement Co	8,000	30	0.04
Taisei Corp	3,400	151	0.21
TIS Corp	1,000	25	0.04
Toppan Forms Co	2,700	24	0.03
Tosoh Corp	4,000	76	0.11
Toyota Boshoku Corp	1,800	32	0.05
Yamada Denki Co	5,900	27	0.04
		<b>2,847</b>	<b>4.05</b>
<b>Luxembourg 0.21%</b>			
BBGI SICAV	90,840	146	0.21
<b>Malaysia 0.10%</b>			
Tenaga Nasional	24,200	69	0.10



# Multi Asset Growth

	Nominal/ Quantity	Market Value €'000	Total Net Assets %
<b>Security</b>			
<b>Mexico 0.08%</b>			
Genera	18,300	25	0.04
Industrias CH	7,800	29	0.04
		<b>54</b>	<b>0.08</b>
<b>Netherlands 0.04%</b>			
Gemalto	767	29	0.04
<b>Poland 0.03%</b>			
Asseco Poland	2,258	24	0.03
<b>Singapore 0.19%</b>			
Genting Singapore	82,100	60	0.09
Venture	3,400	37	0.05
Yanlord Land	29,700	34	0.05
		<b>131</b>	<b>0.19</b>
<b>South Africa 0.08%</b>			
Harmony Gold Mining	16,871	26	0.04
Kumba Iron Ore	2,141	29	0.04
		<b>55</b>	<b>0.08</b>
<b>South Korea 1.68%</b>			
BGF Retail	491	30	0.04
Hyundai Marine & Fire Insurance	758	25	0.04
Hyundai Mobis	1,065	189	0.27
Kia Motors	3,614	85	0.12
KT&G	1,103	86	0.12
LG Electronics	1,235	75	0.11
LG Uplus	2,331	23	0.03
LS	423	25	0.04
Nongshim	102	26	0.04
POSCO	1,095	256	0.36
Samsung Electronics	157	296	0.42
Samsung Fire & Marine Insurance	167	35	0.05
S-1	455	30	0.04
		<b>1,181</b>	<b>1.68</b>
<b>Spain 0.54%</b>			
Aena	1,047	160	0.23
Amadeus IT	3,438	188	0.27
Avangrid	662	27	0.04
Iberdrola	91	1	-
		<b>376</b>	<b>0.54</b>
<b>Sweden 0.22%</b>			
Electrolux 'B'	953	27	0.04
Industrivarden 'C'	5,973	128	0.18
		<b>155</b>	<b>0.22</b>

# Multi Asset Growth

	Nominal/ Quantity	Market Value €'000	Total Net Assets %
<b>Security</b>			
<b>Switzerland 0.93%</b>			
Lonza	575	128	0.18
Partners	289	166	0.24
Sika	35	220	0.31
Swiss Re	1,858	142	0.20
		<b>656</b>	<b>0.93</b>
<b>Taiwan 1.27%</b>			
China Motor	40,000	30	0.04
Epistar	31,000	34	0.05
Formosa Chemicals & Fibre	57,000	147	0.21
Hon Hai Precision Industry	91,000	270	0.38
Innolux	108,000	43	0.06
Lite-On Technology	24,000	29	0.04
Pegatron	30,000	67	0.09
Taiwan Mobile	21,000	63	0.09
TPK	9,000	25	0.04
Uni-President Enterprises	75,000	132	0.19
Walsin Lihwa	71,000	27	0.04
Wistron	40,858	28	0.04
		<b>895</b>	<b>1.27</b>
<b>Thailand 0.25%</b>			
Electricity Generating (Alien)	4,600	27	0.04
Glow Energy (Alien)	12,400	28	0.04
Krung Thai Bank (Alien)	78,900	38	0.04
Ratchaburi Electricity Generating (Alien)	18,400	25	0.04
Thai Airways International (Alien)	68,600	32	0.05
Thai Oil (Alien)	12,400	29	0.04
		<b>179</b>	<b>0.25</b>
<b>United Kingdom 21.28%</b>			
Aberdeen Diversified Income and Growth Trust <sup>†</sup>	817,501	1,118	1.60
BioPharma Credit <sup>∞</sup>	688,491	649	0.92
Blackstone GSO Loan Financing	333,000	337	0.48
Burford Capital	42,717	502	0.71
Doric Nimrod Air Two (PREF)	135,000	345	0.49
Fair Oaks Income Fund	727,093	624	0.89
Foresight Solar Fund	829,269	1,035	1.47
Funding Circle SME Income Fund	448,730	540	0.77
Funding Circle SME Income Fund	70,543	82	0.12
GCP Student Living	537,911	885	1.26
HICL Infrastructure	845,728	1,500	2.14
John Laing	306,691	993	1.41
John Laing Environmental	599,007	741	1.05
PRS (REIT)	586,810	684	0.97
P2P Global Investments	153,387	1,401	2.00
Residential Secure Income (REIT)	421,000	480	0.68

# Multi Asset Growth

	Nominal/ Quantity	Market Value €'000	Total Net Assets %
<b>Security</b>			
Rio Tinto	7,474	295	0.42
Riverstone Energy	39,125	545	0.78
Royal Mail	13,959	61	0.09
Tate & Lyle	6,006	44	0.06
Triple Point Social Housing (REIT)	497,848	576	0.82
Tritax Big Box (REIT)	156,059	252	0.36
UK Mortgages	301,772	325	0.46
Warehouse (REIT)	280,000	324	0.46
WM Morrison Supermarkets	32,568	87	0.12
3i Infrastructure	239,500	528	0.75
		<b>14,953</b>	<b>21.28</b>
<b>United States 11.98%</b>			
AGNC Investment (REIT)	5,168	95	0.13
Amdocs	446	24	0.03
Annaly Capital Management (REIT)	16,376	169	0.24
Anthem	1,829	294	0.42
Axis Capital	1,184	57	0.08
Bed Bath & Beyond	1,292	26	0.04
Best Buy	4,160	200	0.29
Bunge	2,185	128	0.18
Campbell Soup	2,835	112	0.16
Cars.com	1,328	30	0.04
CATCo Reinsurance Opportunities Fund	998,401	940	1.33
Centene	2,639	216	0.31
Cigna	804	127	0.18
Corning	11,417	289	0.41
CVS Health	4,169	287	0.41
Darden Restaurants	1,648	110	0.16
DTE Energy	275	25	0.04
eBay	1,391	45	0.06
Edison International	2,017	132	0.19
Everest Re	648	125	0.18
Express Scripts	4,541	243	0.35
FirstEnergy	5,748	150	0.21
Foot Locker	1,024	31	0.04
Gilead Sciences	4,167	286	0.41
HP	18,550	313	0.45
H&R Block	3,143	70	0.10
Humana	1,382	285	0.41
J.M. Smucker	1,897	168	0.24
Juniper Networks	5,849	138	0.20
Kohl's	731	28	0.04
Lam Research	2,140	335	0.48
Lear	611	89	0.13
L3 Technologies	1,086	173	0.25
Maxim Integrated Products	2,509	101	0.14
Mckesson	233	30	0.04

# Multi Asset Growth

Security	Coupon (%)	Maturity	Nominal/ Quantity	Market Value €'000	Total Net Assets %
NetApp			4,747	176	0.25
NVR			13	31	0.04
Ross Stores			1,614	88	0.13
Seagate Technology			1,039	29	0.04
Skyworks Solutions			3,057	263	0.37
S&P Global			2,334	309	0.44
T. Rowe Price			3,647	280	0.40
Target			2,438	122	0.17
Texas Instruments			3,960	300	0.43
Tyson Foods 'A'			3,693	220	0.31
UnitedHealth			1,793	297	0.42
Valero Energy			499	32	0.05
VMware			320	30	0.04
Walgreens Boots Alliance			566	37	0.05
Xerox			4,009	113	0.16
Yum China			6,496	220	0.31
				<b>8,418</b>	<b>11.98</b>
<b>Total Equities</b>				<b>41,403</b>	<b>58.91</b>
<b>Bonds 19.77%</b>					
<b>Corporate Bonds 0.56%</b>					
<b>Mexico 0.56%</b>					
Petroleos Mexicanos	7.1900	12/09/24	9,175,000	392	0.56
<b>Total Corporate Bonds</b>				<b>392</b>	<b>0.56</b>
<b>Government Bonds 19.21%</b>					
<b>Argentina 0.31%</b>					
Argentina (Republic of)	FRN	21/06/20	2,850,000	146	0.21
Argentina (Republic of)	16.0000	17/10/23	1,372,725	69	0.10
				<b>215</b>	<b>0.31</b>
<b>Brazil 2.56%</b>					
Brazil (Federal Republic of)	10.0000	01/01/25	3,475,000	954	1.37
Brazil (Federal Republic of)	10.0000	01/01/27	2,075,000	566	0.80
Brazil (Federal Republic of)	-	01/04/19	1,000,000	240	0.34
Brazil (Federal Republic of)	6.0000	15/05/45	40,000	36	0.05
				<b>1,796</b>	<b>2.56</b>
<b>Colombia 1.21%</b>					
Colombia (Republic of)	7.0000	30/06/32	1,786,000,000	516	0.74
Colombia (Republic of)	7.0000	04/05/22	480,000,000	144	0.20
Colombia (Republic of)	7.5000	26/08/26	393,000,000	120	0.17
Colombia (Republic of)	7.5000	26/08/26	228,600,000	70	0.10
				<b>850</b>	<b>1.21</b>
<b>Ghana 0.48%</b>					
Ghana (Republic of)	24.7500	19/07/21	1,470,000	337	0.48

# Multi Asset Growth

Security	Coupon (%)	Maturity	Nominal/ Quantity	Market Value €'000	Total Net Assets %
<b>Indonesia 2.63%</b>					
Indonesia (Republic of)	9.0000	15/03/29	10,840,000,000	791	1.12
Indonesia (Republic of)	8.3750	15/03/34	6,300,000,000	432	0.62
Indonesia (Republic of)	8.2500	15/07/21	3,270,000,000	220	0.31
Indonesia (Republic of)	7.8750	15/04/19	2,545,000,000	165	0.23
Indonesia (Republic of)	9.0000	15/09/18	2,019,000,000	131	0.19
Indonesia (Republic of)	8.2500	15/05/36	1,660,000,000	114	0.16
				<b>1,853</b>	<b>2.63</b>
<b>Malaysia 1.16%</b>					
Malaysia (Government of)	4.0480	30/09/21	2,045,000	418	0.59
Malaysia (Government of)	4.4980	15/04/30	1,145,000	234	0.33
Malaysia (Government of)	4.3780	29/11/19	810,000	166	0.24
				<b>818</b>	<b>1.16</b>
<b>Mexico 1.73%</b>					
Mexico (Government of)	8.0000	11/06/20	13,250,000	637	0.90
Mexico (Government of)	7.7500	13/11/42	6,030,000	299	0.43
Mexico (Government of)	6.5000	09/06/22	6,025,000	278	0.40
				<b>1,214</b>	<b>1.73</b>
<b>Peru 0.50%</b>					
Peru (Republic of)	6.9500	12/08/31	1,084,000	316	0.45
Peru (Republic of)	6.1500	12/08/32	138,000	38	0.05
				<b>354</b>	<b>0.50</b>
<b>Poland 1.97%</b>					
Poland (Republic of)	1.5000	25/04/20	4,300,000	986	1.40
Poland (Republic of)	5.7500	25/04/29	825,000	238	0.34
Poland (Republic of)	5.7500	25/10/21	625,000	163	0.23
				<b>1,387</b>	<b>1.97</b>
<b>Russian Federation 1.94%</b>					
Russia (Federation of)	7.0500	19/01/28	76,500,000	1,092	1.55
Russia (Federation of)	7.5000	27/02/19	18,540,000	273	0.39
				<b>1,365</b>	<b>1.94</b>
<b>South Africa 2.00%</b>					
South Africa (Republic of)	10.5000	21/12/26	20,000,000	<b>1,406</b>	<b>2.00</b>
<b>Turkey 2.32%</b>					
Turkey (Republic of)	10.7000	17/02/21	5,220,000	1,229	1.75
Turkey (Republic of)	10.6000	11/02/26	1,690,000	400	0.57
				<b>1,629</b>	<b>2.32</b>
<b>Uruguay 0.40%</b>					
Uruguay (Republic of)	9.8750	20/06/22	5,080,000	160	0.23
Uruguay (Republic of)	8.5000	15/03/28	3,900,000	118	0.17
				<b>278</b>	<b>0.40</b>

# Multi Asset Growth

Security	Coupon (%)	Maturity	Nominal/ Quantity	Market Value €'000	Total Net Assets %		
Total Government Bonds				13,502	19.21		
Total Bonds				13,894	19.77		
Total Transferable securities and money market instruments admitted to an official exchange listing or dealt on another regulated market				55,297	78.68		
Other transferable securities and money market instruments 6.58%							
Equities 6.04%							
United States 6.04%							
Goldman Sachs International			680	593	0.84		
Goldman Sachs Warrants 11/10/2017			4,205	3,650	5.20		
				4,243	6.04		
Total Equities				4,243	6.04		
Bonds 0.54%							
Government Bonds 0.54%							
Dominican Republic 0.54%							
Dominican (Republic of)	11.5000	10/05/24	19,900,000	379	0.54		
Total Government Bonds				379	0.54		
Total Bonds				379	0.54		
Total Other transferable securities and money market instruments				4,622	6.58		
Open Ended Investment Funds 8.81%							
Alpha UCITS SICAV Fair Oaks Dynamic Credit Fund			1,750	1,990	2.83		
MI TwentyFour Asset Backed Opportunities Fund			2,170,154	2,553	3.63		
Prytania Diversifed Asset-Backed Securities Fund			14,079	1,648	2.35		
				6,191	8.81		
Total Open Ended Investment Funds				6,191	8.81		
Derivatives (0.77%)							
Future contracts nil							
				Unrealised Gains/(Losses) €'000	Total Net Assets %		
Future		Maturity	Notional				
CME S&P 500 Emini		15/12/17	2	1	-		
Unrealised gains on future contracts				1	-		
Forward currency exchange contracts (0.77%)							
				Unrealised Gains/(Losses) €'000	Total Net Assets %		
Counterparty	Buy	Sell	Settlement	Buy Amount	Sell Amount		
BNP Paribas	EUR	SGD	02/10/17	12,927	20,638	-	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	SGD	03/10/17	3,132	5,000	-	-
BNP Paribas	GBP	EUR	15/12/17	557,972	607,562	24	0.03

# Multi Asset Growth

Counterparty	Buy	Sell	Settlement	Buy Amount	Sell Amount	Unrealised Gains/(Losses) €'000	Total Net Assets %
BNP Paribas	HUF	EUR	15/12/17	828,190,985	2,705,792	(41)	(0.06)
BNP Paribas	HUF	EUR	15/12/17	4,500,000	14,681	-	-
BNP Paribas	SGD	EUR	15/12/17	1,977,884	1,221,779	6	0.01
BNP Paribas	SGD	EUR	15/12/17	61,549	38,022	-	-
BNP Paribas	SGD	EUR	15/12/17	54,287	33,555	-	-
BNP Paribas	SGD	EUR	15/12/17	35,747	22,175	-	-
BNP Paribas	SGD	EUR	15/12/17	32,742	20,285	-	-
BNP Paribas	SGD	EUR	15/12/17	20,638	12,887	-	-
BNP Paribas	SGD	EUR	15/12/17	10,424	6,478	-	-
BNP Paribas	SGD	EUR	15/12/17	10,000	6,177	-	-
BNP Paribas	SGD	EUR	15/12/17	6,000	3,706	-	-
BNP Paribas	SGD	EUR	15/12/17	5,309	3,292	-	-
BNP Paribas	SGD	EUR	15/12/17	5,000	3,122	-	-
BNP Paribas	SGD	EUR	15/12/17	4,500	2,786	-	-
Citigroup	EUR	GBP	08/11/17	10,254,477	9,248,000	(233)	(0.34)
Citigroup	EUR	GBP	08/11/17	1,973,093	1,739,000	1	-
Citigroup	EUR	GBP	08/11/17	780,585	690,000	(2)	-
Citigroup	EUR	JPY	08/11/17	509,518	67,095,000	5	0.01
Citigroup	EUR	GBP	08/11/17	441,276	405,000	(18)	(0.03)
Citigroup	EUR	GBP	08/11/17	358,818	323,000	(7)	(0.01)
Citigroup	EUR	GBP	08/11/17	300,193	266,000	(1)	-
Citigroup	EUR	GBP	08/11/17	292,328	258,000	-	-
Citigroup	EUR	GBP	08/11/17	138,069	127,000	(6)	(0.01)
Citigroup	EUR	USD	08/11/17	60,572	73,000	(1)	-
Citigroup	EUR	USD	08/11/17	50,010	59,000	-	-
Citigroup	EUR	USD	08/11/17	12,572	15,000	-	-
Citigroup	USD	EUR	08/11/17	542,000	453,705	4	0.01
Citigroup	USD	EUR	08/11/17	97,000	82,263	-	-
Deutsche Bank	EUR	USD	08/11/17	252,626	299,000	-	-
Goldman Sachs	AUD	EUR	08/11/17	52,000	34,801	-	-
Goldman Sachs	EUR	GBP	08/11/17	10,260,535	9,249,000	(227)	(0.32)
Goldman Sachs	EUR	USD	08/11/17	1,624,902	1,940,000	(13)	(0.02)
Goldman Sachs	EUR	AUD	08/11/17	690,291	1,033,000	6	0.01
Goldman Sachs	EUR	USD	08/11/17	404,632	486,000	(6)	(0.01)
Goldman Sachs	EUR	GBP	08/11/17	313,136	277,000	(1)	-
Goldman Sachs	EUR	GBP	08/11/17	222,391	196,000	-	-
Goldman Sachs	EUR	USD	08/11/17	112,539	135,000	(1)	-
Goldman Sachs	EUR	GBP	08/11/17	102,096	94,000	(4)	(0.01)
Goldman Sachs	EUR	JPY	08/11/17	100,050	12,814,000	4	0.01
Goldman Sachs	EUR	GBP	08/11/17	96,861	88,000	(3)	-
Goldman Sachs	EUR	GBP	08/11/17	81,374	72,000	-	-
Goldman Sachs	EUR	JPY	08/11/17	59,773	7,644,000	2	-
Goldman Sachs	EUR	GBP	08/11/17	48,896	45,000	(2)	-
Goldman Sachs	EUR	GBP	08/11/17	44,077	39,000	-	-
Goldman Sachs	EUR	USD	08/11/17	37,183	44,000	-	-
Goldman Sachs	EUR	GBP	08/11/17	32,047	29,000	(1)	-
Goldman Sachs	USD	EUR	08/11/17	110,000	91,583	1	-
Goldman Sachs	USD	EUR	08/11/17	85,000	72,315	(1)	-

# Multi Asset Growth

Counterparty	Buy	Sell	Settlement	Buy Amount	Sell Amount	Unrealised Gains/(Losses) €'000	Total Net Assets %
HSBC	AUD	EUR	08/11/17	173,000	116,172	(2)	-
HSBC	EUR	AUD	08/11/17	5,759,145	8,653,000	30	0.04
HSBC	EUR	GBP	08/11/17	988,958	896,000	(27)	(0.04)
HSBC	EUR	GBP	08/11/17	914,713	837,000	(34)	(0.05)
HSBC	EUR	USD	08/11/17	764,893	918,000	(10)	(0.01)
HSBC	EUR	GBP	08/11/17	632,167	559,000	(2)	-
HSBC	EUR	JPY	08/11/17	577,642	77,370,000	(4)	(0.01)
HSBC	EUR	AUD	08/11/17	556,845	833,000	5	0.01
HSBC	EUR	AUD	08/11/17	452,757	683,000	1	-
HSBC	EUR	USD	08/11/17	356,323	431,000	(8)	(0.01)
HSBC	EUR	USD	08/11/17	157,804	187,000	-	-
HSBC	EUR	USD	08/11/17	113,849	135,000	-	-
HSBC	EUR	USD	08/11/17	85,821	103,000	(1)	-
HSBC	EUR	GBP	08/11/17	63,520	58,000	(2)	-
HSBC	EUR	USD	08/11/17	43,880	52,000	-	-
HSBC	EUR	USD	08/11/17	38,035	46,000	(1)	-
HSBC	EUR	USD	08/11/17	38,026	45,000	-	-
HSBC	EUR	GBP	08/11/17	30,575	27,000	-	-
HSBC	GBP	EUR	08/11/17	229,000	249,725	10	0.01
HSBC	USD	EUR	08/11/17	53,000	44,914	-	-
Merrill Lynch	EUR	JPY	08/11/17	4,671,436	611,214,000	79	0.11
Merrill Lynch	EUR	USD	08/11/17	438,844	517,000	2	-
Merrill Lynch	EUR	GBP	08/11/17	411,072	372,000	(11)	(0.02)
Merrill Lynch	EUR	GBP	08/11/17	70,784	64,000	(2)	-
Merrill Lynch	GBP	EUR	08/11/17	276,000	306,127	7	0.01
Merrill Lynch	USD	EUR	08/11/17	461,000	389,468	-	-
Royal Bank of Canada	EUR	USD	08/11/17	11,676,875	13,889,000	(48)	(0.07)
Royal Bank of Canada	EUR	USD	08/11/17	927,200	1,094,000	4	0.01
Royal Bank of Canada	EUR	GBP	08/11/17	498,620	451,000	(13)	(0.02)
Royal Bank of Canada	EUR	JPY	08/11/17	330,333	43,700,000	2	-
Royal Bank of Canada	EUR	JPY	08/11/17	210,322	28,168,000	(1)	-
Royal Bank of Canada	EUR	USD	08/11/17	54,331	64,000	-	-
Royal Bank of Canada	EUR	GBP	08/11/17	47,554	43,000	(1)	-
Royal Bank of Canada	EUR	USD	08/11/17	43,641	52,000	-	-
Unrealised losses on forward currency exchange contracts						(542)	(0.77)
Unrealised losses on derivatives						(541)	(0.77)
Total investments						65,569	93.30
Other net assets						4,706	6.70
Total net assets						70,275	100.00

<sup>†</sup> Managed by subsidiaries of Aberdeen Asset Management PLC.

<sup>∞</sup> A portion of this security is on loan at the year end.

Currently forward positions are not collateralised.



# Multi Asset Income

For the year ended 30 September 2017

## Performance

For the year ended 30 September 2017, the value of the Multi Asset Income – A Income Shares increased by 8.07%. The Fund does not have an official benchmark.

Source: Lipper, Basis: total return, published NAV to NAV, net of annual charges, gross income reinvested, USD.

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 US, markets reached a series of record highs following Donald Trump's victory in the country's presidential election. The rally stalled in late summer amid concerns that the new administration might be unable to push its economic stimulus plans through Congress. In September, however, robust corporate earnings allowed markets to resume their upward trajectory. Although it underperformed most of its peers, the UK equity market produced double-digit returns in sterling terms, partly a consequence of the currency's weakness, which boosted the profits of FTSE 100 companies with large global operations. European shares also performed well, helped by optimism over greater political stability after defeats for populist candidates in the Dutch and French elections.

Government and investment-grade corporate bonds struggled over the period, with government bonds falling in value and corporate bonds making little progress overall. The prices of US, German and UK government bonds fell sharply in September as investors anticipated earlier monetary tightening by the major central banks. Conversely, emerging-market bonds performed well, helped by sustained inflows of overseas capital, with investors attracted by relatively high yields and the improving economies of many issuing countries.

Towards the end of the period, there were a number of natural catastrophes that caused significant insurance losses. This included three hurricanes impacting the United States and two earthquakes in Mexico. This hurt holdings in Catco and two listed investment companies managed by Blue Capital, offsetting the positive performance seen throughout the year.

## Portfolio review

The Fund did well over the period with most asset classes contributing positively to performance.

Over the period, we increased our emerging-market local-currency debt weighting. We believe that emerging economies have greater medium to long-term growth prospects than developed ones. This was predominantly funded by the complete sale of our holdings in investment-grade bonds, given the low prospective returns, and a reduction in property (REITs) exposure.

We increased exposure to asset-backed securities (ABS) throughout the year. In December, we invested in the Prytania Diversified Asset-Backed Securities Fund, a third-party fund that invests in a range of asset-backed securities.

Towards the end of the reporting period, we added two open-ended funds: a "fund of one" managed by TwentyFour Asset Management, which provides a diversified exposure to European ABS markets; and another managed by Fair Oaks, focused primarily on medium-risk securities backed by portfolios of corporate loans. We funded this by reducing exposure to high-yield debt. These asset classes have performed well and now appear fully valued.

In absolute return, we allocated to an alternative risk premia strategy, which provides exposure to a broad collection of indices across equities, fixed income, currencies and commodities. The underlying indices are provided by Goldman Sachs, while the asset allocation between the indices is managed by Aberdeen's experienced Hedge Fund Solutions Team.

Within property, we established positions in Residential Secure Income and Triple Point Social Housing REIT, both of which are specialist property companies focussing on social housing in the UK. We also initiated holdings in PRS REIT, which will invest in newly constructed houses for the private-rental sector; and Warehouse REIT, which is targeting an attractive return through investments in commercial real estate.

Our exposure to infrastructure increased as we took advantage of several attractively priced placements and initiated holdings in Bilfinger Berger Global Infrastructure, International Public Partnerships and Greencoat Renewables.

In special opportunities, we added a position in BioPharma Credit, which invests in a diversified portfolio of debt backed by assets or royalties from biotechnology firms. We took a strategic stake in the Aberdeen Diversified Income and Growth Trust (ADIG). As a closed-end fund, ADIG is able to invest in a number of illiquid asset classes that cannot be accessed directly by this Fund.

## Outlook

Economic growth remains in place but rising asset valuations are making it hard to find compelling opportunities for future returns. For example, on a number of measures, US equities appear to be expensive. The price that investors have to pay for every unit of expected earnings from US companies is as high now as it was at the peak of the tech bubble. Markets can remain expensive for prolonged periods – and there could be a greater risk for long-term investors sitting on the side-lines – but all else being equal we prefer to allocate to asset classes where we can find compelling return potential.

## Diversified Multi-Asset Team

October 2017

# Multi Asset Income

## Statement of Net Assets

As at 30 September 2017

	Notes	US\$'000
<b>Assets</b>		
Investments in securities at market value	2.2	63,352
Cash at bank		2,989
Interest and dividends receivable		514
Subscriptions receivable		1,058
Other assets		13
<b>Total assets</b>		<b>67,926</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Payable for investments purchased		848
Taxes and expenses payable		56
Redemptions payable		90
Unrealised losses on forward currency exchange contracts	2.6	2,049
Other liabilities		453
<b>Total liabilities</b>		<b>3,496</b>
<b>Net assets at the end of the year</b>		<b>64,430</b>

## Statement of Changes in Net Assets

For the year from 1 October 2016 to 30 September 2017

	Notes	US\$'000
Net assets at the beginning of the year		27,221
Net gains from investments		1,568
Net realised gains		2,442
Net unrealised gains		457
Proceeds from shares issued		57,455
Payments for shares redeemed		(22,670)
Net equalisation received	10	74
Dividends paid	5	(2,117)
<b>Net assets at the end of the year</b>		<b>64,430</b>

## Statement of Operations

For the year from 1 October 2016 to 30 September 2017

	Notes	US\$'000
<b>Income</b>		
Investment income	2.3	1,981
Stocklending income	16	2
Bank interest		8
Other income		2
<b>Total income</b>		<b>1,993</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Management fees	4.2	270
Operating, administrative and servicing fees	4.3	144
Distribution fees	4.1	10
Other operational expenses		1
<b>Total expenses</b>		<b>425</b>
<b>Net gains from investments</b>		<b>1,568</b>
Realised gains on investments		371
Realised gains on forward currency exchange contracts		2,122
Realised gains on future contracts		2
Realised currency exchange losses		(53)
<b>Net realised gains</b>		<b>2,442</b>
Increase in unrealised appreciation on investments		2,492
Increase in unrealised depreciation on forward currency exchange contracts		(2,046)
Decrease in unrealised depreciation on future contracts		8
Unrealised currency exchange gains		3
<b>Net unrealised gains</b>		<b>457</b>
<b>Net increase in assets as a result of operations</b>		<b>4,467</b>

# Multi Asset Income

## Share Transactions

For the year from 1 October 2016 to 30 September 2017

	A-1	A-2 <sup>A</sup>	A-4 <sup>B</sup>	A(EUR)-1 <sup>A</sup>	A(EUR)-2 <sup>A,C</sup>
Shares outstanding at the beginning of the year	203,151	-	-	99,198	-
Shares issued during the year	276,649	21,995	28,214	933,148	57,757
Shares redeemed during the year	(251,430)	-	(1,407)	(91,455)	-
<b>Shares outstanding at the end of the year</b>	<b>228,370</b>	<b>21,995</b>	<b>26,807</b>	<b>940,891</b>	<b>57,757</b>
<b>Net asset value per share</b>	<b>10.0471</b>	<b>10.3212</b>	<b>10.2465</b>	<b>10.2439</b>	<b>9.9935</b>

	A(EUR)-4 <sup>A,B</sup>	A(SGD)-1 <sup>D</sup>	E(EUR)-1	H(EUR)-1	I-1
Shares outstanding at the beginning of the year	-	-	5,497	993	1,357,211
Shares issued during the year	221,186	122,020	788,227	-	487,122
Shares redeemed during the year	(59,802)	-	(153,565)	-	(498,579)
<b>Shares outstanding at the end of the year</b>	<b>161,384</b>	<b>122,020</b>	<b>640,159</b>	<b>993</b>	<b>1,345,754</b>
<b>Net asset value per share</b>	<b>10.0496</b>	<b>10.1352</b>	<b>9.2881</b>	<b>9.4232</b>	<b>10.1932</b>

	I(EUR)-1 <sup>A</sup>	I(EUR)-4 <sup>A,B</sup>	W-1	W(EUR)-1 <sup>E</sup>	X-1
Shares outstanding at the beginning of the year	119,737	-	650	-	200,000
Shares issued during the year	458,492	218,062	169,914	57,976	-
Shares redeemed during the year	(239,407)	-	(7,739)	-	(63,430)
<b>Shares outstanding at the end of the year</b>	<b>338,822</b>	<b>218,062</b>	<b>162,825</b>	<b>57,976</b>	<b>136,570</b>
<b>Net asset value per share</b>	<b>10.3602</b>	<b>10.1107</b>	<b>10.2481</b>	<b>9.9400</b>	<b>10.1884</b>

	X(EUR)-1 <sup>A</sup>	Y(EUR)-1	Z-1	Z(AUD)-1 <sup>F</sup>
Shares outstanding at the beginning of the year	69,000	989	643,184	-
Shares issued during the year	145	-	351,443	1,575,582
Shares redeemed during the year	-	-	(794,627)	-
<b>Shares outstanding at the end of the year</b>	<b>69,145</b>	<b>989</b>	<b>200,000</b>	<b>1,575,582</b>
<b>Net asset value per share</b>	<b>10.3520</b>	<b>9.4131</b>	<b>10.5243</b>	<b>10.1206</b>

<sup>A</sup> Share class launched 5 April 2017.

<sup>B</sup> Share class launched 4 October 2016.

<sup>C</sup> Share class launched 3 August 2017.

<sup>D</sup> Share class launched 15 March 2017.

<sup>E</sup> Share class launched 18 August 2017.

<sup>F</sup> Share class launched 20 April 2017.

<sup>A</sup> Base currency exposure share class.

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements.

# Multi Asset Income

## Portfolio Statement

As at 30 September 2017

Security	Nominal/ Quantity	Market Value US\$'000	Total Net Assets %
<b>Transferable securities and money market instruments admitted to an official exchange listing or dealt on another regulated market 81.94%</b>			
<b>Equities 60.28%</b>			
<b>Australia 0.45%</b>			
AGL Energy	2,681	49	0.08
Ansell	1,926	34	0.05
CIMIC	1,196	41	0.06
Fortescue Metals	20,834	84	0.13
Medibank Private	15,577	36	0.06
Metcash	20,572	41	0.06
Seven West Media	13,709	7	0.01
		<b>292</b>	<b>0.45</b>
<b>Belgium 0.24%</b>			
Ageas	2,541	119	0.18
Bpost	1,208	36	0.06
		<b>155</b>	<b>0.24</b>
<b>Bermuda 2.25%</b>			
Blue Capital Global Reinsurance Fund	710,824	667	1.04
Blue Capital Reinsurance	42,459	700	1.09
RenaissanceRe	302	41	0.06
XL	1,012	40	0.06
		<b>1,448</b>	<b>2.25</b>
<b>Brazil 0.20%</b>			
Banco BTG Pactual	8,800	53	0.08
Cia de Gas de Sao Paulo 'A' (PREF)	2,287	40	0.06
Multiplus	3,000	37	0.06
PPLA11 Participations	855	-	-
		<b>130</b>	<b>0.20</b>
<b>Canada 0.05%</b>			
George Weston	363	32	0.05
<b>Czech Republic 0.11%</b>			
MONETA Money Bank	9,865	35	0.05
O2 Czech Republic	2,997	37	0.06
		<b>72</b>	<b>0.11</b>
<b>Denmark 0.18%</b>			
H Lundbeck	843	48	0.08
Tryg	1,422	33	0.05
Vestas Wind Systems	367	33	0.05
		<b>114</b>	<b>0.18</b>

# Multi Asset Income

	Nominal/ Quantity	Market Value US\$'000	Total Net Assets %
<b>Security</b>			
<b>Finland 0.29%</b>			
UPM-Kymmene	6,914	188	0.29
<b>France 0.21%</b>			
Atos	231	36	0.06
Eutelsat Communications	2,063	61	0.09
Peugeot	1,717	41	0.06
		<b>138</b>	<b>0.21</b>
<b>Germany 0.68%</b>			
Covestro	1,382	119	0.18
Deutsche Lufthansa	2,915	81	0.13
Hochtief	224	38	0.06
Muenchener Rueckver	638	136	0.21
Uniper	2,376	65	0.10
		<b>439</b>	<b>0.68</b>
<b>Greece 0.06%</b>			
Motor Oil (Hellas)	1,684	39	0.06
<b>Guernsey 11.02%</b>			
Bluefield Solar Income Fund	89,925	140	0.22
Doric Nimrod Air Three	111,434	156	0.24
DP Aircraft	199,615	220	0.34
International Public Partnerships	429,500	910	1.41
John Laing Infrastructure Fund	515,605	896	1.39
NB Global Floating Rate Income Fund	1,871,832	2,378	3.70
NextEnergy Solar Fund	384,626	581	0.90
Renewables Infrastructure	706,195	1,031	1.60
SQN Asset Finance Income Fund	351,673	472	0.73
TwentyFour Income Fund	201,788	319	0.49
		<b>7,103</b>	<b>11.02</b>
<b>Hong Kong 1.65%</b>			
BOC Hong Kong	7,500	36	0.06
CK Asset	24,000	199	0.31
CLP	20,000	206	0.33
Hopewell Highway Infrastructure	63,000	39	0.06
i-Cable Communications	6,573	-	-
Jardine Strategic	800	34	0.05
Li & Fung	88,000	44	0.07
NWS	17,000	33	0.05
PCCW	65,000	35	0.05
Power Assets	5,000	43	0.07
Sa Sa International	94,000	37	0.06
Television Broadcasts	12,100	40	0.06
Texwinca	58,000	35	0.05

# Multi Asset Income

	Nominal/ Quantity	Market Value US\$'000	Total Net Assets %
<b>Security</b>			
Vtech	2,400	35	0.05
WH	98,000	104	0.16
Wheelock	10,000	70	0.11
Xinyi Glass	34,000	34	0.05
Yue Yuen Industrial	10,500	40	0.06
		<b>1,064</b>	<b>1.65</b>
<b>Hungary 0.13%</b>			
Magyar Telekom	21,773	40	0.06
MOL Hungarian Oil & Gas	3,672	42	0.07
		<b>82</b>	<b>0.13</b>
<b>Ireland 0.46%</b>			
Greencoat Renewables	235,355	<b>298</b>	<b>0.46</b>
<b>Israel 0.06%</b>			
Bezeq Israeli Telecommunication	26,835	<b>38</b>	<b>0.06</b>
<b>Italy 0.15%</b>			
Atlantia	3,110	<b>98</b>	<b>0.15</b>
<b>Japan 3.18%</b>			
Adastria Co	1,600	36	0.06
Astellas Pharma Inc	2,600	33	0.05
Brother Industries Ltd	1,400	33	0.05
Canon Marketing Japan Inc	1,400	33	0.05
Capcom Co Ltd	1,300	32	0.05
Daikyo Inc	2,000	39	0.06
Daito Trust Construction Co	500	91	0.14
Gree	5,700	39	0.06
ITOCHU Corporation	16,600	272	0.43
Kajima Corp	11,000	109	0.17
Kirin Holdings Co Ltd	1,700	40	0.06
Konami Holdings Corp	700	34	0.05
Leopalace 21 Corp	5,500	38	0.06
Maeda Road Construction Co	2,000	43	0.07
Marubeni Corp	19,300	132	0.20
Matsumotokiyoshi Holdings Co	700	47	0.07
Megmilk Snow Brand Co	1,300	35	0.05
Miraca Holdings	700	33	0.05
Mitsubishi Gas Chemical	2,100	49	0.08
Mitsubishi Shokuhin Co	1,100	32	0.05
Mitsui Chemicals	1,200	36	0.06
NEC Corp	1,400	38	0.06
Nichirei Corp	1,500	38	0.06
Nippo Corp	2,000	43	0.07
NTT	3,100	142	0.22
Obayashi Corp	8,600	103	0.16

# Multi Asset Income

	Nominal/ Quantity	Market Value US\$'000	Total Net Assets %
<b>Security</b>			
SCREEN Holdings Co	500	35	0.05
Sumitomo Corp	14,500	208	0.32
Taisei Corp	2,600	136	0.21
Tosoh Corp	1,500	34	0.05
Toyota Boshoku Corp	1,700	36	0.06
		<b>2,049</b>	<b>3.18</b>
<b>Luxembourg 0.24%</b>			
BBGI SICAV	79,972	152	0.24
<b>Malaysia 0.22%</b>			
Malayan Banking	64,100	145	0.22
<b>Mexico 0.06%</b>			
Concentradora Fibra Danhos (REIT)	20,700	36	0.06
<b>Netherlands 0.44%</b>			
Gemalto	691	31	0.05
Koninklijke Ahold Delhaize	11,322	211	0.33
Philips Lighting	982	40	0.06
		<b>282</b>	<b>0.44</b>
<b>New Zealand 0.08%</b>			
Air New Zealand	20,806	51	0.08
<b>Norway 0.13%</b>			
Marine Harvest	4,344	86	0.13
<b>Poland 0.05%</b>			
Asseco Poland	2,579	33	0.05
<b>Singapore 0.18%</b>			
BOC Aviation	6,200	34	0.05
HPH	80,800	35	0.05
Venture	3,500	45	0.08
		<b>114</b>	<b>0.18</b>
<b>South Africa 0.14%</b>			
Harmony Gold Mining	24,435	44	0.07
Kumba Iron Ore	2,884	47	0.07
		<b>91</b>	<b>0.14</b>
<b>South Korea 0.69%</b>			
Hyundai Mobis	205	43	0.07
Kia Motors	3,388	94	0.15
LG Uplus	2,786	32	0.05
Nongshim	112	33	0.05
POSCO	504	140	0.21

# Multi Asset Income

	Nominal/ Quantity	Market Value US\$'000	Total Net Assets %
<b>Security</b>			
Samsung Electronics	21	47	0.07
SK Telecom	264	59	0.09
		<b>448</b>	<b>0.69</b>
<b>Spain 0.64%</b>			
Aena	815	147	0.23
Corporacion Financiera Alba	588	36	0.06
Endesa	3,581	81	0.13
Iberdrola	19,064	148	0.22
		<b>412</b>	<b>0.64</b>
<b>Sweden 0.17%</b>			
Electrolux 'B'	953	32	0.05
Industrivarden 'C'	2,977	75	0.12
		<b>107</b>	<b>0.17</b>
<b>Switzerland 0.65%</b>			
ABB	5,507	136	0.21
Partners	218	148	0.23
Sika	6	45	0.07
Swiss Re	980	89	0.14
		<b>418</b>	<b>0.65</b>
<b>Taiwan 1.11%</b>			
AU Optronics	92,000	37	0.06
Cathay Real Estate Development	66,000	36	0.06
China Motor	44,000	39	0.06
Epistar	30,000	39	0.06
Feng Hsin Iron & Steel	19,000	33	0.05
Formosa Petrochemical	13,000	45	0.07
Hon Hai Precision Industry	51,000	180	0.27
Innolux	78,000	36	0.06
Lite-On Technology	25,074	36	0.06
Pegatron	21,000	55	0.08
Synnex Technology International	32,000	38	0.06
Uni-President Enterprises	30,000	62	0.09
Wistron	48,065	39	0.06
Yulon Nissan Motor	5,000	42	0.07
		<b>717</b>	<b>1.11</b>
<b>Thailand 0.35%</b>			
Electricity Generating (Alien)	5,700	41	0.05
Glow Energy (Alien)	14,300	38	0.06
Intouch (Alien)	20,300	35	0.06
Krung Thai Bank (Alien)	69,500	39	0.06
Ratchaburi Electricity Generating (Alien)	22,600	36	0.06
Thai Oil (Alien)	14,100	39	0.06
		<b>228</b>	<b>0.35</b>



# Multi Asset Income

	Nominal/ Quantity	Market Value US\$'000	Total Net Assets %
<b>Security</b>			
<b>Turkey 0.15%</b>			
Aygaz	8,450	35	0.05
Emlak Konut (REIT)	40,970	31	0.05
TAV Havalimanlari	6,447	32	0.05
		<b>98</b>	<b>0.15</b>
<b>United Kingdom 21.91%</b>			
Aberdeen Diversified Income and Growth Trust <sup>†</sup>	1,049,810	1,697	2.64
Bellway	957	42	0.07
BioPharma Credit	502,263	559	0.87
Blackstone GSO Loan Financing	265,000	317	0.49
Direct Line Insurance	14,053	69	0.11
Doric Nimrod Air Two (PREF)	177,000	535	0.83
Fair Oaks Income Fund	587,309	596	0.93
Foresight Solar Fund	684,363	1,010	1.57
Funding Circle SME Income Fund	310,723	442	0.69
Funding Circle SME Income Fund	76,957	106	0.16
GCP Student Living	425,865	828	1.29
HICL Infrastructure	651,001	1,365	2.12
International Consolidated Airlines	4,433	35	0.05
John Laing	237,212	908	1.41
John Laing Environmental <sup>™</sup>	499,261	730	1.13
Micro Focus International	1,192	38	0.06
PRS (REIT)	467,902	645	1.00
P2P Global Investments	116,361	1,257	1.95
Residential Secure Income (REIT)	312,000	420	0.65
Rio Tinto	5,730	267	0.41
Royal Mail	11,338	58	0.09
Tate & Lyle	4,548	40	0.06
Taylor Wimpey	39,573	104	0.16
Triple Point Social Housing (REIT)	351,534	481	0.75
Tritax Big Box (REIT)	138,820	265	0.41
UK Mortgages	259,906	330	0.51
Warehouse (REIT)	245,000	335	0.52
WM Morrison Supermarkets	20,009	63	0.10
3i	2,901	36	0.06
3i Infrastructure	203,000	529	0.82
		<b>14,107</b>	<b>21.91</b>
<b>United States 11.70%</b>			
Aetna	253	40	0.06
AGNC Investment (REIT)	4,448	96	0.15
Allstate	433	40	0.06
Ally Financial	1,509	37	0.06
Annaly Capital Management (REIT)	13,453	164	0.25
Anthem	1,181	224	0.35
AT&T	2,806	110	0.17
Axis Capital	937	54	0.08

# Multi Asset Income

	Nominal/ Quantity	Market Value US\$'000	Total Net Assets %
<b>Security</b>			
Baxter International	866	54	0.08
Bed Bath & Beyond	1,241	29	0.05
Best Buy	3,308	188	0.29
CA	4,117	137	0.21
Cars.com	1,425	38	0.06
CATCo Reinsurance Opportunities Fund	858,368	953	1.49
Celanese	363	38	0.06
Centene	412	40	0.06
Cigna	201	38	0.06
Cincinnati Financial	757	58	0.09
Cisco Systems	4,896	165	0.26
CME	302	41	0.06
CNA Financial	731	37	0.06
Consolidated Edison	3,320	268	0.42
Corning	1,262	38	0.06
CVS Health	3,225	262	0.41
Darden Restaurants	1,611	127	0.20
DTE Energy	1,122	120	0.19
Edison International	1,795	138	0.21
Everest Re	521	119	0.18
Express Scripts	648	41	0.06
FirstEnergy	2,748	85	0.13
Ford Motor	17,278	207	0.32
Gilead Sciences	973	79	0.12
HCP (REIT)	2,959	82	0.13
HP	13,985	278	0.43
H&R Block	1,510	40	0.06
Humana	987	240	0.37
Ingersoll-Rand	437	39	0.06
J.M. Smucker	1,446	152	0.24
Juniper Networks	1,430	40	0.06
KLA-Tencor	2,039	216	0.34
Kohl's	1,783	81	0.13
Lam Research	263	49	0.08
Lear	236	41	0.06
Macerich (REIT)	1,697	93	0.14
Macy's	3,767	82	0.13
Maxim Integrated Products	707	34	0.05
Mckesson	266	41	0.06
MDU Resources	1,413	37	0.06
NetApp	3,607	158	0.25
Park Hotels & Resorts (REIT)	1,383	38	0.06
Public Service Enterprise	2,500	116	0.18
Ross Stores	559	36	0.06
Seagate Technology	2,381	79	0.12
Skyworks Solutions	313	32	0.05
S&P Global	219	34	0.05
Synopsys	392	32	0.05

# Multi Asset Income

Security	Coupon (%)	Maturity	Nominal/ Quantity	Market Value US\$'000	Total Net Assets %
Sysco			2,647	143	0.22
T. Rowe Price			429	39	0.06
Target			3,360	198	0.31
Texas Instruments			1,798	161	0.25
Tyson Foods 'A'			525	37	0.06
UnitedHealth			192	38	0.06
Valero Energy			3,686	283	0.44
VMware			366	40	0.06
Waste Management			1,623	127	0.20
Western Digital			429	37	0.06
Xerox			2,911	97	0.15
Yum China			4,883	195	0.30
				<b>7,530</b>	<b>11.70</b>
<b>Total Equities</b>				<b>38,834</b>	<b>60.28</b>
<b>Bonds 21.66%</b>					
<b>Corporate Bonds 0.43%</b>					
<b>Mexico 0.43%</b>					
Petroleos Mexicanos	7.1900	12/09/24	5,550,000	280	0.43
<b>Total Corporate Bonds</b>				<b>280</b>	<b>0.43</b>
<b>Government Bonds 21.23%</b>					
<b>Argentina 0.28%</b>					
Argentina (Republic of)	16.0000	17/10/23	1,809,939	108	0.17
Argentina (Republic of)	FRN	21/06/20	1,193,407	72	0.11
				<b>180</b>	<b>0.28</b>
<b>Brazil 2.24%</b>					
Brazil (Federal Republic of)	10.0000	01/01/25	3,030,000	983	1.53
Brazil (Federal Republic of)	10.0000	01/01/27	1,185,000	382	0.59
Brazil (Federal Republic of)	6.0000	15/05/45	70,000	75	0.12
				<b>1,440</b>	<b>2.24</b>
<b>Colombia 1.05%</b>					
Colombia (Republic of)	7.0000	30/06/32	1,144,000,000	391	0.60
Colombia (Republic of)	7.0000	04/05/22	466,800,000	165	0.26
Colombia (Republic of)	7.5000	26/08/26	331,600,000	120	0.19
				<b>676</b>	<b>1.05</b>
<b>Egypt 0.42%</b>					
Egypt (Republic of)	-	29/05/18	5,400,000	273	0.42
<b>Ghana 0.81%</b>					
Ghana (Republic of)	24.7500	19/07/21	1,930,000	523	0.81

# Multi Asset Income

Security	Coupon (%)	Maturity	Nominal/ Quantity	Market Value US\$'000	Total Net Assets %
<b>India 3.66%</b>					
Gujarat (State of)	7.2000	14/06/27	150,000,000	2,350	3.66
<b>Indonesia 2.26%</b>					
Indonesia (Republic of)	9.0000	15/03/29	8,122,000,000	700	1.09
Indonesia (Republic of)	8.3750	15/03/34	3,273,000,000	266	0.41
Indonesia (Republic of)	9.0000	15/09/18	2,630,000,000	201	0.31
Indonesia (Republic of)	8.2500	15/05/36	1,970,000,000	160	0.25
Indonesia (Republic of)	8.2500	15/07/21	1,000,000,000	80	0.12
Indonesia (Republic of)	7.8750	15/04/19	672,000,000	51	0.08
				<b>1,458</b>	<b>2.26</b>
<b>Malaysia 1.18%</b>					
Malaysia (Government of)	4.0480	30/09/21	1,568,000	379	0.58
Malaysia (Government of)	4.4980	15/04/30	988,000	239	0.37
Malaysia (Government of)	4.3780	29/11/19	600,000	145	0.23
				<b>763</b>	<b>1.18</b>
<b>Mexico 1.49%</b>					
Mexico (Government of)	6.5000	09/06/22	7,561,000	414	0.64
Mexico (Government of)	8.0000	11/06/20	5,710,000	324	0.50
Mexico (Government of)	7.7500	13/11/42	3,810,000	223	0.35
				<b>961</b>	<b>1.49</b>
<b>Peru 0.48%</b>					
Peru (Republic of)	6.9500	12/08/31	705,000	243	0.37
Peru (Republic of)	6.1500	12/08/32	214,000	69	0.11
				<b>312</b>	<b>0.48</b>
<b>Poland 1.70%</b>					
Poland (Republic of)	1.5000	25/04/20	2,350,000	637	0.99
Poland (Republic of)	5.7500	25/10/21	1,090,000	337	0.52
Poland (Republic of)	5.7500	25/04/29	361,000	123	0.19
				<b>1,097</b>	<b>1.70</b>
<b>Russian Federation 1.67%</b>					
Russia (Federation of)	7.0500	19/01/28	45,500,000	768	1.19
Russia (Federation of)	7.5000	27/02/19	17,640,000	307	0.48
				<b>1,075</b>	<b>1.67</b>
<b>South Africa 1.68%</b>					
South Africa (Republic of)	10.5000	21/12/26	13,030,000	1,083	1.68
<b>Turkey 1.96%</b>					
Turkey (Republic of)	10.7000	17/02/21	3,360,000	935	1.45
Turkey (Republic of)	10.6000	11/02/26	1,166,000	326	0.51
				<b>1,261</b>	<b>1.96</b>

# Multi Asset Income

Security	Coupon (%)	Maturity	Nominal/ Quantity	Market Value US\$'000	Total Net Assets %
Uruguay 0.35%					
Uruguay (Republic of)	9.8750	20/06/22	3,500,000	130	0.21
Uruguay (Republic of)	8.5000	15/03/28	2,600,000	93	0.14
				223	0.35
Total Government Bonds				13,675	21.23
Total Bonds				13,955	21.66
Total Transferable securities and money market instruments admitted to an official exchange listing or dealt on another regulated market				52,789	81.94
Other transferable securities and money market instruments 6.79%					
Equities 6.20%					
United States 6.20%					
Goldman Sachs International			1,020	1,051	1.63
Goldman Sachs Warrants 11/10/2017			2,873	2,949	4.57
				4,000	6.20
Total Equities				4,000	6.20
Bonds 0.59%					
Government Bonds 0.59%					
Dominican Republic 0.59%					
Dominican (Republic of)	11.5000	10/05/24	16,800,000	378	0.59
Total Government Bonds				378	0.59
Total Bonds				378	0.59
Total Other transferable securities and money market instruments				4,378	6.79
Open Ended Investment Funds 9.60%					
Alpha UCITS SICAV Fair Oaks Dynamic Credit Fund			1,500	2,017	3.13
MI TwentyFour Asset Backed Opportunities Fund			1,337,951	1,861	2.89
Prytania Diversifed Asset-Backed Securities Fund			16,672	2,307	3.58
				6,185	9.60
Total Open Ended Investment Funds				6,185	9.60
Derivatives (3.18%)					
Future contracts nil					
Future		Maturity	Notional	Unrealised Gains/(Losses) US\$'000	Total Net Assets %
CME S&P 500 Emini		15/12/17	4	-	-
Unrealised losses on future contracts				-	

# Multi Asset Income

## Forward currency exchange contracts (3.18%)

Counterparty	Buy	Sell	Settlement	Buy Amount	Sell Amount	Unrealised Gains/(Losses) US\$'000	Total Net Assets %
Barclays Capital	GBP	USD	13/10/17	25,000	32,477	1	-
Barclays Capital	USD	GBP	13/10/17	2,017,360	1,486,000	23	0.04
Barclays Capital	USD	GBP	13/10/17	93,364	72,000	(3)	(0.01)
BNP Paribas	AUD	USD	15/12/17	15,833,560	12,791,664	(379)	(0.60)
BNP Paribas	AUD	USD	15/12/17	145,000	116,240	(3)	-
BNP Paribas	AUD	USD	15/12/17	81,424	64,922	(1)	-
BNP Paribas	AUD	USD	15/12/17	54,476	43,573	(1)	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	15/12/17	7,678,410	9,296,413	(181)	(0.28)
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	15/12/17	4,459,729	5,399,487	(105)	(0.16)
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	15/12/17	2,308,574	2,795,039	(54)	(0.08)
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	15/12/17	1,552,419	1,879,546	(37)	(0.06)
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	15/12/17	720,724	872,595	(17)	(0.03)
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	15/12/17	580,000	702,218	(14)	(0.02)
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	15/12/17	577,267	698,909	(14)	(0.02)
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	15/12/17	350,813	422,454	(6)	(0.01)
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	15/12/17	315,198	372,705	1	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	15/12/17	267,308	321,106	(4)	(0.01)
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	15/12/17	245,840	289,959	2	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	15/12/17	158,727	188,227	-	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	15/12/17	149,712	179,723	(2)	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	15/12/17	138,681	166,619	(2)	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	15/12/17	105,705	128,190	(3)	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	15/12/17	100,000	119,936	(1)	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	15/12/17	64,885	76,807	-	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	15/12/17	59,416	70,864	-	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	15/12/17	54,953	65,692	-	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	15/12/17	50,095	59,883	-	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	15/12/17	39,007	47,029	(1)	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	15/12/17	23,469	28,055	-	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	15/12/17	18,996	22,795	-	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	15/12/17	14,971	18,155	-	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	15/12/17	14,955	18,004	-	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	15/12/17	13,788	16,563	-	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	15/12/17	12,722	15,059	-	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	15/12/17	11,370	13,560	-	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	15/12/17	10,000	12,039	-	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	15/12/17	9,510	11,342	-	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	15/12/17	9,181	11,008	-	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	15/12/17	6,843	8,258	-	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	15/12/17	4,153	4,971	-	-
BNP Paribas	GBP	USD	13/10/17	208,000	272,425	7	0.01
BNP Paribas	GBP	USD	13/10/17	29,000	37,386	2	-
BNP Paribas	SGD	USD	15/12/17	1,104,901	826,476	(12)	(0.02)
BNP Paribas	SGD	USD	15/12/17	60,309	44,632	-	-
BNP Paribas	SGD	USD	15/12/17	38,827	28,893	-	-
BNP Paribas	SGD	USD	15/12/17	11,556	8,606	-	-
BNP Paribas	SGD	USD	15/12/17	10,025	7,458	-	-

# Multi Asset Income

Counterparty	Buy	Sell	Settlement	Buy Amount	Sell Amount	Unrealised Gains/(Losses) US\$'000	Total Net Assets %
BNP Paribas	SGD	USD	15/12/17	8,000	5,944	-	-
BNP Paribas	SGD	USD	15/12/17	5,000	3,682	-	-
BNP Paribas	SGD	USD	15/12/17	3,590	2,676	-	-
BNP Paribas	USD	EUR	02/10/17	76,506	64,885	-	-
BNP Paribas	USD	EUR	02/10/17	15,000	12,722	-	-
BNP Paribas	USD	EUR	03/10/17	288,788	245,840	(2)	-
BNP Paribas	USD	SGD	03/10/17	3,679	5,000	-	-
BNP Paribas	USD	EUR	04/10/17	371,303	315,198	(1)	-
BNP Paribas	USD	EUR	05/10/17	187,520	158,727	-	-
BNP Paribas	USD	EUR	13/10/17	4,874,362	4,251,000	(154)	(0.24)
BNP Paribas	USD	GBP	13/10/17	874,808	677,000	(34)	(0.05)
BNP Paribas	USD	GBP	13/10/17	609,336	466,000	(16)	(0.02)
BNP Paribas	USD	GBP	13/10/17	402,584	311,000	(15)	(0.02)
BNP Paribas	USD	EUR	13/10/17	274,709	235,000	(3)	(0.01)
BNP Paribas	USD	EUR	13/10/17	228,585	191,000	3	-
BNP Paribas	USD	AUD	13/10/17	195,071	244,000	4	0.01
BNP Paribas	USD	GBP	13/10/17	136,159	104,000	(3)	(0.01)
BNP Paribas	USD	GBP	13/10/17	54,177	41,000	(1)	-
BNP Paribas	USD	EUR	15/12/17	1,168,016	972,977	13	0.02
BNP Paribas	USD	EUR	15/12/17	91,578	75,768	2	-
BNP Paribas	USD	EUR	15/12/17	58,604	48,486	1	-
BNP Paribas	USD	EUR	15/12/17	21,643	17,906	-	-
BNP Paribas	USD	EUR	15/12/17	14,369	11,888	-	-
BNP Paribas	USD	EUR	15/12/17	12,742	10,581	-	-
BNP Paribas	USD	EUR	15/12/17	9,676	8,005	-	-
BNP Paribas	USD	EUR	15/12/17	6,790	5,618	-	-
BNP Paribas	USD	EUR	15/12/17	5,336	4,415	-	-
BNP Paribas	USD	SGD	15/12/17	4,530	6,066	-	-
Citigroup	EUR	USD	13/10/17	66,000	77,419	1	-
Citigroup	GBP	USD	13/10/17	34,000	44,662	1	-
Citigroup	GBP	USD	13/10/17	22,000	28,730	1	-
Citigroup	USD	GBP	13/10/17	10,502,002	8,126,000	(405)	(0.64)
Citigroup	USD	AUD	13/10/17	5,934,700	7,824,000	(204)	(0.32)
Citigroup	USD	GBP	13/10/17	85,909	65,000	(1)	-
Citigroup	USD	AUD	13/10/17	43,686	56,000	-	-
Citigroup	USD	GBP	13/10/17	38,183	29,000	(1)	-
Citigroup	USD	GBP	13/10/17	31,273	24,000	(1)	-
Citigroup	USD	AUD	13/10/17	27,681	35,000	-	-
Goldman Sachs	AUD	USD	13/10/17	146,000	115,577	(1)	-
Goldman Sachs	EUR	USD	13/10/17	35,000	41,940	(1)	-
Goldman Sachs	GBP	USD	13/10/17	119,000	153,850	6	0.01
Goldman Sachs	USD	GBP	13/10/17	158,342	121,000	(4)	(0.01)
Goldman Sachs	USD	GBP	13/10/17	87,221	67,000	(3)	-
Goldman Sachs	USD	GBP	13/10/17	63,978	49,000	(2)	-
Goldman Sachs	USD	GBP	13/10/17	49,293	38,000	(2)	-
HSBC	EUR	USD	13/10/17	105,000	120,407	4	0.01
HSBC	EUR	USD	13/10/17	21,000	24,737	-	-
HSBC	EUR	USD	13/10/17	15,000	17,670	-	-

# Multi Asset Income

Counterparty	Buy	Sell	Settlement	Buy Amount	Sell Amount	Unrealised Gains/(Losses) US\$'000	Total Net Assets %
HSBC	EUR	USD	13/10/17	11,000	13,046	-	-
HSBC	GBP	USD	13/10/17	237,000	307,717	10	0.02
HSBC	GBP	USD	13/10/17	229,000	303,286	4	0.01
HSBC	GBP	USD	13/10/17	60,000	78,300	2	-
HSBC	USD	GBP	13/10/17	10,506,569	8,127,000	(402)	(0.63)
HSBC	USD	AUD	13/10/17	469,304	595,000	2	-
HSBC	USD	GBP	13/10/17	353,963	262,000	2	-
HSBC	USD	GBP	13/10/17	335,322	247,000	4	0.01
HSBC	USD	JPY	13/10/17	304,512	33,410,000	8	0.01
HSBC	USD	GBP	13/10/17	287,446	213,000	2	-
HSBC	USD	GBP	13/10/17	88,867	68,000	(2)	-
HSBC	USD	GBP	13/10/17	61,792	47,000	(1)	-
HSBC	USD	GBP	13/10/17	35,232	26,000	-	-
HSBC	USD	GBP	13/10/17	14,564	11,000	-	-
JPM Chase	EUR	USD	13/10/17	161,000	188,354	2	-
JPM Chase	USD	EUR	13/10/17	293,223	246,000	2	-
JPM Chase	USD	EUR	13/10/17	195,004	162,000	3	0.01
JPM Chase	USD	JPY	13/10/17	178,503	19,232,000	8	0.01
Merrill Lynch	USD	AUD	13/10/17	45,071	57,000	-	-
Morgan Stanley	JPY	USD	13/10/17	3,657,000	33,616	(1)	-
Morgan Stanley	USD	GBP	13/10/17	113,921	88,000	(4)	(0.01)
Royal Bank of Canada	USD	GBP	13/10/17	1,053,116	777,000	10	0.02
Royal Bank of Canada	USD	GBP	13/10/17	487,913	378,000	(19)	(0.03)
Royal Bank of Canada	USD	GBP	13/10/17	249,239	194,000	(11)	(0.02)
Royal Bank of Canada	USD	GBP	13/10/17	137,821	106,000	(4)	(0.01)
Royal Bank of Canada	USD	GBP	13/10/17	41,464	32,000	(1)	-
Royal Bank of Canada	USD	JPY	13/10/17	35,965	3,902,000	1	-
State Street	USD	JPY	13/10/17	4,458,264	504,823,000	(29)	(0.04)
State Street	USD	GBP	13/10/17	56,117	43,000	(2)	-
UBS	USD	GBP	13/10/17	340,044	261,000	(10)	(0.02)
UBS	USD	GBP	13/10/17	212,160	160,000	(3)	-
UBS	USD	JPY	13/10/17	203,162	22,060,000	7	0.01
UBS	USD	GBP	13/10/17	159,383	121,000	(3)	-
UBS	USD	EUR	13/10/17	55,378	47,000	-	-
UBS	USD	JPY	13/10/17	46,178	5,186,000	-	-
UBS	USD	GBP	13/10/17	36,066	28,000	(2)	-
<b>Unrealised losses on forward currency exchange contracts</b>						<b>(2,049)</b>	<b>(3.18)</b>
<b>Unrealised losses on derivatives</b>						<b>(2,049)</b>	<b>(3.18)</b>
<b>Total investments</b>						<b>61,303</b>	<b>95.15</b>
<b>Other net assets</b>						<b>3,127</b>	<b>4.85</b>
<b>Total net assets</b>						<b>64,430</b>	<b>100.00</b>

† Managed by subsidiaries of Aberdeen Asset Management PLC.

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

Currently forward positions are not collateralised.



# Multi-Manager World Equity

For the year ended 30 September 2017

## Performance

For the year ended 30 September 2017, the value of Multi Manager World Equity – A Accumulation Shares increased by 10.15% compared to an increase of 12.79% in the benchmark, the MSCI AC World Net Return Index.

Source: Lipper, Basis: total return, published NAV to NAV, net of annual charges, gross income reinvested, EUR.

Please see the Performance History section for details on the use of MSCI information.

Please remember that past performance is not a guide to future returns. The price of shares and the revenue from them may fall as well as rise. Investors may not get back the amount originally invested.

## Market review

Global equities rose over the 12 months under review, with most markets posting low to mid double-digit returns.

In the US, markets reached a series of record highs following Donald Trump's victory in the country's presidential election. The rally stalled in late summer amid concerns that the new administration might be unable to push its economic stimulus plans through Congress. In September, however, robust corporate earnings allowed markets to resume their upward trajectory.

European equities were also positive, with the FTSE World Europe (Ex-UK) Index rising over 13%. Economic data underpinned investor confidence, with signs that the European economy is starting to recover. Another supporting factor was optimism about greater political stability after defeats for populist candidates in the Dutch and French elections.

Japanese equities produced some of the best returns in local-currency terms over the reporting period. This was based largely on hopes that weakness in the yen would boost sales of the country's market-leading exporters. That said, it was the yen's weakness that diluted returns to overseas investors. The currency depreciated by 17% against the euro.

In local-currency terms, Asian and emerging markets outperformed their developed peers, with China and Brazil particularly strong over the 12 months. Chinese stocks were buoyed by news that A-shares would be included in the MSCI Emerging Markets Index. Brazil continued to recover from a number of political scandals, providing much needed market stability.

In sterling terms, UK equities produced double-digit returns, partly a consequence of the currency's weakness, which boosted the profits of FTSE 100 companies with large global operations.

## Portfolio review

In the US, growth as an investment style outperformed value. Edgewood, our manager with the most overt growth style, returned 20%, whereas Delaware, our manager with a value strategy, returned 5%. The other four managers in the US posted returns of between 6% and 16%.

In Europe, returns of the underlying funds ranged between 18% and 24%. The BlackRock European Dynamic fund was the best performer, rising 24%, while JO Hambro Capital Management returned 18%.

In Japan, our two managers, MAN GLG and Pictet, which focus on larger companies, did very well, with both rising over 30%. Morant Wright, which focuses on smaller companies, returned 18%.

Elsewhere in Asia, BlackRock returned 13% and Schroders 20%. The divergence here is due to the positioning in Chinese technology stocks, which performed well over the last year. Schroders has an overweight to the sector, whereas BlackRock has been in-line or underweight.

In emerging markets, Fisher Investments returned 16%, while the more focused Findlay Park Latin American fund rose 21% as it benefited from the economic recovery in Latin America.

In the UK, the JO Hambro Capital Management and Majedie Asset Management funds rose by 1% and 11% respectively. JOHCM was cautiously positioned, holding around 20% of the portfolio in cash.

In portfolio activity, we sold BlackRock US Growth and Cullen North American High Dividend Value Equity in the US, replacing them with Hermes US SMID and Delaware Investments US Large Cap Value. In emerging markets, we sold Old Mutual, replacing it with Fisher Investments. This was a change of name rather than manager because Fisher had been managing the Old Mutual fund before being replaced by an in-house team at Old Mutual. The most recent change was in the UK where we sold JOHCM due to the retirement of the fund manager. We replaced it with the CF Lindsell Train UK Equity Fund.

## Outlook

We have become more positive on the prospects for European equities. During the summer, we had been slightly nervous as economic indicators appeared to suggest that global economic growth was slowing. But upon closer inspection, it seemed these threats could be overdone and will not prove an immediate threat. We are therefore confident that the global economy should continue to provide conditions that are positive for equity investments, at least for the next three months.

The decision to take a more positive view on Europe specifically is due to our belief that the euro will stabilise. The currency has performed well in recent months, rising in value when compared to sterling and the US dollar, and this had potentially threatened the profits of European exporters. We maintain our view that European shares are good value when compared to those in other global markets. Our other favoured region is Japan, which is benefiting from economic stimulus measures and an increasing focus by companies on governance and the needs of investors.

The main concerns we have are over US equities, as shares prices there look expensive, and the UK, which we think could suffer negative economic consequences as the country prepares to leave the European Union.

## Multi Manager Team

October 2017

# Multi-Manager World Equity

## Statement of Net Assets

As at 30 September 2017

	Notes	€'000
<b>Assets</b>		
Investments in securities at market value	2.2	17,152
Cash at bank		171
Other assets		22
<b>Total assets</b>		<b>17,345</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Taxes and expenses payable		22
Redemptions payable		15
<b>Total liabilities</b>		<b>37</b>
<b>Net assets at the end of the year</b>		<b>17,308</b>

## Statement of Changes in Net Assets

For the year from 1 October 2016 to 30 September 2017

	Notes	€'000
Net assets at the beginning of the year		17,450
Net losses from investments		(159)
Net realised gains		1,701
Net unrealised gains		455
Proceeds from shares issued		12,093
Payments for shares redeemed		(14,232)
<b>Net assets at the end of the year</b>		<b>17,308</b>

## Statement of Operations

For the year from 1 October 2016 to 30 September 2017

	Notes	€'000
<b>Income</b>		
Investment income	2.3	73
Other income		51
<b>Total income</b>		<b>124</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Management fees	4.2	230
Operating, administrative and servicing fees	4.3	51
Bank interest		2
<b>Total expenses</b>		<b>283</b>
<b>Net losses from investments</b>		<b>(159)</b>
Realised gains on investments		1,731
Realised currency exchange losses		(30)
<b>Net realised gains</b>		<b>1,701</b>
Increase in unrealised appreciation on investments		455
<b>Net unrealised gains</b>		<b>455</b>
<b>Net increase in assets as a result of operations</b>		<b>1,997</b>

## Share Transactions

For the year from 1 October 2016 to 30 September 2017

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Shares outstanding at the beginning of the year	1,040,437	63,418
Shares issued during the year	345,909	341,318
Shares redeemed during the year	(456,473)	(354,498)
<b>Shares outstanding at the end of the year</b>	<b>929,873</b>	<b>50,238</b>
<b>Net asset value per share</b>	<b>17.6122</b>	<b>18.5286</b>

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements.

# Multi-Manager World Equity

## Portfolio Statement

As at 30 September 2017

	Nominal/ Quantity	Market Value €'000	Total Net Assets %
<b>Security</b>			
<b>Open Ended Investment Funds 99.10%</b>			
<b>Asia Pacific 6.40%</b>			
BlackRock Global Funds - Asian Growth Leaders Fund	37,436	611	3.54
Schroder Asian Alpha Plus Fund	316,748	496	2.86
		<b>1,107</b>	<b>6.40</b>
<b>Emerging Markets 6.23%</b>			
Findlay Park Latin American Fund	20,585	312	1.80
Fisher Investments Institutional Emerging Markets Equity Fund	4,277	766	4.43
		<b>1,078</b>	<b>6.23</b>
<b>Europe 14.88%</b>			
BlackRock European Dynamic Fund	421,393	799	4.62
Henderson European Focus Fund	191,246	482	2.78
JO Hambro Continental European Fund	159,285	811	4.68
Verrazzano Capital European Advantage Fund	3,036	484	2.80
		<b>2,576</b>	<b>14.88</b>
<b>Global 7.64%</b>			
iShares III Core MSCI World UCITS	30,455	1,322	7.64
<b>Japan 7.55%</b>			
Capita Financial Morant Wright Nippon Yield Fund	119,755	486	2.81
MAN GLG Japan CoreAlpha Equity Fund	1,653	314	1.81
Pictet Japan Equity Opportunities Fund	6,042	507	2.93
		<b>1,307</b>	<b>7.55</b>
<b>North America 50.85%</b>			
Artemis US Extended Alpha Fund	756,856	1,540	8.89
Delaware Investments US Large Cap Value Fund	67,038	1,448	8.37
Edgewood L Select - US Select Growth Fund	286	1,418	8.19
Findlay Park American Fund	17,715	1,511	8.73
Hermes US SMID Equity Fund	518,139	1,434	8.28
Legg Mason US Equity Fund	603,528	1,451	8.39
		<b>8,802</b>	<b>50.85</b>
<b>United Kingdom 5.55%</b>			
CF Lindsell Train UK Equity Fund	148,804	469	2.71
Majedie UK Equity Fund	243,690	491	2.84
		<b>960</b>	<b>5.55</b>
<b>Total Open Ended Investment Funds</b>		<b>17,152</b>	<b>99.10</b>
<b>Total investments</b>		<b>17,152</b>	<b>99.10</b>
<b>Other net assets</b>		<b>156</b>	<b>0.90</b>
<b>Total net assets</b>		<b>17,308</b>	<b>100.00</b>

# North American Equity

For the year ended 30 September 2017

## Performance

For the year ended 30 September 2017, the value of Aberdeen Global - North American Equity – A Accumulation Shares increased by 16.77% compared to an increase of 19.11% for its benchmark, the S&P 500 Index.

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

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 recorded significant gains for the 12-month period ended 30 September 2017, amid investors' optimism regarding generally favourable economic data and corporate earnings reports. This offset numerous periods of uncertainty surrounding the policies of the administration of US President Donald Trump, who was inaugurated on 20 January 2017. The broader-market S&P 500 Index climbed 18.61% for the period. The financials, information technology and industrials sectors led the upturn in the index. Conversely, the telecommunication services, energy and real estate sectors recorded negative returns and were the primary market laggards for the period.

Among notable news over the first eight months of the new presidential administration, Trump and the Republican party majority in the US Congress failed to reach agreement on two separate proposals to "repeal and replace" the Affordable Care Act (dubbed "Obamacare") in June and September 2017. On the monetary policy front, the US Federal Reserve (Fed) increased the federal funds rate to a range of 1.00% to 1.25% over the review period in three increments of 25 basis points in December 2016, and March and June 2017. US GDP growth rates over the review period varied from 1.2% to 3.5%, bolstered largely by continued strength in consumer spending.

## Portfolio review

Fund performance for the review period was hampered mainly by an overweight allocation to consumer staples and an underweight to information technology. The most notable individual stock detractors included credit reporting services provider Equifax and retail convenience-store chain operator Casey's General Stores, as well as the absence of a position in Apple. Shares of Equifax declined sharply towards the end of the review period after the company disclosed a data breach that affected approximately 143 million US consumers between mid-May and late July of this year. Casey's General Stores' quarterly results over the review period were hindered by reduced customer traffic, which led to relatively slower same-store sales growth in the company's grocery and prepared foods and fountain units. While we acknowledge Apple's innovations, we historically have had issues 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.

Conversely, Fund performance for the review period was bolstered primarily by stock selection in the consumer discretionary and healthcare sectors, as well as an overweight to financials. The largest contributors among individual holdings were diversified financial services company M&T Bank specialty auto components manufacturer BorgWarner, and IT services provider Cognizant Technology Solutions. Shares of M&T Bank were buoyed by rising interest rates over the review period and hopes for deregulation and tax reform under the

Trump administration. Furthermore, the company benefited from healthy loan growth and higher fee income. BorgWarner benefited from strength in both its engine and drivetrain segments, as well as higher operating margins. Management also raised its earnings guidance for the 2017 fiscal year. Cognizant Technology Solutions posted healthy revenue growth over the review period attributable mainly to an increase in demand for digital solutions in the consulting and technology services business.

## Outlook

Despite the difficulty in Washington and lack of clarity on major issues such as healthcare, tax reform, and increased infrastructure spending, it seems that US companies are unfazed and aggressively allocating capital to growth initiatives. We find this to be mildly surprising. Numerous management teams with whom we have met have expressed some trepidation ahead of potential legislative reform. Nevertheless, the mergers-and-acquisitions market remains robust as those companies with healthy balance sheets are taking advantage of weakened competitors or other market dislocations in an effort to grow. Consequently, we believe that the environment remains conducive to continued growth on companies' top and bottom lines, but we are now on guard for the risk that the Fed may raise rates too quickly, as well as the risk that labour costs may begin to accelerate, hampering margin expansion for the Fund's holdings. Larger companies with international exposure appear to be benefiting from the weakening of the US dollar since the beginning of 2017. We have flagged margin compression and possible wage inflation as areas of concern, though there is no indication that either of those issues has manifested itself. We will continue to monitor these concerns.

## North American Equity Team

October 2017

# North American Equity

## Statement of Net Assets

As at 30 September 2017

	Notes	US\$'000
<b>Assets</b>		
Investments in securities at market value	2.2	139,229
Cash at bank		550
Interest and dividends receivable		150
Subscriptions receivable		1,535
Receivable for investments sold		356
<b>Total assets</b>		<b>141,820</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Taxes and expenses payable		188
Redemptions payable		1,630
<b>Total liabilities</b>		<b>1,818</b>
<b>Net assets at the end of the year</b>		<b>140,002</b>

## Statement of Changes in Net Assets

For the year from 1 October 2016 to 30 September 2017

	Notes	US\$'000
Net assets at the beginning of the year		132,817
Net losses from investments		(348)
Net realised gains		12,996
Net unrealised gains		9,131
Proceeds from shares issued		127,484
Payments for shares redeemed		(142,074)
Net equalisation paid	10	(4)
<b>Net assets at the end of the year</b>		<b>140,002</b>

## Statement of Operations

For the year from 1 October 2016 to 30 September 2017

	Notes	US\$'000
<b>Income</b>		
Investment income	2.3	1,964
Stocklending income	16	(5)
Bank interest		8
<b>Total income</b>		<b>1,967</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Management fees	4.2	1,990
Operating, administrative and servicing fees	4.3	322
Other operational expenses		3
<b>Total expenses</b>		<b>2,315</b>
<b>Net losses from investments</b>		<b>(348)</b>
Realised gains on investments		13,019
Realised currency exchange losses		(23)
<b>Net realised gains</b>		<b>12,996</b>
Increase in unrealised appreciation on investments		9,131
<b>Net unrealised gains</b>		<b>9,131</b>
<b>Net increase in assets as a result of operations</b>		<b>21,779</b>

## Share Transactions

For the year from 1 October 2016 to 30 September 2017

	A-2	D(GBP)-2	I-2	R(GBP)-2	X-2	Z-2
Shares outstanding at the beginning of the year	5,139,847	25,534	200,283	37,755	49,521	234,378
Shares issued during the year	4,122,643	4,946	89,689	400,665	798,619	47,083
Shares redeemed during the year	(4,697,214)	(5,809)	(108,398)	(387,046)	(655,047)	(74,040)
<b>Shares outstanding at the end of the year</b>	<b>4,565,276</b>	<b>24,671</b>	<b>181,574</b>	<b>51,374</b>	<b>193,093</b>	<b>207,421</b>
<b>Net asset value per share</b>	<b>27.5081</b>	<b>20.4230</b>	<b>26.3556</b>	<b>19.1389</b>	<b>16.0033</b>	<b>21.9316</b>

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements.

# North American Equity

## Portfolio Statement

As at 30 September 2017

Security	Nominal/ Quantity	Market Value US\$'000	Total Net Assets %
<b>Transferable securities and money market instruments admitted to an official exchange listing or dealt on another regulated market 98.89%</b>			
<b>Equities 98.89%</b>			
<b>Consumer Discretionary 8.92%</b>			
BorgWarner	69,359	3,553	2.54
Comcast 'A'	88,477	3,403	2.43
PVH	24,488	3,087	2.20
TJX	33,243	2,451	1.75
		<b>12,494</b>	<b>8.92</b>
<b>Consumer Staples 14.83%</b>			
Casey's General Stores	27,439	3,003	2.15
Costco Wholesale	16,023	2,632	1.88
CVS Health	34,171	2,779	1.98
Estee Lauder	32,397	3,493	2.50
Molson Coors Brewing	34,530	2,819	2.01
PepsiCo	24,758	2,758	1.97
Philip Morris International	29,553	3,281	2.34
		<b>20,765</b>	<b>14.83</b>
<b>Energy 8.40%</b>			
ConocoPhillips	63,456	3,176	2.26
EOG Resources	31,356	3,033	2.17
Schlumberger	40,250	2,807	2.01
TransCanada <sup>o</sup>	55,778	2,750	1.96
		<b>11,766</b>	<b>8.40</b>
<b>Financials 17.88%</b>			
AIG	46,672	2,866	2.05
American Express	37,692	3,408	2.43
Charles Schwab	83,524	3,653	2.61
Intercontinental Exchange	64,532	4,434	3.18
Moody's	15,924	2,216	1.58
M&T Bank	15,634	2,518	1.80
Regions Financial	195,841	2,982	2.13
Royal Bank of Canada	38,110	2,941	2.10
		<b>25,018</b>	<b>17.88</b>
<b>Health Care 10.16%</b>			
Aetna	22,841	3,632	2.59
Baxter International	46,377	2,910	2.08
Gilead Sciences	33,199	2,689	1.92
Johnson & Johnson	15,817	2,056	1.47
Pfizer	82,262	2,936	2.10
		<b>14,223</b>	<b>10.16</b>

# North American Equity

	Nominal/ Quantity	Market Value US\$'000	Total Net Assets %
<b>Security</b>			
<b>Industrials 10.00%</b>			
Canadian National Railway	27,271	2,259	1.61
Deere & Co	18,178	2,283	1.63
Equifax	20,839	2,209	1.58
Lockheed Martin	7,581	2,352	1.68
Rockwell Automation	13,317	2,373	1.69
Verisk Analytics	30,317	2,521	1.81
		<b>13,997</b>	<b>10.00</b>
<b>Information Technology 17.40%</b>			
Alphabet	4,392	4,276	3.05
CDW	44,696	2,950	2.11
Cognizant Technology Solutions 'A'	46,561	3,377	2.41
Oracle	95,509	4,615	3.30
Texas Instruments	41,237	3,697	2.64
Visa 'A'	51,797	5,450	3.89
		<b>24,365</b>	<b>17.40</b>
<b>Materials 9.45%</b>			
Ecolab	15,849	2,038	1.46
International Flavors & Fragrances	19,941	2,850	2.03
Monsanto	17,606	2,109	1.51
Potash Corp of Saskatchewan	135,691	2,611	1.87
Praxair	25,962	3,628	2.58
		<b>13,236</b>	<b>9.45</b>
<b>Telecommunication Services 1.85%</b>			
TELUS (Toronto listing)	54,111	1,943	1.39
TELUS (New York listing)	17,886	643	0.46
		<b>2,586</b>	<b>1.85</b>
<b>Total Equities</b>		<b>138,450</b>	<b>98.89</b>
<b>Total Transferable securities and money market instruments admitted to an official exchange listing or dealt on another regulated market</b>		<b>138,450</b>	<b>98.89</b>
<b>Open Ended Investment Funds 0.56%</b>			
Aberdeen Liquidity Fund (Lux) US Dollar Fund Z-1†	779	779	0.56
<b>Total Open Ended Investment Funds</b>		<b>779</b>	<b>0.56</b>
<b>Total investments</b>		<b>139,229</b>	<b>99.45</b>
<b>Other net assets</b>		<b>773</b>	<b>0.55</b>
<b>Total net assets</b>		<b>140,002</b>	<b>100.00</b>

† Managed by subsidiaries of Aberdeen Asset Management PLC.

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



# North American Smaller Companies

For the year ended 30 September 2017

## Performance

For the year ended 30 September 2017, the value of North American Smaller Companies Fund – A Accumulation Shares increased by 18.43% compared to an increase of 21.91% in the benchmark, the Russell 2000 Index (1 day lag).

Source: Lipper, Basis: total return, published NAV to NAV, net of annual charges, gross income reinvested, USD.

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 recorded significant gains for the 12-month period ended 30 September 2017, amid investors' optimism regarding generally favourable economic data and corporate earnings reports. This offset numerous periods of uncertainty surrounding the policies of the administration of US President Donald Trump, who was inaugurated on 20 January 2017. Shares of US small-cap companies, as measured by the Russell 2000 Index, climbed 21.91% for the review period. The financials, industrials and materials sectors led the upturn in the index. Conversely, energy was the lone index sector to record a negative return for the review period, while the consumer staples and real estate sectors also significantly underperformed the overall market.

Among noteworthy news over the first eight months of the new presidential administration, Trump and the Republican party majority in the US Congress failed to reach agreement on two separate proposals to "repeal and replace" the Affordable Care Act (dubbed "Obamacare") in June and September 2017. On the monetary policy front, the US Federal Reserve (Fed) increased the federal funds rate to a range of 1.00% to 1.25% over the review period in three increments of 25 basis points in December 2016, and March and June 2017. US GDP growth rates over the review period varied from 1.2% to 3.5%, bolstered largely by continued strength in consumer spending.

## Portfolio review

Fund performance for the review period was hampered primarily by stock selection in the industrials and materials sectors. At the stock level, the holding in Forum Energy Technologies was the primary contributor. Shares of the oilfield services company declined along with those of its peers due to ongoing weakness in the energy sector. On a company-specific basis, Forum Energy's quarterly results over the period were hampered by the continued low oil-price environment and higher costs. Building products manufacturer Gibraltar Industries downgraded its earnings guidance for its 2017 fiscal year due to weaker performance in its solar business. The Fund's holding in retail sporting goods store operator Hibbett Sports also weighed on performance, but we ultimately decided to exit the relatively small remaining position in March 2017. While the company's recent results had not been overly disappointing relative to those of its peers, we believed that the management team was lagging with regard to investing in ecommerce and that competitive pressures were likely to intensify over time.

Fund performance was bolstered mainly by stock selection in the information technology and consumer discretionary sectors, as well as an underweight to the real estate sector, which was a notable market laggard during the review period. The largest individual stock contributor was Fox Factory, a manufacturer of shock absorbers and suspension systems for bikes and powered vehicles. The company benefited from a significant increase in powered vehicle sales amid

increased demand for on- and off-road suspension products. Software developer Pegasystems' corporate results over the review period were bolstered by healthy growth in maintenance and service revenues. The company now is generally being recognized as a viable competitor to Salesforce in the customer relationship management market. Finally, circuit protection and sensor manufacturer Littelfuse saw strong organic revenue growth over the period. Additionally, towards the end of the period, the company announced that it will acquire a power semiconductor and integrated circuit manufacturer that management expects will be immediately accretive to its earnings and should result in significant cost savings.

## Outlook

Despite the difficulty in Washington and lack of clarity on major issues such as healthcare, tax reform, and increased infrastructure spending, it seems that US companies are unfazed and aggressively allocating capital to growth initiatives. We find this to be mildly surprising. As we noted in our second-quarter outlook, numerous management teams with whom we have met have expressed some trepidation ahead of potential legislative reform. Nevertheless, the mergers-and-acquisitions market remains robust as those companies with healthy balance sheets are taking advantage of weakened competitors or other market dislocations in an effort to grow. We believe that part of this increased confidence on the part of US companies has been driven by better growth expectations, both domestically and abroad. Second-quarter 2017 GDP growth in the US was revised upward to 3.1% on the back of higher consumption and fixed investment, both indicating that the economy is on stable footing. Canada has seemingly broken out of its economic funk, posting an eight-month stretch of GDP gains before a relatively flat reading in July. Finally, GDP growth in Europe also accelerated in the second quarter and employment has surpassed the pre-credit crisis peak. Finally, we believe that the Fed will cautiously execute the reduction of its balance sheet holding of bonds in a way that should create relatively little immediate concern for markets.

Consequently, we believe that the environment remains conducive to continued growth on companies' top and bottom lines, but we are now on guard for the risk that the Fed may raise rates too quickly, as well as the risk that labour costs may begin to accelerate, hampering margin expansion for the Fund's holdings. Excluding those companies that did not post earnings, second-quarter sales and earnings growth for small-cap companies was solidly in the mid-single digits, quite strong for this point of the cycle, from our perspective. And larger companies with international exposure appear to be benefiting from the weakening of the US dollar since the beginning of the year. We have flagged margin compression and possible wage inflation as areas of concern, though neither of those issues has aggressively manifested itself yet. We will continue to monitor these concerns.

## North American Equity Team

October 2017



# North American Smaller Companies

## Statement of Net Assets

As at 30 September 2017

	Notes	US\$'000
<b>Assets</b>		
Investments in securities at market value	2.2	490,570
Cash at bank		2,748
Interest and dividends receivable		227
Subscriptions receivable		2,773
Receivable for investments sold		7,048
<b>Total assets</b>		<b>503,366</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Payable for investments purchased		596
Taxes and expenses payable		506
Redemptions payable		2,816
Unrealised losses on forward currency exchange contracts	2.6	524
<b>Total liabilities</b>		<b>4,442</b>
<b>Net assets at the end of the year</b>		<b>498,924</b>

## Statement of Changes in Net Assets

For the year from 1 October 2016 to 30 September 2017

	Notes	US\$'000
Net assets at the beginning of the year		251,447
Net losses from investments		(1,274)
Net realised gains		28,147
Net unrealised gains		38,109
Proceeds from shares issued		671,881
Payments for shares redeemed		(489,469)
Net equalisation received	10	83
<b>Net assets at the end of the year</b>		<b>498,924</b>

## Statement of Operations

For the year from 1 October 2016 to 30 September 2017

	Notes	US\$'000
<b>Income</b>		
Investment income	2.3	3,330
Stocklending income	16	604
Bank interest		31
<b>Total income</b>		<b>3,965</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Management fees	4.2	4,245
Operating, administrative and servicing fees	4.3	976
Distribution fees	4.1	10
Other operational expenses		8
<b>Total expenses</b>		<b>5,239</b>
<b>Net losses from investments</b>		<b>(1,274)</b>
Realised gains on investments		25,349
Realised gains on forward currency exchange contracts		2,714
Realised currency exchange gains		84
<b>Net realised gains</b>		<b>28,147</b>
Increase in unrealised appreciation on investments		38,635
Increase in unrealised depreciation on forward currency exchange contracts		(521)
Unrealised currency exchange losses		(5)
<b>Net unrealised gains</b>		<b>38,109</b>
<b>Net increase in assets as a result of operations</b>		<b>64,982</b>

## Share Transactions

For the year from 1 October 2016 to 30 September 2017

	A-2	A(EUR)-2 <sup>A</sup>	A(SGD)-2 <sup>A</sup>	I-2
Shares outstanding at the beginning of the year	6,368,125	108,510	-	8,485,787
Shares issued during the year	23,610,794	989,017	90,000	13,451,116
Shares redeemed during the year	(20,503,525)	(593,368)	-	(8,217,754)
<b>Shares outstanding at the end of the year</b>	<b>9,475,394</b>	<b>504,159</b>	<b>90,000</b>	<b>13,719,149</b>
<b>Net asset value per share</b>	<b>16.4809</b>	<b>12.4778</b>	<b>10.9022</b>	<b>22.4974</b>
	I(EUR)-2 <sup>B</sup>	W-2	X-2 <sup>C</sup>	
Shares outstanding at the beginning of the year	-	650	-	
Shares issued during the year	1,606,657	177,278	505,228	
Shares redeemed during the year	(60,113)	(57,125)	(29,187)	
<b>Shares outstanding at the end of the year</b>	<b>1,546,544</b>	<b>120,803</b>	<b>476,041</b>	
<b>Net asset value per share</b>	<b>10.6502</b>	<b>11.9474</b>	<b>10.5907</b>	

<sup>A</sup> Share class launched 15 March 2017.

<sup>B</sup> Share class launched 13 February 2017.

<sup>C</sup> Share class launched 6 January 2017.

<sup>A</sup> Base currency exposure share class.

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements.

# North American Smaller Companies

## Portfolio Statement

As at 30 September 2017

	Nominal/ Quantity	Market Value US\$'000	Total Net Assets %
<b>Security</b>			
Transferable securities and money market instruments admitted to an official exchange listing or dealt on another regulated market 97.78%			
<b>Equities 97.78%</b>			
<b>Consumer Discretionary 12.45%</b>			
Core-Mark	384,996	12,372	2.48
Culp	310,777	10,217	2.05
Fox Factory	201,541	8,676	1.74
G-III Apparel	315,143	9,144	1.83
LCI Industries	65,225	7,561	1.52
Lithia Motors	63,576	7,650	1.53
Meredith	117,256	6,511	1.30
		<b>62,131</b>	<b>12.45</b>
<b>Consumer Staples 5.02%</b>			
Cal-Maine Foods <sup>oo</sup>	248,820	10,227	2.06
J&J Snack Foods	57,194	7,506	1.50
WD-40	65,200	7,294	1.46
		<b>25,027</b>	<b>5.02</b>
<b>Energy 1.77%</b>			
Forum Energy Technologies	555,042	<b>8,839</b>	<b>1.77</b>
<b>Financials 15.32%</b>			
AMERISAFE	106,318	6,180	1.24
Boston Private Financial	677,351	11,227	2.25
Canadian Western Bank <sup>oo</sup>	530,484	14,318	2.87
Glacier Bancorp	333,490	12,594	2.52
Univest Corp of Pennsylvania	411,892	13,170	2.64
Wisdomtree Investments <sup>oo</sup>	568,669	5,781	1.16
WSFS Financial	269,910	13,165	2.64
		<b>76,435</b>	<b>15.32</b>
<b>Health Care 10.12%</b>			
AMN Healthcare	197,910	9,049	1.81
Emergent BioSolutions	310,462	12,557	2.53
Globus Medical	332,822	9,896	1.98
Prestige Brands	201,529	10,096	2.02
US Physical Therapy	144,256	8,868	1.78
		<b>50,466</b>	<b>10.12</b>
<b>Industrials 21.01%</b>			
ABM Industries	216,393	9,027	1.81
Actuant 'A'	288,226	7,371	1.48
Beacon Roofing Supply	310,580	15,919	3.18
Curtiss-Wright	93,337	9,758	1.96
Gibraltar Industries	416,522	12,964	2.60

# North American Smaller Companies

	Nominal/ Quantity	Market Value US\$'000	Total Net Assets %
<b>Security</b>			
Heartland Express	369,220	9,258	1.86
Multi-Color	134,702	11,035	2.21
RBC Bearings	67,646	8,466	1.70
Ritchie Brothers Auctioneers <sup>sm</sup>	349,148	11,042	2.21
US Ecology	185,924	9,998	2.00
		<b>104,838</b>	<b>21.01</b>
<b>Information Technology 16.60%</b>			
Ellie Mae	86,470	7,101	1.42
EXLSERVICE	206,231	12,028	2.41
Fair Isaac	76,391	10,734	2.15
Insight Enterprises	300,357	13,794	2.76
Littelfuse	63,055	12,352	2.48
Manhattan Associates	193,363	8,035	1.61
OSI Systems	112,451	10,279	2.06
Pegasystems	147,898	8,523	1.71
		<b>82,846</b>	<b>16.60</b>
<b>Materials 8.63%</b>			
Kaiser Aluminium	108,683	11,196	2.24
Neenah Paper	87,305	7,471	1.50
Quaker Chemical	65,094	9,631	1.93
Sensient Technologies	132,809	10,215	2.05
Silgan	153,855	4,529	0.91
		<b>43,042</b>	<b>8.63</b>
<b>Real Estate 4.42%</b>			
Healthcare Realty Trust (REIT)	216,067	6,984	1.40
Marcus & Millichap	342,409	9,239	1.85
Physicians Realty Trust (REIT)	328,619	5,828	1.17
		<b>22,051</b>	<b>4.42</b>
<b>Telecommunication Services 2.44%</b>			
Shenandoah Telecommunications	326,912	12,153	2.44
<b>Total Equities</b>		<b>487,828</b>	<b>97.78</b>
<b>Total Transferable securities and money market instruments admitted to an official exchange listing or dealt on another regulated market</b>		<b>487,828</b>	<b>97.78</b>
<b>Open Ended Investment Funds 0.55%</b>			
Aberdeen Liquidity Fund (Lux) US Dollar Fund Z-2 <sup>†</sup>	2,742	2,742	0.55
<b>Total Open Ended Investment Funds</b>		<b>2,742</b>	<b>0.55</b>

# North American Smaller Companies

## Derivatives (0.11%)

### Forward currency exchange contracts (0.11%)

Counterparty	Buy	Sell	Settlement	Buy Amount	Sell Amount	Unrealised Gains/(Losses) US\$'000	Total Net Assets %
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	02/10/17	6,872	8,103	-	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	15/12/17	15,350,888	18,585,643	(363)	(0.08)
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	15/12/17	7,343,635	8,891,093	(173)	(0.03)
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	15/12/17	352,407	415,667	3	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	15/12/17	322,693	388,149	(5)	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	15/12/17	164,981	195,817	-	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	15/12/17	154,001	184,016	(1)	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	15/12/17	135,900	160,725	1	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	15/12/17	34,868	41,892	-	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	15/12/17	34,138	40,809	-	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	15/12/17	5,781	6,961	-	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	15/12/17	3,000	3,547	-	-
BNP Paribas	SGD	USD	15/12/17	905,986	677,685	(10)	-
BNP Paribas	SGD	USD	15/12/17	28,712	21,153	-	-
BNP Paribas	SGD	USD	15/12/17	20,355	15,161	-	-
BNP Paribas	SGD	USD	15/12/17	18,647	13,847	-	-
BNP Paribas	USD	EUR	04/10/17	3,534	3,000	-	-
BNP Paribas	USD	EUR	15/12/17	1,039,138	865,040	12	-
BNP Paribas	USD	EUR	15/12/17	869,569	722,295	12	-
BNP Paribas	USD	EUR	15/12/17	65,143	54,496	-	-
BNP Paribas	USD	EUR	15/12/17	8,135	6,872	-	-
BNP Paribas	USD	EUR	15/12/17	5,114	4,277	-	-
<b>Unrealised losses on forward currency exchange contracts</b>						<b>(524)</b>	<b>(0.11)</b>
<b>Unrealised losses on derivatives</b>						<b>(524)</b>	<b>(0.11)</b>
<b>Total investments</b>						<b>490,046</b>	<b>98.22</b>
<b>Other net assets</b>						<b>8,878</b>	<b>1.78</b>
<b>Total net assets</b>						<b>498,924</b>	<b>100.00</b>

<sup>†</sup> Managed by subsidiaries of Aberdeen Asset Management PLC.

<sup>⊗</sup> A portion of this security is on loan at the year end.

Currently forward positions are not collateralised.

# Responsible World Equity

For the year ended 30 September 2017

## Performance

For the year ended 30 September 2017, the value of Responsible World Equity – A Accumulation Shares increased by 15.64%, compared to an increase of 18.83% in the benchmark, the MSCI World Index.

Source: Lipper, Basis: total return, published NAV to NAV, net of annual charges, gross income reinvested, USD.

Please see the Performance History section for details on the use of MSCI information.

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 extended gains in the year under review. Investors focused on banks' corporate performance and the growth potential of technology firms in Asia and the US, where the weaker currency helped American exporters. In the Eurozone, investors' sentiment was propped by the elections of French independent Emmanuel Macron and incumbent Dutch centrist Mark Rutte as leaders of their respective nations.

This counterbalanced rising populist discontent in Germany and a deadlock in Brexit talks. After the UK government triggered Article 50 to kickstart Brexit negotiations, UK prime minister Theresa May called for a snap election, which unexpectedly resulted in a hung parliament and reduced her bargaining power. Markets were also worried that US policymakers would be hamstrung by political wrangling in the White House, while the failure to overhaul healthcare extended doubts over other proposed reforms, including cuts in corporate taxes.

On the policy front, central bankers in the US and Eurozone were confounded by muted inflation and wage growth, which lagged economic growth and improved unemployment levels. But the US Federal Reserve (Fed) moved to tighten monetary policy and end quantitative easing, while the European Central Bank contemplated reducing bond purchases, raising concerns about potential government policy missteps.

## Portfolio review

Our lack of exposure to France detracted from performance, as its share prices were lifted by President Emmanuel Macron's election victory, which allowed him to push for labour market reforms and pro-business policies. Our overweight to UK also cost the Fund, because its slowing economy and political instability resulting from disunity within the ruling Conservative party, coupled with a logjam in Brexit negotiations curbed risk appetite. Conversely, our non-benchmark exposure to Brazil contributed to performance, underpinned by an improving economy and the government's wider budget deficit goals. Our non-benchmark exposure to South Korea also benefited the Fund. Following President Moon Jae-In's election, he pursued economic reforms to improve corporate governance at chaebols, which lifted market sentiment.

At the stock level, CVS Health also hurt Fund returns after its management modestly lowered its earnings forecast for its full year. While the company saw an increase in revenue, profitability was flat in its pharmacy benefit manager segment, and retail sales declined. However, its differentiated product offering should enable it to win more business in the longer term. Separately, EOG Resources (EOG) was hampered by oil price volatility, amid a slew of natural calamities and geopolitical tensions. Nonetheless, EOG continues to use its innovative technological capabilities to its advantage, to lower its cost of production and remain attractively profitable.

Schlumberger detracted after it posted a decline in revenue amid a sharp drop-off in demand for its services in Latin America. But the oilfield services group could benefit from rebounding oil prices, and higher exploration and production activity.

Conversely, South Korea's Samsung Electronics contributed to Fund performance, with record profits for the quarter ending June standing out. Growing demand for memory chips and brisk turnover of its Galaxy S8 phone led to a 20% increase in sales. Our holding in Banco Bradesco also benefited the Fund, as its second-quarter results exceeded market expectations, on the back of lower provisions and a rapid recovery in credit quality, despite lower interest income and slower loan growth. Separately, Cognizant Technology rose after it announced an accelerated share repurchase, with an additional US\$1.2 billion in repurchases this year and next. It also delivered results that exceeded expectations, led by its core consulting division. Sentiment was further bolstered by its management reiterating that the company was on track to improve margins.

During the period, we introduced Indian mortgage lender Housing Development Finance, which enjoys attractive secular growth; Ritchie Brothers Auctioneers, a US-focused auction business with large market share as well as good cash flow generation; Sysmex, a Japanese market-leading diagnostic supplier, with attractive long-prospects; Ultrapar Participacoes, a well-managed and attractively-valued Brazilian chemicals and fuel distribution company. Against this, we exited Cisco Systems to fund higher conviction holdings.

## Outlook

Global equity markets continue to be buoyed by accommodative central bank policy. However, this momentum could be stymied by geopolitical tensions, costly natural disasters and government policy missteps. Equity markets are monitoring both the impact of the Fed's balance sheet normalisation, and the outcome of US President Trump's proposed tax reforms. In addition, EU solidarity and companies' operations may be tested by rising populism, the secessionist referendum in Spain, and the ongoing Brexit talks with the UK.

These developments aside, volatility is at historical lows and global equity valuations have generally risen for a protracted period. To navigate these markets, we continue to manage the Fund by investing in good quality companies at attractive valuations: diligently monitoring our holdings' business and financial performance, while maintaining a long-term perspective of their potential.

## Global Equity Team

October 2017

# Responsible World Equity

## Statement of Net Assets

As at 30 September 2017

	Notes	US\$'000
<b>Assets</b>		
Investments in securities at market value	2.2	8,826
Cash at bank		28
Interest and dividends receivable		13
Receivable for investments sold		13
Other assets		1
<b>Total assets</b>		<b>8,881</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Taxes and expenses payable		12
Redemptions payable		5
<b>Total liabilities</b>		<b>17</b>
<b>Net assets at the end of the year</b>		<b>8,864</b>

## Statement of Changes in Net Assets

For the year from 1 October 2016 to 30 September 2017

	Notes	US\$'000
Net assets at the beginning of the year		9,147
Net gains from investments		20
Net realised gains		418
Net unrealised gains		754
Proceeds from shares issued		1,178
Payments for shares redeemed		(2,652)
Net equalisation paid	10	(1)
<b>Net assets at the end of the year</b>		<b>8,864</b>

## Statement of Operations

For the year from 1 October 2016 to 30 September 2017

	Notes	US\$'000
<b>Income</b>		
Investment income	2.3	163
Stocklending income	16	1
<b>Total income</b>		<b>164</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Management fees	4.2	124
Operating, administrative and servicing fees	4.3	20
<b>Total expenses</b>		<b>144</b>
<b>Net gains from investments</b>		<b>20</b>
Realised gains on investments		415
Realised currency exchange gains		3
<b>Net realised gains</b>		<b>418</b>
Increase in unrealised appreciation on investments		754
<b>Net unrealised gains</b>		<b>754</b>
<b>Net increase in assets as a result of operations</b>		<b>1,192</b>

## Share Transactions

For the year from 1 October 2016 to 30 September 2017

	A-2	E(EUR)-2	I-2	X-2
Shares outstanding at the beginning of the year	749,555	4,762	72,920	47,755
Shares issued during the year	54,889	333	50,463	1,045
Shares redeemed during the year	(124,826)	(733)	(119,843)	(1,386)
<b>Shares outstanding at the end of the year</b>	<b>679,618</b>	<b>4,362</b>	<b>3,540</b>	<b>47,414</b>
<b>Net asset value per share</b>	<b>11.9554</b>	<b>15.3803</b>	<b>12.4164</b>	<b>12.9768</b>

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements.

# Responsible World Equity

## Portfolio Statement

As at 30 September 2017

Security	Nominal/ Quantity	Market Value US\$'000	Total Net Assets %
Transferable securities and money market instruments admitted to an official exchange listing or dealt on another regulated market 97.84%			
<b>Equities 97.84%</b>			
<b>Argentina 1.05%</b>			
Tenaris (ADR)	3,300	93	1.05
<b>Brazil 3.43%</b>			
Banco Bradesco (ADR)	19,625	217	2.45
Ultrapar Participacoes (ADR)	3,650	87	0.98
		<b>304</b>	<b>3.43</b>
<b>Canada 2.82%</b>			
Potash Corp of Saskatchewan	7,740	149	1.68
Ritchie Brothers Auctioneers	3,200	101	1.14
		<b>250</b>	<b>2.82</b>
<b>Germany 3.72%</b>			
Fresenius Medical Care	1,700	167	1.88
Henkel (non voting) (PREF)	1,200	163	1.84
		<b>330</b>	<b>3.72</b>
<b>Hong Kong 6.06%</b>			
AIA	23,300	171	1.93
Jardine Matheson	2,600	164	1.86
MTR	15,000	88	0.99
Swire Pacific 'A'	11,700	114	1.28
		<b>537</b>	<b>6.06</b>
<b>India 1.51%</b>			
Housing Development Finance	5,050	134	1.51
<b>Ireland 1.38%</b>			
Experian	6,100	123	1.38
<b>Israel 1.95%</b>			
Check Point Software Technologies	1,520	173	1.95
<b>Japan 10.71%</b>			
Daito Trust Construction Co	800	146	1.64
FANUC Corp	600	121	1.37
Keyence Corp	300	159	1.80
Mitsubishi Estate Co	4,300	75	0.84
Shimano Inc	700	93	1.05
Shin-Etsu Chemical Co	2,400	215	2.43
Sysmex Corp	2,200	140	1.58
		<b>949</b>	<b>10.71</b>

# Responsible World Equity

	Nominal/ Quantity	Market Value US\$'000	Total Net Assets %
<b>Security</b>			
<b>Netherlands 1.42%</b>			
Royal Dutch Shell 'B'	4,090	126	1.42
<b>Philippines 1.03%</b>			
Ayala Land	106,300	91	1.03
<b>Singapore 0.46%</b>			
City Developments	4,900	41	0.46
<b>South Africa 1.39%</b>			
MTN	13,320	123	1.39
<b>South Korea 2.22%</b>			
Samsung Electronics (GDR) (PREF) <sup>oo</sup>	215	197	2.22
<b>Sweden 1.57%</b>			
Atlas Copco 'A'	3,300	139	1.57
<b>Switzerland 7.89%</b>			
Nestle	1,900	159	1.80
Novartis	3,030	260	2.93
Roche	1,100	281	3.16
		<b>700</b>	<b>7.89</b>
<b>Taiwan 3.07%</b>			
TSMC (ADR)	7,250	272	3.07
<b>Thailand 1.59%</b>			
Kasikornbank (Alien)	21,900	141	1.59
<b>United Kingdom 7.05%</b>			
BHP Billiton	4,600	81	0.92
Standard Chartered	12,700	126	1.43
Vodafone	75,100	211	2.37
Whitbread	4,090	207	2.33
		<b>625</b>	<b>7.05</b>
<b>United States 37.52%</b>			
Amdocs	2,600	167	1.89
Casey's General Stores	1,000	109	1.23
Cognizant Technology Solutions 'A'	2,520	183	2.06
Comcast 'A'	4,300	165	1.87
CVS Health	2,050	167	1.88
EOG Resources	3,100	299	3.39
Intercontinental Exchange	1,900	131	1.47
Johnson & Johnson	950	123	1.39
Jones Lang LaSalle	1,060	131	1.48
M&T Bank	1,750	282	3.18



# Responsible World Equity

	Nominal/ Quantity	Market Value US\$'000	Total Net Assets %
<b>Security</b>			
Oracle	5,070	245	2.76
PepsiCo	1,100	123	1.38
Perrigo	2,082	176	1.99
Praxair	1,300	182	2.05
Samsonite International	41,600	178	2.01
Schlumberger	2,850	199	2.24
TJX	2,450	181	2.04
Visa 'A'	2,700	284	3.21
		<b>3,325</b>	<b>37.52</b>
<b>Total Equities</b>		<b>8,673</b>	<b>97.84</b>
<b>Total Transferable securities and money market instruments admitted to an official exchange listing or dealt on another regulated market</b>		<b>8,673</b>	<b>97.84</b>
<b>Open Ended Investment Funds 1.73%</b>			
Aberdeen Liquidity Fund (Lux) US Dollar Fund Z-2 <sup>†</sup>	153	153	1.73
<b>Total Open Ended Investment Funds</b>		<b>153</b>	<b>1.73</b>
<b>Total investments</b>		<b>8,826</b>	<b>99.57</b>
<b>Other net assets</b>		<b>38</b>	<b>0.43</b>
<b>Total net assets</b>		<b>8,864</b>	<b>100.00</b>

<sup>†</sup> Managed by subsidiaries of Aberdeen Asset Management PLC.

<sup>∞</sup> A portion of this security is on loan at the year end.

# Russian Equity

For the year ended 30 September 2017

## Performance

For the year ended 30 September 2017, the value of Russian Equity – A Accumulation Shares increased by 13.71% compared to an increase of 13.82% in the benchmark, the MSCI Russia 10/40 Index.

Source: Lipper, Basis: total return, published NAV to NAV, net of annual charges, gross income reinvested, EUR.

Please see the Performance History section for details on the use of MSCI information.

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

Russian equities posted healthy gains over the year, though they failed to match the rally in the wider emerging markets. The benchmark seesawed, rising at first before tracking oil lower, as an OPEC-led agreement to extend output cuts failed to assuage persistent oversupply concerns on booming US shale production. Towards the end of the review period, however, sentiment recovered on signs of a recovering economy and stabilising commodity prices.

The economy finally returned to growth, with GDP rising for three quarters after a two-year recession, partly aided by improving consumption and fixed investment. Various indicators, including manufacturing, industrial output and retail sales, also remained generally solid.

The central bank was active over the year. It cut its key interest rate four times amid easing inflation. It also rescued two lenders in August and September, Otkritie and B&N Bank, which were facing liquidity troubles.

On the political front, hopes for better relations with the US under a Trump presidency faded after American lawmakers voted to impose fresh sanctions on the country for alleged interference in the 2016 US presidential election. Meanwhile, the Kremlin also ordered state-owned enterprises to pay out at least half of their profits as dividends, in an attempt to bolster state coffers. While the move gave a short-term boost to the companies, it may hurt their cash flows.

## Portfolio review

Our holdings in the materials sector contributed most to relative performance. Steel producers Novolipetsk Steel and Magnitogorsk Iron & Steel works (MMK) both rallied as improving internal efficiencies underpinned higher profitability. The former was also boosted by recovering US sales.

The Fund's positioning in financials also proved beneficial. Most notably, not holding VTB Bank, which fell over the year, was positive. Our lack of exposure to oil majors Rosneft and Gazprom was another boon, given the volatility in commodity prices. Meanwhile, IT firm Yandex was boosted by upbeat forecasts and announced partnerships with Uber and Sberbank.

The performance of consumer stocks was mixed. Magnit was boosted by growing investor confidence in its turnaround strategy, while X5 Retail was supported by the improving economic outlook. Conversely, retailer Lenta and spirits maker Beluga were among the biggest detractors despite decent results. Our lack of exposure to utilities also weighed on performance, as companies in the sector rallied amid

promise of higher dividends. However, we find that utility companies lack regulatory visibility, and the industry is characterised by a lack of pricing power.

Other stock-level detractors included software company Luxoft, which was pressured by lower revenues from its key client accounts, while private hospital operator Georgia Healthcare Group was hurt by changes to the healthcare coverage system.

Apart from the portfolio changes mentioned in the interim, we also topped-up Magnit, X5 Retail, Sberbank, MMK and Luxoft on relative share price weakness. Against this, we top-sliced Bank of Georgia, EPAM Systems and QIWI following relative share price outperformance, and container-terminal operator Global Ports Investments amid market volatility.

## Outlook

Good performance in 2017's third quarter has considerably brightened the outlook for Russia, though concerns remain. The US Federal Reserve's normalisation plans, which include a likely December rate hike, remain a major concern, as tighter liquidity could dampen appetite for riskier assets and lead to capital outflows. The latest round of US sanctions may yet hurt investment in the country. Focus will also be on China, Russia's largest trading partner. But while mainland growth is expected to moderate, resilience of exports and consumption suggest a sharp slowdown is unlikely, which should be a positive. More encouragingly, the economy seems to be on firmer footing, having grown for three consecutive quarters. Corporate earnings also appear to be trending upwards, while valuations are still favourable. Russia's fortunes remains closely tied to oil prices, which have stabilised recently, and signals of an extension of the agreement with OPEC to limit oil production to end-2018 will further support the markets and the economy. We remain confident in our approach, favouring quality companies that can weather uncertainties and benefit from the upturn in growth and earnings.

## Global Emerging Markets Equity Team

October 2017

# Russian Equity

## Statement of Net Assets

As at 30 September 2017

	Notes	€'000
<b>Assets</b>		
Investments in securities at market value	2.2	17,791
Cash at bank		53
Interest and dividends receivable		40
Subscriptions receivable		51
Receivable for investments sold		86
Other assets		2
<b>Total assets</b>		<b>18,023</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Taxes and expenses payable		35
Redemptions payable		101
<b>Total liabilities</b>		<b>136</b>
<b>Net assets at the end of the year</b>		<b>17,887</b>

## Statement of Changes in Net Assets

For the year from 1 October 2016 to 30 September 2017

	Notes	€'000
Net assets at the beginning of the year		17,934
Net gains from investments		70
Net realised gains		594
Net unrealised gains		1,735
Proceeds from shares issued		9,402
Payments for shares redeemed		(11,840)
Net equalisation paid	10	(8)
<b>Net assets at the end of the year</b>		<b>17,887</b>

## Statement of Operations

For the year from 1 October 2016 to 30 September 2017

	Notes	€'000
<b>Income</b>		
Investment income	2.3	497
Stocklending income	16	21
Bank interest		1
<b>Total income</b>		<b>519</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Management fees	4.2	318
Operating, administrative and servicing fees	4.3	131
<b>Total expenses</b>		<b>449</b>
<b>Net gains from investments</b>		<b>70</b>
Realised gains on investments		613
Realised currency exchange losses		(19)
<b>Net realised gains</b>		<b>594</b>
Decrease in unrealised depreciation on investments		1,735
<b>Net unrealised gains</b>		<b>1,735</b>
<b>Net increase in assets as a result of operations</b>		<b>2,399</b>

## Share Transactions

For the year from 1 October 2016 to 30 September 2017

	A-2	I-2	R(GBP)-2	S-2	X-2
Shares outstanding at the beginning of the year	694,259	4,994	500	1,017,200	56,982
Shares issued during the year	260,619	5,969	-	240,688	2,831
Shares redeemed during the year	(296,881)	(7,639)	-	(336,168)	(11,842)
<b>Shares outstanding at the end of the year</b>	<b>657,997</b>	<b>3,324</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>921,720</b>	<b>47,971</b>
<b>Net asset value per share</b>	<b>9.3783</b>	<b>793.3534</b>	<b>16.3872</b>	<b>9.2637</b>	<b>11.0774</b>

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements.

# Russian Equity

## Portfolio Statement

As at 30 September 2017

Security	Nominal/ Quantity	Market Value €'000	Total Net Assets %
<b>Transferable securities and money market instruments admitted to an official exchange listing or dealt on another regulated market 99.14%</b>			
<b>Equities 99.14%</b>			
<b>Consumer Staples 25.11%</b>			
Anadolu Efes Biracilik Ve Malt Sanayii	55,605	277	1.55
Lenta (GDR) <sup>∞</sup>	159,600	834	4.66
Magnit	11,500	1,705	9.54
O'Key (GDR) <sup>∞</sup>	145,200	258	1.44
Beluga	66,682	605	3.38
X5 Retail (GDR)	21,405	812	4.54
		<b>4,491</b>	<b>25.11</b>
<b>Energy 16.51%</b>			
Lukoil	33,323	1,498	8.37
NOVATEK	150,200	1,455	8.14
		<b>2,953</b>	<b>16.51</b>
<b>Financials 18.47%</b>			
Bank of Georgia	20,500	758	4.24
Moscow Exchange MICEX-RTS	433,400	738	4.13
Sberbank	638,134	1,807	10.10
		<b>3,303</b>	<b>18.47</b>
<b>Health Care 7.02%</b>			
Georgia Healthcare	131,000	439	2.45
MD Medical Group Investments (GDR)	92,093	818	4.57
		<b>1,257</b>	<b>7.02</b>
<b>Industrials 4.14%</b>			
Enka Insaat ve Sanayi	337,469	417	2.33
Global Ports Investments (GDR)	90,171	324	1.81
		<b>741</b>	<b>4.14</b>
<b>Information Technology 15.66%</b>			
EPAM Systems	11,413	849	4.75
Luxoft	18,300	740	4.14
QIWI (ADR) <sup>∞</sup>	23,100	331	1.85
Yandex 'A'	31,600	881	4.92
		<b>2,801</b>	<b>15.66</b>
<b>Materials 6.57%</b>			
Magnitogorsk Iron & Steel Works (GDR)	63,000	516	2.88
Novolipetsk Steel	340,400	659	3.69
		<b>1,175</b>	<b>6.57</b>

# Russian Equity

	Nominal/ Quantity	Market Value €'000	Total Net Assets %
<b>Security</b>			
<b>Real Estate 1.92%</b>			
Raven Russia	629,825	343	1.92
<b>Telecommunication Services 3.74%</b>			
Mobile Telesystems	161,850	669	3.74
<b>Total Equities</b>		17,733	99.14
<b>Total Transferable securities and money market instruments admitted to an official exchange listing or dealt on another regulated market</b>		17,733	99.14
<b>Open Ended Investment Funds 0.32%</b>			
Aberdeen Liquidity Fund (Lux) US Dollar Fund Z-1 <sup>†</sup>	68	58	0.32
<b>Total Open Ended Investment Funds</b>		58	0.32
<b>Total investments</b>		17,791	99.46
<b>Other net assets</b>		96	0.54
<b>Total net assets</b>		17,887	100.00

<sup>†</sup> Managed by subsidiaries of Aberdeen Asset Management PLC.

<sup>∞</sup> A portion of this security is on loan at the year end.

# Select Emerging Markets Bond

For the year ended 30 September 2017

## Performance

For the year ended 30 September 2017, the value of Select Emerging Markets Bond - A Accumulation Shares increased by 6.67% compared to an increase of 4.61% in the benchmark, the JP Morgan EMBI Global Diversified Index.

Source: Lipper, Basis: total return, published NAV to NAV, net of annual charges, gross income reinvested, USD.

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 run up to the US elections in November last year dominated market news early in the period. Donald Trump's surprise victory sparked some volatility in emerging market (EM) risk assets, with most market participants expecting Hillary Clinton to replace Barack Obama in the White House. Despite a sharp sell-off on the back of initial fears around what a Trump presidency would mean for EM debt, it was a very positive period on the whole for both hard and local currency bonds. The asset class shrugged off prospects of a "hard" Trump – despite the President withdrawing the US from the Trans-Pacific Partnership in January – while the US Federal Reserve's decision to hike interest rates three times over the reporting period did little to offset the 2017 rally. The market is pricing in one more hike in December this year.

In oil news, prices were volatile at the start of the period amid concerns that OPEC members would fail to come to an agreement on production quotas. However, despite a dip in prices over the second quarter, Brent crude rallied, rising 9.1% alone in September as it reached a peak of \$59 per barrel – a level that hasn't been breached since the middle of 2015. There are signs the massive glut in oil inventories is starting to be drawn down as well as rising expectations that the OPEC supply deal will be extended beyond March 2018. Other commodities were relatively subdued for much of the period before an increase over the third quarter of 2017 helped boost the asset class. Demand for both hard currency and local currency remained robust, while emerging market currencies grew in strength against a weakening US dollar.

The Eurozone successfully skirted around various political hurdles including potential French and Dutch general election surprises and a possible Greek default. The German election did not play out in the same vein, however. While Angela Merkel is set to continue as German chancellor after winning the national election, her Christian Democrat alliance recorded its worst election result since 1949, amid a larger-than-expected surge in support for her nationalist opponents: the anti-immigration Alternative for Germany party.

Returning our focus back on emerging markets, many nations now find themselves in something of a 'sweet spot', though the picture is a little more mixed for some. A weaker US dollar is boosting global cross-border liquidity and helping a number of emerging market currencies, while China's economy continues to do well despite weakening marginally over the third quarter and lingering fears around debt levels. India has been heralded as one of emerging markets' brightest spots in recent times but data has become a little mixed. Activity has slowed notably over the past two quarters with the external sector

deteriorating alongside weak domestic demand playing a role. A strong rupee and teething issues around the newly implemented Goods & Services Tax (GST) also hindered progress.

## Portfolio review

The Fund outperformed its benchmark over the period.

Fund performance was bolstered by an overweight allocation to Brazilian local currency bonds, country allocation and selection effects in Ukraine, as well as overweight positions in Argentina, Russia, Mexico and El Salvador. Bond selection in Venezuela was the largest detractor from performance over the quarter, while underweight positions in Panama and Sri Lanka were also negative contributors.

At the start of the year, we reduced our exposure to Ecuador and Kenya in the run up to US elections and also topped up our positions in Iraq and Bahrain, where we participated in new issues in the third quarter. For much of the period we added to our exposure in Argentina, favouring local currency bonds, where we have been encouraged by improving macro fundamentals. In frontiers space, we reduced exposure to several markets at the start of 2017, including Suriname, Angola, Ethiopia and Ghana, while at the same time reducing duration in Pemex, the Mexican state-owned oil company. Meanwhile in corporate space, we carried out various switches and also bought a new issue from Vimpelcom, a Russian telecommunications company. Later in the year we increased the fund's allocation to El Salvador and initiated a position in Lebanon while reducing Ethiopia, Dubai and Tunisia. Finally, in local markets, we reduced our positioning in Malaysia and Uruguay, while increasing exposure to Russia. In currency space, we cut our exposure to Mexican peso and increased exposure to Turkish lira, of which we later took profit in September.

## Outlook

Portfolio flow data into the asset class remains extremely strong although this could be tested amid potential changes in news flow in the US and Eurozone. President Trump could announce new Federal Reserve Chair this month as Janet Yellen's term is due to end in February, while US tax reform is also back on the agenda. In Europe, while Brexit negotiations continue, we wait to ascertain whether Merkel has been weakened as a result of Germany's election result and what this could mean for the Eurozone project.

All told, monetary policy is expected to remain divergent throughout the rest of the year between advanced and emerging economies. Robust economic growth in advanced economies is giving central banks some room to breathe and reload their monetary policy arsenals ahead of the next slowdown, while uneven recoveries in emerging market economies has several central banks on an easing cycle, including Brazil, Colombia, Russia, Ukraine and South Africa.

## Emerging Market Debt Team

October 2017

# Select Emerging Markets Bond

## Statement of Net Assets

As at 30 September 2017

	Notes	US\$'000
<b>Assets</b>		
Investments in securities at market value	2.2	1,787,594
Cash at bank		108,977
Interest receivable		26,451
Subscriptions receivable		8,570
Receivable for investments sold		7,154
<b>Total assets</b>		<b>1,938,746</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Payable for investments purchased		16,910
Taxes and expenses payable		2,082
Redemptions payable		12,003
Unrealised losses on forward currency exchange contracts	2.6	11,066
Other liabilities		3,727
<b>Total liabilities</b>		<b>45,788</b>
<b>Net assets at the end of the year</b>		<b>1,892,958</b>

## Statement of Changes in Net Assets

For the year from 1 October 2016 to 30 September 2017

	Notes	US\$'000
Net assets at the beginning of the year		1,624,372
Net gains from investments		84,246
Net realised gains		54,363
Net unrealised losses		(10,398)
Proceeds from shares issued		992,714
Payments for shares redeemed		(828,216)
Net equalisation received	10	145
Dividends paid	5	(24,274)
Unclaimed monies		6
<b>Net assets at the end of the year</b>		<b>1,892,958</b>

## Statement of Operations

For the year from 1 October 2016 to 30 September 2017

	Notes	US\$'000
<b>Income</b>		
Investment income	2.3	104,856
Stocklending income	16	1,013
Bank interest		337
<b>Total income</b>		<b>106,206</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Management fees	4.2	18,613
Operating, administrative and servicing fees	4.3	3,293
Distribution fees	4.1	21
Other operational expenses		33
<b>Total expenses</b>		<b>21,960</b>
<b>Net gains from investments</b>		<b>84,246</b>
Realised gains on investments		36,850
Realised gains on forward currency exchange contracts		17,299
Realised currency exchange gains		214
<b>Net realised gains</b>		<b>54,363</b>
Decrease in unrealised appreciation on investments		(931)
Increase in unrealised depreciation on forward currency exchange contracts		(9,322)
Unrealised currency exchange losses		(145)
<b>Net unrealised losses</b>		<b>(10,398)</b>
<b>Net increase in assets as a result of operations</b>		<b>128,211</b>

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## Share Transactions

For the year from 1 October 2016 to 30 September 2017

	A-1	A-2	A-3	A(CHF)-2 <sup>^</sup>	A(CZK)-2 <sup>^</sup>	A(EUR)-1 <sup>^</sup>
Shares outstanding at the beginning of the year	10,595,547	11,047,660	99,409	93,508	98,215	2,485,682
Shares issued during the year	8,559,826	7,520,084	3,484,956	9,029	-	2,030,051
Shares redeemed during the year	(2,572,772)	(8,833,901)	(733,373)	(17,959)	(47,004)	(937,181)
<b>Shares outstanding at the end of the year</b>	<b>16,582,601</b>	<b>9,733,843</b>	<b>2,850,992</b>	<b>84,578</b>	<b>51,211</b>	<b>3,578,552</b>
<b>Net asset value per share</b>	<b>18.5400</b>	<b>46.0036</b>	<b>11.0258</b>	<b>142.1664</b>	<b>108.3399</b>	<b>8.9444</b>

	A(EUR)-2 <sup>^</sup>	A(GBP)-1 <sup>^</sup>	A(HUF)-2 <sup>^A</sup>	A(SGD)-1 <sup>^B</sup>	I-1	I-2
Shares outstanding at the beginning of the year	783,207	1,546,128	-	-	574,122	15,553,872
Shares issued during the year	333,377	380,542	507,818	104,065	202,687	15,744,590
Shares redeemed during the year	(245,315)	(306,504)	(182,000)	-	(194,644)	(14,184,866)
<b>Shares outstanding at the end of the year</b>	<b>871,269</b>	<b>1,620,166</b>	<b>325,818</b>	<b>104,065</b>	<b>582,165</b>	<b>17,113,596</b>
<b>Net asset value per share</b>	<b>145.5170</b>	<b>13.4631</b>	<b>1,048.2412</b>	<b>10.5142</b>	<b>18.7528</b>	<b>19.3663</b>

	I(CHF)-1 <sup>^</sup>	I(EUR)-1 <sup>^</sup>	I(GBP)-1 <sup>^C</sup>	R(GBP)-2	W-1	W-2
Shares outstanding at the beginning of the year	9,101,445	10,357,228	-	679,487	107,774	11,658
Shares issued during the year	-	7,561,237	50,000	253,268	92,100	59,712
Shares redeemed during the year	-	(6,283,686)	-	(68,789)	(4,765)	(9,343)
<b>Shares outstanding at the end of the year</b>	<b>9,101,445</b>	<b>11,634,779</b>	<b>50,000</b>	<b>863,966</b>	<b>195,109</b>	<b>62,027</b>
<b>Net asset value per share</b>	<b>9.6964</b>	<b>9.0563</b>	<b>10.0595</b>	<b>14.0554</b>	<b>10.9950</b>	<b>12.0166</b>

	X-1	X-2	X(EUR)-2 <sup>^</sup>	Y(EUR)-1	Y(EUR)-2	Z-1 <sup>^D</sup>
Shares outstanding at the beginning of the year	241,176	2,717,051	792,992	105,033	257,976	-
Shares issued during the year	128,693	656,143	391,759	57,502	387,326	650
Shares redeemed during the year	(46,238)	(571,508)	(362,885)	(26,442)	(42,157)	-
<b>Shares outstanding at the end of the year</b>	<b>323,631</b>	<b>2,801,686</b>	<b>821,866</b>	<b>136,093</b>	<b>603,145</b>	<b>650</b>
<b>Net asset value per share</b>	<b>9.2736</b>	<b>11.9225</b>	<b>11.9544</b>	<b>10.2204</b>	<b>13.1402</b>	<b>10.4359</b>

	Z-2	Z(EUR)-2 <sup>^</sup>
Shares outstanding at the beginning of the year	2,607,534	7,400,000
Shares issued during the year	-	-
Shares redeemed during the year	(89,684)	-
<b>Shares outstanding at the end of the year</b>	<b>2,517,850</b>	<b>7,400,000</b>
<b>Net asset value per share</b>	<b>50.9431</b>	<b>12.4867</b>

<sup>A</sup> Share class launched 5 April 2017.

<sup>B</sup> Share class launched 15 March 2017.

<sup>C</sup> Share class launched 24 August 2017.

<sup>D</sup> Share class launched 13 February 2017.

<sup>E</sup> Base currency exposure share class.

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements.



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## Portfolio Statement

As at 30 September 2017

Security	Coupon (%)	Maturity	Nominal/ Quantity	Market Value US\$'000	Total Net Assets %
Transferable securities and money market instruments admitted to an official exchange listing or dealt on another regulated market 90.86%					
Bonds 90.86%					
Corporate Bonds 21.65%					
Azerbaijan 0.98%					
Southern Gas Corridor <sup>oo</sup>	6.8750	24/03/26	16,490,000	18,636	0.98
Brazil 0.96%					
Petrobras Global Finance	6.2500	17/03/24	13,530,000	14,491	0.77
Petrobras Global Finance	8.3750	23/05/21	3,180,000	3,684	0.19
				18,175	0.96
Cayman Islands 0.36%					
Sparc EM SPC Panama Metro Line 2	-	05/12/22	7,466,000	6,824	0.36
Chile 0.95%					
Empresa Electrica Angamos	4.8750	25/05/29	8,690,000	8,865	0.46
Latam Airlines 2015-1 Pass Through Trust A	4.2000	15/08/29	6,030,638	6,166	0.33
Latam Finance <sup>oo</sup>	6.8750	11/04/24	2,815,000	2,984	0.16
				18,015	0.95
Colombia 0.46%					
Banco de Bogota <sup>oo</sup>	6.2500	12/05/26	7,992,000	8,747	0.46
Dominican Republic 0.33%					
Dominican Republic (Mestenio)	8.5000	02/01/20	5,940,667	6,302	0.33
Ecuador 0.85%					
EP PetroEcuador	FRN	24/09/19	3,436,632	3,471	0.18
Petroamazonas <sup>oo</sup>	4.6250	16/02/20	13,200,000	12,582	0.67
				16,053	0.85
Georgia 1.67%					
Georgian Oil and Gas <sup>oo</sup>	6.7500	26/04/21	13,750,000	14,575	0.77
Georgian Railway	7.7500	11/07/22	15,130,000	16,870	0.90
				31,445	1.67
Indonesia 1.82%					
Pertamina Persero <sup>oo</sup>	6.5000	27/05/41	26,330,000	31,403	1.67
Pertamina Persero (EMTN) <sup>oo</sup>	6.4500	30/05/44	2,410,000	2,864	0.15
				34,267	1.82
Kazakhstan 1.23%					
Kazakhstan Temir Zholy Finance <sup>oo</sup>	6.9500	10/07/42	12,950,000	14,568	0.77
Tengizchevroil Finance International	4.0000	15/08/26	8,704,000	8,650	0.46
				23,218	1.23

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Security	Coupon (%)	Maturity	Nominal/ Quantity	Market Value US\$'000	Total Net Assets %
<b>Kuwait 0.46%</b>					
Equate Petrochemical (EMTN)	4.2500	03/11/26	8,500,000	8,762	0.46
<b>Mexico 4.17%</b>					
Alfa <sup>∞</sup>	6.8750	25/03/44	8,450,000	9,570	0.51
Petroleos Mexicanos	6.8750	04/08/26	18,340,000	20,909	1.10
Petroleos Mexicanos <sup>∞</sup>	FRN	11/03/22	15,550,000	16,950	0.90
Petroleos Mexicanos	6.5000	02/06/41	15,300,000	16,034	0.85
Petroleos Mexicanos	6.6250	15/06/38	8,400,000	8,959	0.47
Petroleos Mexicanos	6.7500	21/09/47	5,970,000	6,366	0.34
				<b>78,788</b>	<b>4.17</b>
<b>Morocco 0.56%</b>					
OCP	6.8750	25/04/44	9,390,000	10,587	0.56
<b>Netherlands 0.48%</b>					
VimpelCom	4.9500	16/06/24	8,800,000	9,027	0.48
<b>Nigeria 0.48%</b>					
United Bank for Africa <sup>∞</sup>	7.7500	08/06/22	3,720,000	3,729	0.20
Zenith Bank <sup>∞</sup>	7.3750	30/05/22	5,240,000	5,420	0.28
				<b>9,149</b>	<b>0.48</b>
<b>Panama 0.46%</b>					
Global Bank <sup>∞</sup>	4.5000	20/10/21	8,415,000	8,634	0.46
<b>Peru 0.48%</b>					
VM	5.3750	04/05/27	8,720,000	9,178	0.48
<b>Russian Federation 1.34%</b>					
Gazprom <sup>∞</sup>	4.3750	19/09/22	8,250,000	8,425	0.45
GTLK Europe <sup>∞</sup>	5.9500	19/07/21	7,400,000	7,853	0.41
Vnesheconombank Via VEB Finance	6.8000	22/11/25	8,030,000	9,082	0.48
				<b>25,360</b>	<b>1.34</b>
<b>South Africa 0.63%</b>					
Eskom	6.7500	06/08/23	2,822,000	2,924	0.15
MTN Mauritius Investments	6.5000	13/10/26	8,440,000	9,083	0.48
				<b>12,007</b>	<b>0.63</b>
<b>Sri Lanka 0.22%</b>					
National Savings Bank	8.8750	18/09/18	4,030,000	4,231	0.22
<b>Supranational 0.74%</b>					
European Bank for Reconstruction & Development (EMTN)	5.7500	19/03/18	920,000,000	14,056	0.74

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Security	Coupon (%)	Maturity	Nominal/ Quantity	Market Value US\$'000	Total Net Assets %
<b>Turkey 0.54%</b>					
Hazine Mustesarligi Varlik Kiralama	5.0040	06/04/23	9,945,000	10,243	0.54
<b>United Arab Emirates 1.48%</b>					
ICD Sukuk (EMTN)	5.0000	01/02/27	17,950,000	19,014	1.00
MAF Global Securities	VAR	PERP	8,730,000	9,041	0.48
				<b>28,055</b>	<b>1.48</b>
<b>Total Corporate Bonds</b>				<b>409,759</b>	<b>21.65</b>
<b>Government Bonds 69.21%</b>					
<b>Argentina 7.28%</b>					
Argentina (Republic of) <sup>∞</sup>	7.5000	22/04/26	28,400,000	31,971	1.68
Argentina (Republic of) <sup>∞</sup>	8.2800	31/12/33	26,933,150	31,377	1.66
Argentina (Republic of)	5.6250	26/01/22	17,650,000	18,555	0.98
Argentina (Republic of)	FRN	21/06/20	226,200,000	13,738	0.73
Argentina (Republic of)	7.8200	31/12/33	5,954,401	7,796	0.41
Argentina (Republic of)	16.0000	17/10/23	119,463,022	7,092	0.37
Argentina (Republic of)	7.1250	06/07/36	5,638,000	5,934	0.31
Argentina (Republic of)	VAR	15/12/35	48,050,000	5,213	0.28
Argentina (Republic of)	18.2000	03/10/21	77,100,000	4,577	0.24
Argentina (Republic of)	2.5000	31/12/38	1,600,000	1,136	0.06
Argentina (Republic of) (SINK)	7.8200	31/12/33	8,066,720	10,669	0.56
				<b>138,058</b>	<b>7.28</b>
<b>Armenia 0.42%</b>					
Armenia (Republic of) <sup>∞</sup>	7.1500	26/03/25	4,013,000	4,506	0.24
Armenia (Republic of) <sup>∞</sup>	6.0000	30/09/20	3,280,000	3,481	0.18
				<b>7,987</b>	<b>0.42</b>
<b>Bahrain 1.46%</b>					
Bahrain (Kingdom of)	7.0000	12/10/28	17,100,000	17,485	0.93
Bahrain (Kingdom of)	7.0000	26/01/26	4,860,000	5,158	0.27
Bahrain (Kingdom of)	6.7500	20/09/29	4,956,000	4,931	0.26
				<b>27,574</b>	<b>1.46</b>
<b>Brazil 3.32%</b>					
Brazil (Federal Republic of)	10.0000	01/01/27	86,000,000	27,714	1.47
Brazil (Federal Republic of)	10.0000	01/01/25	31,427,000	10,200	0.54
Brazil (Federal Republic of)	10.0000	01/01/23	25,760,000	8,393	0.44
Brazil (Federal Republic of)	6.0000	15/08/50	7,700,000	8,349	0.44
Caixa Economica Federal	4.2500	13/05/19	7,957,000	8,128	0.43
				<b>62,784</b>	<b>3.32</b>
<b>Croatia 0.71%</b>					
Croatia (Republic of) <sup>∞</sup>	6.0000	26/01/24	7,530,000	8,611	0.46
Croatia (Republic of)	5.5000	04/04/23	4,280,000	4,757	0.25
				<b>13,368</b>	<b>0.71</b>

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Security	Coupon (%)	Maturity	Nominal/ Quantity	Market Value US\$'000	Total Net Assets %
<b>Dominican Republic 3.52%</b>					
Dominican (Republic of)	7.4500	30/04/44	21,100,000	25,188	1.32
Dominican (Republic of)	6.8500	27/01/45	20,550,000	23,016	1.22
Dominican (Republic of)	5.8750	18/04/24	17,000,000	18,488	0.98
				<b>66,692</b>	<b>3.52</b>
<b>Ecuador 2.38%</b>					
Ecuador (Republic of)	10.7500	28/03/22	22,290,000	24,909	1.32
Ecuador (Republic of) <sup>∞</sup>	8.7500	02/06/23	12,428,000	12,863	0.68
Ecuador (Republic of)	9.6500	13/12/26	6,900,000	7,280	0.38
				<b>45,052</b>	<b>2.38</b>
<b>Egypt 1.13%</b>					
Egypt (Republic of) <sup>∞</sup>	6.1250	31/01/22	8,000,000	8,310	0.44
Egypt (Republic of) <sup>∞</sup>	7.5000	31/01/27	6,850,000	7,475	0.39
Egypt (Republic of)	8.5000	31/01/47	5,020,000	5,617	0.30
				<b>21,402</b>	<b>1.13</b>
<b>El Salvador 2.20%</b>					
El Salvador (Republic of)	6.3750	18/01/27	21,360,000	21,199	1.12
El Salvador (Republic of)	5.8750	30/01/25	20,700,000	20,364	1.08
				<b>41,563</b>	<b>2.20</b>
<b>Gabon 0.27%</b>					
Gabon (Republic of)	6.3750	12/12/24	5,211,136	<b>5,094</b>	<b>0.27</b>
<b>Georgia 0.49%</b>					
Georgia (Republic of) <sup>∞</sup>	6.8750	12/04/21	8,190,000	9,201	0.49
<b>Ghana 1.53%</b>					
Ghana (Republic of)	8.1250	18/01/26	22,900,000	24,389	1.29
Ghana (Republic of)	10.7500	14/10/30	3,540,000	4,615	0.24
				<b>29,004</b>	<b>1.53</b>
<b>Guatemala 0.47%</b>					
Guatemala (Republic of)	4.8750	13/02/28	8,710,000	<b>8,939</b>	<b>0.47</b>
<b>Honduras 1.37%</b>					
Honduras (Republic of) <sup>∞</sup>	7.5000	15/03/24	15,580,000	17,781	0.94
Honduras (Republic of) <sup>∞</sup>	6.2500	19/01/27	7,500,000	8,100	0.43
				<b>25,881</b>	<b>1.37</b>
<b>Hungary 0.43%</b>					
Hungary (Republic of)	6.3750	29/03/21	7,250,000	<b>8,188</b>	<b>0.43</b>
<b>Indonesia 3.55%</b>					
Indonesia (Republic of)	8.3750	15/03/34	217,375,000,000	17,637	0.93
Indonesia (Republic of)	8.2500	15/05/36	19,486,000,000	1,579	0.08

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Security	Coupon (%)	Maturity	Nominal/ Quantity	Market Value US\$'000	Total Net Assets %
Indonesia (Republic of) (EMTN)	5.8750	15/01/24	17,800,000	20,439	1.08
Lembaga Pembiayaan Ekspor Indonesia (EMTN)	3.8750	06/04/24	6,090,000	6,242	0.33
Perusahaan Penerbit SBSN Indonesia III	4.3500	10/09/24	10,980,000	11,647	0.62
Perusahaan Penerbit SBSN Indonesia III	3.4000	29/03/22	9,552,000	9,741	0.51
				<b>67,285</b>	<b>3.55</b>
<b>Iraq 0.27%</b>					
Iraq (Republic of)	6.7520	09/03/23	5,122,000	5,096	0.27
<b>Ivory Coast 0.88%</b>					
Ivory Coast (Government of)	6.3750	03/03/28	10,600,000	10,945	0.58
Ivory Coast (Government of)	5.3750	23/07/24	3,935,000	3,979	0.21
Ivory Coast (Government of) (STEP)	VAR	31/12/32	1,737,000	1,704	0.09
				<b>16,628</b>	<b>0.88</b>
<b>Jordan 0.84%</b>					
Jordan (Kingdom of) <sup>∞</sup>	5.7500	31/01/27	9,556,000	9,389	0.50
Jordan (Kingdom of)	6.1250	29/01/26	6,400,000	6,488	0.34
				<b>15,877</b>	<b>0.84</b>
<b>Kenya 0.52%</b>					
Kenya (Republic of)	6.8750	24/06/24	9,660,000	9,889	0.52
<b>Lebanon 2.62%</b>					
Lebanon (Republic of)	6.8500	23/03/27	18,800,000	18,776	0.99
Lebanon (Republic of)	6.7500	29/11/27	18,300,000	18,106	0.96
Lebanon (Republic of) (EMTN)	6.1000	04/10/22	12,740,000	12,764	0.67
				<b>49,646</b>	<b>2.62</b>
<b>Mexico 1.86%</b>					
Mexico (Government of)	5.5500	21/01/45	16,650,000	19,231	1.01
Mexico (Government of)	6.0500	11/01/40	13,300,000	16,000	0.85
				<b>35,231</b>	<b>1.86</b>
<b>Mongolia 0.76%</b>					
Mongolia (Government of) (EMTN)	10.8750	06/04/21	6,570,000	7,639	0.41
Mongolia (Government of) (EMTN)	4.1250	05/01/18	6,637,000	6,678	0.35
				<b>14,317</b>	<b>0.76</b>
<b>Morocco 0.86%</b>					
Morocco (Government of)	4.2500	11/12/22	15,200,000	16,188	0.86
<b>Namibia 0.24%</b>					
Namibia (Government of) <sup>∞</sup>	5.2500	29/10/25	4,382,000	4,459	0.24
<b>Nigeria 0.50%</b>					
Nigeria (Federal Republic of)	7.8750	16/02/32	8,749,000	9,558	0.50

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Security	Coupon (%)	Maturity	Nominal/ Quantity	Market Value US\$'000	Total Net Assets %
<b>Panama 0.24%</b>					
Panama (Republic of)	5.2000	30/01/20	4,200,000	4,536	0.24
<b>Paraguay 2.02%</b>					
Paraguay (Republic of)	6.1000	11/08/44	20,770,000	23,418	1.24
Paraguay (Republic of)	5.0000	15/04/26	7,310,000	7,849	0.41
Paraguay (Republic of)	4.7000	27/03/27	6,644,000	6,943	0.37
				<b>38,210</b>	<b>2.02</b>
<b>Peru 1.40%</b>					
Peru (Republic of)	6.9500	12/08/31	50,000,000	17,259	0.91
Peru (Republic of)	6.1500	12/08/32	14,471,000	4,664	0.25
Peru (Republic of) <sup>∞</sup>	7.1250	30/03/19	4,235,000	4,591	0.24
				<b>26,514</b>	<b>1.40</b>
<b>Russian Federation 3.44%</b>					
Russia (Federation of)	5.2500	23/06/47	27,600,000	28,283	1.50
Russia (Federation of)	7.5000	15/03/18	1,070,000,000	18,595	0.98
Russia (Federation of)	8.5000	17/09/31	969,570,000	18,176	0.96
				<b>65,054</b>	<b>3.44</b>
<b>Rwanda 0.96%</b>					
Rwanda (Republic of)	6.6250	02/05/23	17,380,000	18,249	0.96
<b>Senegal 0.89%</b>					
Senegal (Republic of) <sup>∞</sup>	6.2500	30/07/24	7,850,000	8,399	0.45
Senegal (Republic of)	6.2500	23/05/33	4,985,000	5,144	0.27
Senegal (Republic of) <sup>∞</sup>	8.7500	13/05/21	2,800,000	3,236	0.17
				<b>16,779</b>	<b>0.89</b>
<b>Serbia 2.39%</b>					
Serbia (Republic of)	7.2500	28/09/21	39,100,000	45,195	2.39
<b>South Africa 1.05%</b>					
South Africa (Republic of)	5.8750	30/05/22	11,600,000	12,782	0.67
South Africa (Republic of)	4.6650	17/01/24	6,936,000	7,118	0.38
				<b>19,900</b>	<b>1.05</b>
<b>Tanzania 0.39%</b>					
Tanzania (Republic of)	FRN	09/03/20	7,083,333	7,444	0.39
<b>Tunisia 0.14%</b>					
Banque Centrale de Tunisie	5.7500	30/01/25	2,730,000	2,669	0.14
<b>Turkey 5.80%</b>					
Turkey (Republic of)	6.0000	25/03/27	34,750,000	37,378	1.97
Turkey (Republic of)	4.8750	09/10/26	29,200,000	29,036	1.53
Turkey (Republic of)	5.7500	22/03/24	21,255,000	22,623	1.20

## Select Emerging Markets Bond

Security	Coupon (%)	Maturity	Nominal/ Quantity	Market Value US\$'000	Total Net Assets %
Turkey (Republic of)	7.3750	05/02/25	17,910,000	20,832	1.10
				<b>109,869</b>	<b>5.80</b>
<b>Ukraine 4.73%</b>					
Ukraine (Republic of)	7.7500	01/09/24	24,800,000	25,953	1.37
Ukraine (Republic of)	7.7500	01/09/26	18,900,000	19,458	1.03
Ukraine (Republic of)	7.7500	01/09/21	14,550,000	15,481	0.82
Ukraine (Republic of)	7.7500	01/09/25	12,980,000	13,460	0.71
Ukraine (Republic of)	7.7500	01/09/20	7,300,000	7,753	0.41
Ukraine (Republic of)	VAR	31/05/40	13,600,000	7,364	0.39
				<b>89,469</b>	<b>4.73</b>
<b>United Arab Emirates 0.48%</b>					
Dubai (Government of) (EMTN)	5.2500	30/01/43	8,800,000	<b>9,064</b>	<b>0.48</b>
<b>Uruguay 2.27%</b>					
Uruguay (Republic of)	4.3750	27/10/27	12,780,000	13,802	0.73
Uruguay (Republic of)	8.5000	15/03/28	347,481,000	12,429	0.66
Uruguay (Republic of)	5.1000	18/06/50	10,050,000	10,640	0.56
Uruguay (Republic of)	9.8750	20/06/22	164,077,000	6,115	0.32
				<b>42,986</b>	<b>2.27</b>
<b>Venezuela 1.91%</b>					
Petroleos de Venezuela	6.0000	16/05/24	72,750,000	22,298	1.18
Venezuela (Republic of)	9.2500	07/05/28	40,030,000	13,860	0.73
				<b>36,158</b>	<b>1.91</b>
<b>Vietnam 0.58%</b>					
Vietnam (Socialist Republic of)	6.7500	29/01/20	10,040,000	<b>10,988</b>	<b>0.58</b>
<b>Zambia 0.64%</b>					
Zambia (Republic of)	8.9700	30/07/27	11,072,000	<b>12,055</b>	<b>0.64</b>
<b>Total Government Bonds</b>				<b>1,310,100</b>	<b>69.21</b>
<b>Total Bonds</b>				<b>1,719,859</b>	<b>90.86</b>
<b>Total Transferable securities and money market instruments admitted to an official exchange listing or dealt on another regulated market</b>				<b>1,719,859</b>	<b>90.86</b>
<b>Other transferable securities and money market instruments 0.06%</b>					
<b>Bonds 0.06%</b>					
<b>Corporate Bonds 0.06%</b>					
<b>Brazil 0.06%</b>					
OAS Investments	8.2500	19/10/19	14,310,000	<b>1,198</b>	<b>0.06</b>
<b>Total Corporate Bonds</b>				<b>1,198</b>	<b>0.06</b>

## Select Emerging Markets Bond

Security	Nominal/ Quantity	Market Value US\$'000	Total Net Assets %
<b>Total Bonds</b>		<b>1,198</b>	<b>0.06</b>
<b>Total Other transferable securities and money market instruments</b>		<b>1,198</b>	<b>0.06</b>
<b>Open Ended Investment Funds 3.51%</b>			
Aberdeen Global - Emerging Markets Corporate Bond Fund Z-1 <sup>†</sup>	3,530,540	37,981	2.00
Aberdeen Global - Indian Bond Fund Z-2 <sup>†</sup>	2,349,724	28,556	1.51
		<b>66,537</b>	<b>3.51</b>
<b>Total Open Ended Investment Funds</b>		<b>66,537</b>	<b>3.51</b>

### Derivatives (0.58%)

#### Forward currency exchange contracts (0.58%)

Counterparty	Buy	Sell	Settlement	Buy Amount	Sell Amount	Unrealised Gains/(Losses) US\$'000	Total Net Assets %
Barclays Capital	USD	INR	22/11/17	13,367,151	865,376,000	213	0.01
BNP Paribas	CHF	USD	04/10/17	83,341	85,671	-	-
BNP Paribas	CHF	USD	05/10/17	284,379	293,507	-	-
BNP Paribas	CHF	USD	13/10/17	88,789,677	93,936,256	(2,099)	(0.11)
BNP Paribas	CHF	USD	15/12/17	12,423,673	13,195,827	(289)	(0.02)
BNP Paribas	CHF	USD	15/12/17	29,137	30,419	-	-
BNP Paribas	CHF	USD	15/12/17	3,345	3,505	-	-
BNP Paribas	CZK	USD	15/12/17	5,667,438	263,368	(4)	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	03/10/17	3,679,557	4,322,376	28	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	13/10/17	128,558,828	155,137,594	(3,066)	(0.15)
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	13/10/17	105,563,332	127,387,917	(2,517)	(0.13)
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	13/10/17	92,667,278	111,825,681	(2,211)	(0.12)
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	13/10/17	861,972	1,033,414	(14)	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	13/10/17	652,721	777,717	(6)	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	13/10/17	429,810	515,782	(7)	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	13/10/17	310,205	371,495	(5)	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	13/10/17	194,626	235,261	(5)	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	13/10/17	160,233	192,283	(3)	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	13/10/17	135,273	159,603	-	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	13/10/17	104,733	123,906	-	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	13/10/17	97,439	116,484	(1)	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	13/10/17	72,131	85,014	-	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	13/10/17	63,090	74,565	-	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	13/10/17	37,166	44,661	(1)	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	13/10/17	31,108	37,421	(1)	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	13/10/17	24,886	29,581	-	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	13/10/17	13,916	16,581	-	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	13/10/17	2,388	2,857	-	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	15/12/17	31,507,051	38,146,248	(743)	(0.04)
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	15/12/17	9,814,582	11,882,721	(231)	(0.01)
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	15/12/17	446,459	536,399	(6)	-



## Select Emerging Markets Bond

Counterparty	Buy	Sell	Settlement	Buy Amount	Sell Amount	Unrealised Gains/(Losses) US\$'000	Total Net Assets %
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	15/12/17	328,634	389,017	1	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	15/12/17	162,473	191,631	1	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	15/12/17	77,474	93,406	(1)	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	15/12/17	48,831	59,218	(1)	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	15/12/17	45,351	54,612	(1)	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	15/12/17	31,323	37,709	(1)	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	15/12/17	21,025	25,257	-	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	15/12/17	18,149	21,522	-	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	15/12/17	13,355	16,117	-	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	15/12/17	10,947	13,056	-	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	15/12/17	9,997	11,855	-	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	15/12/17	7,528	9,029	-	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	15/12/17	5,117	6,135	-	-
BNP Paribas	GBP	USD	05/10/17	47,683	63,819	-	-
BNP Paribas	GBP	USD	15/12/17	21,737,636	28,647,205	585	0.03
BNP Paribas	GBP	USD	15/12/17	505,692	666,432	14	-
BNP Paribas	GBP	USD	15/12/17	81,054	109,515	(1)	-
BNP Paribas	GBP	USD	15/12/17	64,009	86,910	(1)	-
BNP Paribas	GBP	USD	15/12/17	41,584	56,411	-	-
BNP Paribas	GBP	USD	15/12/17	21,120	27,990	-	-
BNP Paribas	GBP	USD	15/12/17	16,932	22,915	-	-
BNP Paribas	GBP	USD	15/12/17	14,195	18,879	-	-
BNP Paribas	GBP	USD	15/12/17	11,286	15,177	-	-
BNP Paribas	GBP	USD	15/12/17	11,226	14,905	-	-
BNP Paribas	GBP	USD	15/12/17	5,432	7,312	-	-
BNP Paribas	GBP	USD	15/12/17	5,029	6,655	-	-
BNP Paribas	HUF	USD	15/12/17	339,763,508	1,343,836	(46)	-
BNP Paribas	HUF	USD	15/12/17	1,500,000	5,821	-	-
BNP Paribas	SGD	USD	15/12/17	1,096,290	820,034	(12)	-
BNP Paribas	SGD	USD	15/12/17	4,330	3,201	-	-
BNP Paribas	USD	EUR	02/10/17	387,493	328,634	(1)	-
BNP Paribas	USD	EUR	02/10/17	159,500	135,273	-	-
BNP Paribas	USD	GBP	02/10/17	7,296	5,432	-	-
BNP Paribas	USD	SGD	02/10/17	3,198	4,330	-	-
BNP Paribas	USD	EUR	03/10/17	190,857	162,473	(1)	-
BNP Paribas	USD	EUR	04/10/17	84,970	72,131	-	-
BNP Paribas	USD	GBP	04/10/17	15,145	11,286	-	-
BNP Paribas	USD	EUR	05/10/17	74,535	63,090	-	-
BNP Paribas	USD	EUR	05/10/17	21,442	18,149	-	-
BNP Paribas	USD	EUR	05/10/17	11,810	9,997	-	-
BNP Paribas	USD	EUR	13/10/17	4,324,469	3,679,557	(28)	-
BNP Paribas	USD	EUR	13/10/17	907,621	758,837	10	-
BNP Paribas	USD	EUR	13/10/17	879,746	746,329	(3)	-
BNP Paribas	USD	EUR	13/10/17	876,553	743,619	(3)	-
BNP Paribas	USD	EUR	13/10/17	769,502	652,804	(3)	-
BNP Paribas	USD	CHF	13/10/17	673,053	653,977	(3)	-

## Select Emerging Markets Bond

Counterparty	Buy	Sell	Settlement	Buy Amount	Sell Amount	Unrealised Gains/(Losses) US\$'000	Total Net Assets %
BNP Paribas	USD	EUR	13/10/17	90,388	75,309	1	-
BNP Paribas	USD	EUR	13/10/17	22,050	18,417	-	-
BNP Paribas	USD	EUR	15/12/17	560,534	465,600	8	-
BNP Paribas	USD	CHF	15/12/17	294,812	284,379	(1)	-
BNP Paribas	USD	EUR	15/12/17	204,860	170,722	2	-
BNP Paribas	USD	EUR	15/12/17	197,618	167,094	(1)	-
BNP Paribas	USD	GBP	15/12/17	151,075	112,258	-	-
BNP Paribas	USD	GBP	15/12/17	149,893	110,186	2	-
BNP Paribas	USD	CHF	15/12/17	86,056	83,341	(1)	-
BNP Paribas	USD	EUR	15/12/17	81,935	68,282	1	-
BNP Paribas	USD	CHF	15/12/17	66,796	64,522	-	-
BNP Paribas	USD	GBP	15/12/17	63,819	47,683	-	-
BNP Paribas	USD	CHF	15/12/17	44,799	42,840	-	-
BNP Paribas	USD	EUR	15/12/17	28,629	23,950	-	-
BNP Paribas	USD	EUR	15/12/17	23,056	19,287	-	-
BNP Paribas	USD	CHF	15/12/17	21,214	20,472	-	-
BNP Paribas	USD	HUF	15/12/17	9,508	2,502,604	-	-
BNP Paribas	USD	CHF	15/12/17	8,989	8,572	-	-
BNP Paribas	USD	CHF	15/12/17	7,577	7,228	-	-
BNP Paribas	USD	SGD	15/12/17	6,213	8,434	-	-
BNP Paribas	USD	CZK	15/12/17	4,979	108,176	-	-
BNP Paribas	USD	GBP	15/12/17	3,548	2,639	-	-
BNP Paribas	USD	CZK	15/12/17	2,882	63,449	-	-
BNP Paribas	USD	EUR	15/12/17	2,671	2,225	-	-
Citigroup	USD	EUR	13/10/17	15,140,703	13,229,000	(508)	(0.03)
Goldman Sachs	USD	IDR	22/11/17	2,303,954	31,114,903,000	3	-
UBS	INR	USD	22/11/17	865,376,000	13,263,484	(109)	(0.01)
Unrealised losses on forward currency exchange contracts						(11,066)	(0.58)
Unrealised losses on derivatives						(11,066)	(0.58)
Total investments						1,776,528	93.85
Other net assets						116,430	6.15
Total net assets						1,892,958	100.00

<sup>†</sup> Managed by subsidiaries of Aberdeen Asset Management PLC.

<sup>∞</sup> A portion of this security is on loan at the year end.

Currently forward positions are not collateralised.

# Select Emerging Markets Investment Grade Bond

For the year ended 30 September 2017

## Performance

For the year ended 30 September 2017, the value of Select Emerging Markets Investment Grade Bond - H Accumulation Shares decreased by 2.97% compared to a decrease of 2.64% in the benchmark, the JP Morgan EMBI Global Diversified Investment Grade Index.

Source: Lipper, JP Morgan. Basis: total return, published NAV to NAV, net of annual charges, gross income reinvested, EUR.

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 run up to the US elections in November last year dominated market news early in the period. Donald Trump's surprise victory sparked some volatility in emerging market (EM) risk assets, with most market participants expecting Hillary Clinton to replace Barack Obama in the White House. Despite a sharp sell-off on the back of initial fears around what a Trump presidency would mean for EM debt, it was a very positive period on the whole for both hard and local currency bonds. The asset class shrugged off prospects of a "hard" Trump – despite the President withdrawing the US from the Trans-Pacific Partnership in January – while the US Federal Reserve's (Fed) decision to hike interest rates three times over the reporting period did little to offset the 2017 rally. The market is pricing in one more hike in December this year.

In oil news, prices were volatile at the start of the period amid concerns that OPEC members would fail to come to an agreement on production quotas. However, despite a dip in prices over the second quarter, Brent crude rallied, rising 9.1% alone in September as it reached a peak of \$59 per barrel – a level that hasn't been breached since the middle of 2015. There are signs the massive glut in oil inventories is starting to be drawn down as well as rising expectations that the OPEC supply deal will be extended beyond March 2018. Other commodities were relatively subdued for much of the period before an increase over the third quarter of 2017 helped boost the asset class. Demand for both hard currency and local currency remained robust, while emerging market currencies grew in strength against a weakening US dollar.

The Eurozone successfully skirted around various political hurdles – namely a Brexit induced slowdown, French and Dutch general election surprises and a possible Greek default. The German election did not play out in the same vein, however. While Angela Merkel is set to continue as German chancellor after winning the national election, her Christian Democrat alliance recorded its worst election result since 1949, amid a larger-than-expected surge in support for her nationalist opponents: the anti-immigration Alternative for Germany party.

## Portfolio review

Throughout the year, in terms of management effects, country allocation was the largest contributor to performance while credit allocation, bond selection effects and sector allocation effects were all positive. Currency allocation effects were the only negative. An off-benchmark position in Brazil was the Fund's largest positive contributor over the period. Elsewhere, bond selection effects in Mexico and Indonesia helped the Fund to outperform, as did off-benchmark local currency bond exposure in Russia and an underweight position in the Philippines. On the other side, a combination of currency exposure and bond selection in Malaysia was the Fund's most significant underperformer, while bond selection in Morocco as well as currency exposure in Indonesia and Hungary detracted from Fund returns.

At the start of the year, we reduced our Turkey position owing to the fact that the country was removed from the benchmark, as it is now has sub-investment grade credit ratings from two of the three main agencies, and increased exposure to Hungary. Elsewhere, we participated in the inaugural Eurobond from Saudi Arabia, while we also participated in a new floating-rate note from Pemex, Mexico's state-owned oil company, which we deemed to be attractively priced compared to its existing bonds. We bought Kuwait which was funded out of Saudi Arabia after the credit rallied significantly during the Qatari geopolitical crisis, when we also cut our holding of Oman Electric, a quasi-sovereign utilities company. In corporate space, the Fund participated in various new issues, including from Codelco, the Chilean state-owned miner, and PTTEP, a Thai hydrocarbons company. Further to this, as well as participating in a new issue from India's Hindustan Petroleum, we initiated a position in the Aberdeen Global – Indian Bond Fund in order to gain access to the country's local bond market. Finally, in local markets, we reduced our positioning in Malaysia and Uruguay, while increasing exposure to Russia and Indonesia. Further to this we added currency shorts in China and South Korea, and latterly added to Indian rupee exposure, seeing attractive valuation opportunities.

## Outlook

The IMF/World Bank Annual Meetings take place in Washington, DC in October and will be a good opportunity to gauge the sentiment of policy makers and investors going into 2018. Portfolio flow data into the asset class remains extremely strong although this could be tested amid potential changes in news flow in the US and Eurozone. President Trump could announce new Fed Chair this month as Janet Yellen's term is due to end in February, while US tax reform is also back on the agenda. In Europe, while Brexit negotiations continue, we wait to ascertain whether Merkel has been weakened as a result of Germany's election result and what this could mean for the Eurozone project.

## Emerging Market Debt Team

October 2017

# Select Emerging Markets Investment Grade Bond

## Statement of Net Assets

As at 30 September 2017

	Notes	US\$'000
<b>Assets</b>		
Investments in securities at market value	2.2	99,941
Cash at bank		5,379
Interest receivable		1,246
<b>Total assets</b>		<b>106,566</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Payable for investments purchased		819
Taxes and expenses payable		112
Unrealised losses on forward currency exchange contracts	2.6	1,659
Other liabilities		302
<b>Total liabilities</b>		<b>2,892</b>
<b>Net assets at the end of the year</b>		<b>103,674</b>

## Statement of Changes in Net Assets

For the year from 1 October 2016 to 30 September 2017

	Notes	US\$'000
Net assets at the beginning of the year		100,724
Net gains from investments		2,892
Net realised gains		3,709
Net unrealised losses		(1,206)
Proceeds from shares issued		6,985
Payments for shares redeemed		(7,284)
Net equalisation paid	10	(1)
Dividends paid	5	(2,145)
<b>Net assets at the end of the year</b>		<b>103,674</b>

## Statement of Operations

For the year from 1 October 2016 to 30 September 2017

	Notes	US\$'000
<b>Income</b>		
Investment income	2.3	4,124
Bank interest		20
<b>Total income</b>		<b>4,144</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Management fees	4.2	992
Operating, administrative and servicing fees	4.3	259
Other operational expenses		1
<b>Total expenses</b>		<b>1,252</b>
<b>Net gains from investments</b>		<b>2,892</b>
Realised losses on investments		(284)
Realised gains on forward currency exchange contracts		3,996
Realised currency exchange losses		(3)
<b>Net realised gains</b>		<b>3,709</b>
Increase in unrealised appreciation on investments		272
Increase in unrealised depreciation on forward currency exchange contracts		(1,473)
Unrealised currency exchange losses		(5)
<b>Net unrealised losses</b>		<b>(1,206)</b>
<b>Net increase in assets as a result of operations</b>		<b>5,395</b>

## Share Transactions

For the year from 1 October 2016 to 30 September 2017

	A-1	A-2	A(EUR)-1^	A(EUR)-2^	H(EUR)-1	H(EUR)-2
Shares outstanding at the beginning of the year	220,790	790	71,000	278,000	640	1,683,000
Shares issued during the year	485,000	-	-	-	-	-
Shares redeemed during the year	(595,790)	-	-	(92,400)	-	-
<b>Shares outstanding at the end of the year</b>	<b>110,000</b>	<b>790</b>	<b>71,000</b>	<b>185,600</b>	<b>640</b>	<b>1,683,000</b>
<b>Net asset value per share</b>	<b>10.5814</b>	<b>11.1269</b>	<b>10.2633</b>	<b>10.8045</b>	<b>10.3160</b>	<b>11.3615</b>

	I-1	I-2	I(EUR)-1^	Z-2
Shares outstanding at the beginning of the year	800	800	6,566,865	800
Shares issued during the year	-	-	198,505	-
Shares redeemed during the year	-	-	-	-
<b>Shares outstanding at the end of the year</b>	<b>800</b>	<b>800</b>	<b>6,765,370</b>	<b>800</b>
<b>Net asset value per share</b>	<b>9.8965</b>	<b>10.8991</b>	<b>9.5814</b>	<b>11.2102</b>

^ Base currency exposure share class.

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements.

# Select Emerging Markets Investment Grade Bond

## Portfolio Statement

As at 30 September 2017

Security	Coupon (%)	Maturity	Nominal/ Quantity	Market Value US\$'000	Total Net Assets %
Transferable securities and money market instruments admitted to an official exchange listing or dealt on another regulated market					95.49%
<b>Bonds 95.49%</b>					
<b>Corporate Bonds 38.37%</b>					
<b>Brazil 1.43%</b>					
GTL Trade Finance	7.2500	16/04/44	450,000	483	0.47
Petrobras Global Finance	8.3750	23/05/21	860,000	996	0.96
				<b>1,479</b>	<b>1.43</b>
<b>Cayman Islands 0.38%</b>					
Sparc EM SPC Panama Metro Line 2	-	05/12/22	429,000	392	0.38
<b>Chile 1.51%</b>					
Corp Nacional del Cobre de Chile	3.6250	01/08/27	620,000	621	0.60
Empresa Electrica Angamos	4.8750	25/05/29	450,000	459	0.44
Latam Airlines 2015-1 Pass Through Trust A	4.2000	15/08/29	474,422	485	0.47
				<b>1,565</b>	<b>1.51</b>
<b>China 5.09%</b>					
China Railway Resources	3.8500	05/02/23	910,000	946	0.91
China Resources Gas (EMTN)	4.5000	05/04/22	500,000	532	0.51
Chinalco Capital	4.2500	21/04/22	930,000	952	0.92
CNOOC Nexen Finance 2014 ULC	4.2500	30/04/24	1,050,000	1,119	1.09
Eastern Creation II Investment (EMTN)	2.7500	26/09/20	200,000	201	0.19
ENN Energy	6.0000	13/05/21	400,000	440	0.42
Sinopec Group Overseas Development 2014	4.3750	10/04/24	1,010,000	1,086	1.05
				<b>5,276</b>	<b>5.09</b>
<b>Colombia 1.20%</b>					
Banco de Bogota	6.2500	12/05/26	668,000	731	0.70
GrupoSura Finance	5.5000	29/04/26	470,000	514	0.50
				<b>1,245</b>	<b>1.20</b>
<b>India 1.67%</b>					
Hindustan Petroleum	4.0000	12/07/27	500,000	506	0.49
Indian Railway Finance	3.9170	26/02/19	1,200,000	1,225	1.18
				<b>1,731</b>	<b>1.67</b>
<b>Indonesia 3.97%</b>					
Pertamina Persero	6.5000	27/05/41	2,070,000	2,468	2.38
Pertamina Persero	6.0000	03/05/42	980,000	1,107	1.07
Pertamina Persero (EMTN)	6.4500	30/05/44	454,000	540	0.52
				<b>4,115</b>	<b>3.97</b>
<b>Kazakhstan 4.68%</b>					
Kazakhstan Temir Zholy Finance	6.9500	10/07/42	2,420,000	2,723	2.62
KazMunayGas National	7.0000	05/05/20	700,000	764	0.74

## Select Emerging Markets Investment Grade Bond

Security	Coupon (%)	Maturity	Nominal/ Quantity	Market Value US\$'000	Total Net Assets %
KazMunayGas National (EMTN)	9.1250	02/07/18	570,000	597	0.58
Tengizchevroil Finance International	4.0000	15/08/26	777,000	772	0.74
				<b>4,856</b>	<b>4.68</b>
<b>Kuwait 0.50%</b>					
Equate Petrochemical (EMTN)	4.2500	03/11/26	500,000	515	0.50
<b>Malaysia 3.14%</b>					
Danga Capital	3.0350	01/03/21	1,000,000	1,009	0.97
Petronas Capital	7.8750	22/05/22	1,830,000	2,248	2.17
				<b>3,257</b>	<b>3.14</b>
<b>Mexico 6.25%</b>					
Alfa	6.8750	25/03/44	460,000	521	0.50
BBVA Bancomer Texas	6.7500	30/09/22	430,000	493	0.48
Mexico City Airport Trust	5.5000	31/07/47	400,000	407	0.39
Petroleos Mexicanos	6.5000	02/06/41	2,894,000	3,034	2.92
Petroleos Mexicanos	6.8750	04/08/26	880,000	1,004	0.96
Petroleos Mexicanos	5.6250	23/01/46	660,000	616	0.59
Petroleos Mexicanos	FRN	11/03/22	320,000	349	0.34
Petroleos Mexicanos	6.3750	23/01/45	70,000	71	0.07
				<b>6,495</b>	<b>6.25</b>
<b>Morocco 0.96%</b>					
OCP	6.8750	25/04/44	880,000	992	0.96
<b>Panama 0.49%</b>					
Global Bank	4.5000	20/10/21	500,000	513	0.49
<b>Peru 1.12%</b>					
Southern Copper	5.8750	23/04/45	512,000	586	0.57
VM	5.3750	04/05/27	545,000	574	0.55
				<b>1,160</b>	<b>1.12</b>
<b>Russian Federation 0.93%</b>					
Vnesheconombank Via VEB Finance	6.8000	22/11/25	850,000	961	0.93
<b>South Africa 0.50%</b>					
MTN Mauritius Investments	6.5000	13/10/26	486,000	523	0.50
<b>Thailand 1.07%</b>					
PTTEP Treasury Center	VAR	PERP	1,088,000	1,109	1.07
<b>Turkey 0.51%</b>					
Turk Telekomunikasyon	4.8750	19/06/24	510,000	524	0.51

# Select Emerging Markets Investment Grade Bond

Security	Coupon (%)	Maturity	Nominal/ Quantity	Market Value US\$'000	Total Net Assets %
<b>United Arab Emirates 2.97%</b>					
Abu Dhabi National Energy	3.6250	12/01/23	460,000	467	0.45
ADCB Finance Cayman (EMTN)	4.5000	06/03/23	420,000	441	0.43
DP World (EMTN)	6.8500	02/07/37	430,000	533	0.51
ICD Sukuk (EMTN)	5.0000	01/02/27	860,000	911	0.88
RAK Capital (EMTN)	3.0940	31/03/25	730,000	723	0.70
				<b>3,075</b>	<b>2.97</b>
<b>Total Corporate Bonds</b>				<b>39,783</b>	<b>38.37</b>
<b>Government Bonds 57.12%</b>					
<b>Bahrain 0.48%</b>					
Bahrain (Kingdom of)	7.0000	12/10/28	490,000	501	0.48
<b>Brazil 1.57%</b>					
Brazil (Federal Republic of)	10.0000	01/01/23	4,110,000	1,339	1.29
Brazil (Federal Republic of)	10.0000	01/01/27	900,000	290	0.28
				<b>1,629</b>	<b>1.57</b>
<b>Chile 1.84%</b>					
Chile (Republic of)	2.2500	30/10/22	1,360,000	1,360	1.31
Chile (Republic of)	3.1250	21/01/26	530,000	546	0.53
				<b>1,906</b>	<b>1.84</b>
<b>Colombia 3.22%</b>					
Colombia (Republic of)	7.3750	18/03/19	1,930,000	2,084	2.01
Colombia (Republic of)	7.3750	18/09/37	950,000	1,251	1.21
				<b>3,335</b>	<b>3.22</b>
<b>Hungary 5.16%</b>					
Hungary (Republic of)	5.3750	21/02/23	3,080,000	3,488	3.36
Hungary (Republic of)	4.1250	19/02/18	1,110,000	1,120	1.08
Hungary (Republic of)	5.3750	25/03/24	650,000	744	0.72
				<b>5,352</b>	<b>5.16</b>
<b>Indonesia 5.73%</b>					
Indonesia (Republic of)	8.3750	15/03/34	7,473,000,000	606	0.58
Indonesia (Republic of) (EMTN)	5.8750	15/01/24	2,450,000	2,814	2.72
Perusahaan Penerbit SBSN Indonesia III	4.3500	10/09/24	2,180,000	2,312	2.23
Perusahaan Penerbit SBSN Indonesia III	3.4000	29/03/22	200,000	204	0.20
				<b>5,936</b>	<b>5.73</b>
<b>Kazakhstan 1.61%</b>					
Kazakhstan Government International Bond	3.8750	14/10/24	1,620,000	1,666	1.61
<b>Kuwait 0.96%</b>					
Kuwait (State of)	3.5000	20/03/27	970,000	999	0.96

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Security	Coupon (%)	Maturity	Nominal/ Quantity	Market Value US\$'000	Total Net Assets %
<b>Lithuania 0.30%</b>					
Lithuania (Republic of)	6.1250	09/03/21	280,000	315	0.30
<b>Mexico 5.80%</b>					
Mexico (Government of)	4.0000	02/10/23	2,700,000	2,858	2.76
Mexico (Government of)	6.0500	11/01/40	2,000,000	2,406	2.32
Mexico (Government of)	5.5500	21/01/45	650,000	751	0.72
				<b>6,015</b>	<b>5.80</b>
<b>Morocco 2.24%</b>					
Morocco (Government of)	4.2500	11/12/22	2,180,000	2,322	2.24
<b>Namibia 0.45%</b>					
Namibia (Government of)	5.2500	29/10/25	455,000	463	0.45
<b>Panama 2.81%</b>					
Panama (Republic of)	6.7000	26/01/36	900,000	1,196	1.15
Panama (Republic of)	3.7500	16/03/25	1,110,000	1,164	1.12
Panama (Republic of)	3.8750	17/03/28	530,000	557	0.54
				<b>2,917</b>	<b>2.81</b>
<b>Peru 3.06%</b>					
Peru (Republic of)	6.5500	14/03/37	1,180,000	1,594	1.54
Peru (Republic of)	5.6250	18/11/50	650,000	823	0.79
Peru (Republic of)	6.9500	12/08/31	1,400,000	483	0.47
Peru (Republic of)	6.1500	12/08/32	843,000	272	0.26
				<b>3,172</b>	<b>3.06</b>
<b>Philippines 2.20%</b>					
Philippines (Republic of)	8.3750	17/06/19	1,190,000	1,320	1.27
Philippines (Republic of)	7.7500	14/01/31	660,000	962	0.93
				<b>2,282</b>	<b>2.20</b>
<b>Poland 3.50%</b>					
Poland (Republic of)	5.1250	21/04/21	1,760,000	1,932	1.86
Poland (Republic of)	3.2500	06/04/26	1,380,000	1,420	1.37
Poland (Republic of)	3.0000	17/03/23	270,000	277	0.27
				<b>3,629</b>	<b>3.50</b>
<b>Qatar 1.05%</b>					
Qatar (State of)	2.3750	02/06/21	1,100,000	1,086	1.05
<b>Romania 3.17%</b>					
Romania (Republic of) (EMTN)	6.1250	22/01/44	1,580,000	2,013	1.94
Romania (Republic of) (EMTN)	6.7500	07/02/22	1,100,000	1,275	1.23
				<b>3,288</b>	<b>3.17</b>



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Security	Coupon (%)	Maturity	Nominal/ Quantity	Market Value US\$'000	Total Net Assets %
<b>Russian Federation 1.02%</b>					
Russia (Federation of)	8.5000	17/09/31	38,560,000	723	0.70
Russia (Federation of)	7.5000	15/03/18	19,000,000	330	0.32
				<b>1,053</b>	<b>1.02</b>
<b>Saudi Arabia 0.80%</b>					
Saudi Arabia (Government of) (EMTN)	4.6250	04/10/47	824,000	828	0.80
<b>Turkey 1.40%</b>					
Turkey (Republic of)	4.8750	09/10/26	980,000	974	0.94
Turkey (Republic of)	5.7500	22/03/24	450,000	479	0.46
				<b>1,453</b>	<b>1.40</b>
<b>United Arab Emirates 1.59%</b>					
Dubai (Government of) (EMTN)	5.2500	30/01/43	710,000	731	0.71
Sharjah Sukuk	3.7640	17/09/24	890,000	923	0.88
				<b>1,654</b>	<b>1.59</b>
<b>Uruguay 7.16%</b>					
Uruguay (Republic of)	5.1000	18/06/50	3,680,000	3,896	3.77
Uruguay (Republic of)	7.8750	15/01/33	1,340,000	1,899	1.83
Uruguay (Republic of)	4.3750	27/10/27	1,040,000	1,123	1.08
Uruguay (Republic of)	8.5000	15/03/28	9,300,000	333	0.32
Uruguay (Republic of)	9.8750	20/06/22	4,436,000	165	0.16
				<b>7,416</b>	<b>7.16</b>
<b>Total Government Bonds</b>				<b>59,217</b>	<b>57.12</b>
<b>Total Bonds</b>				<b>99,000</b>	<b>95.49</b>
<b>Total Transferable securities and money market instruments admitted to an official exchange listing or dealt on another regulated market</b>				<b>99,000</b>	<b>95.49</b>
<b>Open Ended Investment Funds 0.91%</b>					
Aberdeen Global - Indian Bond Fund Z-Z†			77,402	941	0.91
<b>Total Open Ended Investment Funds</b>				<b>941</b>	<b>0.91</b>

# Select Emerging Markets Investment Grade Bond

## Derivatives (1.60%)

### Forward currency exchange contracts (1.60%)

Counterparty	Buy	Sell	Settlement	Buy Amount	Sell Amount	Unrealised Gains/(Losses) US\$'000	Total Net Assets %
Barclays Capital	USD	COP	22/11/17	509,395	1,539,010,000	(11)	(0.01)
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	13/10/17	64,895,375	78,312,104	(1,547)	(1.49)
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	13/10/17	329,035	396,421	(7)	(0.01)
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	13/10/17	143,308	171,274	(2)	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	15/12/17	3,008,675	3,642,667	(71)	(0.07)
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	15/12/17	730,627	884,586	(17)	(0.02)
BNP Paribas	USD	EUR	13/10/17	525,791	439,087	6	0.01
BNP Paribas	USD	EUR	15/12/17	1,202,240	1,000,655	14	0.01
BNP Paribas	USD	EUR	15/12/17	15,082	12,554	-	-
BNP Paribas	USD	EUR	15/12/17	6,341	5,362	-	-
Goldman Sachs	USD	HUF	13/10/17	495,647	133,487,000	(13)	(0.01)
Goldman Sachs	USD	CNY	22/11/17	516,923	3,473,000	(4)	-
Goldman Sachs	USD	KRW	22/11/17	483,156	547,923,000	4	-
Goldman Sachs	USD	IDR	22/11/17	101,650	1,372,788,000	-	-
UBS	INR	USD	22/11/17	69,247,000	1,061,663	(9)	(0.01)
UBS	USD	BRL	22/11/17	108,131	351,000	(2)	-
<b>Unrealised losses on forward currency exchange contracts</b>						<b>(1,659)</b>	<b>(1.60)</b>
<b>Unrealised losses on derivatives</b>						<b>(1,659)</b>	<b>(1.60)</b>
<b>Total investments</b>						<b>98,282</b>	<b>94.80</b>
<b>Other net assets</b>						<b>5,392</b>	<b>5.20</b>
<b>Total net assets</b>						<b>103,674</b>	<b>100.00</b>

<sup>†</sup> Managed by subsidiaries of Aberdeen Asset Management PLC.  
Currently forward positions are not collateralised.

# Select Euro High Yield Bond

For the year ended 30 September 2017

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## Performance

For the year ended 30 September 2017, the value of Select Euro High Yield Bond - A Accumulation Shares increased by 6.67% compared to an increase of 7.87% in the benchmark, the Bank of America Merrill Lynch Euro High Yield Constrained TR Index.

Source: JP Morgan, Lipper, Basis: total return, published NAV to NAV, net of annual charges, gross income reinvested, EUR.

Please remember that past performance is not a guide to future returns. The price of shares and the revenue from them may fall as well as rise. Investors may not get back the amount originally invested.

## Market review

The high yield market had a strong year returning 7.87%. Over the 12 months there were only two months of negative return, the most significant of these occurring in November 2016. That month saw the proposed constitutional changes in Italy rejected by voters as well as the Presidential election of Donald Trump in the US. For the rest of the year the high yield market was generally well supported. Considerable election activity occurred in Europe over the reporting period, notably in France, the UK and Germany. In each of these elections the status quo candidate won, removing uncertainty for investors.

European economic data continued to improve, signalling that recovery is well underway. The market continued to post consecutive positive returns over the period despite: the UK's triggering of Article 50, the European Central Bank (ECB) tapering, a rate hike by the US Federal Reserve (Fed) and the fading of Trump driven optimism.

## Portfolio review

We reduced the number of holdings in our portfolio to 162 as refinancing activity resulted in the loss of a number of positions. We continued to run a short-duration strategy with Fund duration decreasing from 2.8 to 2.6 years. In comparison, the duration of the benchmark was 3.5 years at the end of the year. This short duration strategy provided protection against higher rates, as the 10-year Bund widened by 64 basis points (bps) to 0.46%. We still intend to run a strategy that is shorter in duration than the market. But, considerable refinancing activity has made this more difficult. Refinancing deals were responsible for 65% of the volume over the reporting period.

Where we believe we are better compensated for default and duration risk, we have continued to maintain our underweight to BB's and overweight to B's. Over the 12 months, B's outperformed BB's. This was due to ECB tapering reducing demand for higher rated paper and strong positive sentiment towards high yield encouraging investors to move down the ratings spectrum.

## Outlook

The performance of the European high yield market, in the twelve months to the end of September, was stronger than we had anticipated at this point last year. Despite this level of outperformance, the market remains healthy from both a technical and a fundamental perspective. We are seeing plenty of deals coming to the market from both old and new issuers, which give ample opportunities to invest in bonds that are more likely to see capital appreciation. In addition, elections across the continent have largely resulted in the resumption of the status quo with pro-economy leaders prevailing and there are signs of an economic recovery in macro data. The default environment has remained highly supportive for the market. The Moody's trailing twelve month high yield default rate is currently 2.3% and they forecast that this will drop to 1.3% by the end of Q3 2018. Over the next year we expect the majority of our return to come from coupon payments rather than capital appreciation.

## Euro High Yield Team

October 2017

# Select Euro High Yield Bond

## Statement of Net Assets

As at 30 September 2017

	Notes	€'000
<b>Assets</b>		
Investments in securities at market value	2.2	1,043,190
Cash at bank		4,392
Interest receivable		16,541
Subscriptions receivable		6,740
Receivable for investments sold		190
Unrealised gains on forward currency exchange contracts	2.6	2,852
Other assets		10
<b>Total assets</b>		<b>1,073,915</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Payable for investments purchased		4,971
Taxes and expenses payable		1,098
Redemptions payable		4,366
Other liabilities		1,598
<b>Total liabilities</b>		<b>12,033</b>
<b>Net assets at the end of the year</b>		<b>1,061,882</b>

## Statement of Changes in Net Assets

For the year from 1 October 2016 to 30 September 2017

	Notes	€'000
Net assets at the beginning of the year		999,247
Net gains from investments		46,545
Net realised losses		(24,023)
Net unrealised gains		38,680
Proceeds from shares issued		548,075
Payments for shares redeemed		(526,401)
Net equalisation paid	10	(38)
Dividends paid	5	(20,215)
Unclaimed monies		12
<b>Net assets at the end of the year</b>		<b>1,061,882</b>

## Statement of Operations

For the year from 1 October 2016 to 30 September 2017

	Notes	€'000
<b>Income</b>		
Investment income	2.3	58,067
Stocklending income	16	1,531
<b>Total income</b>		<b>59,598</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Management fees	4.2	10,948
Operating, administrative and servicing fees	4.3	2,019
Distribution fees	4.1	39
Other operational expenses		21
Bank interest		26
<b>Total expenses</b>		<b>13,053</b>
<b>Net gains from investments</b>		<b>46,545</b>
Realised losses on investments		(18,395)
Realised losses on forward currency exchange contracts		(5,339)
Realised currency exchange losses		(289)
<b>Net realised losses</b>		<b>(24,023)</b>
Decrease in unrealised depreciation on investments		37,780
Increase in unrealised appreciation on forward currency exchange contracts		911
Unrealised currency exchange losses		(11)
<b>Net unrealised gains</b>		<b>38,680</b>
<b>Net increase in assets as a result of operations</b>		<b>61,202</b>

# Select Euro High Yield Bond

## Share Transactions

For the year from 1 October 2016 to 30 September 2017

	A-1	A-2	A-3	A(GBP)-1 <sup>A</sup>	A(GBP)-2 <sup>A</sup>	A(USD)-1 <sup>A</sup>
Shares outstanding at the beginning of the year	30,982,912	6,090,169	624,534	4,898,894	104,865	11,964,145
Shares issued during the year	7,560,990	6,692,340	169,861	403,752	16,980	1,657,391
Shares redeemed during the year	(7,127,593)	(2,837,675)	(618,533)	(1,010,967)	(52,365)	(3,840,571)
<b>Shares outstanding at the end of the year</b>	<b>31,416,309</b>	<b>9,944,834</b>	<b>175,862</b>	<b>4,291,679</b>	<b>69,480</b>	<b>9,780,965</b>
<b>Net asset value per share</b>	<b>6.2743</b>	<b>22.8125</b>	<b>10.3149</b>	<b>19.8868</b>	<b>37.4491</b>	<b>10.5871</b>

	A(USD)-2 <sup>A</sup>	A(USD)-3 <sup>A</sup>	B-1	D(GBP)-1	D(GBP)-2 <sup>A</sup>	I-2
Shares outstanding at the beginning of the year	5,546,553	74,438	294,773	3,575,338	1,878	19,901,947
Shares issued during the year	7,322,846	53,678	-	245,645	657	8,955,431
Shares redeemed during the year	(8,386,462)	(55,809)	(23,463)	(708,964)	-	(10,970,294)
<b>Shares outstanding at the end of the year</b>	<b>4,482,937</b>	<b>72,307</b>	<b>271,310</b>	<b>3,112,019</b>	<b>2,535</b>	<b>17,887,084</b>
<b>Net asset value per share</b>	<b>17.2601</b>	<b>10.5986</b>	<b>6.2533</b>	<b>5.6458</b>	<b>14.7895</b>	<b>16.8216</b>

	I (USD)-1 <sup>A</sup>	I(USD)-2 <sup>A</sup>	R(GBP)-1	W-1	W-2	W(USD)-2 <sup>A</sup>
Shares outstanding at the beginning of the year	951,209	-	1,574,836	3,675	5,282	71,000
Shares issued during the year	2,514,554	62,600	994,205	82,769	163,172	53,112
Shares redeemed during the year	(2,703,267)	-	(744,860)	(915)	(2,533)	-
<b>Shares outstanding at the end of the year</b>	<b>762,496</b>	<b>62,600</b>	<b>1,824,181</b>	<b>85,529</b>	<b>165,921</b>	<b>124,112</b>
<b>Net asset value per share</b>	<b>10.3430</b>	<b>10.2600</b>	<b>11.4907</b>	<b>10.3307</b>	<b>11.0664</b>	<b>11.0741</b>

	X-1	X-2	X(USD)-1 <sup>B</sup>	X(USD)-2 <sup>C</sup>	Z-1 <sup>A</sup>	Z-2
Shares outstanding at the beginning of the year	310,086	122,605	-	-	-	612
Shares issued during the year	513,023	9,744	84,012	2,172,669	55,124	-
Shares redeemed during the year	(70,138)	(47,841)	(509)	(553,001)	-	-
<b>Shares outstanding at the end of the year</b>	<b>752,971</b>	<b>84,508</b>	<b>83,503</b>	<b>1,619,668</b>	<b>55,124</b>	<b>612</b>
<b>Net asset value per share</b>	<b>10.5861</b>	<b>13.9389</b>	<b>10.2187</b>	<b>10.5622</b>	<b>10.0033</b>	<b>11.4797</b>

	Z(GBP)-2 <sup>A</sup>
Shares outstanding at the beginning of the year	50,000
Shares issued during the year	58,359
Shares redeemed during the year	(90,813)
<b>Shares outstanding at the end of the year</b>	<b>17,546</b>
<b>Net asset value per share</b>	<b>11.2473</b>

<sup>A</sup> Share class launched 24 May 2017.

<sup>B</sup> Share class launched 27 January 2017.

<sup>C</sup> Share class launched 20 January 2017.

<sup>A</sup> Base currency exposure share class.

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements.

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## Portfolio Statement

As at 30 September 2017

Security	Coupon (%)	Maturity	Nominal/ Quantity	Market Value €'000	Total Net Assets %
Transferable securities and money market instruments admitted to an official exchange listing or dealt on another regulated market 91.75%					
<b>Bonds 91.75%</b>					
<b>Corporate Bonds 91.75%</b>					
<b>Austria 0.22%</b>					
Wienerberger	VAR	PERP	2,220,000	2,378	0.22
<b>Belgium 1.57%</b>					
KBC	VAR	PERP	10,425,000	10,816	1.03
Nyrstar Netherlands (EMTN)	6.8750	15/03/24	2,566,000	2,701	0.25
Solvay Finance	VAR	PERP	2,769,000	3,119	0.29
				<b>16,636</b>	<b>1.57</b>
<b>Brazil 0.58%</b>					
Petrobras Global Finance	4.7500	14/01/25	5,730,000	6,167	0.58
<b>Canada 1.32%</b>					
Cott Finance (EMTN)	5.5000	01/07/24	8,216,000	9,044	0.85
Entertainment One	6.8750	15/12/22	4,017,000	4,990	0.47
				<b>14,034</b>	<b>1.32</b>
<b>China 0.27%</b>					
BiSoho <sup>∞</sup>	5.8750	01/05/23	2,675,700	2,916	0.27
<b>Denmark 0.44%</b>					
Nassa Topco	2.8750	06/04/24	4,628,000	4,675	0.44
<b>France 7.76%</b>					
Electricite de France (EMTN)	VAR	PERP	6,800,000	7,223	0.68
HomeVi	6.8750	15/08/21	11,246,000	11,649	1.10
La Financiere Atalian <sup>∞</sup>	4.0000	15/05/24	5,921,000	6,194	0.58
Lion/Seneca France 2	7.8750	15/04/19	5,180,000	5,202	0.49
Loxam	4.2500	15/04/24	1,930,000	2,073	0.20
NewCo Sab MidCo <sup>∞</sup>	5.3750	15/04/25	3,334,000	3,465	0.33
Novafives <sup>∞</sup>	4.5000	30/06/21	8,000,000	8,177	0.77
Novafives <sup>∞</sup>	FRN	30/06/20	2,000,000	2,006	0.19
Novalis <sup>∞</sup>	3.0000	30/04/22	4,017,000	4,138	0.39
Numericable	5.6250	15/05/24	14,317,000	15,502	1.45
Numericable	5.3750	15/05/22	7,500,000	7,843	0.74
Paprec	5.2500	01/04/22	5,451,000	5,715	0.54
Paprec <sup>∞</sup>	7.3750	01/04/23	2,933,000	3,180	0.30
				<b>82,367</b>	<b>7.76</b>
<b>Germany 7.99%</b>					
DEMIRE Deutsche Mittelstand Real Estate	2.8750	15/07/22	4,328,000	4,424	0.42
DEMIRE Deutsche Mittelstand Real Estate	2.8750	15/07/22	2,219,000	2,268	0.21
HP Pelzer <sup>∞</sup>	4.1250	01/04/24	5,000,000	5,175	0.49

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Security	Coupon (%)	Maturity	Nominal/ Quantity	Market Value €'000	Total Net Assets %
Nidda BondCo	5.0000	30/09/25	1,448,000	1,478	0.14
Nidda Healthcare	3.5000	30/09/24	3,507,000	3,555	0.33
PrestigeBidCo	6.2500	15/12/23	7,252,000	7,904	0.74
Safari Verwaltungs	8.2500	15/02/21	8,192,083	8,539	0.80
Senvion	3.8750	25/10/22	9,762,000	9,919	0.93
Techem (EMTN)	6.1250	01/10/19	5,560,000	5,670	0.53
Techem Energy Metering Service (EMTN)	7.8750	01/10/20	4,800,000	4,920	0.46
Trionista Holdco	5.0000	30/04/20	3,600,000	3,658	0.34
Trionista TopCo	6.8750	30/04/21	11,600,000	12,058	1.15
Unitymedia Hessen	4.6250	15/02/26	10,554,000	11,482	1.09
Unitymedia Hessen	5.7500	15/01/23	3,661,767	3,824	0.36
				<b>84,874</b>	<b>7.99</b>
<b>Greece 0.90%</b>					
Intralot Capital Luxembourg <sup>oo</sup>	6.7500	15/09/21	5,074,000	5,446	0.51
Intralot Capital Luxembourg	5.2500	15/09/24	4,082,000	4,130	0.39
				<b>9,576</b>	<b>0.90</b>
<b>Ireland 0.80%</b>					
Ardagh Packaging Finance <sup>oo</sup>	6.7500	15/05/24	5,946,000	6,658	0.63
Ardagh Packaging Finance <sup>oo</sup>	4.7500	15/07/27	1,590,000	1,820	0.17
				<b>8,478</b>	<b>0.80</b>
<b>Italy 3.65%</b>					
Bormioli Rocco <sup>oo</sup>	10.0000	01/08/18	7,830,000	7,929	0.75
Gamenet <sup>oo</sup>	6.0000	15/08/21	2,298,000	2,406	0.23
Nuovo Trasporto Viaggiatori <sup>oo</sup>	FRN	01/06/23	4,635,000	4,743	0.45
Wind Acquisition Finance <sup>oo</sup>	7.0000	23/04/21	22,715,000	23,646	2.22
				<b>38,724</b>	<b>3.65</b>
<b>Jersey 1.24%</b>					
LHC3 <sup>oo</sup>	4.1250	15/08/24	3,434,000	3,499	0.33
Nemean Bondco <sup>oo</sup>	7.3750	01/02/24	8,900,000	9,696	0.91
				<b>13,195</b>	<b>1.24</b>
<b>Luxembourg 9.57%</b>					
Altice	7.2500	15/05/22	23,135,000	24,624	2.32
Altice <sup>oo</sup>	6.2500	15/02/25	5,410,000	5,881	0.55
DEA Finance	7.5000	15/10/22	8,417,000	9,334	0.88
Galapagos <sup>oo</sup>	5.3750	15/06/21	5,705,000	5,622	0.53
Galapagos <sup>oo</sup>	FRN	15/06/21	3,447,000	3,377	0.32
Garfunkelux Holdco 2 <sup>oo</sup>	11.0000	01/11/23	4,350,000	5,579	0.53
Garfunkelux Holdco 3 <sup>oo</sup>	7.5000	01/08/22	2,000,000	2,152	0.20
INEOS <sup>oo</sup>	5.3750	01/08/24	4,915,000	5,273	0.50
Intralot Capital Luxembourg	6.0000	15/05/21	3,780,000	3,900	0.37
Kleopatra 1	8.5000	30/06/23	3,716,000	3,685	0.35
Monitchem HoldCo 2 <sup>oo</sup>	6.8750	15/06/22	6,737,000	6,311	0.59
Picard Bondco	7.7500	01/02/20	3,080,000	3,222	0.30

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Security	Coupon (%)	Maturity	Nominal/ Quantity	Market Value €'000	Total Net Assets %
SES	VAR	PERP	3,039,000	3,261	0.31
SIG Combibloc	7.7500	15/02/23	5,560,000	5,892	0.55
Telenet Finance VI Luxembourg <sup>oo</sup>	4.8750	15/07/27	7,520,000	8,297	0.78
Unilabs Subholding	5.7500	15/05/25	5,030,000	5,181	0.49
				<b>101,591</b>	<b>9.57</b>
<b>Netherlands 8.89%</b>					
InterXion	6.0000	15/07/20	5,794,000	5,997	0.56
LGE HoldCo VI	7.1250	15/05/24	14,740,000	16,612	1.56
Lincoln Finance	6.8750	15/04/21	14,699,000	15,621	1.47
Maxeda DIY <sup>oo</sup>	6.1250	15/07/22	3,610,000	3,786	0.36
Nyrstar Netherlands (EMTN) <sup>oo</sup>	6.8750	15/03/24	3,050,000	3,218	0.30
United	4.3750	01/07/22	5,413,000	5,570	0.52
United	FRN	01/07/23	2,886,000	2,920	0.27
UPC	6.7500	15/03/23	27,770,000	29,470	2.79
UPCB Finance IV	4.0000	15/01/27	1,172,000	1,236	0.12
Ziggo Secured Finance <sup>oo</sup>	4.2500	15/01/27	9,410,000	9,962	0.94
				<b>94,392</b>	<b>8.89</b>
<b>South Africa 0.81%</b>					
Sappi Papier	3.3750	01/04/22	8,398,000	<b>8,644</b>	<b>0.81</b>
<b>Spain 5.93%</b>					
Aldesa Financial Services (EMTN)	7.2500	01/04/21	2,730,000	2,676	0.25
Befesa Zinc (EMTN) <sup>oo</sup>	8.8750	15/05/18	19,220,000	19,350	1.82
Cirsa Funding Luxembourg <sup>oo</sup>	5.8750	15/05/23	5,349,000	5,633	0.53
Cirsa Funding Luxembourg <sup>oo</sup>	5.7500	15/05/21	1,378,000	1,458	0.14
Codere Finance 2 Luxembourg <sup>oo</sup>	6.7500	01/11/21	7,077,000	7,430	0.70
Empark Funding	FRN	15/12/19	900,000	907	0.09
Obrascon Huarte Lain	4.7500	15/03/22	12,399,000	10,426	0.98
Obrascon Huarte Lain	5.5000	15/03/23	8,320,000	7,016	0.66
Telefonica Europe	VAR	PERP	6,400,000	8,064	0.76
				<b>62,960</b>	<b>5.93</b>
<b>Switzerland 1.57%</b>					
Dufry Finance	4.5000	01/08/23	4,885,000	5,206	0.49
Dufry Finance (EMTN)	4.5000	15/07/22	275,000	285	0.03
Selecta <sup>oo</sup>	6.5000	15/06/20	10,975,000	11,189	1.05
				<b>16,680</b>	<b>1.57</b>
<b>United Kingdom 30.26%</b>					
Alliance Automotive Finance	6.2500	01/12/21	3,770,000	3,929	0.37
Alliance Automotive Finance	FRN	01/12/21	2,640,000	2,661	0.25
Amigo Luxembourg <sup>oo</sup>	7.6250	15/01/24	5,489,000	6,506	0.61
Arrow Global Finance <sup>oo</sup>	5.1250	15/09/24	3,765,000	4,444	0.42
Bank of Scotland Capital Funding	VAR	PERP	2,031,000	2,729	0.26
Barclays	VAR	PERP	5,550,000	5,841	0.55
Barclays	VAR	PERP	2,361,000	2,937	0.28



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Security	Coupon (%)	Maturity	Nominal/ Quantity	Market Value €'000	Total Net Assets %
Brighthouse (EMTN) <sup>∞</sup>	7.8750	15/05/18	6,250,000	5,495	0.52
Cabot Financial Luxembourg (EMTN)	8.3750	01/08/20	5,552,000	6,604	0.62
Corral Petroleum	11.7500	15/05/21	9,650,000	10,835	1.02
CPUK Finance	4.2500	28/02/47	3,263,000	3,781	0.36
CYBG	VAR	PERP	5,400,000	6,338	0.60
CYBG	VAR	09/02/26	2,875,000	3,365	0.32
Fiat Chrysler Automobiles (EMTN) <sup>∞</sup>	3.7500	29/03/24	9,087,000	9,909	0.93
Fiat Chrysler Finance Europe (EMTN) <sup>∞</sup>	4.7500	15/07/22	4,500,000	5,149	0.48
Fiat Chrysler Finance Europe (EMTN)	6.6250	15/03/18	3,000,000	3,088	0.29
Galaxy Bidco	FRN	15/11/19	1,160,000	1,336	0.13
Galaxy Finco	7.8750	15/11/21	14,820,000	17,239	1.62
Jaguar Land Rover Automotive	5.0000	15/02/22	6,350,000	7,905	0.74
Keystone Financing	9.5000	15/10/19	1,709,125	2,023	0.19
Ladbroke <sup>∞</sup>	5.1250	08/09/23	3,940,000	4,581	0.43
Lloyds Bank (EMTN)	VAR	PERP	1,500,000	3,219	0.30
Lloyds Banking	VAR	PERP	10,000,000	10,750	1.01
Lloyds Banking	VAR	PERP	8,244,000	9,764	0.92
Matalan Finance <sup>∞</sup>	6.8750	01/06/19	9,675,000	10,949	1.03
Miller Homes	5.5000	15/10/24	874,000	1,025	0.10
Mizzen Bondco	7.0000	01/05/21	10,644,280	12,715	1.20
Moto Finance	4.5000	01/10/22	6,490,000	7,556	0.71
Moy Park Bondco	6.2500	29/05/21	8,051,000	9,452	0.89
Nationwide Building Society (EMTN)	VAR	PERP	3,500,000	4,122	0.39
New Look Secured Issuer	FRN	01/07/22	8,100,000	5,279	0.50
Nomad Foods Bondco	3.2500	15/05/24	3,843,000	3,963	0.37
Ocado	4.0000	15/06/24	2,947,000	3,324	0.31
PGH Capital	6.6250	18/12/25	5,359,000	7,184	0.68
PGH Capital (EMTN)	4.1250	20/07/22	7,024,000	8,401	0.79
PizzaExpress Financing 2 <sup>∞</sup>	6.6250	01/08/21	1,571,000	1,700	0.16
RAC Bond	5.0000	06/11/22	4,850,000	5,495	0.52
Royal Bank of Scotland	5.5000	PERP	7,549,000	7,670	0.72
Saga	3.3750	12/05/24	9,236,000	10,307	0.97
Stonegate Pub Financing <sup>∞</sup>	4.8750	15/03/22	11,141,000	12,824	1.21
Synlab Bondco	6.2500	01/07/22	5,000,000	5,338	0.50
Synlab Unsecured Bondco	8.2500	01/07/23	5,000,000	5,488	0.52
Thomas Cook <sup>∞</sup>	6.2500	15/06/22	2,644,000	2,882	0.27
Travis Perkins	4.5000	07/09/23	4,420,000	5,279	0.50
TVL Finance	8.5000	15/05/23	5,028,300	6,321	0.60
Virgin Media Finance <sup>∞</sup>	6.3750	15/10/24	5,350,000	6,561	0.62
Virgin Media Finance (EMTN)	4.5000	15/01/25	7,844,000	8,219	0.77
Virgin Media Secured Finance <sup>∞</sup>	5.0000	15/04/27	1,550,000	1,814	0.17
Virgin Media Secured Finance (EMTN)	VAR	15/01/25	1,200,000	1,582	0.15
Voyage Care Bondco	5.8750	01/05/23	5,436,000	6,463	0.61
Voyage Care Bondco	10.0000	01/11/23	2,310,000	2,734	0.26
Vue International Bidco <sup>∞</sup>	7.8750	15/07/20	5,934,000	6,902	0.65
William Hill	4.8750	07/09/23	4,424,000	5,259	0.50
Worldpay Finance	3.7500	15/11/22	3,590,000	3,974	0.37
				<b>321,210</b>	<b>30.26</b>

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Security	Coupon (%)	Maturity	Nominal/ Quantity	Market Value €'000	Total Net Assets %
<b>United States 7.98%</b>					
Adient Global	3.5000	15/08/24	4,949,000	5,136	0.48
Alliance Data Systems <sup>oo</sup>	5.2500	15/11/23	12,219,000	13,081	1.23
Avis Budget Finance	4.5000	15/05/25	9,344,000	9,528	0.90
Axalta Coating Systems	4.2500	15/08/24	1,582,000	1,691	0.16
Colfax	3.2500	15/05/25	3,167,000	3,294	0.31
Crown European	3.3750	15/05/25	8,475,000	8,941	0.84
Diamond BC <sup>oo</sup>	5.6250	15/08/25	5,416,000	5,513	0.52
Equinix	2.8750	01/10/25	10,851,000	10,915	1.03
International Game Technology	4.7500	15/02/23	3,140,000	3,507	0.33
Silgan	3.2500	15/03/25	4,795,000	4,932	0.46
Valeant Pharmaceuticals	4.5000	15/05/23	18,345,000	15,735	1.48
WMG Acquisition	4.1250	01/11/24	2,362,000	2,509	0.24
				<b>84,782</b>	<b>7.98</b>
<b>Total Corporate Bonds</b>				<b>974,279</b>	<b>91.75</b>
<b>Total Bonds</b>				<b>974,279</b>	<b>91.75</b>
<b>Total Transferable securities and money market instruments admitted to an official exchange listing or dealt on another regulated market</b>				<b>974,279</b>	<b>91.75</b>
<b>Other transferable securities and money market instruments 3.63%</b>					
<b>Equities 0.06%</b>					
<b>Jersey nil</b>					
Real Estate Opportunities			350,908	-	-
<b>United Kingdom 0.06%</b>					
Ceva Newco			2,743	653	0.06
<b>Total Equities</b>				<b>653</b>	<b>0.06</b>
<b>Bonds 3.57%</b>					
<b>Corporate Bonds 3.57%</b>					
<b>Czech Republic nil</b>					
Sazka (STEP)	9.0000	12/07/21	10,566,043	11	-
<b>Italy nil</b>					
Parmalat Capital Finance	9.3750	PERP	3,614,664	-	-
<b>Luxembourg 1.29%</b>					
ARD Finance	6.6250	15/09/23	12,835,000	13,720	1.29
Hellas Telecommunications III	8.5000	15/10/13	5,599,045	-	-
				<b>13,720</b>	<b>1.29</b>
<b>Netherlands 0.17%</b>					
REA Finance	9.5000	31/12/17	1,595,000	1,810	0.17

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Security	Coupon (%)	Maturity	Nominal/ Quantity	Market Value €'000	Total Net Assets %
<b>United Kingdom 0.70%</b>					
Cammell Laird	12.0000	15/10/10	1,080,000	-	-
TalkTalk Telecom™	5.3750	15/01/22	6,285,000	7,459	0.70
				<b>7,459</b>	<b>0.70</b>
<b>United States 1.41%</b>					
AMC Entertainment	6.3750	15/11/24	12,952,000	14,929	1.41
<b>Total Corporate Bonds</b>				<b>37,929</b>	<b>3.57</b>
<b>Corporate Convertible Bonds nil</b>					
<b>United Kingdom nil</b>					
Scotia	8.5000	26/03/02	1,624,000	-	-
<b>Total Corporate Convertible Bonds</b>				<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total Bonds</b>				<b>37,929</b>	<b>3.57</b>
<b>Total Other transferable securities and money market instruments</b>				<b>38,582</b>	<b>3.63</b>
<b>Open Ended Investment Funds 2.86%</b>					
Aberdeen Liquidity Fund (Lux) Euro Fund Z-3 <sup>†</sup>			30,329	30,329	2.86
<b>Total Open Ended Investment Funds</b>				<b>30,329</b>	<b>2.86</b>

### Derivatives 0.27%

#### Forward currency exchange contracts 0.27%

Counterparty	Buy	Sell	Settlement	Buy Amount	Sell Amount	Unrealised Gains/(Losses) €'000	Total Net Assets %
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	02/10/17	6,496	7,659	-	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	GBP	03/10/17	4,036	3,531	-	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	04/10/17	116,820	137,614	-	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	05/10/17	892,549	1,054,458	1	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	GBP	05/10/17	84,276	74,390	-	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	05/10/17	76,186	90,006	-	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	GBP	13/10/17	3,592,536	3,183,748	(20)	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	13/10/17	911,410	1,091,226	(11)	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	13/10/17	603,665	717,557	(3)	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	13/10/17	587,333	706,519	(10)	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	13/10/17	515,945	606,374	3	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	13/10/17	431,073	508,067	2	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	13/10/17	394,112	469,589	(3)	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	13/10/17	222,384	266,092	(3)	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	13/10/17	211,503	248,573	1	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	13/10/17	198,594	238,359	(3)	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	13/10/17	151,311	180,886	(2)	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	GBP	13/10/17	147,080	129,828	-	-

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Counterparty	Buy	Sell	Settlement	Buy Amount	Sell Amount	Unrealised Gains/(Losses) €'000	Total Net Assets %
BNP Paribas	EUR	GBP	13/10/17	146,461	133,197	(5)	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	13/10/17	139,376	166,914	(2)	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	GBP	13/10/17	127,976	113,570	(1)	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	13/10/17	123,339	146,959	(1)	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	GBP	13/10/17	110,819	98,209	(1)	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	13/10/17	99,655	118,739	(1)	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	13/10/17	85,241	102,539	(1)	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	13/10/17	72,760	87,115	(1)	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	GBP	13/10/17	72,239	63,781	-	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	13/10/17	71,773	86,758	(2)	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	13/10/17	69,530	83,438	(1)	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	GBP	13/10/17	67,733	59,836	-	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	GBP	13/10/17	56,349	50,938	(1)	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	GBP	13/10/17	53,045	46,574	-	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	GBP	13/10/17	43,985	38,856	-	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	GBP	13/10/17	36,953	33,223	(1)	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	GBP	13/10/17	34,905	31,404	(1)	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	13/10/17	34,080	40,278	-	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	13/10/17	34,001	40,683	-	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	13/10/17	33,923	40,715	-	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	GBP	13/10/17	25,688	23,511	(1)	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	13/10/17	23,581	27,822	-	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	GBP	13/10/17	21,821	19,266	-	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	13/10/17	6,370	7,629	-	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	13/10/17	5,239	6,228	-	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	GBP	13/10/17	3,779	3,437	-	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	GBP	13/10/17	2,667	2,356	-	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	15/12/17	20,850	25,050	-	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	15/12/17	8,000	9,541	-	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	15/12/17	4,438	5,305	-	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	15/12/17	3,600	4,335	-	-
BNP Paribas	GBP	EUR	04/10/17	46,574	53,058	-	-
BNP Paribas	GBP	EUR	05/10/17	129,828	147,080	-	-
BNP Paribas	GBP	EUR	13/10/17	85,987,246	93,763,626	3,802	0.36
BNP Paribas	GBP	EUR	13/10/17	2,646,749	2,886,112	117	0.01
BNP Paribas	GBP	EUR	13/10/17	1,811,828	2,056,850	(1)	-
BNP Paribas	GBP	EUR	13/10/17	830,544	939,776	3	-
BNP Paribas	GBP	EUR	13/10/17	688,469	773,801	7	-
BNP Paribas	GBP	EUR	13/10/17	74,390	84,276	-	-
BNP Paribas	GBP	EUR	13/10/17	55,877	63,433	-	-
BNP Paribas	GBP	EUR	13/10/17	29,154	32,989	-	-
BNP Paribas	GBP	EUR	13/10/17	17,809	20,017	-	-
BNP Paribas	GBP	EUR	13/10/17	17,560	19,949	-	-
BNP Paribas	GBP	EUR	13/10/17	9,483	10,760	-	-
BNP Paribas	GBP	EUR	13/10/17	3,899	4,388	-	-
BNP Paribas	GBP	EUR	13/10/17	3,531	4,035	-	-
BNP Paribas	GBP	EUR	13/10/17	3,000	3,290	-	-
BNP Paribas	GBP	EUR	15/12/17	194,767	212,077	9	-

## Select Euro High Yield Bond

Counterparty	Buy	Sell	Settlement	Buy Amount	Sell Amount	Unrealised Gains/(Losses) €'000	Total Net Assets %
BNP Paribas	GBP	EUR	15/12/17	35,822	39,005	2	-
BNP Paribas	GBP	EUR	15/12/17	2,142	2,345	-	-
BNP Paribas	USD	EUR	02/10/17	27,822	23,596	-	-
BNP Paribas	USD	EUR	03/10/17	606,374	516,195	(3)	-
BNP Paribas	USD	EUR	03/10/17	248,573	211,605	(1)	-
BNP Paribas	USD	EUR	04/10/17	508,067	431,296	(2)	-
BNP Paribas	USD	EUR	05/10/17	40,278	34,093	-	-
BNP Paribas	USD	EUR	13/10/17	106,331,561	88,114,431	1,777	0.17
BNP Paribas	USD	EUR	13/10/17	76,790,832	63,634,733	1,283	0.12
BNP Paribas	USD	EUR	13/10/17	1,236,072	1,030,040	15	-
BNP Paribas	USD	EUR	13/10/17	1,054,458	892,194	(1)	-
BNP Paribas	USD	EUR	13/10/17	648,378	541,552	7	-
BNP Paribas	USD	EUR	13/10/17	445,369	370,623	6	-
BNP Paribas	USD	EUR	13/10/17	137,686	114,578	2	-
BNP Paribas	USD	EUR	13/10/17	137,614	116,760	-	-
BNP Paribas	USD	EUR	13/10/17	60,859	50,922	1	-
BNP Paribas	USD	EUR	13/10/17	45,932	38,422	-	-
BNP Paribas	USD	EUR	13/10/17	18,917	15,877	-	-
BNP Paribas	USD	EUR	13/10/17	17,118	14,161	-	-
BNP Paribas	USD	EUR	13/10/17	7,659	6,492	-	-
BNP Paribas	USD	EUR	13/10/17	5,574	4,677	-	-
BNP Paribas	USD	EUR	15/12/17	16,919,350	13,974,607	277	0.03
BNP Paribas	USD	EUR	15/12/17	7,783,809	6,429,069	128	0.01
BNP Paribas	USD	EUR	15/12/17	1,371,689	1,132,953	22	-
BNP Paribas	USD	EUR	15/12/17	825,581	681,892	14	-
BNP Paribas	USD	EUR	15/12/17	804,697	664,643	13	-
BNP Paribas	USD	EUR	15/12/17	637,222	526,316	10	-
BNP Paribas	USD	EUR	15/12/17	172,784	142,955	3	-
BNP Paribas	USD	EUR	15/12/17	90,006	75,899	-	-
BNP Paribas	USD	EUR	15/12/17	40,446	33,464	1	-
BNP Paribas	USD	EUR	15/12/17	22,423	18,663	-	-
BNP Paribas	USD	EUR	15/12/17	12,500	10,357	-	-
BNP Paribas	USD	EUR	15/12/17	10,000	8,325	-	-
BNP Paribas	USD	EUR	15/12/17	7,596	6,335	-	-
BNP Paribas	USD	EUR	15/12/17	7,421	6,177	-	-
BNP Paribas	USD	EUR	15/12/17	6,545	5,488	-	-
BNP Paribas	USD	EUR	15/12/17	5,985	4,982	-	-
BNP Paribas	USD	EUR	15/12/17	5,424	4,488	-	-
BNP Paribas	USD	EUR	15/12/17	4,326	3,607	-	-
BNP Paribas	USD	EUR	15/12/17	4,283	3,565	-	-
Goldman Sachs	EUR	GBP	08/11/17	2,737,155	2,418,000	(5)	-
HSBC	EUR	GBP	08/11/17	1,576,077	1,453,000	(72)	(0.01)
HSBC	EUR	GBP	08/11/17	1,477,116	1,301,000	2	-
JPM Chase	EUR	GBP	08/11/17	3,139,065	2,755,000	15	-
Morgan Stanley	EUR	GBP	08/11/17	132,282,036	118,563,000	(2,164)	(0.20)
State Street	EUR	GBP	08/11/17	2,891,360	2,641,000	(103)	(0.01)
UBS	EUR	GBP	08/11/17	132,292,294	118,563,000	(2,154)	(0.20)
UBS	EUR	GBP	08/11/17	1,614,653	1,503,000	(90)	(0.01)

## Select Euro High Yield Bond

Counterparty	Unrealised Gains/(Losses) €'000	Total Net Assets %
Unrealised gains on forward currency exchange contracts	2,852	0.27
Unrealised gains on derivatives	2,852	0.27
Total investments	1,046,042	98.51
Other net assets	15,840	1.49
Total net assets	1,061,882	100.00

<sup>†</sup> Managed by subsidiaries of Aberdeen Asset Management PLC.

<sup>\*\*</sup> A portion of this security is on loan at the year end.

Currently forward positions are not collateralised.

# Select Global Credit Bond

For the year ended 30 September 2017

## Performance

For the year ended 30 September 2017, the value of Select Global Credit Bond - D Income Shares increased by 1.24% compared to an increase of 0.85% in the benchmark, the Bloomberg Barclays Global Aggregate Credit (Hedged GBP 100%) Index.

Source: Lipper, Basis: total return, published NAV to NAV, net of annual charges, gross 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 credit bond market delivered a positive 2.75% total return over the 12 months to 30 September. The index yield increased 30 basis points (bps) despite the rally in corporate spreads over the period to end September at 2.39%, driven higher by increases in the underlying government bond markets. The Bloomberg Barclays Global Corporate Index tightened to 94bps, 27bps tighter over the year. The US Dollar market outperformed (tightening 27bps) relative to the Euro market (tightening 12 bps).

The fourth quarter of 2016 started with 10-year government bond yields at record lows in German, US and UK markets. With global growth continuing to improve (following years of central bank support) and high expectations of a US fiscal stimulus following President Trump's election, the market began to focus on the probability of higher future inflation, less support from central banks and higher market yields.

Global growth has remained on track, and 2016 ended with the US Federal Reserve (Fed) hiking interest rates, and the European Central Bank (ECB) announcing the taper of their asset purchase program from €80 billion per month down to €60 billion per month (from April onwards). As the rate of ECB purchases slowed in 2017 and with systemic concerns over Brexit in the rear view mirror, the Bank of England followed suit, ending their £10 billion corporate bond buying program in April. These withdrawals of liquidity have passed without a notable impact on corporate bond spreads. Throughout the year, global growth and corporate earnings were robust, and market sentiment remained constructive despite the resolution (failure) of Banco Popular in Spain and the restructuring of Monte dei Paschi in Italy. European political milestones were passed with market friendly results in both France and Dutch elections, leaving the market comforted that populism was not the new normal. The market has even been able to look past the sabre rattling of North Korea.

This backdrop has led to pro-growth increases in global yields and consequently negative government bond market returns throughout the year. Spread markets (such as corporate bonds, high yield and emerging markets) have been supported by this constructive fundamental backdrop, which continues to fuel strong levels of demand in what is a very low yield world. The rally in these markets has been sufficient to offset government losses and therefore resulted in positive total returns overall.

## Portfolio review

The Fund performed well over the review period, outperforming the index on a relative basis. Outperformance was driven by our overweight credit position and strong security selection.

Financials (banks) as a sector contributed the most to Fund return, driven by outperformance from issuers lower down the capital structure as high-quality credit lagged lower-quality credit. Top performing bonds held such as subordinated ABN Amro paper rallied 314 bps, Santander subordinated paper was 143 bps tighter over the review period.

Continuing with financials, Insurance bonds performed well over the review period. As higher interest-rate expectations (which reduce pressure on insurance reserves) supported spread tightening into year-end (2016). Towards the end of the review period insurance bonds continued to benefit Fund performance. The tilt towards subordinated Euro life bonds benefited from higher yields (discount factor) and in the US senior long dated insurance positioning benefited from reductions in hurricane loss estimates, contributing positively to security selection. We continue to keep an overweight to the financial sector as we still see value in comparison to other sectors and the technical picture continues to improve with fundamentals remaining strong. Top performing bonds held such as PGH Capital rallied 173 bps over the rolling 12 months.

Industrials performed over the 12-month period, in particular energy generated good returns, helped initially by the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries 30 November meeting which resulted in production cuts and spurred a rally in oil prices. Our overweight position in higher-beta master limited partnership (MLP) bonds and emerging market oil and gas company QOG Atlantic contributed well over the year. The Fund is currently positioned in the stronger exploration and production companies with prudent liquidity, world class assets and strengthening balance sheets as well as MLP's (pipelines) where we feel that the credit story remains intact because of the tolling or the contractual fee-based nature of their revenues. An underweight in basic industrials was a modest drag on sector performance driven by copper and iron ore producers benefiting from underlying commodities moving higher over the year. However, this was offset by good security selection from high yield issuer Sappi Papier and emerging market chemicals company Equate Petrochemical; with both bonds rallying over the year.

## Outlook

Adjusting the corporate bond market spread for the reduction in credit quality and the extension in maturities over the last decade reveals the market trading towards full value. We continue to reduce credit beta in the portfolio, but retain sector relative beta positioning. For example, within financials we see the technical picture continuing to improve and fundamentals remain very strong - low volatility, improving asset quality, and low regulation in the US, supporting profitability and fundamental credit quality. The Fund's energy exposure is tilted towards the stronger exploration and production companies with prudent liquidity, world class assets and strengthening balance sheets.

We continue to find attractive opportunities by adhering to our bottom-up security selection process across all sectors. We also remain vigilant to opportunities that may arise to increase credit beta again as the ECB and Fed continue to withdraw accommodation from the market.

**Global Credit Team**  
October 2017

# Select Global Credit Bond

## Statement of Net Assets

As at 30 September 2017

	Notes	£'000
<b>Assets</b>		
Investments in securities at market value	2.2	44,245
Cash at bank		1,302
Amounts held at futures clearing houses and brokers		81
Interest receivable		426
Subscriptions receivable		193
Receivable for investments sold		471
Unrealised gains on forward currency exchange contracts	2.6	1,051
<b>Total assets</b>		<b>47,769</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Payable for investments purchased		1,342
Taxes and expenses payable		45
Redemptions payable		18
Unrealised losses on future contracts	2.7	15
Other liabilities		371
<b>Total liabilities</b>		<b>1,791</b>
<b>Net assets at the end of the year</b>		<b>45,978</b>

## Statement of Changes in Net Assets

For the year from 1 October 2016 to 30 September 2017

	Notes	£'000
Net assets at the beginning of the year		48,249
Net gains from investments		1,087
Net realised gains		2,090
Net unrealised losses		(2,430)
Proceeds from shares issued		14,486
Payments for shares redeemed		(16,654)
Net equalisation paid	10	(75)
Dividends paid	5	(775)
<b>Net assets at the end of the year</b>		<b>45,978</b>

## Statement of Operations

For the year from 1 October 2016 to 30 September 2017

	Notes	£'000
<b>Income</b>		
Investment income	2.3	1,660
Bank interest		1
<b>Total income</b>		<b>1,661</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Management fees	4.2	400
Operating, administrative and servicing fees	4.3	173
Other operational expenses		1
<b>Total expenses</b>		<b>574</b>
<b>Net gains from investments</b>		<b>1,087</b>
Realised gains on investments		3,459
Realised losses on forward currency exchange contracts		(1,303)
Realised losses on future contracts		(108)
Realised currency exchange gains		42
<b>Net realised gains</b>		<b>2,090</b>
Decrease in unrealised appreciation on investments		(4,249)
Decrease in unrealised depreciation on forward currency exchange contracts		1,836
Increase in unrealised depreciation on future contracts		(15)
Unrealised currency exchange losses		(2)
<b>Net unrealised losses</b>		<b>(2,430)</b>
<b>Net increase in assets as a result of operations</b>		<b>747</b>



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## Share Transactions

For the year from 1 October 2016 to 30 September 2017

	A(EUR)-1 <sup>^A</sup>	A(EUR)-2 <sup>^</sup>	A(USD)-2 <sup>^</sup>	D-1	D(USD)-1 <sup>^</sup>
Shares outstanding at the beginning of the year	71,000	706,127	298,805	15,316,733	506,593
Shares issued during the year	-	263,914	-	1,515,024	8,519
Shares redeemed during the year	(71,000)	(79,217)	(117,387)	(1,844,221)	(311,489)
<b>Shares outstanding at the end of the year</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>890,824</b>	<b>181,418</b>	<b>14,987,536</b>	<b>203,623</b>
<b>Net asset value per share</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>10.4540</b>	<b>13.0112</b>	<b>1.7207</b>	<b>10.6621</b>

	D-2	H(EUR)-2 <sup>^A</sup>	R-1	R-2
Shares outstanding at the beginning of the year	11,346	630	589,330	123,111
Shares issued during the year	-	-	310,395	545,538
Shares redeemed during the year	-	(630)	(209,917)	(552,051)
<b>Shares outstanding at the end of the year</b>	<b>11,346</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>689,808</b>	<b>116,598</b>
<b>Net asset value per share</b>	<b>12.7395</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>10.2466</b>	<b>11.9492</b>

<sup>A</sup> Share class closed 10 October 2016.

<sup>^</sup> Base currency exposure share class.

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements.

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## Portfolio Statement

As at 30 September 2017

Security	Coupon (%)	Maturity	Nominal/ Quantity	Market Value £'000	Total Net Assets %
Transferable securities and money market instruments admitted to an official exchange listing or dealt on another regulated market 93.52%					
<b>Bonds 93.52%</b>					
<b>Asset Backed Bonds/Mortgage Backed Bonds 0.77%</b>					
<b>United States 0.77%</b>					
First Horizon Alternative Mortgage Securities Trust 2005-FA2	FRN	25/04/35	116,781	75	0.16
GreenPoint Mortgage Loan Trust 2004-1	FRN	25/10/34	137,947	94	0.21
WaMu Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates Series 2006-AR12 Trust	FRN	25/10/36	266,610	185	0.40
				<b>354</b>	<b>0.77</b>
<b>Total Asset Backed Bonds/Mortgage Backed Bonds</b>				<b>354</b>	<b>0.77</b>
<b>Corporate Bonds 86.88%</b>					
<b>Australia 3.08%</b>					
APT Pipelines	4.2000	23/03/25	320,000	248	0.54
APT Pipelines (EMTN)	2.0000	22/03/27	300,000	272	0.59
BHP Billiton Finance	VAR	22/04/76	215,000	213	0.46
QBE Insurance	2.4000	01/05/18	265,000	198	0.43
Suncorp Metway	2.3500	27/04/20	300,000	224	0.49
Telstra	3.1250	07/04/25	350,000	263	0.57
				<b>1,418</b>	<b>3.08</b>
<b>Belgium 0.64%</b>					
Anheuser-Busch InBev Finance	3.6500	01/02/26	200,000	155	0.34
Anheuser-Busch InBev Finance	4.9000	01/02/46	165,000	139	0.30
				<b>294</b>	<b>0.64</b>
<b>Brazil 0.67%</b>					
Petrobras Global Finance	5.2990	27/01/25	314,000	234	0.51
QGOG Atlantic/Alaskan Rigs	5.2500	30/07/18	99,720	73	0.16
				<b>307</b>	<b>0.67</b>
<b>Canada 2.48%</b>					
Canadian Natural Resources	3.9000	01/02/25	330,000	253	0.55
Canadian Pacific Railway	4.8000	01/08/45	139,000	119	0.26
Cenovus Energy	5.4000	15/06/47	280,000	208	0.45
Cenovus Energy	4.2500	15/04/27	138,000	102	0.22
Glencore Canada Financial (EMTN)	7.3750	27/05/20	400,000	459	1.00
				<b>1,141</b>	<b>2.48</b>
<b>China 1.51%</b>					
CNOOC Curtis Funding No 1	4.5000	03/10/23	300,000	241	0.53
CNPC General Capital	2.7500	14/05/19	320,000	240	0.52
Industrial & Commercial Bank of China/New York	2.4520	20/10/21	290,000	214	0.46
				<b>695</b>	<b>1.51</b>

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Security	Coupon (%)	Maturity	Nominal/ Quantity	Market Value £'000	Total Net Assets %
<b>France 5.59%</b>					
AXA (EMTN)	VAR	PERP	100,000	98	0.21
BNP Paribas (EMTN)	3.8000	10/01/24	313,000	243	0.53
BPCE (MTN)	2.7500	02/12/21	285,000	215	0.47
CNP Assurances	VAR	30/09/41	200,000	237	0.52
Credit Agricole Assurances	VAR	PERP	100,000	97	0.21
Credit Agricole (EMTN)	3.2500	04/10/24	331,000	247	0.54
Credit Agricole (EMTN)	2.3750	01/07/21	269,000	201	0.44
RCI Banque (EMTN)	0.7500	26/09/22	160,000	142	0.31
RCI Banque (EMTN)	1.3750	17/11/20	130,000	119	0.26
Societe Generale	VAR	PERP	450,000	460	1.00
TDF Infrastructure	2.5000	07/04/26	200,000	184	0.40
Teleperformance	1.5000	03/04/24	100,000	89	0.19
TOTAL (EMTN)	VAR	PERP	260,000	236	0.51
				<b>2,568</b>	<b>5.59</b>
<b>Germany 4.49%</b>					
ADO Properties	1.5000	26/07/24	100,000	88	0.19
Allianz	VAR	06/07/47	300,000	284	0.62
ATF Netherlands (EMTN)	1.8750	19/01/26	300,000	264	0.57
Deutsche Telekom International Finance	2.8200	19/01/22	150,000	113	0.24
Deutsche Telekom International Finance (EMTN)	1.5000	03/04/28	185,000	164	0.36
Grand City (EMTN)	1.3750	03/08/26	100,000	87	0.19
Muenchener Rueckversicherungs-Gesellschaft in Muenchen	VAR	21/06/28	200,000	209	0.45
PrestigeBidCo	6.2500	15/12/23	100,000	96	0.21
Safari Verwaltungs	8.2500	15/02/21	85,816	79	0.17
Volkswagen International Finance	1.1250	02/10/23	200,000	177	0.39
Volkswagen Leasing (EMTN)	1.1250	04/04/24	247,000	216	0.47
Vonovia Finance	VAR	PERP	300,000	288	0.63
				<b>2,065</b>	<b>4.49</b>
<b>Hong Kong 0.59%</b>					
Hutchison Whampoa Europe Finance 13	VAR	PERP	300,000	270	0.59
<b>India 2.44%</b>					
HDFC Bank (EMTN)	3.0000	06/03/18	250,000	187	0.41
ICICI Bank Dubai (EMTN)	3.5000	18/03/20	360,000	274	0.59
Indian Railway Finance	3.9170	26/02/19	300,000	228	0.50
NTPC (EMTN)	5.6250	14/07/21	300,000	246	0.53
ONGC Videsh	2.7500	15/07/21	200,000	188	0.41
				<b>1,123</b>	<b>2.44</b>
<b>Italy 2.11%</b>					
Enel	VAR	24/09/73	200,000	181	0.39
Eni (EMTN)	1.0000	14/03/25	311,000	272	0.60
FCA Bank Ireland (EMTN)	1.0000	15/11/21	243,000	218	0.48

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Security	Coupon (%)	Maturity	Nominal/ Quantity	Market Value £'000	Total Net Assets %
Italgas (EMTN)	1.6250	19/01/27	200,000	181	0.39
Italgas (EMTN)	0.5000	19/01/22	130,000	116	0.25
				<b>968</b>	<b>2.11</b>
<b>Mexico 0.75%</b>					
America Movil	VAR	06/09/73	100,000	110	0.24
Petroleos Mexicanos	5.5000	21/01/21	293,000	233	0.51
				<b>343</b>	<b>0.75</b>
<b>Netherlands 3.81%</b>					
ABN AMRO Bank	VAR	PERP	300,000	285	0.62
ABN AMRO Bank (EMTN)	VAR	18/01/28	300,000	286	0.62
ABN AMRO Bank (EMTN)	1.0000	30/06/20	100,000	100	0.22
Cooperatieve Rabobank	VAR	PERP	260,000	222	0.48
ING Groep	3.9500	29/03/27	225,000	175	0.38
ING Groep (EMTN)	VAR	26/09/29	200,000	175	0.38
Koninklijke	VAR	PERP	550,000	509	1.11
				<b>1,752</b>	<b>3.81</b>
<b>New Zealand 0.22%</b>					
Chorus (EMTN)	1.1250	18/10/23	114,000	<b>101</b>	<b>0.22</b>
<b>Russian Federation 0.34%</b>					
Lukoil International Finance	4.5630	24/04/23	200,000	<b>155</b>	<b>0.34</b>
<b>Spain 0.83%</b>					
FCC Aqualia	1.4130	08/06/22	320,000	286	0.63
Metrovacesa (EMTN)	2.3750	23/05/22	100,000	94	0.20
				<b>380</b>	<b>0.83</b>
<b>Sweden 2.28%</b>					
Nordea Bank (EMTN)	0.3000	30/06/22	390,000	344	0.75
Skandinaviska Enskilda Banken	2.6250	17/11/20	250,000	189	0.41
Svenska Handelsbanken (MTN)	2.4500	30/03/21	307,000	231	0.50
Volvo Treasury	VAR	10/06/75	300,000	285	0.62
				<b>1,049</b>	<b>2.28</b>
<b>Switzerland 0.86%</b>					
Credit Suisse	VAR	12/09/25	143,000	141	0.31
Credit Suisse Sydney (MTN)	3.5000	29/04/20	430,000	256	0.55
				<b>397</b>	<b>0.86</b>
<b>Thailand 0.50%</b>					
Thai Oil	3.6250	23/01/23	300,000	<b>230</b>	<b>0.50</b>
<b>United Arab Emirates 0.46%</b>					
National Bank of Abu Dhabi (EMTN)	3.0000	30/03/22	280,000	<b>210</b>	<b>0.46</b>

## Select Global Credit Bond

Security	Coupon (%)	Maturity	Nominal/ Quantity	Market Value £'000	Total Net Assets %
<b>United Kingdom 12.44%</b>					
Anglo American Capital	3.7500	10/04/22	273,000	209	0.45
Anglo American Capital	3.6250	11/09/24	258,000	192	0.42
Aviva (EMTN)	VAR	05/07/43	240,000	258	0.56
Barclays	VAR	06/10/23	320,000	319	0.69
Barclays Bank	7.6250	21/11/22	200,000	172	0.37
Barclays (EMTN)	VAR	07/02/28	157,000	137	0.30
CPUK Finance	4.2500	28/02/47	112,000	114	0.25
CYBG	VAR	09/02/26	164,000	169	0.37
CYBG	VAR	22/06/25	110,000	110	0.24
DS Smith (EMTN)	2.8750	26/07/29	100,000	98	0.21
Experian Finance (EMTN)	1.3750	25/06/26	539,000	473	1.04
HBOS Capital Funding	VAR	PERP	230,000	243	0.53
HSBC	VAR	13/03/23	586,000	446	0.97
HSBC (EMTN)	VAR	18/10/22	100,000	100	0.22
Jaguar Land Rover Automotive	5.0000	15/02/22	330,000	362	0.79
Lloyds Banking	3.7500	11/01/27	200,000	152	0.33
Paragon	VAR	09/09/26	100,000	108	0.23
Reckitt Benckiser Treasury Services	2.7500	26/06/24	245,000	181	0.39
Royal Bank of Scotland (EMTN)	2.5000	22/03/23	200,000	189	0.41
Saga	3.3750	12/05/24	100,000	98	0.21
Santander UK	5.0000	07/11/23	320,000	258	0.56
Smiths (EMTN)	2.0000	23/02/27	100,000	91	0.20
SSE	VAR	PERP	150,000	156	0.34
SSE	VAR	PERP	100,000	91	0.20
Stagecoach	4.0000	29/09/25	190,000	205	0.45
Standard Chartered (EMTN)	2.1000	19/08/19	237,000	177	0.38
Tesco Property Finance 3	5.7440	13/04/40	78,108	88	0.19
Western Power Distribution	3.6250	06/11/23	200,000	216	0.47
Whitbread	3.3750	16/10/25	118,000	124	0.27
WPP Finance Deutschland (EMTN)	1.6250	23/03/30	220,000	186	0.40
				<b>5,722</b>	<b>12.44</b>
<b>United States 40.79%</b>					
Actavis Funding	3.8000	15/03/25	295,000	229	0.50
AIG Global Funding	2.1500	02/07/20	133,000	99	0.22
Amazon.com	3.1500	22/08/27	400,000	301	0.65
Amazon.com	4.2500	22/08/57	100,000	77	0.17
American International	6.2500	01/05/36	260,000	248	0.54
American International	4.1250	15/02/24	97,000	77	0.17
Amgen	2.2500	19/08/23	396,000	287	0.62
Amgen	4.4000	01/05/45	98,000	78	0.17
Anadarko Petroleum	6.6000	15/03/46	135,000	125	0.27
Apple	2.9000	12/09/27	269,000	199	0.43
Apple	3.4500	09/02/45	260,000	184	0.40
AT&T	5.2500	01/03/37	454,000	357	0.78
AutoNation	4.5000	01/10/25	240,000	189	0.41
Bank of America	5.8750	07/02/42	120,000	115	0.25

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Security	Coupon (%)	Maturity	Nominal/ Quantity	Market Value £'000	Total Net Assets %
Bank of America (MTN)	3.2480	21/10/27	290,000	212	0.46
Bank of America (MTN)	2.5030	21/10/22	166,000	123	0.27
Brighthouse Financial	4.7000	22/06/47	250,000	183	0.40
Broadcom Cayman Finance	3.0000	15/01/22	320,000	243	0.53
Broadcom Cayman Finance	3.8750	15/01/27	150,000	115	0.25
Buckeye	3.9500	01/12/26	292,000	215	0.47
Burlington Northern Santa Fe	4.7000	01/09/45	227,000	191	0.42
Capital One National Association	2.6500	08/08/22	310,000	230	0.50
Cardinal Health	4.3680	15/06/47	119,000	91	0.20
Cardinal Health	3.0790	15/06/24	102,000	77	0.17
Citigroup	VAR	24/07/23	610,000	457	0.98
Citigroup	3.3900	18/11/21	410,000	251	0.55
Comcast	6.9500	15/08/37	220,000	229	0.50
Crown Castle International	2.2500	01/09/21	207,000	152	0.33
CSC	10.8750	15/10/25	175,000	162	0.35
CVS Health	3.5000	20/07/22	209,000	162	0.35
Delta Air Lines	3.6250	15/03/22	197,000	151	0.33
Dominion Resources	VAR	01/07/19	420,000	318	0.69
eBay	2.7500	30/01/23	514,000	382	0.82
Edison International	2.4000	15/09/22	127,000	94	0.20
Energy Transfer Partners	5.2000	01/02/22	270,000	218	0.47
Energy Transfer Partners	4.2000	15/04/27	167,000	126	0.27
Energy Transfer Partners	5.3000	15/04/47	75,000	56	0.12
Exelon	3.4970	01/06/22	245,000	188	0.41
Express Scripts	3.4000	01/03/27	210,000	155	0.34
FedEx	4.5500	01/04/46	302,000	241	0.52
Ford Motor Credit	5.7500	01/02/21	500,000	410	0.88
Ford Motor Credit	1.8970	12/08/19	200,000	148	0.32
General Electric	0.8750	17/05/25	329,000	290	0.63
General Electric	4.5000	11/03/44	280,000	234	0.51
General Motors Financial	4.0000	06/10/26	408,000	305	0.66
General Motors Financial	2.6500	13/04/20	340,000	255	0.56
Georgia-Pacific	5.4000	01/11/20	400,000	327	0.71
Goldman Sachs	3.0000	26/04/22	463,000	349	0.76
Goldman Sachs	3.7500	22/05/25	285,000	219	0.48
Halliburton	5.0000	15/11/45	136,000	112	0.24
Harley-Davidson	4.6250	28/07/45	230,000	182	0.40
Harley-Davidson	3.5000	28/07/25	181,000	139	0.30
Hartford Financial Services	6.6250	30/03/40	112,000	114	0.25
HSBC Finance	6.6760	15/01/21	162,000	137	0.30
Intel	4.1000	11/05/47	300,000	237	0.52
International Paper	5.1500	15/05/46	124,000	104	0.23
JPMorgan Chase	3.1250	23/01/25	525,000	395	0.85
JPMorgan Chase	VAR	01/05/28	504,000	380	0.83
JPMorgan Chase	VAR	PERP	310,000	235	0.51
Kraft Heinz Foods	3.5000	15/07/22	259,000	200	0.43
Kraft Heinz Foods	6.7500	15/03/32	99,000	94	0.20
Kroger	3.8750	15/10/46	154,000	100	0.22

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Security	Coupon (%)	Maturity	Nominal/ Quantity	Market Value £'000	Total Net Assets %
Lowe's	4.0500	03/05/47	245,000	188	0.41
Marathon Oil	5.2000	01/06/45	115,000	87	0.19
Metropolitan Life Global Funding I	3.0000	19/09/27	625,000	462	0.99
Microsoft	2.8750	06/02/24	210,000	160	0.35
Morgan Stanley	3.7000	23/10/24	260,000	201	0.44
Morgan Stanley	6.3750	24/07/42	138,000	139	0.30
Morgan Stanley (MTN)	2.6250	17/11/21	349,000	261	0.57
MPLX	4.8750	01/06/25	170,000	136	0.30
MPLX	5.2000	01/03/47	74,000	58	0.13
Mylan	2.2500	22/11/24	210,000	194	0.42
Mylan	3.0000	15/12/18	133,000	100	0.22
Mylan	5.2500	15/06/46	120,000	97	0.21
Mylan	1.2500	23/11/20	100,000	91	0.20
Oracle	4.0000	15/07/46	324,000	251	0.54
Penske Truck Leasing	3.3750	01/02/22	414,000	317	0.69
Penske Truck Leasing	2.7000	14/03/23	376,000	278	0.61
PetSmart	7.1250	15/03/23	130,000	76	0.16
PetSmart	8.8750	01/06/25	34,000	20	0.04
Pfizer	4.1250	15/12/46	171,000	136	0.30
Quest Diagnostics	4.7000	30/03/45	190,000	149	0.33
Sabine Pass Liquefaction	6.2500	15/03/22	200,000	168	0.37
Sabine Pass Liquefaction	4.2000	15/03/28	169,000	127	0.28
Sherwin-Williams	4.5000	01/06/47	100,000	79	0.17
Sherwin-Williams	3.1250	01/06/24	35,000	26	0.06
Shire Acquisitions Investments Ireland	2.4000	23/09/21	327,000	243	0.53
Southern Power	4.9500	15/12/46	284,000	226	0.49
Texas Instruments	2.6250	15/05/24	137,000	102	0.22
Thermo Fisher Scientific	1.4000	23/01/26	160,000	141	0.31
Trans-Allegheny Interstate Line	3.8500	01/06/25	150,000	117	0.25
UnitedHealth	4.2500	15/04/47	110,000	88	0.19
Verizon Communications	5.0120	21/08/54	224,000	168	0.37
Virginia Electric & Power	4.0000	15/11/46	165,000	127	0.28
Wal-Mart Stores	4.7500	02/10/43	260,000	226	0.49
Walt Disney (MTN)	7.5500	15/07/93	245,000	224	0.49
Walt Disney (MTN)	3.0000	30/07/46	104,000	68	0.15
Wells Fargo (EMTN)	1.3750	30/06/22	330,000	326	0.71
Williams Partners	5.1000	15/09/45	153,000	120	0.26
21st Century Fox America	6.4000	15/12/35	240,000	228	0.50
				<b>18,758</b>	<b>40.79</b>
<b>Total Corporate Bonds</b>				<b>39,946</b>	<b>86.88</b>
<b>Government Bonds 5.74%</b>					
<b>India 0.55%</b>					
Export-Import Bank of India (EMTN)	2.7500	01/04/20	340,000	255	0.55
<b>South Korea 0.70%</b>					
Korea Water Resources	2.7500	23/05/22	433,000	321	0.70

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Security	Coupon (%)	Maturity	Nominal/ Quantity	Market Value £'000	Total Net Assets %
<b>Sweden 0.97%</b>					
Svensk Exportkredit (EMTN)	VAR	14/11/23	600,000	447	0.97
<b>Turkey 0.46%</b>					
Turkey (Republic of)	6.7500	03/04/18	275,000	210	0.46
<b>United Kingdom 0.81%</b>					
UK Treasury	4.2500	07/12/46	245,000	372	0.81
<b>United States 2.25%</b>					
US Treasury	5.3750	15/02/31	460,000	460	1.00
US Treasury	4.5000	15/02/36	360,000	345	0.75
US Treasury	1.3750	30/09/23	250,000	179	0.39
US Treasury	2.2500	15/08/27	68,000	50	0.11
				1,034	2.25
<b>Total Government Bonds</b>				2,639	5.74
<b>Municipal Bonds 0.13%</b>					
<b>United States 0.13%</b>					
Chicago Illinois Transit Authority	6.8990	01/12/40	60,000	58	0.13
<b>Total Municipal Bonds</b>				58	0.13
<b>Total Bonds</b>				42,997	93.52
<b>Total Transferable securities and money market instruments admitted to an official exchange listing or dealt on another regulated market</b>				42,997	93.52
<b>Other transferable securities and money market instruments 2.71%</b>					
<b>Bonds 2.71%</b>					
<b>Asset Backed Bonds/Mortgage Backed Bonds 1.21%</b>					
<b>United States 1.21%</b>					
Bear Stearns ARM Trust 2007-4	VAR	25/06/47	191,951	139	0.30
STARM Mortgage Loan Trust 2007-2	FRN	25/04/37	202,642	128	0.28
WaMu Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates Series 2006-AR18 Trust	FRN	25/01/37	259,647	180	0.38
WaMu Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates Series 2007-HY7 Trust	FRN	25/07/37	162,756	114	0.25
				561	1.21
<b>Total Asset Backed Bonds/Mortgage Backed Bonds</b>				561	1.21
<b>Corporate Bonds 0.99%</b>					
<b>Australia 0.16%</b>					
Suncorp-Metway (EMTN)	2.1000	03/05/19	97,000	72	0.16
<b>Netherlands 0.63%</b>					
ABN AMRO Bank (MTN)	3.2500	09/04/20	490,000	289	0.63



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Security	Coupon (%)	Maturity	Nominal/ Quantity	Market Value £'000	Total Net Assets %
South Africa 0.20%					
Sappi Papier	7.5000	15/06/32	120,000	92	0.20
Total Corporate Bonds				453	0.99
Government Bonds 0.51%					
South Korea 0.51%					
Export-Import Bank of Korea (MTN)	4.2500	21/05/20	390,000	234	0.51
Total Government Bonds				234	0.51
Total Bonds				1,248	2.71
Total Other transferable securities and money market instruments				1,248	2.71

Derivatives 2.25%

Future contracts (0.03%)

			Unrealised Gains/(Losses) £'000	Total Net Assets %
Future	Maturity	Notional		
CBT US 10 Year Note	19/12/17	(4)	1	-
CBT US 10 Year Ultra	19/12/17	(1)	1	-
CBT US 2 Year Note	29/12/17	12	(5)	(0.01)
CBT US 5 Year Note	29/12/17	(6)	3	0.01
EUX Euro Bobl	07/12/17	8	(2)	-
EUX Euro Bund	07/12/17	3	(1)	-
EUX Euro Buxl 30 Year Bond	07/12/17	3	(5)	(0.01)
EUX Euro Schatz	07/12/17	11	(1)	-
ICE Long Gilt	27/12/17	(2)	4	0.01
MSE Canada 10 Year Bond	18/12/17	7	(9)	(0.03)
SGX 10 Year Mini JGB	12/12/17	3	(1)	-
Unrealised losses on future contracts			(15)	(0.03)

Forward currency exchange contracts 2.28%

Counterparty	Buy	Sell	Settlement	Buy Amount	Sell Amount	Unrealised Gains/(Losses) £'000	Total Net Assets %
Barclays Capital	EUR	GBP	10/10/17	108,000	96,088	(1)	-
Barclays Capital	GBP	CAD	10/10/17	242,096	389,000	10	0.02
BNP Paribas	EUR	GBP	10/10/17	82,000	74,570	(2)	(0.01)
BNP Paribas	EUR	GBP	15/12/17	9,467,769	8,695,000	(336)	(0.72)
BNP Paribas	GBP	AUD	10/10/17	790,427	1,287,000	38	0.08
BNP Paribas	GBP	USD	10/10/17	55,978	74,000	1	-
BNP Paribas	GBP	USD	15/12/17	186,676	254,200	(2)	(0.01)
BNP Paribas	GBP	EUR	15/12/17	123,265	139,327	-	-
BNP Paribas	GBP	USD	15/12/17	22,842	30,228	-	-
BNP Paribas	GBP	USD	15/12/17	21,272	28,150	-	-
BNP Paribas	GBP	USD	15/12/17	9,753	13,077	-	-

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Counterparty	Buy	Sell	Settlement	Buy Amount	Sell Amount	Unrealised Gains/(Losses) £'000	Total Net Assets %
BNP Paribas	GBP	USD	15/12/17	2,878	3,911	-	-
BNP Paribas	USD	GBP	10/10/17	124,000	93,306	(1)	-
BNP Paribas	USD	GBP	10/10/17	69,000	51,942	(1)	-
BNP Paribas	USD	GBP	15/12/17	2,473,201	1,876,676	(38)	(0.08)
BNP Paribas	USD	GBP	15/12/17	2,404,750	1,824,735	(37)	(0.08)
BNP Paribas	USD	GBP	15/12/17	20,689	15,640	-	-
Citigroup	EUR	GBP	10/10/17	27,000	23,837	-	-
Citigroup	GBP	EUR	10/10/17	5,195,122	5,660,000	207	0.45
Citigroup	USD	GBP	10/10/17	436,000	330,185	(5)	(0.01)
Citigroup	USD	GBP	10/10/17	175,000	130,150	-	-
Goldman Sachs	EUR	GBP	10/10/17	277,000	243,009	1	-
Goldman Sachs	EUR	GBP	10/10/17	98,000	89,415	(3)	(0.01)
Goldman Sachs	GBP	EUR	10/10/17	5,197,143	5,661,000	209	0.45
Goldman Sachs	GBP	USD	10/10/17	67,262	91,000	(1)	-
Goldman Sachs	GBP	EUR	10/10/17	32,501	37,000	-	-
Goldman Sachs	USD	GBP	10/10/17	448,000	345,843	(12)	(0.03)
Goldman Sachs	USD	GBP	10/10/17	199,000	150,795	(3)	(0.01)
Goldman Sachs	USD	GBP	10/10/17	61,000	46,512	(1)	-
HSBC	EUR	GBP	10/10/17	187,000	168,348	(4)	(0.01)
HSBC	EUR	GBP	10/10/17	42,000	38,540	(2)	-
HSBC	GBP	USD	10/10/17	7,594,966	9,855,000	253	0.55
HSBC	GBP	USD	10/10/17	343,461	459,000	1	-
HSBC	GBP	EUR	10/10/17	141,682	160,000	1	-
HSBC	USD	GBP	10/10/17	825,000	610,306	4	0.01
HSBC	USD	GBP	10/10/17	79,000	61,005	(2)	-
JPM Chase	GBP	USD	10/10/17	7,595,879	9,855,000	253	0.55
JPM Chase	GBP	EUR	10/10/17	142,480	155,000	6	0.01
Merrill Lynch	GBP	USD	10/10/17	163,907	214,000	4	0.01
Morgan Stanley	GBP	USD	10/10/17	563,470	749,000	5	0.01
Morgan Stanley	GBP	EUR	10/10/17	215,751	246,000	(1)	-
Royal Bank of Canada	GBP	USD	10/10/17	7,593,382	9,854,000	252	0.55
State Street	GBP	USD	10/10/17	283,183	375,000	4	0.01
State Street	GBP	USD	10/10/17	89,353	120,000	-	-
State Street	GBP	EUR	10/10/17	76,766	87,000	-	-
UBS	EUR	GBP	10/10/17	100,000	87,669	-	-
UBS	EUR	GBP	10/10/17	34,000	30,082	-	-
UBS	GBP	USD	10/10/17	7,595,668	9,855,000	253	0.55
UBS	GBP	USD	10/10/17	41,720	54,000	1	-
UBS	USD	GBP	10/10/17	52,000	38,465	-	-
Unrealised gains on forward currency exchange contracts						1,051	2.28
Unrealised gains on derivatives						1,036	2.25
Total investments						45,281	98.48
Other net assets						697	1.52
Total net assets						45,978	100.00

Currently forward positions are not collateralised.

# Select Global Investment Grade Credit Bond

For the year ended 30 September 2017

## Performance

For the year ended 30 September, the value of Select Global Investment Grade Credit Bond - A Accumulation Shares increased by 0.45% compared to an increase of 0.87% in the benchmark, the Barclays Global Aggregate Credit 1-10 years (Hedged GBP) Index.

Source: Lipper, Basis: total return, published NAV to NAV, net of annual charges, gross 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 credit bond market delivered a positive 2.75% total return over the 12 months to 30 September. The index yield increased 30 basis points (bps) despite the rally in corporate spreads over the period to end September at 2.39%, driven higher by increases in the underlying government bond markets. The Bloomberg Barclays Global Corporate Index tightened to 94bps, 27bps tighter over the year. The US Dollar market outperformed (tightening 27bps) relative to the Euro market (tightening 12 bps).

The fourth quarter of 2016 started with 10-year government bond yields at record lows in German, US and UK markets. With global growth continuing to improve (following years of central bank support) and high expectations of a US fiscal stimulus following President Trump's election, the market began to focus on the probability of higher future inflation, less support from central banks and higher market yields.

Global growth has remained on track, and 2016 ended with the US Federal Reserve (Fed) hiking interest rates, and the European Central Bank (ECB) announcing the taper of their asset purchase program from €80 billion per month down to €60 billion per month (from April onwards). As the rate of ECB purchases slowed in 2017 and with systemic concerns over Brexit in the rear view mirror, the Bank of England followed suit, ending their £10 billion corporate bond buying program in April. These withdrawals of liquidity have passed without a notable impact on corporate bond spreads. Throughout the year, global growth and corporate earnings were robust, and market sentiment remained constructive despite the resolution(failure) of Banco Popular in Spain and the restructuring of Monte dei Paschi in Italy. European political milestones were passed with market friendly results in both France and Dutch elections, leaving the market comforted that populism was not the new normal. The market has even been able to look past the sabre rattling of North Korea.

This backdrop has led to pro-growth increases in global yields and consequently negative government bond market returns throughout the year. Spread markets (such as corporate bonds, high yield and emerging markets) have been supported by this constructive fundamental backdrop, which continues to fuel strong levels of demand in what is a very low yield world. The rally in these markets has been sufficient to offset government losses and therefore resulted in positive total returns overall.

## Portfolio review

The Fund underperformed over the review period on a net basis. However, in gross terms, the Fund outperformed the index. Outperformance was driven by our overweight credit position and strong security selection.

Financials (banks) as a sector contributed the most to Fund return, driven by outperformance from issuers lower down the capital structure as high-quality credit lagged lower-quality credit. Top performing bonds held such as subordinated Barclay's paper rallied 174 bps, Santander subordinated paper was 143 bps tighter over the review period.

Continuing with financials, Insurance bonds performed well over the review period. As higher interest-rate expectations (which reduce pressure on insurance reserves) supported spread tightening into year-end (2016). Towards the end of the review period insurance bonds continued to benefit fund performance. The tilt towards subordinated Euro life bonds benefited from higher yields (discount factor) and in the US senior long dated insurance positioning benefited from reductions in hurricane loss estimates, contributing positively to security selection. We continue to keep an overweight to the financial sector as we still see value in comparison to other sectors and the technical picture continues to improve with fundamentals remaining strong. Top performing bonds held such as Credit Agricole Assurances rallied 96 bps over the rolling 12 months.

Industrials performed over the 12-month period, in particular energy generated good returns, helped initially by the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries 30 November meeting which resulted in production cuts and spurred a rally in oil prices. Our overweight position in higher-beta master limited partnership (MLP) bonds and emerging market integrated company Lukoil International contributed well over the year. The Fund is currently positioned in the stronger exploration and production companies with prudent liquidity, world class assets and strengthening balance sheets as well as MLP's (pipelines) where we feel that the credit story remains intact because of the tolling or the contractual fee-based nature of their revenues. An underweight in basic industrials was a modest drag on Fund performance driven by copper and iron ore producers benefiting from underlying commodities moving higher over the year.

## Outlook

Adjusting the corporate bond market spread for the reduction in credit quality and the extension in maturities over the last decade reveals the market trading towards full value. We continue to reduce credit beta in the portfolio, but retain sector relative beta positioning. For example, within financials we see the technical picture continuing to improve and fundamentals remain very strong - low volatility, improving asset quality, and low regulation in the US, supporting profitability and fundamental credit quality. The Fund's energy exposure is tilted towards the stronger exploration and production companies with prudent liquidity, world class assets and strengthening balance sheets.

We continue to find attractive opportunities by adhering to our bottom-up security selection process across all sectors. We also remain vigilant to opportunities that may arise to increase credit beta again as the ECB and Fed continue to withdraw accommodation from the market.

## Global Credit Team

October 2017

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## Statement of Net Assets

As at 30 September 2017

	Notes	£'000
<b>Assets</b>		
Investments in securities at market value	2.2	24,780
Cash at bank		555
Amounts held at futures clearing houses and brokers		68
Interest receivable		217
Subscriptions receivable		6
Receivable for investments sold		170
Unrealised gains on forward currency exchange contracts	2.6	841
Unrealised gains on future contracts	2.7	7
<b>Total assets</b>		<b>26,644</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Payable for investments purchased		383
Taxes and expenses payable		22
Redemptions payable		5
Other liabilities		1
<b>Total liabilities</b>		<b>411</b>
<b>Net assets at the end of the year</b>		<b>26,233</b>

## Statement of Changes in Net Assets

For the year from 1 October 2016 to 30 September 2017

	Notes	£'000
Net assets at the beginning of the year		25,498
Net gains from investments		484
Net realised gains		471
Net unrealised losses		(770)
Proceeds from shares issued		3,695
Payments for shares redeemed		(3,147)
Net equalisation received	10	3
Dividends paid	5	(1)
<b>Net assets at the end of the year</b>		<b>26,233</b>

## Statement of Operations

For the year from 1 October 2016 to 30 September 2017

	Notes	£'000
<b>Income</b>		
Investment income	2.3	751
<b>Total income</b>		<b>751</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Management fees	4.2	154
Operating, administrative and servicing fees	4.3	113
<b>Total expenses</b>		<b>267</b>
<b>Net gains from investments</b>		<b>484</b>
Realised gains on investments		1,691
Realised losses on forward currency exchange contracts		(1,188)
Realised losses on future contracts		(2)
Realised currency exchange losses		(30)
<b>Net realised gains</b>		<b>471</b>
Decrease in unrealised appreciation on investments		(2,244)
Decrease in unrealised depreciation on forward currency exchange contracts		1,477
Unrealised currency exchange losses		(3)
<b>Net unrealised losses</b>		<b>(770)</b>
<b>Net increase in assets as a result of operations</b>		<b>185</b>

## Share Transactions

For the year from 1 October 2016 to 30 September 2017

	A-2	Z-2	Z(AUD)-1 <sup>^</sup>
Shares outstanding at the beginning of the year	9,771,233	335,633	-
Shares issued during the year	553,733	187,753	85,000
Shares redeemed during the year	(1,415,094)	-	-
<b>Shares outstanding at the end of the year</b>	<b>8,909,872</b>	<b>523,386</b>	<b>85,000</b>
<b>Net asset value per share</b>	<b>2.2591</b>	<b>10.7152</b>	<b>9.9857</b>

<sup>^</sup> Share class launched 24 August 2017.

<sup>^</sup> Base currency exposure share class.

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements.

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## Portfolio Statement

As at 30 September 2017

Security	Coupon (%)	Maturity	Nominal/ Quantity	Market Value £'000	Total Net Assets %
Transferable securities and money market instruments admitted to an official exchange listing or dealt on another regulated market 93.93%					
<b>Bonds 93.93%</b>					
<b>Corporate Bonds 91.45%</b>					
<b>Australia 3.84%</b>					
APT Pipelines	4.2000	23/03/25	150,000	116	0.44
BHP Billiton Finance	VAR	22/04/76	115,000	114	0.43
National Australia Bank	2.2500	16/03/21	350,000	261	1.00
QBE Insurance	2.4000	01/05/18	320,000	239	0.91
Suncorp Metway	2.3500	27/04/20	200,000	149	0.57
Telstra	3.1250	07/04/25	170,000	128	0.49
				<b>1,007</b>	<b>3.84</b>
<b>Belgium 0.44%</b>					
Anheuser-Busch InBev Finance	3.6500	01/02/26	150,000	116	0.44
<b>Canada 1.44%</b>					
Canadian Natural Resources	3.9000	01/02/25	115,000	88	0.34
Canadian Pacific Railway	3.7000	01/02/26	230,000	179	0.67
Cenovus Energy	4.2500	15/04/27	114,000	84	0.32
Toyota Credit Canada	1.8000	19/02/20	48,000	28	0.11
				<b>379</b>	<b>1.44</b>
<b>China 2.92%</b>					
CNOOC Curtis Funding No 1	4.5000	03/10/23	300,000	242	0.93
CNPC General Capital	2.7500	14/05/19	200,000	150	0.57
Industrial & Commercial Bank of China/New York	2.4520	20/10/21	300,000	221	0.84
Sinopec Group Overseas Development 2015	2.5000	28/04/20	205,000	153	0.58
				<b>766</b>	<b>2.92</b>
<b>Denmark 0.30%</b>					
Danske Bank (EMTN)	VAR	29/09/21	75,000	78	0.30
<b>France 3.28%</b>					
BPCE (MTN)	2.7500	02/12/21	250,000	189	0.72
CNP Assurances	VAR	30/09/41	100,000	118	0.45
Credit Agricole Assurances	VAR	PERP	100,000	97	0.37
Engie	VAR	PERP	100,000	104	0.40
RCI Banque (EMTN)	0.7500	26/09/22	90,000	80	0.30
TDF Infrastructure	2.5000	07/04/26	100,000	92	0.35
Teleperformance	1.5000	03/04/24	100,000	89	0.34
TOTAL (EMTN)	VAR	PERP	100,000	91	0.35
				<b>860</b>	<b>3.28</b>

## Select Global Investment Grade Credit Bond

Security	Coupon (%)	Maturity	Nominal/ Quantity	Market Value £'000	Total Net Assets %
<b>Germany 3.49%</b>					
ADO Properties	1.5000	26/07/24	100,000	88	0.34
ATF Netherlands (EMTN)	1.8750	19/01/26	200,000	176	0.67
Deutsche Telekom International Finance	2.8200	19/01/22	225,000	169	0.64
Grand City (EMTN)	1.3750	03/08/26	100,000	87	0.33
Volkswagen Leasing (EMTN)	1.1250	04/04/24	232,000	203	0.78
Vonovia Finance	VAR	PERP	200,000	192	0.73
				<b>915</b>	<b>3.49</b>
<b>Hong Kong 0.53%</b>					
Hutchison Whampoa Europe Finance 13	VAR	PERP	154,000	138	0.53
<b>India 2.71%</b>					
HDFC Bank (EMTN)	3.0000	06/03/18	200,000	150	0.57
ICICI Bank Dubai (EMTN)	3.5000	18/03/20	200,000	152	0.58
Indian Railway Finance	3.9170	26/02/19	200,000	152	0.58
NTPC (EMTN)	5.6250	14/07/21	200,000	164	0.62
ONGC Videsh	2.7500	15/07/21	100,000	94	0.36
				<b>712</b>	<b>2.71</b>
<b>Italy 2.31%</b>					
Enel Finance International	2.8750	25/05/22	200,000	150	0.57
Eni (EMTN)	1.0000	14/03/25	177,000	155	0.59
FCA Bank Ireland (EMTN)	1.0000	15/11/21	134,000	120	0.46
Italgas (EMTN)	1.6250	19/01/27	100,000	91	0.35
Italgas (EMTN)	0.5000	19/01/22	100,000	89	0.34
				<b>605</b>	<b>2.31</b>
<b>Japan 0.98%</b>					
Mizuho Financial	2.2730	13/09/21	350,000	257	0.98
<b>Mexico 0.83%</b>					
America Movil	VAR	06/09/73	100,000	92	0.35
Petroleos Mexicanos	5.5000	21/01/21	158,000	125	0.48
				<b>217</b>	<b>0.83</b>
<b>Netherlands 4.82%</b>					
ABN AMRO Bank (EMTN)	1.0000	30/06/20	100,000	100	0.38
ABN AMRO Bank (EMTN)	VAR	18/01/28	100,000	95	0.36
Cooperatieve Rabobank	VAR	PERP	265,000	226	0.86
ING Bank (EMTN)	2.3000	22/03/19	370,000	277	1.07
ING Groep	3.1500	29/03/22	357,000	271	1.03
ING Groep (EMTN)	VAR	26/09/29	100,000	88	0.33
Rabobank Nederland (EMTN)	4.2500	13/10/21	340,000	208	0.79
				<b>1,265</b>	<b>4.82</b>

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Security	Coupon (%)	Maturity	Nominal/ Quantity	Market Value £'000	Total Net Assets %
<b>New Zealand 1.11%</b>					
BNZ International Funding	2.3500	04/03/19	270,000	203	0.77
Chorus (EMTN)	1.1250	18/10/23	100,000	88	0.34
				<b>291</b>	<b>1.11</b>
<b>Russian Federation 0.59%</b>					
Lukoil International Finance	4.5630	24/04/23	200,000	155	0.59
<b>Spain 0.97%</b>					
FCC Aqualia	1.4130	08/06/22	179,000	160	0.61
Metrovacesa (EMTN)	2.3750	23/05/22	100,000	94	0.36
				<b>254</b>	<b>0.97</b>
<b>Sweden 3.24%</b>					
Nordea Bank (EMTN)	0.3000	30/06/22	220,000	194	0.74
Skandinaviska Enskilda Banken	2.6250	17/11/20	380,000	287	1.10
Svenska Handelsbanken (MTN)	2.4500	30/03/21	250,000	188	0.72
Swedbank (EMTN)	1.2500	29/12/21	180,000	180	0.68
				<b>849</b>	<b>3.24</b>
<b>Switzerland 2.43%</b>					
Credit Suisse	VAR	12/09/25	100,000	99	0.38
Credit Suisse Sydney (MTN)	3.5000	29/04/20	400,000	237	0.91
UBS Funding Jersey	2.9500	24/09/20	240,000	182	0.69
Zurich Finance UK (EMTN)	VAR	PERP	100,000	119	0.45
				<b>637</b>	<b>2.43</b>
<b>Thailand 0.58%</b>					
Thai Oil	3.6250	23/01/23	200,000	153	0.58
<b>United Arab Emirates 0.57%</b>					
National Bank of Abu Dhabi (EMTN)	3.0000	30/03/22	200,000	150	0.57
<b>United Kingdom 10.14%</b>					
Anglo American Capital (EMTN)	3.5000	28/03/22	130,000	128	0.49
Aviva (EMTN)	VAR	05/07/43	120,000	129	0.49
Barclays	VAR	06/10/23	180,000	180	0.68
Barclays Bank	7.6250	21/11/22	200,000	172	0.65
Barclays (EMTN)	VAR	07/02/28	100,000	87	0.33
CYBG	VAR	09/02/26	140,000	144	0.55
CYBG	VAR	22/06/25	100,000	100	0.38
DS Smith (EMTN)	1.3750	26/07/24	130,000	115	0.44
Experian Finance (EMTN)	1.3750	25/06/26	294,000	258	0.99
HBOS Capital Funding	VAR	PERP	60,000	63	0.24
HSBC	VAR	13/03/23	318,000	242	0.92
Lloyds Banking	3.7500	11/01/27	200,000	152	0.58
National Grid Gas Finance (EMTN)	1.1250	22/09/21	100,000	99	0.38
Royal Bank of Scotland (EMTN)	2.5000	22/03/23	120,000	114	0.43

# Select Global Investment Grade Credit Bond

Security	Coupon (%)	Maturity	Nominal/ Quantity	Market Value £'000	Total Net Assets %
Santander UK	5.0000	07/11/23	210,000	170	0.65
SSE	VAR	PERP	110,000	114	0.44
Standard Chartered (EMTN)	2.1000	19/08/19	200,000	149	0.57
Western Power Distribution	3.6250	06/11/23	130,000	140	0.53
Whitbread	3.3750	16/10/25	100,000	105	0.40
				<b>2,661</b>	<b>10.14</b>
<b>United States 43.93%</b>					
ACMP Finance	4.8750	15/03/24	170,000	133	0.51
Actavis Funding	3.8000	15/03/25	165,000	128	0.49
AIG Global Funding	2.1500	02/07/20	73,000	54	0.21
Amazon.com	2.8000	22/08/24	111,000	83	0.32
American Express	2.6500	02/12/22	230,000	173	0.66
American International	4.1250	15/02/24	101,000	80	0.31
Amgen	2.2500	19/08/23	284,000	206	0.79
Apple	3.0000	20/06/27	410,000	306	1.16
Apple	3.0000	09/02/24	119,000	91	0.35
AT&T	3.4000	14/08/24	400,000	299	1.13
AT&T	3.2000	01/03/22	191,000	145	0.55
AutoNation	5.5000	01/02/20	104,000	83	0.32
Bank of America (MTN)	2.5030	21/10/22	177,000	131	0.50
Brighthouse Financial	3.7000	22/06/27	198,000	145	0.55
Broadcom Cayman Finance	3.0000	15/01/22	160,000	121	0.46
Broadcom Cayman Finance	3.8750	15/01/27	80,000	62	0.23
Buckeye	3.9500	01/12/26	67,000	49	0.19
Capital One National Association	2.6500	08/08/22	250,000	186	0.71
Cardinal Health	3.0790	15/06/24	73,000	55	0.21
CBS	2.3000	15/08/19	150,000	112	0.43
Chevron	2.8950	03/03/24	190,000	144	0.55
Citigroup	VAR	24/07/23	330,000	247	0.94
Citigroup	3.3900	18/11/21	300,000	184	0.70
Columbia Pipeline	2.4500	01/06/18	90,000	67	0.26
Crown Castle International	2.2500	01/09/21	113,000	83	0.32
CVS Health	4.0000	05/12/23	325,000	257	0.98
Delta Air Lines	3.6250	15/03/22	106,000	81	0.31
Diamond 1 Finance / Diamond 2 Finance	3.4800	01/06/19	132,000	100	0.38
Dominion Resources	5.2000	15/08/19	210,000	165	0.63
eBay	2.7500	30/01/23	278,000	207	0.79
Edison International	2.4000	15/09/22	71,000	53	0.20
Electronic Arts	3.7000	01/03/21	350,000	272	1.04
Energy Transfer Partners	5.2000	01/02/22	140,000	113	0.43
Energy Transfer Partners	4.2000	15/04/27	80,000	60	0.23
Exelon	3.4970	01/06/22	131,000	101	0.38
Express Scripts	2.2500	15/06/19	330,000	247	0.94
Express Scripts	3.4000	01/03/27	120,000	88	0.34
Ford Motor Credit	5.7500	01/02/21	230,000	188	0.72
General Electric	0.8750	17/05/25	180,000	158	0.60
General Motors Financial	2.6500	13/04/20	191,000	144	0.55



## Select Global Investment Grade Credit Bond

Security	Coupon (%)	Maturity	Nominal/ Quantity	Market Value £'000	Total Net Assets %
General Motors Financial	4.0000	06/10/26	167,000	125	0.48
General Motors Financial	4.3750	25/09/21	150,000	119	0.45
Georgia-Pacific	5.4000	01/11/20	358,000	293	1.11
Goldman Sachs	3.0000	26/04/22	229,000	173	0.66
Goldman Sachs	3.7500	22/05/25	136,000	104	0.40
Halliburton	3.8000	15/11/25	190,000	146	0.56
Harley-Davidson	3.5000	28/07/25	220,000	169	0.64
Hartford Financial Services	5.1250	15/04/22	147,000	122	0.46
HSBC Finance	6.6760	15/01/21	78,000	66	0.25
Intel	2.8750	11/05/24	160,000	121	0.46
JPMorgan Chase	VAR	25/04/23	330,000	247	0.94
JPMorgan Chase	3.1250	23/01/25	170,000	128	0.49
JPMorgan Chase	VAR	PERP	168,000	128	0.49
Kinder Morgan Energy	3.5000	01/03/21	195,000	149	0.57
Kraft Heinz Foods	3.5000	15/07/22	103,000	80	0.30
Laboratory of America	3.6000	01/02/25	197,000	150	0.57
Marathon Oil	3.8500	01/06/25	85,000	63	0.24
Metropolitan Life Global Funding I	3.0000	19/09/27	350,000	258	0.98
Metropolitan Life Global Funding I (MTN)	4.7500	17/09/21	340,000	210	0.80
Microsoft	2.8750	06/02/24	104,000	79	0.30
Morgan Stanley	3.7000	23/10/24	135,000	104	0.40
Morgan Stanley (MTN)	2.6250	17/11/21	180,000	135	0.51
MPLX	4.8750	01/06/25	85,000	68	0.26
Mylan	2.2500	22/11/24	100,000	92	0.35
NextEra Energy Capital	6.0000	01/03/19	325,000	256	0.97
Oncor Electric Delivery	7.0000	01/09/22	140,000	125	0.48
Penske Truck Leasing	3.3750	01/02/22	244,000	187	0.71
Penske Truck Leasing	2.7000	14/03/23	211,000	156	0.60
Premier Health	2.9110	15/11/26	207,000	148	0.56
Quest Diagnostics	3.5000	30/03/25	322,000	245	0.93
Ryder System (MTN)	2.5500	01/06/19	83,000	62	0.24
Ryder System (MTN)	2.2500	01/09/21	62,000	46	0.17
Sabine Pass Liquefaction	4.2000	15/03/28	72,000	54	0.21
Sherwin-Williams	3.1250	01/06/24	50,000	38	0.14
Shire Acquisitions Investments Ireland	2.4000	23/09/21	174,000	129	0.49
Southern Power	1.9500	15/12/19	236,000	176	0.67
Texas Instruments	2.6250	15/05/24	75,000	56	0.21
Thermo Fisher Scientific	1.4000	23/01/26	100,000	88	0.34
Time Warner	4.7500	29/03/21	200,000	161	0.61
Trans-Allegheny Interstate Line	3.8500	01/06/25	85,000	66	0.25
Verizon Communications	4.1250	16/03/27	160,000	125	0.48
Walt Disney (MTN)	7.5500	15/07/93	136,000	124	0.47
Wells Fargo (EMTN)	1.3750	30/06/22	180,000	178	0.68
Wells Fargo (MTN)	4.1000	03/06/26	24,000	19	0.07
21st Century Fox America	6.9000	01/03/19	200,000	159	0.61
				<b>11,528</b>	<b>43.93</b>

## Select Global Investment Grade Credit Bond

Security	Coupon (%)	Maturity	Nominal/ Quantity	Market Value £'000	Total Net Assets %
<b>Total Corporate Bonds</b>				<b>23,993</b>	<b>91.45</b>
<b>Government Bonds 2.48%</b>					
<b>India 0.57%</b>					
Export-Import Bank of India (EMTN)	2.7500	01/04/20	200,000	150	0.57
<b>South Korea 0.66%</b>					
Korea Water Resources	2.7500	23/05/22	234,000	174	0.66
<b>Sweden 1.14%</b>					
Svensk Exportkredit (EMTN)	VAR	14/11/23	400,000	297	1.14
<b>United States 0.11%</b>					
Bay Area California Toll Authority	6.7930	01/04/30	30,000	28	0.11
<b>Total Government Bonds</b>				<b>649</b>	<b>2.48</b>
<b>Total Bonds</b>				<b>24,642</b>	<b>93.93</b>
<b>Total Transferable securities and money market instruments admitted to an official exchange listing or dealt on another regulated market</b>				<b>24,642</b>	<b>93.93</b>
<b>Other transferable securities and money market instruments 0.53%</b>					
<b>Bonds 0.53%</b>					
<b>Corporate Bonds 0.04%</b>					
<b>Netherlands 0.04%</b>					
ABN AMRO Bank (MTN)	3.2500	09/04/20	20,000	12	0.04
<b>Total Corporate Bonds</b>				<b>12</b>	<b>0.04</b>
<b>Government Bonds 0.49%</b>					
<b>South Korea 0.49%</b>					
Export-Import Bank of Korea (MTN)	4.2500	21/05/20	210,000	126	0.49
<b>Total Government Bonds</b>				<b>126</b>	<b>0.49</b>
<b>Total Bonds</b>				<b>138</b>	<b>0.53</b>
<b>Total Other transferable securities and money market instruments</b>				<b>138</b>	<b>0.53</b>

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Derivatives 3.23%

Future contracts 0.02%

Future	Maturity	Notional	Unrealised Gains/(Losses) £'000	Total Net Assets %
CBT US 10 Year Note	19/12/17	(3)	3	0.01
CBT US 5 Year Note	29/12/17	(11)	6	0.02
EUX Euro Bobl	07/12/17	6	(2)	(0.01)
EUX Euro Bund	07/12/17	5	(5)	(0.02)
EUX Euro Schatz	07/12/17	17	(1)	-
ICE Long Gilt	27/12/17	(3)	7	0.02
MSE Canada 10 Year Bond	18/12/17	2	(3)	(0.01)
SFE Australia 10 Year Bond	15/12/17	(2)	3	0.01
SGX 10 Year Mini JGB	12/12/17	2	(1)	-
Unrealised gains on future contracts			7	0.02

Forward currency exchange contracts 3.21%

Counterparty	Buy	Sell	Settlement	Buy Amount	Sell Amount	Unrealised Gains/(Losses) £'000	Total Net Assets %
Barclays Capital	EUR	GBP	10/10/17	122,000	110,958	(3)	(0.01)
Barclays Capital	GBP	CAD	10/10/17	213,468	343,000	9	0.03
Barclays Capital	USD	GBP	10/10/17	16,000	11,794	-	-
BNP Paribas	AUD	GBP	15/12/17	850,000	520,873	(25)	(0.10)
BNP Paribas	AUD	GBP	15/12/17	6,879	4,190	-	-
BNP Paribas	GBP	EUR	10/10/17	4,176,282	4,549,000	166	0.65
BNP Paribas	USD	GBP	10/10/17	197,000	145,576	1	-
BNP Paribas	USD	GBP	10/10/17	51,000	38,080	-	-
BNP Paribas	USD	GBP	10/10/17	38,000	28,606	-	-
Citigroup	EUR	GBP	10/10/17	15,000	13,243	-	-
Citigroup	GBP	USD	10/10/17	4,860,916	6,304,000	163	0.62
Citigroup	USD	GBP	10/10/17	35,000	26,030	-	-
Citigroup	USD	GBP	10/10/17	21,000	15,558	-	-
Goldman Sachs	EUR	GBP	10/10/17	246,000	215,813	1	-
Goldman Sachs	GBP	USD	10/10/17	4,860,273	6,306,000	161	0.62
Goldman Sachs	GBP	EUR	10/10/17	79,712	90,000	-	-
Goldman Sachs	GBP	EUR	10/10/17	47,058	53,000	-	-
Goldman Sachs	GBP	USD	10/10/17	36,957	50,000	-	-
Goldman Sachs	GBP	EUR	10/10/17	21,081	24,000	-	-
Goldman Sachs	USD	GBP	10/10/17	25,000	18,510	-	-
HSBC	GBP	USD	10/10/17	4,859,853	6,306,000	161	0.61
HSBC	USD	GBP	10/10/17	277,000	204,892	2	0.01
JPM Chase	EUR	GBP	10/10/17	24,000	21,210	-	-
JPM Chase	GBP	USD	10/10/17	4,860,438	6,306,000	162	0.62
JPM Chase	GBP	EUR	10/10/17	91,003	99,000	4	0.01
Merrill Lynch	GBP	USD	10/10/17	58,210	76,000	2	0.01
Morgan Stanley	EUR	GBP	04/10/17	230,664	202,277	1	-
Morgan Stanley	GBP	AUD	10/10/17	846,243	1,378,000	41	0.15
Morgan Stanley	GBP	EUR	10/10/17	202,596	231,000	(1)	-
Morgan Stanley	USD	GBP	10/10/17	325,000	239,890	2	0.01
Morgan Stanley	USD	GBP	10/10/17	59,000	45,484	(2)	(0.01)

## Select Global Investment Grade Credit Bond

Counterparty	Buy	Sell	Settlement	Buy Amount	Sell Amount	Unrealised Gains/(Losses) £'000	Total Net Assets %
Royal Bank of Canada	USD	GBP	10/10/17	340,000	259,675	(6)	(0.02)
Royal Bank of Canada	USD	GBP	10/10/17	16,000	11,920	-	-
State Street	GBP	USD	10/10/17	159,338	211,000	2	0.01
State Street	GBP	EUR	10/10/17	87,354	99,000	-	-
State Street	GBP	USD	10/10/17	29,040	39,000	-	-
State Street	GBP	EUR	10/10/17	13,307	15,000	-	-
Unrealised gains on forward currency exchange contracts						841	3.21
Unrealised gains on derivatives						848	3.23
Total investments						25,628	97.69
Other net assets						605	2.31
Total net assets						26,233	100.00

Currently forward positions are not collateralised.

# Smart Beta Low Volatility Global Equity Income

For the period ended 30 September 2017

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## Performance

For the period ended 30 September 2017, the value of the Smart Beta Low Volatility Global Equity Income – A Income Shares increased by 7.18% compared to an increase of 7.71% in the benchmark, the MSCI All Country World Index.

Source: Lipper, Basis: total return, NAV to NAV, net of annual charges, gross income reinvested, USD.

Please see the Performance History section for details on the use of MSCI information.

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 performance of the Value factor differed markedly by region. For example, Value registered strong positive gains in Europe due to the ongoing recovery in the Eurozone economy. This makes intuitive sense when Value is viewed as a measure of financial distress. In stark contrast to Europe, US Value underperformed. The Value factor often struggles in late cycle bull markets such as the US. Overall though, our Value investment theme outperformed.

Over the period, our Momentum investment theme also outperformed. Momentum currently has Growth characteristics and the Growth factor is performing strongly.

The Low Volatility factor though had a challenging time due to the rise in the overall market, with many US indices hitting record highs. In addition, the US Federal Reserve has now started to normalise interest rates which is a further headwind for Low Volatility.

## Portfolio review

Drilling down to a stock level the Fund made 17 basis points (bps) from an average 41 bp overweight position in the German airline, Deutsche Lufthansa. The share price soared 55.9% in sterling terms driven by a successful restructuring of the firm's balance sheet. Lufthansa scored highly based on our Momentum metrics.

In addition, we made a further 5 bps from an average 33 bp underweight position in British American Tobacco (B.A.T). The stock fell 10.2% after the US Food & Drug Administration announced plans to lower nicotine in cigarettes to non-addictive levels. B.A.T. registered a low score based on measures of Quality.

On the downside we lost 8 bps from an average 30 bp underweight position in the aerospace manufacturer, Boeing. The share price rose 35.4% after the company announced better than expected second-quarter results due to lower costs from the 787 Dreamliner jet program. Boeing registered a poor score according to several Value metrics.

## Outlook

Rather than try and time individual factors and investment themes, the Quant team's investment process targets simultaneous exposure to a wide variety of factors that have been shown to outperform over the long term.

Examples of such factors would be Value, Quality, Momentum, Low Volatility and Smaller Size. Furthermore, many of these factors are lowly correlated, or even negatively correlated, which allows us to fully reap the benefits of diversification and design strategies that aim to outperform in a wide variety of market environments.

## Aberdeen Quantitative Investments Team

October 2017

# Smart Beta Low Volatility Global Equity Income

## Statement of Net Assets

As at 30 September 2017

	Notes	US\$'000
<b>Assets</b>		
Investments in securities at market value	2.2	150,638
Cash at bank		3,685
Amounts held at futures clearing houses and brokers		175
Interest and dividends receivable		535
Unrealised gains on future contracts	2.7	37
Other assets		22
<b>Total assets</b>		<b>155,092</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Taxes and expenses payable		20
Other liabilities		1,081
<b>Total liabilities</b>		<b>1,101</b>
<b>Net assets at the end of the period</b>		<b>153,991</b>

## Statement of Changes in Net Assets

For the period from 2 May 2017 to 30 September 2017

	Notes	US\$'000
Net gains from investments		2,314
Net realised gains		2,009
Net unrealised gains		6,518
Proceeds from shares issued		145,460
Net equalisation received	10	13
Dividends paid	5	(2,323)
<b>Net assets at the end of the period</b>		<b>153,991</b>

## Statement of Operations

For the period from 2 May 2017 to 30 September 2017

	Notes	US\$'000
<b>Income</b>		
Investment income	2.3	2,410
Bank interest		1
<b>Total income</b>		<b>2,411</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Operating, administrative and servicing fees	4.3	97
<b>Total expenses</b>		<b>97</b>
<b>Net gains from investments</b>		<b>2,314</b>
Realised gains on investments		1,896
Realised gains on future contracts		144
Realised currency exchange losses		(31)
<b>Net realised gains</b>		<b>2,009</b>
Increase in unrealised appreciation on investments		6,481
Increase in unrealised appreciation on future contracts		37
<b>Net unrealised gains</b>		<b>6,518</b>
<b>Net increase in assets as a result of operations</b>		<b>10,841</b>

## Share Transactions

For the period from 2 May 2017 to 30 September 2017

	A-1 <sup>A</sup>	E(EUR)-1 <sup>A</sup>	H(EUR)-1 <sup>A</sup>	I-1 <sup>A</sup>	R(GBP)-1 <sup>A</sup>	Z-1 <sup>A</sup>
Shares outstanding at the beginning of the period	-	-	-	-	-	-
Shares issued during the period	640	600	600	640	500	14,526,665
Shares redeemed during the period	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Shares outstanding at the end of the period</b>	<b>640</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>640</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>14,526,665</b>
<b>Net asset value per share</b>	<b>10.5985</b>	<b>9.7868</b>	<b>9.7871</b>	<b>10.5987</b>	<b>10.2094</b>	<b>10.5982</b>

<sup>A</sup> Share class launched 2 May 2017.

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements.

# Smart Beta Low Volatility Global Equity Income

## Portfolio Statement

As at 30 September 2017

Security	Nominal/ Quantity	Market Value US\$'000	Total Net Assets %
Transferable securities and money market instruments admitted to an official exchange listing or dealt on another regulated market 97.83%			
<b>Equities 97.83%</b>			
<b>Australia 1.89%</b>			
AGL Energy	25,753	473	0.31
Ansell	23,453	409	0.27
CIMIC	12,619	434	0.28
Fortescue Metals	186,764	755	0.49
Medibank Private	156,324	358	0.23
Metcash	195,893	395	0.26
Seven West Media	153,993	80	0.05
		<b>2,904</b>	<b>1.89</b>
<b>Belgium 1.03%</b>			
Ageas	24,224	1,138	0.74
Bpost	14,963	445	0.29
		<b>1,583</b>	<b>1.03</b>
<b>Bermuda 0.49%</b>			
RenaissanceRe	2,797	378	0.25
XL	9,638	380	0.24
		<b>758</b>	<b>0.49</b>
<b>Brazil 0.84%</b>			
Banco BTG Pactual	79,000	470	0.31
Cia de Gas de Sao Paulo 'A' (PREF)	22,939	400	0.26
Multiplus	33,317	411	0.27
PPLA11 Participations	8,777	5	-
		<b>1,286</b>	<b>0.84</b>
<b>Canada 0.23%</b>			
George Weston	4,016	349	0.23
<b>Czech Republic 0.53%</b>			
MONETA Money Bank	115,835	409	0.27
O2 Czech Republic	32,963	406	0.26
		<b>815</b>	<b>0.53</b>
<b>Denmark 0.77%</b>			
H Lundbeck	7,242	416	0.28
Tryg	16,894	391	0.25
Vestas Wind Systems	4,124	372	0.24
		<b>1,179</b>	<b>0.77</b>
<b>Finland 1.15%</b>			
UPM-Kymmene	65,005	1,765	1.15

# Smart Beta Low Volatility Global Equity Income

	Nominal/ Quantity	Market Value US\$'000	Total Net Assets %
<b>Security</b>			
<b>France 0.89%</b>			
Atos	2,468	383	0.25
Eutelsat Communications	20,191	598	0.39
Peugeot	16,351	390	0.25
		<b>1,371</b>	<b>0.89</b>
<b>Germany 2.61%</b>			
Covestro	12,267	1,052	0.68
Deutsche Lufthansa	26,654	741	0.48
Hochtief	2,317	391	0.25
Muenchener Rueckver	5,486	1,173	0.77
Uniper	24,012	658	0.43
		<b>4,015</b>	<b>2.61</b>
<b>Greece 0.28%</b>			
Motor Oil (Hellas)	18,302	<b>428</b>	<b>0.28</b>
<b>Hong Kong 6.79%</b>			
BOC Hong Kong	75,579	367	0.24
CK Asset	228,000	1,886	1.22
CLP	183,925	1,884	1.21
Hopewell Highway Infrastructure	649,222	402	0.26
i-Cable Communications	70,216	2	-
Jardine Strategic	8,507	367	0.24
Li & Fung	931,208	467	0.30
NWS	192,825	375	0.24
PCCW	710,810	384	0.25
Power Assets	51,299	444	0.29
Sa Sa International	974,000	382	0.25
Television Broadcasts	115,157	383	0.25
Texwinca	582,061	349	0.23
Vtech	23,900	348	0.23
WH	855,740	909	0.59
Wheelock	99,980	703	0.46
Xinyi Glass	447,739	443	0.29
Yue Yuen Industrial	96,174	366	0.24
		<b>10,461</b>	<b>6.79</b>
<b>Hungary 0.62%</b>			
Magyar Telekom	241,394	443	0.29
MOL Hungarian Oil & Gas	43,944	505	0.33
		<b>948</b>	<b>0.62</b>
<b>Israel 0.24%</b>			
Bezeq Israeli Telecommunication	255,534	<b>365</b>	<b>0.24</b>



# Smart Beta Low Volatility Global Equity Income

	Nominal/ Quantity	Market Value US\$'000	Total Net Assets %
<b>Security</b>			
<b>Italy 0.58%</b>			
Atlantia	28,517	900	0.58
<b>Japan 13.04%</b>			
Adastria Co	15,671	353	0.23
Astellas Pharma Inc	29,300	373	0.24
Brother Industries Ltd	15,700	365	0.24
Canon Marketing Japan Inc	18,187	435	0.28
Capcom Co Ltd	13,700	336	0.22
Daikyo Inc	17,200	337	0.22
Daito Trust Construction Co	4,377	797	0.52
Gree	44,438	303	0.20
ITOCHU Corporation	159,381	2,611	1.70
Kajima Corp	99,251	985	0.64
Kirin Holdings Co Ltd	16,600	390	0.25
Konami Holdings Corp	8,059	387	0.25
Leopalace 21 Corp	52,100	363	0.24
Maeda Road Construction Co	22,387	482	0.31
Marubeni Corp	179,200	1,223	0.79
Matsumotokiyoshi Holdings Co	6,759	452	0.29
Megmilk Snow Brand Co	12,700	345	0.22
Miraca Holdings	9,100	423	0.27
Mitsubishi Gas Chemical	19,901	466	0.30
Mitsubishi Shokuhin Co	12,537	366	0.24
Mitsui Chemicals	13,432	408	0.27
NEC Corp	13,879	376	0.24
Nichirei Corp	15,357	385	0.25
Nippo Corp	23,387	500	0.32
NTT	28,921	1,325	0.86
Obayashi Corp	74,192	889	0.58
SCREEN Holdings Co	6,268	434	0.28
Sumitomo Corp	137,217	1,974	1.29
Taisei Corp	23,354	1,223	0.79
Tosoh Corp	17,000	383	0.25
Toyota Boshoku Corp	19,100	405	0.26
		<b>20,094</b>	<b>13.04</b>
<b>Malaysia 0.91%</b>			
Malayan Banking	620,300	1,401	0.91
<b>Mexico 0.24%</b>			
Concentradora Fibra Danhos (REIT)	215,810	371	0.24
<b>Netherlands 1.72%</b>			
Gemalto	7,767	347	0.23
Koninklijke Ahold Delhaize	103,341	1,932	1.25
Philips Lighting	9,354	377	0.24
		<b>2,656</b>	<b>1.72</b>

# Smart Beta Low Volatility Global Equity Income

	Nominal/ Quantity	Market Value US\$'000	Total Net Assets %
<b>Security</b>			
<b>New Zealand 0.28%</b>			
Air New Zealand	177,093	430	0.28
<b>Norway 0.53%</b>			
Marine Harvest	40,822	808	0.53
<b>Poland 0.25%</b>			
Asseco Poland	29,842	378	0.25
<b>Singapore 0.78%</b>			
BOC Aviation	64,922	352	0.23
HPH	892,792	386	0.25
Venture	35,697	463	0.30
		<b>1,201</b>	<b>0.78</b>
<b>South Africa 0.54%</b>			
Harmony Gold Mining	210,124	376	0.24
Kumba Iron Ore	28,082	458	0.30
		<b>834</b>	<b>0.54</b>
<b>South Korea 2.72%</b>			
Hyundai Mobis	1,840	385	0.25
Kia Motors	29,119	805	0.52
LG Uplus	27,483	320	0.21
Nongshim	1,268	379	0.25
POSCO	4,738	1,310	0.85
Samsung Electronics	196	439	0.28
SK Telecom	2,481	553	0.36
		<b>4,191</b>	<b>2.72</b>
<b>Spain 2.53%</b>			
Aena	7,665	1,384	0.90
Corporacion Financiera Alba	6,163	376	0.24
Endesa	33,223	749	0.49
Iberdrola	179,332	1,393	0.90
		<b>3,902</b>	<b>2.53</b>
<b>Sweden 0.74%</b>			
Electrolux 'B'	12,362	418	0.27
Industrivarden 'C'	28,351	716	0.47
		<b>1,134</b>	<b>0.74</b>
<b>Switzerland 2.56%</b>			
ABB	49,558	1,226	0.80
Partners	2,090	1,419	0.93
Sika	63	469	0.30
Swiss Re	9,066	822	0.53
		<b>3,936</b>	<b>2.56</b>

# Smart Beta Low Volatility Global Equity Income

	Nominal/ Quantity	Market Value US\$'000	Total Net Assets %
<b>Security</b>			
<b>Taiwan 4.38%</b>			
AU Optronics	933,000	375	0.24
Cathay Real Estate Development	645,000	355	0.23
China Motor	391,000	347	0.23
Epistar	287,000	368	0.24
Feng Hsin Iron & Steel	202,000	346	0.22
Formosa Petrochemical	101,000	352	0.23
Hon Hai Precision Industry	476,000	1,675	1.09
Innolux	793,000	371	0.24
Lite-On Technology	217,000	309	0.20
Pegatron	208,000	546	0.35
Synnex Technology International	322,000	386	0.25
Uni-President Enterprises	297,000	617	0.40
Wistron	413,902	335	0.22
Yulon Nissan Motor	44,000	370	0.24
		<b>6,752</b>	<b>4.38</b>
<b>Thailand 1.66%</b>			
Electricity Generating (Alien)	61,700	433	0.28
Glow Energy (Alien)	179,957	482	0.32
Intouch (Alien)	214,379	374	0.24
Krung Thai Bank (Alien)	742,800	420	0.27
Ratchaburi Electricity Generating (Alien)	253,595	408	0.26
Thai Oil (Alien)	158,713	439	0.29
		<b>2,556</b>	<b>1.66</b>
<b>Turkey 0.70%</b>			
Aygaz	89,435	377	0.24
Emlak Konut (REIT)	490,413	369	0.24
TAV Havalimanlari	67,434	335	0.22
		<b>1,081</b>	<b>0.70</b>
<b>United Kingdom 4.74%</b>			
Bellway	9,118	403	0.26
Direct Line Insurance	137,484	671	0.44
International Consolidated Airlines	45,176	360	0.23
Micro Focus International	11,349	363	0.24
Rio Tinto	54,560	2,542	1.64
Royal Mail	97,404	502	0.33
Tate & Lyle	54,445	474	0.31
Taylor Wimpey	361,163	947	0.61
WM Morrison Supermarkets	200,353	629	0.41
3i	33,442	410	0.27
		<b>7,301</b>	<b>4.74</b>

# Smart Beta Low Volatility Global Equity Income

Security	Nominal/ Quantity	Market Value US\$'000	Total Net Assets %
<b>United States 40.57%</b>			
Aetna	2,411	383	0.25
AGNC Investment (REIT)	38,649	838	0.54
Allstate	4,127	379	0.25
Ally Financial	16,834	408	0.27
Annaly Capital Management (REIT)	126,493	1,541	1.00
Anthem	10,781	2,047	1.33
AT&T	24,105	944	0.61
Axis Capital	8,924	511	0.33
Baxter International	8,314	522	0.34
Bed Bath & Beyond	13,916	327	0.21
Best Buy	31,105	1,771	1.15
CA	36,338	1,213	0.79
Cars.com	14,517	386	0.25
Celanese	3,721	388	0.25
Centene	4,627	448	0.29
Cigna	2,045	382	0.25
Cincinnati Financial	7,399	566	0.37
Cisco Systems	45,792	1,540	1.00
CME	3,353	455	0.30
CNA Financial	8,164	410	0.27
Consolidated Edison	31,118	2,510	1.62
Corning	11,265	337	0.22
CVS Health	30,538	2,483	1.60
Darden Restaurants	14,308	1,127	0.73
DTE Energy	10,468	1,124	0.73
Edison International	16,881	1,302	0.85
Everest Re	4,875	1,113	0.72
Express Scripts	6,455	409	0.27
FirstEnergy	25,442	784	0.51
Ford Motor	162,458	1,944	1.26
Gilead Sciences	9,525	772	0.50
HCP (REIT)	27,400	762	0.50
HP	133,172	2,658	1.72
H&R Block	12,034	319	0.21
Humana	9,402	2,290	1.49
Ingersoll-Rand	4,158	371	0.24
J.M. Smucker	13,673	1,435	0.93
Juniper Networks	13,226	368	0.24
KLA-Tencor	18,920	2,006	1.30
Kohl's	17,143	782	0.51
Lam Research	2,949	545	0.35
Lear	2,452	424	0.28
Macerich (REIT)	14,583	801	0.52
Macy's	32,369	706	0.46
Maxim Integrated Products	8,927	426	0.28
Mckesson	2,463	378	0.25

# Smart Beta Low Volatility Global Equity Income

	Nominal/ Quantity	Market Value US\$'000	Total Net Assets %
Security			
MDU Resources	12,693	329	0.21
NetApp	32,347	1,416	0.92
Park Hotels & Resorts (REIT)	15,335	422	0.27
Public Service Enterprise	23,322	1,079	0.70
Ross Stores	6,222	402	0.26
Seagate Technology	20,462	679	0.44
Skyworks Solutions	3,582	365	0.24
S&P Global	2,461	385	0.25
Synopsys	5,086	410	0.27
Sysco	24,228	1,307	0.85
T. Rowe Price	4,367	396	0.26
Target	31,593	1,864	1.21
Texas Instruments	16,905	1,515	0.98
Tyson Foods 'A'	6,815	480	0.31
UnitedHealth	2,033	398	0.26
Valero Energy	34,904	2,687	1.73
VMware	3,712	405	0.26
Waste Management	15,142	1,186	0.77
Western Digital	4,371	378	0.25
Xerox	26,756	891	0.58
Yum China	46,441	1,856	1.21
		62,485	40.57
Total Equities		150,638	97.83
Total Transferable securities and money market instruments admitted to an official exchange listing or dealt on another regulated market		150,638	97.83
Derivatives 0.02%			
Future contracts 0.02%			
		Unrealised Gains/(Losses) US\$'000	Total Net Assets %
Future	Maturity	Notional	
CME S&P 500 Emini	15/12/17	14	37
Unrealised gains on future contracts		37	0.02
Unrealised gains on derivatives		37	0.02
Total investments		150,675	97.85
Other net assets		3,316	2.15
Total net assets		153,991	100.00

# SRI Emerging Markets Equity

For the period ended 30 September 2017

## Performance

For the period ended 30 September 2017, the value of SRI Emerging Markets Equity – A Accumulation Shares increased by 5.02% compared to an increase of 8.04% in the benchmark, the MSCI Emerging Markets Index.

Source: Lipper, Basis: total return, published NAV to NAV, net of annual charges, gross income reinvested, USD.

Please see the Performance History section for details on the use of MSCI information.

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

Emerging markets rallied over the review period, driven by generally robust economic growth and upbeat corporate earnings. Positive indicators about China's economy and rising oil prices also boosted sentiment, though concerns over North Korean nuclear tests, and the US Federal Reserve's (Fed) plans for more aggressive policy normalisation dampened risk appetites. Emerging currencies rose due to deepening turmoil within the Trump administration, but further gains were capped by the Fed's more hawkish tilt after positive economic data from the US.

Latin America was robust. Brazilian equities were undeterred as new charges were brought against President Temer, given that lawmakers had previously voted against indicting him, which was positive for the government's reform program. The economy also grew for a second straight quarter after emerging from recession, while subdued inflation allowed the central bank to cut rates. Conversely, Mexico's central bank halted its hiking cycle. The peso was pressured by President Trump's rhetoric on the North American Free Trade Agreement, as well as two deadly earthquakes.

In emerging Asia, India's Goods and Services Tax implementation proved fairly benign. GDP growth slowed in the June quarter, compelling Prime Minister Modi to reshuffle his Cabinet and revive an economic advisory panel. China was robust, thanks to largely healthy corporate earnings and the continued rise of internet heavyweights. However, ratings agency S&P slashed the mainland and Hong Kong's sovereign ratings on risks from prolonged credit growth, while continued housing curbs weighed on property stocks. Elsewhere, Indonesia's central bank unexpectedly lowered interest rates twice.

Stabilising oil prices supported Russian stocks, while the central bank bailed-out two troubled lenders. Eastern European markets broadly rose, as Poland, the Czech Republic and Romania all recorded healthy economic growth. Turkish markets were flat, even though second-quarter GDP expanded by 5.1% year-on-year, making it among the fastest-growing G20 economies.

Our holdings' second-quarter earnings were mostly encouraging. Most notably, Samsung Electronics reported record profits, on booming demand for memory chips, despite the trial and subsequent five-year jail sentence for heir-apparent JY Lee.

## Portfolio review

The Fund's positioning in China and Hong Kong contributed significantly to overall underperformance. In the mainland, internet giants Tencent, Alibaba and Baidu all performed well on good results. In Hong Kong, holding Hang Lung Group performed poorly over concerns that its property subsidiary's projects located outside Chinese tier-1 cities were not benefiting from the rising Chinese market. Insurer AIA also had a relatively flat quarter, reflecting consolidation of recent gains.

In Indonesia, conglomerate Astra International was weak after announcing poor results, reflecting a tougher competitive environment in autos, though it should be temporary.

Latin America contributed positively to overall performance. Brazil continued to rebound after a series of interest rate cuts and further evidence that the economy was recovering after a period of extreme political volatility. Most of the Fund's holdings benefited, including Vale, which was additionally boosted by the long-awaited move to a single share class, a move we had lobbied for. However, Mexico sold-off on concerns over the impact of the September earthquakes on the economy. This also hurt airport operator Asur, due to worries that passenger numbers will decline. However, we believe any weakness is likely to be short-lived.

Performance in EMEA was largely neutral as good stock selection and asset allocation in South Africa mitigated weaker performance elsewhere in the region. Notably, Turkish banks, Akbank and Garanti, were weaker after higher tax rates for the sector were announced, as well as concerns over the potential negative impact of tighter fiscal and monetary policy on the economy going forward.

Since the Fund's inception, we initiated positions in Midea, a leading Chinese appliances manufacturer; China Resources Land, among the top mainland property developers on its solid fundamentals and attractive valuations; as well as internet giant Tencent.

Our introduction of Tencent reflects our growing conviction in, and comfort with, its business, corporate structure and governance. Over time, Tencent has sustained its revenues and maintained market dominance in gaming, while creating a powerful ecosystem that leverages on its various offerings. In particular, we have been encouraged by progress on financial services, online advertising and digital content. The monetisation of its sizeable user base will drive earnings growth, and it is already posting solid revenues and operating margins. Like many Chinese internet companies, Tencent operates onshore via a variable interest entity (VIE), as Chinese law restricts foreign ownership of companies in certain industries. While we remain uncomfortable with VIEs, we understand why such structures exist. We have also grown more comfortable, helped by its track record of treating minority shareholders fairly, and this has mitigated our concerns over its corporate structure.

# SRI Emerging Markets Equity

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## Outlook

Looking ahead, the Fed's normalisation plans, which include a likely December rate hike, remain a major concern, as tighter liquidity could dampen appetite for riskier assets and lead to capital outflows from emerging markets. All eyes will also be on China in the run-up to the 19th National Congress of the Communist Party, and on potential changes to Beijing's policy direction, including indications about the pace of monetary tightening and reforms. But while mainland growth is expected to moderate, resilience of exports and consumption suggests a sharp slowdown is unlikely. This should support continued corporate earnings growth, both in China and the broader emerging markets. Developing economies' efforts to de-leverage and reduce current account deficits should position them better to withstand volatility. Growth is also broadening, with Brazil and South Africa emerging from recession. This, coupled with subdued inflation and accommodative monetary policies, should benefit our consumer holdings. Stabilising oil prices will also be positive for commodity-dependent economies, such as Russia. All these suggest emerging assets have room for further gains. We remain confident in our approach, favouring quality companies that can weather uncertainties and tap into emerging markets' favourable demographics and long-term growth potential.

**Aberdeen Global Emerging Markets Equity Team**

October 2017

# SRI Emerging Markets Equity

## Statement of Net Assets

As at 30 September 2017

	Notes	US\$'000
<b>Assets</b>		
Investments in securities at market value	2.2	54,396
Cash at bank		597
Interest and dividends receivable		12
Receivable for investments sold		63
<b>Total assets</b>		<b>55,068</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Payable for investments purchased		191
Taxes and expenses payable		11
<b>Total liabilities</b>		<b>202</b>
<b>Net assets at the end of the period</b>		<b>54,866</b>

## Statement of Changes in Net Assets

For the period from 30 June 2017 to 30 September 2017

	Notes	US\$'000
Net gains from investments		25
Net realised gains		30
Net unrealised losses		(836)
Proceeds from shares issued		55,416
Net equalisation received	10	231
<b>Net assets at the end of the period</b>		<b>54,866</b>

## Statement of Operations

For the period from 30 June 2017 to 30 September 2017

	Notes	US\$'000
<b>Income</b>		
Investment income	2.3	39
<b>Total income</b>		<b>39</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Management fees	4.2	9
Operating, administrative and servicing fees	4.3	5
<b>Total expenses</b>		<b>14</b>
<b>Net gains from investments</b>		<b>25</b>
Realised gains on investments		1
Realised currency exchange gains		29
<b>Net realised gains</b>		<b>30</b>
Increase in unrealised depreciation on investments		(839)
Unrealised currency exchange gains		3
<b>Net unrealised losses</b>		<b>(836)</b>
<b>Net decrease in assets as a result of operations</b>		<b>(781)</b>

## Share Transactions

For the period from 30 June 2017 to 30 September 2017

	A-2 <sup>A</sup>	G-2 <sup>A</sup>	I-1 <sup>A</sup>	I-2 <sup>A</sup>
Shares outstanding at the beginning of the period	-	-	-	-
Shares issued during the period	500	874,928	500	500
Shares redeemed during the period	-	-	-	-
<b>Shares outstanding at the end of the period</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>874,928</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>500</b>
<b>Net asset value per share</b>	<b>10.5385</b>	<b>10.5594</b>	<b>10.5314</b>	<b>10.5593</b>
	J(EUR)-2 <sup>A</sup>	X-1 <sup>A</sup>	Z-2 <sup>A</sup>	
Shares outstanding at the beginning of the period	-	-	-	-
Shares issued during the period	439	500	4,308,031	
Shares redeemed during the period	-	-	-	-
<b>Shares outstanding at the end of the period</b>	<b>439</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>4,308,031</b>	
<b>Net asset value per share</b>	<b>10.1864</b>	<b>10.5312</b>	<b>10.5851</b>	

<sup>A</sup> Share class launched 30 June 2017.

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements.



# SRI Emerging Markets Equity

## Portfolio Statement

As at 30 September 2017

Security	Nominal/ Quantity	Market Value US\$'000	Total Net Assets %
Transferable securities and money market instruments admitted to an official exchange listing or dealt on another regulated market 99.14%			
<b>Equities 99.14%</b>			
<b>Argentina 0.75%</b>			
Tenaris (ADR)	14,629	414	0.75
<b>Brazil 13.92%</b>			
Ambev	147,700	982	1.79
Banco Bradesco (ADR)	158,200	1,752	3.20
BRF	45,000	650	1.18
Lojas Renner	107,556	1,226	2.23
Multiplan Empreendimentos Imobiliarios	30,240	702	1.28
Ultrapar Participacoes	52,400	1,248	2.28
Vale (ADR)	106,700	1,075	1.96
		<b>7,635</b>	<b>13.92</b>
<b>Chile 2.36%</b>			
Banco Santander Chile (ADR)	22,900	681	1.24
SACI Falabella	63,000	614	1.12
		<b>1,295</b>	<b>2.36</b>
<b>China 7.28%</b>			
China Resources Land	94,300	288	0.53
Hangzhou Hikvision Digital Technology	167,450	806	1.47
Kweichow Moutai 'A'	14,100	1,099	2.00
Midea	87,800	584	1.06
Shanghai International Airport	116,600	666	1.21
Tencent	12,878	554	1.01
		<b>3,997</b>	<b>7.28</b>
<b>Hong Kong 10.08%</b>			
AIA	241,800	1,782	3.25
China Mobile	156,000	1,581	2.88
Hang Lung	220,000	791	1.44
Hang Lung Properties	85,300	202	0.37
Hong Kong Exchanges & Clearing	26,707	718	1.31
Swire Pacific 'A'	6,760	66	0.12
Swire Pacific 'B'	10,900	19	0.03
Swire Properties	110,000	373	0.68
		<b>5,532</b>	<b>10.08</b>
<b>Hungary 1.06%</b>			
Gedeon Richter	23,300	584	1.06
<b>India 9.67%</b>			
Aditya Birla Capital GDR	3,640	10	0.02
Ambuja Cements (GDR)	192,300	783	1.43
Grasim Industries (GDR)	106,300	1,846	3.37

# SRI Emerging Markets Equity

	Nominal/ Quantity	Market Value US\$'000	Total Net Assets %
<b>Security</b>			
HDFC Bank (ADR)	27,150	2,617	4.76
UltraTech Cement (GDR)	800	47	0.09
		<b>5,303</b>	<b>9.67</b>
<b>Indonesia 5.23%</b>			
Astra International	2,564,100	1,506	2.75
Bank Central Asia	506,200	763	1.39
Indocement Tunggal Prakarsa	424,600	600	1.09
		<b>2,869</b>	<b>5.23</b>
<b>Malaysia 1.21%</b>			
Public Bank	136,600	662	1.21
<b>Mexico 7.60%</b>			
FEMSA (ADR)	16,800	1,605	2.92
Grupo Aeroportuario del Sureste (ADR)	4,270	814	1.48
Grupo Financiero Banorte	235,700	1,625	2.97
Organizacion Soriana 'B'	54,500	126	0.23
		<b>4,170</b>	<b>7.60</b>
<b>Philippines 3.96%</b>			
Ayala	36,500	697	1.27
Ayala Land	758,600	649	1.18
Bank of the Philippine Islands	421,700	826	1.51
		<b>2,172</b>	<b>3.96</b>
<b>Poland 0.95%</b>			
Bank Pekao	14,800	520	0.95
<b>Portugal 1.09%</b>			
Jeronimo Martins	30,400	599	1.09
<b>Russian Federation 3.90%</b>			
Lukoil ADR	15,600	826	1.51
Magnit	7,500	1,315	2.39
		<b>2,141</b>	<b>3.90</b>
<b>South Africa 4.06%</b>			
BHP Billiton	12,430	220	0.40
Massmart	65,900	544	0.99
MTN	81,400	751	1.37
Truworths International	124,700	713	1.30
		<b>2,228</b>	<b>4.06</b>
<b>South Korea 8.16%</b>			
Amorepacific	3,630	391	0.71
Amorepacific (PREF)	2,060	279	0.51
Naver	1,460	950	1.73

## SRI Emerging Markets Equity

	Nominal/ Quantity	Market Value US\$'000	Total Net Assets %
<b>Security</b>			
Samsung Electronics (GDR) (PREF)	520	476	0.87
Samsung Electronics (PREF)	1,320	2,379	4.34
		<b>4,475</b>	<b>8.16</b>
<b>Taiwan 5.10%</b>			
Taiwan Mobile	156,000	557	1.01
TSMC	261,000	1,865	3.41
TSMC (ADR)	10,000	376	0.68
		<b>2,798</b>	<b>5.10</b>
<b>Thailand 4.32%</b>			
Siam Cement (Alien)	80,700	1,213	2.21
Siam Commercial Bank (Alien)	252,300	1,159	2.11
		<b>2,372</b>	<b>4.32</b>
<b>Turkey 3.93%</b>			
Akbank	254,200	672	1.22
BIM Birlesik Magazalar	43,800	913	1.67
Turkiye Garanti Bankasi	210,000	572	1.04
		<b>2,157</b>	<b>3.93</b>
<b>United Kingdom 1.00%</b>			
Standard Chartered	54,900	546	1.00
<b>United States 3.51%</b>			
Cognizant Technology Solutions 'A'	11,600	841	1.53
Yum China	27,160	1,086	1.98
		<b>1,927</b>	<b>3.51</b>
<b>Total Equities</b>		<b>54,396</b>	<b>99.14</b>
<b>Total Transferable securities and money market instruments admitted to an official exchange listing or dealt on another regulated market</b>		<b>54,396</b>	<b>99.14</b>
<b>Other transferable securities and money market instruments nil</b>			
<b>Equities nil</b>			
<b>Turkey nil</b>			
Medya	604	-	-
<b>Total Equities</b>		-	-
<b>Total Other transferable securities and money market instruments</b>		-	-
<b>Total investments</b>		<b>54,396</b>	<b>99.14</b>
<b>Other net assets</b>		<b>470</b>	<b>0.86</b>
<b>Total net assets</b>		<b>54,866</b>	<b>100.00</b>

# Swiss Equity

For the year ended 30 September 2017

## Performance

For the year ended 30 September 2017, the value of Swiss Equity - I Accumulation Shares increased by 21.36% compared to an increase of 17.61% in the benchmark, the Swiss Performance Index TR.

Source: Lipper, Basis: total return, published NAV to NAV, net of annual charges, gross income reinvested, CHF.

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

Swiss stocks rose in the year under review. Initially, the market rose to its highest for the year, buoyed by upbeat corporate results and hopes that the Trump administration will make good on its proposed tax cuts. Encouraging economic data in the Continent and the US, the European Central Bank's decision to hold interest rates unchanged, and Emmanuel Macron's decisive French presidential victory boosted sentiment but also considerably reduced the political uncertainty in the Eurozone. Capping gains were the Federal Reserve's policy normalisation and interest rate hike, heightened geopolitical tensions in Syria and North Korea, and rising populist discontent in Europe, which shaved Angela Merkel's winning margin at the German national election, Catalonia's independence referendum in Spain, and continued uncertainty from the ongoing Brexit negotiations.

In economic news, July leading indicators for the manufacturing sector showed that it would maintain its solid pace, backed by robust order books, while August data showed imports outpacing exports as the overall trade surplus shrank. This was despite a rise in watch exports, which rose by 4.2% to 1.4 billion Swiss francs. In policy news, the Swiss National Bank maintained its expansionary negative interest rate policy. The central bank upgraded its inflation projection from 0.3% to 0.4% for 2017 and expects GDP growth for the current year to reach just under 1.0%.

## Portfolio review

At the stock level, contributors to relative returns included Temenos, which benefited from upbeat investor sentiment on potential new contract wins, alongside earnings upgrades. Also contributing to performance was an underweight exposure to Nestle, which underperformed a strong market due to weaker volume growth in the most recent period. Last, Swatch also benefited the Fund as its share price recovered somewhat amid signs of improving demand for its watches from the key markets of mainland China and Hong Kong.

In contrast, detracting from performance was a lack of exposure to Actelion New Line. Its shares rose on news that it was being acquired by Johnson & Johnson at a significant premium to its share price. Also costing the Fund was PSP Swiss Property, which - along with others real estate companies - were sold off by investors spooked at the prospect of higher interest rates.

In addition to the changes already mentioned in the interim report, key portfolio activity in the second half included divesting ABB given the Fund's relatively high exposure to the industrial sector and more attractive opportunities elsewhere. Against this, we participated in the initial public offer for domestic healthcare provider Galenica Santé, recognising its high quality and ability to deliver steady growth over the long term. We also introduced leading global travel retailer Dufry, recognising that it is well placed for robust structural growth, as well as its potential for margin improvement.

## Outlook

Looking ahead, the economic picture in Europe continues to look encouraging driven by a combination of upbeat consumer sentiment, a tightening labour market and better global growth. This reflects in the prospects for GDP growth this year and beyond, where growth expectations are at their highest in a decade. In politics, Angela Merkel's alliance remains the largest force in the Bundestag even though the populist AfD party made gains in the recent German election, while we also saw the advent of more political risk in the form of Catalonia's recent independence referendum.

While recognising that we are not immune to these dynamics, we do, however, maintain the view that the underlying strength of our holdings will outweigh the broader environment in the long term. Hence, our consistent approach to identify companies that possess the best diversified earnings streams, superior business models and robust balance sheets at attractive valuations.

## Pan European Equity Team

October 2017

# Swiss Equity

## Statement of Net Assets

As at 30 September 2017

	Notes	CHF'000
<b>Assets</b>		
Investments in securities at market value	2.2	1,928
Cash at bank		1
<b>Total assets</b>		<b>1,929</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Taxes and expenses payable		1
<b>Total liabilities</b>		<b>1</b>
<b>Net assets at the end of the year</b>		<b>1,928</b>

## Statement of Changes in Net Assets

For the year from 1 October 2016 to 30 September 2017

	Notes	CHF'000
Net assets at the beginning of the year		1,590
Net gains from investments		19
Net realised gains		39
Net unrealised gains		280
<b>Net assets at the end of the year</b>		<b>1,928</b>

## Statement of Operations

For the year from 1 October 2016 to 30 September 2017

	Notes	CHF'000
<b>Income</b>		
Investment income	2.3	33
<b>Total income</b>		<b>33</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Management fees	4.2	9
Operating, administrative and servicing fees	4.3	5
<b>Total expenses</b>		<b>14</b>
<b>Net gains from investments</b>		<b>19</b>
Realised gains on investments		39
<b>Net realised gains</b>		<b>39</b>
Decrease in unrealised depreciation on investments		280
<b>Net unrealised gains</b>		<b>280</b>
<b>Net increase in assets as a result of operations</b>		<b>338</b>

## Share Transactions

For the year from 1 October 2016 to 30 September 2017

	A-2	E(EUR)-2	H(EUR)-2	I-2	Z-2
Shares outstanding at the beginning of the year	770	710	42,379	50,000	49,257
Shares issued during the year	-	-	-	-	-
Shares redeemed during the year	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Shares outstanding at the end of the year</b>	<b>770</b>	<b>710</b>	<b>42,379</b>	<b>50,000</b>	<b>49,257</b>
<b>Net asset value per share</b>	<b>12.0738</b>	<b>11.4378</b>	<b>13.2753</b>	<b>12.6232</b>	<b>12.8862</b>

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements.

# Swiss Equity

## Portfolio Statement

As at 30 September 2017

Security	Nominal/ Quantity	Market Value CHF'000	Total Net Assets %
Transferable securities and money market instruments admitted to an official exchange listing or dealt on another regulated market 100.00%			
<b>Equities 100.00%</b>			
<b>Consumer Discretionary 10.94%</b>			
Cie Financiere Richemont	865	77	3.99
Dufry	250	38	1.97
Swatch	1,250	96	4.98
		<b>211</b>	<b>10.94</b>
<b>Consumer Staples 14.57%</b>			
Barry Callebaut	41	61	3.16
Lindt & Spruengli	10	55	2.85
Nestle	2,033	165	8.56
		<b>281</b>	<b>14.57</b>
<b>Financials 18.31%</b>			
Julius Baer	1,270	73	3.79
Partners	114	75	3.89
UBS	6,990	116	6.02
VZ	178	55	2.85
Zurich Insurance	116	34	1.76
		<b>353</b>	<b>18.31</b>
<b>Health Care 17.17%</b>			
Galenica Sante	900	41	2.13
Novartis	930	77	3.99
Roche	550	136	7.06
Tecan	385	77	3.99
		<b>331</b>	<b>17.17</b>
<b>Industrials 22.41%</b>			
Belimo	15	59	3.06
Burckhardt Compression	192	58	3.01
DKSH	760	63	3.27
dorma+kaba	69	68	3.53
Schindler	345	72	3.73
SGS	33	77	3.99
Zurich Airport	162	35	1.82
		<b>432</b>	<b>22.41</b>
<b>Information Technology 3.37%</b>			
Temenos	662	65	3.37
<b>Materials 10.53%</b>			
Clariant	3,700	86	4.46
Givaudan	29	61	3.16
LafargeHolcim	988	56	2.91
		<b>203</b>	<b>10.53</b>

## Swiss Equity

	Nominal/ Quantity	Market Value CHF'000	Total Net Assets %
Security			
Real Estate 2.70%			
PSP Swiss Property	578	52	2.70
Total Equities		1,928	100.00
Total Transferable securities and money market instruments admitted to an official exchange listing or dealt on another regulated market		1,928	100.00
Total investments		1,928	100.00
Other net assets		-	-
Total net assets		1,928	100.00

# Technology Equity

For the year ended 30 September 2017

## Performance

For the year ended 30 September 2017, the value of the Technology Equity - A Accumulation Shares increased by 19.70% compared to an increase of 27.47% in the benchmark, the Merrill Lynch Technology 100 CR Index.

Source: Lipper, Basis: total return, published NAV to NAV, net of annual charges, gross income reinvested, USD.

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

Technology shares extended gains during the year under review and outperformed global markets. Investors generally saw the sector as a proxy for companies with solid growth prospects, regardless of the economic backdrop. American companies with substantial foreign income were helped by a weaker US dollar; and earnings from tech-sector bellwethers, such as Facebook, Amazon, Netflix and Alphabet (the so-called 'Fangs'), hit an upbeat note. Notably, Apple delivered higher-than-expected iPhone and iPad sales and profits. Suppliers of semiconductors for computing also gained pace, given a rising demand for storage and processing of data, driven by artificial intelligence, driverless technology and internet of things. Within Asia, solid earnings growth achieved by Chinese internet stocks, aided by protectionist government policies, whetted investor appetite and continued to bolster their share prices, despite some profit-taking later in the period. Nonetheless, geopolitical tensions and the impending end to quantitative easing in the US and Europe capped investors' optimism. The sector also faced greater regulatory pressures, particularly from the European Union, with new guidelines and the proposed taxation of digital companies.

## Portfolio review

At the stock level, not holding Nvidia detracted from performance. The maker of graphics chips rallied on news that driverless cars enabled by its proprietary computer chips, will go on trial in Germany next year. This positions Nvidia ahead of its competitors in a key development area within the technology industry. Not holding Chinese social media platform Weibo hurt Fund returns, as the name benefited from a segue into livestreaming, with monthly active users and financial performance. Naver also declined as its earnings disappointed, owing to investments in newer growth platforms and its Japan-listed subsidiary Line Corp. However, Naver's core search-engine business in the domestic market remains solid.

Conversely, Samsung Electronics lifted returns. Its record profits for the quarter ending June stood out. Growing demand for memory chips and brisk sales of its Galaxy S8 phone led to a 20% increase in revenue. The semiconductor business is expected to remain robust, even though it has lowered guidance, with rising component costs pressuring margins in its mobile handset business. Separately, the Fund also benefited from holding Cognizant Technology Solutions. Sentiment about the IT services provider improved after it responded to activist shareholder Elliot Management's proposal to start an accelerated share repurchase and payout a quarterly dividend of US\$0.15. Its management also indicated that it will be more focused on acquisitions

in the digital space, and refresh its board over the next two years. Check Point Software Technologies also buoyed performance, following the extension of its share repurchase programme, along with an exceptional growth in sales and market share.

In portfolio activity, we initiated positions in Apple in view of its solid business model and financials; Manhattan Associates, a supply-chain software provider with attractive fundamentals; South Korean search portal Naver, given its established market position and good growth opportunities; NICE, an Israel-based provider of software solutions with a solid market position, high free cash flow yield, and recurring revenue; and also global semiconductor manufacturer Texas Instruments, in view of its diverse customer base and good financial discipline in returning cash to shareholders. To fund these introductions, we sold Alliance Data Systems; Qualcomm; Singtel; Taiwan Mobile; Telus Corp; and Verizon.

## Outlook

We expect technology companies to rise along with earnings growth, buoyed by a global diffusion of innovation. But supply chains may be ruptured by an increase in protectionist forces or from stalled negotiations over trade agreements. A potential increase in regulations targeting at the digital economy would also weigh on the sector. These include OECD's Base Erosion and Profit Shifting project and European Union's General Data Protection Regulation. Elsewhere, equity markets are monitoring the impact of the Federal Reserve's balance sheet normalisation, and the outcome of proposed tax reforms. In addition, companies' operations may be tested by rising populism in Europe, the secessionist referendum in Spain, and the ongoing Brexit talks with the UK. These developments aside, volatility is at historical lows and global equity valuations have generally risen for a protracted period. To navigate these markets, we continue to manage the Fund by investing in good quality companies at attractive valuations: diligently monitoring our holdings' business and financial performance, while maintaining a long-term perspective of their potential.

## Global Equity Team

October 2017



# Technology Equity

## Statement of Net Assets

As at 30 September 2017

	Notes	US\$'000
<b>Assets</b>		
Investments in securities at market value	2.2	177,666
Cash at bank		1,188
Interest and dividends receivable		208
Subscriptions receivable		1,085
Receivable for investments sold		264
Other assets		281
<b>Total assets</b>		<b>180,692</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Taxes and expenses payable		286
Redemptions payable		1,007
<b>Total liabilities</b>		<b>1,293</b>
<b>Net assets at the end of the year</b>		<b>179,399</b>

## Statement of Changes in Net Assets

For the year from 1 October 2016 to 30 September 2017

	Notes	US\$'000
Net assets at the beginning of the year		169,256
Net losses from investments		(713)
Net realised gains		18,570
Net unrealised gains		15,951
Proceeds from shares issued		99,583
Payments for shares redeemed		(123,240)
Net equalisation paid	10	(8)
<b>Net assets at the end of the year</b>		<b>179,399</b>

## Statement of Operations

For the year from 1 October 2016 to 30 September 2017

	Notes	US\$'000
<b>Income</b>		
Investment income	2.3	2,584
Stocklending income	16	21
Bank interest		14
<b>Total income</b>		<b>2,619</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Management fees	4.2	2,980
Operating, administrative and servicing fees	4.3	348
Other operational expenses		4
<b>Total expenses</b>		<b>3,332</b>
<b>Net losses from investments</b>		<b>(713)</b>
Realised gains on investments		18,554
Realised currency exchange gains		16
<b>Net realised gains</b>		<b>18,570</b>
Increase in unrealised appreciation on investments		15,954
Unrealised currency exchange losses		(3)
<b>Net unrealised gains</b>		<b>15,951</b>
<b>Net increase in assets as a result of operations</b>		<b>33,808</b>

## Share Transactions

For the year from 1 October 2016 to 30 September 2017

	A-2	D(GBP)-2	I-2	R(GBP)-2	S-2	X-2	Z-2 <sup>A</sup>
Shares outstanding at the beginning of the year	26,946,953	1,759,513	752,698	78,256	175,481	40,050	-
Shares issued during the year	13,505,286	98,409	1,036,262	83,743	10,499	343,800	650
Shares redeemed during the year	(15,565,459)	(221,647)	(1,572,717)	(34,436)	(32,054)	(343,391)	-
<b>Shares outstanding at the end of the year</b>	<b>24,886,780</b>	<b>1,636,275</b>	<b>216,243</b>	<b>127,563</b>	<b>153,926</b>	<b>40,459</b>	<b>650</b>
<b>Net asset value per share</b>	<b>5.6603</b>	<b>4.2210</b>	<b>21.3395</b>	<b>19.5327</b>	<b>134.0937</b>	<b>16.3231</b>	<b>10.4932</b>

<sup>A</sup> Share class launched 11 August 2017.

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements.

# Technology Equity

## Portfolio Statement

As at 30 September 2017

	Nominal/ Quantity	Market Value US\$'000	Total Net Assets %
<b>Security</b>			
Transferable securities and money market instruments admitted to an official exchange listing or dealt on another regulated market			99.03%
<b>Equities 99.03%</b>			
<b>Brazil 1.98%</b>			
TOTVS	358,600	3,546	1.98
<b>France 2.50%</b>			
Dassault Systemes	44,400	4,486	2.50
<b>Germany 1.01%</b>			
SAP (ADR) <sup>∞</sup>	16,600	1,820	1.01
<b>Ireland 3.03%</b>			
Experian	270,400	5,438	3.03
<b>Israel 8.73%</b>			
Check Point Software Technologies	120,900	13,782	7.68
NICE	23,500	1,875	1.05
		15,657	8.73
<b>Japan 8.53%</b>			
FANUC Corp	32,300	6,537	3.64
Keyence Corp	16,500	8,758	4.89
		15,295	8.53
<b>South Africa 1.44%</b>			
MTN	279,300	2,576	1.44
<b>South Korea 8.80%</b>			
Naver	8,100	5,272	2.94
Samsung Electronics (GDR) (PREF)	11,490	10,508	5.86
		15,780	8.80
<b>Switzerland 1.50%</b>			
Temenos	26,300	2,685	1.50
<b>Taiwan 6.51%</b>			
TSMC (ADR)	311,000	11,683	6.51
<b>United Kingdom 7.83%</b>			
Aveva	138,500	4,525	2.51
Inmarsat	481,600	4,158	2.32
Rightmove	49,500	2,686	1.50
Vodafone	959,100	2,687	1.50
		14,056	7.83

# Technology Equity

Security	Nominal/ Quantity	Market Value US\$'000	Total Net Assets %
<b>United States 47.17%</b>			
Alphabet	6,600	6,426	3.58
Amdocs	56,500	3,633	2.03
Apple	11,400	1,756	0.98
Cisco Systems	56,500	1,900	1.06
Cognizant Technology Solutions 'A'	125,700	9,115	5.08
Comcast 'A'	178,800	6,878	3.83
EPAM Systems	42,300	3,720	2.07
Fair Isaac	19,300	2,712	1.51
Intel	176,900	6,737	3.76
Manhattan Associates	84,900	3,528	1.97
Microsoft	145,000	10,794	6.02
Oracle	260,400	12,583	7.00
Paychex	63,000	3,778	2.11
Texas Instruments	32,900	2,949	1.64
Visa 'A'	77,300	8,134	4.53
		<b>84,643</b>	<b>47.17</b>
<b>Total Equities</b>		<b>177,665</b>	<b>99.03</b>
<b>Total Transferable securities and money market instruments admitted to an official exchange listing or dealt on another regulated market</b>		<b>177,665</b>	<b>99.03</b>
<b>Open Ended Investment Funds nil</b>			
Aberdeen Liquidity Fund (Lux) US Dollar Fund Z-1 <sup>†</sup>	1	1	-
<b>Total Open Ended Investment Funds</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total investments</b>		<b>177,666</b>	<b>99.03</b>
<b>Other net assets</b>		<b>1,733</b>	<b>0.97</b>
<b>Total net assets</b>		<b>179,399</b>	<b>100.00</b>

<sup>†</sup> Managed by subsidiaries of Aberdeen Asset Management PLC.

<sup>∞</sup> A portion of this security is on loan at the year end.

# UK Equity

For the year ended 30 September 2017

## Performance

For the year ended 30 September 2017, the UK Equity - A Accumulation Shares increased by 10.40% compared with an increase of 11.94% in its benchmark, the FTSE All-Share Index.

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

Please remember that past performance is not a guide to future returns. The price of shares and the revenue from them may fall as well as rise. Investors may not get back the amount originally invested.

## Market review

UK equities rose in the year under review. Initially, investors were spooked by the sell-off in Chinese equities and the continued fall in the oil price at the start of the review year. Sentiment was dampened in the wake of the UK's shock decision to leave the European Union and by worries over the health of the global economy. But the market rebounded subsequently, on the back of a rosier global economic backdrop, a resilient domestic economy and a rebound in the oil price. However, these gains were capped by Prime Minister Theresa May's snap-election gamble that ended in a hung parliament, denting Britain's bargaining position just as Brexit negotiations got underway. The Conservative Party was forced to form a government with a slim majority by forging an alliance with Northern Ireland's Democratic Unionist Party, while the prime minister insisted subsequently that she would lead the Conservative Party into the 2022 election.

Unsurprisingly, sterling succumbed to fresh bouts of weakness, driving consumer prices above the Bank of England's 2% target and eroding household spending, which expanded at its slowest pace since late 2014 even though unemployment fell to its lowest level since 1975. Inflation rose to its highest in five years but the Bank of England kept monetary policy steady. Overall economic growth slowed, with second-quarter GDP expanding by 0.3%, as positive services and agricultural output were dampened by declines in construction and manufacturing.

## Portfolio review

The Fund delivered healthy returns over the review year, although it trailed the benchmark.

At the stock level, detractors included Provident Financial, whose shares were hurt by operational issues associated with implementation of a new working model in the company's home-credit business. We divested the holding during the year. A lack of exposure to HSBC negatively affected performance as banks performed well on the back of increasing interest-rate expectations. Also, an underweight to Royal Dutch Shell detracted as the shares of oil companies rose over the year on the back of firmer oil prices.

Mitigating the underperformance were a lack of exposure to Shire, which proved beneficial as its shares weakened amid a downgrade in full-year sales expectations, concerns about looming competition in the haemophilia space, as well as the surprise departure of its CFO. Also lifting performance was Intertek, which performed well as it delivered good interim results that were underpinned by buoyant demand for testing, inspection and certification services, which translated into encouraging levels of organic growth. Holding Aberdeen UK Smaller Companies Equity Fund also contributed to performance as the small-cap sector did well, setting new records on the back of a resilient domestic economy following Britain's shock decision to leave the European Union.

In addition to the changes already mentioned in the interim report, key portfolio activity in the second half included divesting Elementis, HSBC, Provident Financial, Tesco and Vodafone to reallocate capital into more attractive opportunities elsewhere. Against this, we introduced Abcam, in view of its long-term prospects, robust balance sheet and strong market positions; and leading online takeaway food platform Just Eat, which enjoys solid competitive positions across several markets. Its exciting growth prospects are underpinned by a trend towards greater consumer convenience, the company's rollout of new services, and improving profitability resulting from industry consolidation.

## Outlook

In the UK, the stockmarket's continued upward trajectory seems less apparent, with significant uncertainty about the shape of Brexit negotiations, which coupled with the Bank of England's decision to hold interest rates at 0.25% and a rise in inflation as a result of sterling's weakness, has hurt domestic demand and in turn, led to a weaker economic outlook.

While recognising that we are not immune to these dynamics, we do, however, maintain the view that the underlying strength of our holdings will outweigh the broader environment in the long term. Hence, our consistent approach to identify companies that possess the best diversified earnings streams, superior business models and robust balance sheets at attractive valuations.

## Pan European Equity Team

October 2017

# UK Equity

## Statement of Net Assets

As at 30 September 2017

	Notes	£'000
<b>Assets</b>		
Investments in securities at market value	2.2	37,907
Cash at bank		198
Interest and dividends receivable		119
Subscriptions receivable		14
Receivable for investments sold		69
<b>Total assets</b>		<b>38,307</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Payable for investments purchased		82
Taxes and expenses payable		38
Redemptions payable		10
Unrealised losses on forward currency exchange contracts	2.6	482
Other liabilities		84
<b>Total liabilities</b>		<b>696</b>
<b>Net assets at the end of the year</b>		<b>37,611</b>

## Statement of Changes in Net Assets

For the year from 1 October 2016 to 30 September 2017

	Notes	£'000
Net assets at the beginning of the year		37,838
Net gains from investments		718
Net realised gains		693
Net unrealised gains		2,420
Proceeds from shares issued		3,005
Payments for shares redeemed		(6,931)
Net equalisation paid	10	(16)
Dividends paid	5	(117)
Unclaimed monies		1
<b>Net assets at the end of the year</b>		<b>37,611</b>

## Statement of Operations

For the year from 1 October 2016 to 30 September 2017

	Notes	£'000
<b>Income</b>		
Investment income	2.3	1,190
Other income		1
<b>Total income</b>		<b>1,191</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Management fees	4.2	382
Operating, administrative and servicing fees	4.3	90
Other operational expenses		1
<b>Total expenses</b>		<b>473</b>
<b>Net gains from investments</b>		<b>718</b>
Realised losses on investments		(235)
Realised gains on forward currency exchange contracts		929
Realised currency exchange losses		(1)
<b>Net realised gains</b>		<b>693</b>
Increase in unrealised appreciation on investments		3,184
Decrease in unrealised appreciation on forward currency exchange contracts		(764)
<b>Net unrealised gains</b>		<b>2,420</b>
<b>Net increase in assets as a result of operations</b>		<b>3,831</b>

## Share Transactions

For the year from 1 October 2016 to 30 September 2017

	A-2	D-1	R-1	X-2	Z(EUR)-2^
Shares outstanding at the beginning of the year	810,607	312,421	126,056	37,028	1,360,185
Shares issued during the year	76,850	38,652	2,648	1,661	45,356
Shares redeemed during the year	(161,317)	(31,546)	(31,161)	(7,112)	(222,990)
<b>Shares outstanding at the end of the year</b>	<b>726,140</b>	<b>319,527</b>	<b>97,543</b>	<b>31,577</b>	<b>1,182,551</b>
<b>Net asset value per share</b>	<b>24.3293</b>	<b>19.9537</b>	<b>12.7500</b>	<b>14.2634</b>	<b>11.3966</b>

^ Base currency exposure share class.

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements.

# UK Equity

## Portfolio Statement

As at 30 September 2017

Security	Nominal/ Quantity	Market Value £'000	Total Net Assets %
Transferable securities and money market instruments admitted to an official exchange listing or dealt on another regulated market 96.17%			
Equities 96.17%			
Basic Materials 6.93%			
BHP Billiton	60,000	789	2.10
Croda International	30,500	1,156	3.08
Rio Tinto	19,000	660	1.75
		<b>2,605</b>	<b>6.93</b>
Consumer Goods 15.64%			
Associated British Foods	23,500	750	1.99
British American Tobacco	30,400	1,420	3.78
Diageo	51,000	1,251	3.33
Imperial Brands	20,300	646	1.72
Unilever	42,000	1,815	4.82
		<b>5,882</b>	<b>15.64</b>
Consumer Services 17.11%			
Compass	96,800	1,533	4.07
Dignity	32,500	749	1.99
Euromoney Institutional Investor	73,400	860	2.29
Inchcape	91,014	785	2.09
InterContinental Hotels	11,197	442	1.18
Just Eat	118,000	789	2.10
Pearson	92,500	566	1.50
Whitbread	18,900	712	1.89
		<b>6,436</b>	<b>17.11</b>
Financials 8.82%			
Prudential	89,500	1,600	4.25
Schroders (non voting)	33,700	820	2.18
Standard Chartered	121,000	897	2.39
		<b>3,317</b>	<b>8.82</b>
Health Care 10.36%			
Abcam	77,500	791	2.10
AstraZeneca	22,000	1,089	2.91
BTG	123,200	833	2.21
Genus	9,867	207	0.55
GlaxoSmithKline	65,500	975	2.59
		<b>3,895</b>	<b>10.36</b>
Industrials 26.30%			
Aggreko	55,500	521	1.39
BBA Aviation	241,000	719	1.91
Bunzl	33,000	748	1.99
Capita	6,057	34	0.09
Essentra	111,000	613	1.63

# UK Equity

						Nominal/ Quantity	Market Value £'000	Total Net Assets %
Security								
Experian						68,300	1,024	2.72
Intertek						21,000	1,047	2.78
Rolls-Royce						124,400	1,104	2.93
Rotork						333,400	868	2.31
RPC						86,200	854	2.27
Spirax-Sarco Engineering						15,500	856	2.2
Ultra Electronics						41,288	742	1.97
Weir						39,000	766	2.04
							9,896	26.30
Oil & Gas 3.79%								
John Wood Group						85,400	581	1.55
Royal Dutch Shell 'B'						36,800	845	2.24
							1,426	3.79
Technology 5.44%								
Aveva						38,000	925	2.46
Sage						160,500	1,121	2.98
							2,046	5.44
Telecommunications 1.78%								
Inmarsat						104,000	669	1.78
Total Equities							36,172	96.17
Total Transferable securities and money market instruments admitted to an official exchange listing or dealt on another regulated market							36,172	96.17
Open Ended Investment Funds 4.61%								
Aberdeen Liquidity Fund (Lux) Sterling Fund Z-1†						287	287	0.76
Aberdeen UK Smaller Companies Equity Fund Z-Acc†						324,406	1,448	3.85
							1,735	4.61
Total Open Ended Investment Funds							1,735	4.61
Derivatives (1.28%)								
Forward currency exchange contracts (1.28%)								
							Unrealised Gains/(Losses) £'000	Total Net Assets %
Counterparty	Buy	Sell	Settlement	Buy Amount	Sell Amount			
BNP Paribas	EUR	GBP	15/12/17	13,534,851	12,430,123	(482)		(1.28)
BNP Paribas	GBP	EUR	15/12/17	327,900	371,681	-		-
Unrealised losses on forward currency exchange contracts						(482)		(1.28)
Unrealised losses on derivatives						(482)		(1.28)
Total investments							37,425	99.50
Other net assets							186	0.50
Total net assets							37,611	100.00

<sup>†</sup> Managed by subsidiaries of Aberdeen Asset Management PLC.  
Currently forward positions are not collateralised.

# World Credit Bond

For the year ended 30 September 2017

## Performance

For the year ended 30 September 2017, the value of the World Credit Bond - A Income Shares increased by 1.72% compared to an increase of 1.88% in the benchmark, the Bloomberg Barclays Capital Global Aggregate Credit (Hedged USD 100%) Index.

Source: Lipper, Basis: total return, published NAV to NAV, net of annual charges, gross income reinvested, USD.

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 credit bond market delivered a positive 2.75% total return over the 12 months to 30 September. The index yield increased 30 basis points (bps) despite the rally in corporate spreads over the period to end September at 2.39%, driven higher by increases in the underlying government bond markets. The Bloomberg Barclays Global Corporate Index tightened to 94bps, 27bps tighter over the year. The US Dollar market outperformed (tightening 27bps) relative to the Euro market (tightening 12 bps).

The fourth quarter of 2016 started with 10-year government bond yields at record lows in German, US and UK markets. With global growth continuing to improve (following years of central bank support) and high expectations of a US fiscal stimulus following President Trump's election, the market began to focus on the probability of higher future inflation, less support from central banks and higher market yields.

Global growth has remained on track, and 2016 ended with the US Federal Reserve (Fed) hiking interest rates, and the European Central Bank (ECB) announcing the taper of their asset purchase program from €80 billion per month down to €60 billion per month (from April onwards). As the rate of ECB purchases slowed in 2017 and with systemic concerns over Brexit in the rear view mirror, the Bank of England followed suit, ending their £10 billion corporate bond buying program in April. These withdrawals of liquidity have passed without a notable impact on corporate bond spreads. Throughout the year, global growth and corporate earnings were robust, and market sentiment remained constructive despite the resolution (failure) of Banco Popular in Spain and the restructuring of Monte dei Paschi in Italy. European political milestones were passed with market friendly results in both France and Dutch elections, leaving the market comforted that populism was not the new normal. The market has even been able to look past the sabre rattling of North Korea.

This backdrop has led to pro-growth increases in global yields and consequently negative government bond market returns throughout the year. Spread markets (such as corporate bonds, high yield and emerging markets) have been supported by this constructive fundamental backdrop, which continues to fuel strong levels of demand in what is a very low yield world. The rally in these markets has been sufficient to offset government losses and therefore resulted in positive total returns overall.

## Portfolio review

The Fund underperformed over the review period on a net basis. However, in gross terms, the Fund outperformed the index. This was driven by our overweight credit position and strong security selection.

Financials (banks) as a sector contributed the most to Fund return, driven by outperformance from issuers lower down the capital structure as high-quality credit lagged lower-quality credit. Top performing bonds held such as subordinated ABN AMRO paper rallied 314bps over the year.

Continuing with financials, insurance bonds performed well over the review period. As higher interest-rate expectations (which reduce pressure on insurance reserves) supported spread tightening into year-end (2016). Towards the end of the review period insurance bonds continued to benefit Fund performance. The tilt towards subordinated Euro life bonds benefited from higher yields (discount factor) and in the US senior long dated insurance positioning benefited from reductions in hurricane loss estimates, contributing positively to security selection. We continue to keep an overweight to the financial sector as we still see value in comparison to other sectors and the technical picture continues to improve with fundamentals remaining strong. Top performing bonds, such as PGH Capital (which has now been sold), rallied 173bps over the rolling 12 months.

Industrials performed over the 12-month period, in particular energy generated good returns, helped initially by the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries 30 November meeting which resulted in production cuts and spurred a rally in oil prices. Our overweight position in higher-beta master limited partnership (MLP) bonds and emerging market oil and gas company QGOG Atlantic contributed well over the year. The Fund is currently positioned in the stronger exploration and production companies with prudent liquidity, world class assets and strengthening balance sheets as well as MLP's (pipelines) where we feel that the credit story remains intact because of the tolling or the contractual fee-based nature of their revenues. An underweight in basic industrials was a modest drag on sector performance driven by copper and iron ore producers benefiting from underlying commodities moving higher over the year. However, this was offset by good security selection from high yield issuer Sappi Papier and metals and mining issuer BHP; with both bonds rallying over the year.

## Outlook

Adjusting the corporate bond market spread for the reduction in credit quality and the extension in maturities over the last decade reveals the market trading towards full value. We continue to reduce credit beta in the portfolio, but retain sector relative beta positioning. For example, within financials we see the technical picture continuing to improve and fundamentals remain very strong - low volatility, improving asset quality, and low regulation in the US, supporting profitability and fundamental credit quality. The Fund's energy exposure is tilted towards the stronger exploration and production companies with prudent liquidity, world class assets and strengthening balance sheets.

We continue to find attractive opportunities by adhering to our bottom-up security selection process across all sectors. We also remain vigilant to opportunities that may arise to increase credit beta again as the ECB and Fed continue to withdraw accommodation from the market.

## Global Credit Team

October 2017



# World Credit Bond

## Statement of Net Assets

As at 30 September 2017

	Notes	US\$'000
<b>Assets</b>		
Investments in securities at market value	2.2	10,061
Cash at bank		255
Amounts held at futures clearing houses and brokers		17
Interest receivable		110
Receivable for investments sold		230
Unrealised gains on forward currency exchange contracts	2.6	18
<b>Total assets</b>		<b>10,691</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Payable for investments purchased		439
Taxes and expenses payable		7
Unrealised losses on future contracts	2.7	4
Other liabilities		25
<b>Total liabilities</b>		<b>475</b>
<b>Net assets at the end of the year</b>		<b>10,216</b>

## Statement of Changes in Net Assets

For the year from 1 October 2016 to 30 September 2017

	Notes	US\$'000
Net assets at the beginning of the year		9,917
Net gains from investments		238
Net realised losses		(70)
Net unrealised gains		180
Dividends paid	5	(49)
<b>Net assets at the end of the year</b>		<b>10,216</b>

## Statement of Operations

For the year from 1 October 2016 to 30 September 2017

	Notes	US\$'000
<b>Income</b>		
Investment income	2.3	319
Bank interest		1
<b>Total income</b>		<b>320</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Management fees	4.2	57
Operating, administrative and servicing fees	4.3	25
<b>Total expenses</b>		<b>82</b>
<b>Net gains from investments</b>		<b>238</b>
Realised gains on investments		64
Realised losses on forward currency exchange contracts		(79)
Realised losses on future contracts		(37)
Realised currency exchange losses		(18)
<b>Net realised losses</b>		<b>(70)</b>
Increase in unrealised appreciation on investments		83
Decrease in unrealised depreciation on forward currency exchange contracts		100
Increase in unrealised depreciation on future contracts		(3)
<b>Net unrealised gains</b>		<b>180</b>
<b>Net increase in assets as a result of operations</b>		<b>348</b>

# World Credit Bond

## Share Transactions

For the year from 1 October 2016 to 30 September 2017

	A-1	A-2	A(EUR)-1^	A(EUR)-2^	D(GBP)-1^
Shares outstanding at the beginning of the year	800	800	70,000	70,000	52,597
Shares issued during the year	-	-	-	-	-
Shares redeemed during the year	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Shares outstanding at the end of the year</b>	<b>800</b>	<b>800</b>	<b>70,000</b>	<b>70,000</b>	<b>52,597</b>
<b>Net asset value per share</b>	<b>10.4789</b>	<b>10.9065</b>	<b>10.1856</b>	<b>10.5852</b>	<b>10.3525</b>

	D(GBP)-2^	H(EUR)-1	H(EUR)-2	I-1	I-2
Shares outstanding at the beginning of the year	52,597	700	1,270	800	493,712
Shares issued during the year	-	-	-	-	-
Shares redeemed during the year	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Shares outstanding at the end of the year</b>	<b>52,597</b>	<b>700</b>	<b>1,270</b>	<b>800</b>	<b>493,712</b>
<b>Net asset value per share</b>	<b>10.7729</b>	<b>9.5545</b>	<b>10.0370</b>	<b>10.4799</b>	<b>11.0078</b>

	R(GBP)-1^	R(GBP)-2^	X-1	X-2	Z-2
Shares outstanding at the beginning of the year	52,597	52,597	800	800	800
Shares issued during the year	-	-	-	-	-
Shares redeemed during the year	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Shares outstanding at the end of the year</b>	<b>52,597</b>	<b>52,597</b>	<b>800</b>	<b>800</b>	<b>800</b>
<b>Net asset value per share</b>	<b>10.3524</b>	<b>10.8592</b>	<b>10.4799</b>	<b>10.9996</b>	<b>11.1010</b>

^ Base currency exposure share class.

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements.

# World Credit Bond

## Portfolio Statement

As at 30 September 2017

Security	Coupon (%)	Maturity	Nominal/ Quantity	Market Value US\$'000	Total Net Assets %
Transferable securities and money market instruments admitted to an official exchange listing or dealt on another regulated market 97.77%					
<b>Bonds 97.77%</b>					
<b>Corporate Bonds 87.82%</b>					
<b>Australia 2.81%</b>					
APT Pipelines	4.2000	23/03/25	100,000	104	1.02
BHP Billiton Finance	VAR	22/04/76	100,000	133	1.30
Telstra	3.1250	07/04/25	50,000	50	0.49
				<b>287</b>	<b>2.81</b>
<b>Belgium 0.69%</b>					
Anheuser-Busch InBev Finance	3.6500	01/02/26	41,000	43	0.41
Anheuser-Busch InBev Finance	4.9000	01/02/46	25,000	28	0.28
				<b>71</b>	<b>0.69</b>
<b>Brazil 0.82%</b>					
Petrobras Global Finance	5.2990	27/01/25	51,000	51	0.50
QGOG Atlantic/Alaskan Rigs	5.2500	30/07/18	33,240	33	0.32
				<b>84</b>	<b>0.82</b>
<b>Canada 1.52%</b>					
Canadian Natural Resources	3.9000	01/02/25	50,000	51	0.51
Canadian Pacific Railway	4.8000	01/08/45	26,000	30	0.29
Cenovus Energy	5.4000	15/06/47	50,000	50	0.49
Cenovus Energy	4.2500	15/04/27	24,000	24	0.23
				<b>155</b>	<b>1.52</b>
<b>China 2.12%</b>					
CNOOC Curtis Funding No 1	4.5000	03/10/23	200,000	216	2.12
<b>France 3.09%</b>					
Credit Agricole Assurances	VAR	PERP	100,000	131	1.28
RCI Banque (EMTN)	0.7500	26/09/22	40,000	47	0.46
Societe Generale	VAR	PERP	100,000	138	1.35
				<b>316</b>	<b>3.09</b>
<b>Germany 3.52%</b>					
ATF Netherlands (EMTN)	1.8750	19/01/26	100,000	118	1.16
Deutsche Telekom International Finance (EMTN)	1.5000	03/04/28	30,000	36	0.35
Volkswagen Leasing (EMTN)	1.1250	04/04/24	66,000	77	0.76
Vonovia Finance	VAR	PERP	100,000	129	1.25
				<b>360</b>	<b>3.52</b>
<b>Hong Kong 1.18%</b>					
Hutchison Whampoa Europe Finance 13	VAR	PERP	100,000	121	1.18

# World Credit Bond

Security	Coupon (%)	Maturity	Nominal/ Quantity	Market Value US\$'000	Total Net Assets %
<b>India 3.23%</b>					
ICICI Bank Dubai (EMTN)	3.5000	18/03/20	200,000	204	1.99
ONGC Videsh	2.7500	15/07/21	100,000	126	1.24
				<b>330</b>	<b>3.23</b>
<b>Italy 2.39%</b>					
Enel	VAR	10/01/74	100,000	127	1.24
Eni (EMTN)	1.0000	14/03/25	100,000	117	1.15
				<b>244</b>	<b>2.39</b>
<b>Mexico 1.71%</b>					
America Movil	VAR	06/09/73	100,000	123	1.21
Petroleos Mexicanos	5.5000	21/01/21	48,000	51	0.50
				<b>174</b>	<b>1.71</b>
<b>Netherlands 4.53%</b>					
ABN AMRO Bank (EMTN)	VAR	18/01/28	100,000	128	1.25
Cooperatieve Rabobank	VAR	PERP	75,000	86	0.84
Koninklijke	VAR	PERP	100,000	124	1.22
Rabobank Nederland	VAR	26/05/26	100,000	125	1.22
				<b>463</b>	<b>4.53</b>
<b>Russian Federation 1.11%</b>					
Lukoil International Finance	6.6560	07/06/22	100,000	113	1.11
<b>Spain 1.17%</b>					
FCC Aqualia	1.4130	08/06/22	100,000	120	1.17
<b>Supranational 0.85%</b>					
European Bank for Reconstruction & Development (GMTN)	1.1250	24/08/20	50,000	49	0.48
European Investment Bank	3.2500	29/01/24	36,000	38	0.37
				<b>87</b>	<b>0.85</b>
<b>Switzerland 2.27%</b>					
Credit Suisse Sydney (MTN)	3.5000	29/04/20	200,000	160	1.57
Glencore Finance Europe (EMTN)	6.5000	27/02/19	50,000	72	0.70
				<b>232</b>	<b>2.27</b>
<b>United Arab Emirates 1.97%</b>					
National Bank of Abu Dhabi (EMTN)	3.0000	30/03/22	200,000	201	1.97
<b>United Kingdom 14.03%</b>					
Anglo American Capital (EMTN)	3.5000	28/03/22	100,000	132	1.29
Aviva	VAR	PERP	40,000	59	0.58
Barclays	VAR	06/10/23	100,000	134	1.31
Barclays (EMTN)	VAR	07/02/28	100,000	117	1.15
Experian Finance (EMTN)	1.3750	25/06/26	100,000	118	1.16

# World Credit Bond

Security	Coupon (%)	Maturity	Nominal/ Quantity	Market Value US\$'000	Total Net Assets %
HBOS Capital Funding	VAR	PERP	40,000	57	0.56
HSBC (EMTN)	6.5000	20/05/24	50,000	85	0.83
Jaguar Land Rover Automotive	5.0000	15/02/22	100,000	146	1.43
Lloyds Banking (EMTN)	1.0000	09/11/23	100,000	119	1.16
Royal Bank of Scotland	VAR	PERP	60,000	86	0.84
SSE	VAR	PERP	100,000	122	1.19
Western Power Distribution	3.6250	06/11/23	100,000	144	1.41
WPP Finance Deutschland (EMTN)	1.6250	23/03/30	100,000	114	1.12
				<b>1,433</b>	<b>14.03</b>
<b>United States 38.81%</b>					
Actavis Funding	3.8000	15/03/25	50,000	52	0.51
AIG Global Funding	2.1500	02/07/20	22,000	22	0.22
Amazon.com	3.1500	22/08/27	65,000	66	0.64
Amazon.com	4.2500	22/08/57	15,000	15	0.15
American International	4.1250	15/02/24	30,000	32	0.31
Amgen	2.2500	19/08/23	69,000	67	0.66
Amgen	4.4000	01/05/45	17,000	18	0.18
Anadarko Petroleum	6.6000	15/03/46	23,000	29	0.28
Apple	2.9000	12/09/27	44,000	44	0.43
Apple	3.4500	09/02/45	44,000	42	0.41
AT&T	5.2500	01/03/37	66,000	70	0.68
AT&T	3.4000	14/08/24	25,000	25	0.25
AutoNation	4.5000	01/10/25	40,000	42	0.41
Bank of America	5.8750	07/02/42	20,000	26	0.25
Bank of America (MTN)	3.2480	21/10/27	50,000	49	0.48
Bank of America (MTN)	2.5030	21/10/22	29,000	29	0.28
Brighthouse Financial	4.7000	22/06/47	56,000	55	0.54
Broadcom Cayman Finance	3.0000	15/01/22	50,000	51	0.50
Broadcom Cayman Finance	3.8750	15/01/27	25,000	26	0.25
Buckeye	3.9500	01/12/26	46,000	45	0.45
Burlington Northern Santa Fe	4.7000	01/09/45	30,000	34	0.33
Capital One Financial	2.5000	12/05/20	54,000	54	0.53
Cardinal Health	4.3680	15/06/47	18,000	19	0.18
Cardinal Health	3.0790	15/06/24	16,000	16	0.16
Citigroup	VAR	24/07/23	100,000	100	0.98
Citigroup	3.3900	18/11/21	100,000	82	0.80
Comcast	6.9500	15/08/37	35,000	49	0.48
Crown Castle International	2.2500	01/09/21	33,000	33	0.32
Delta Air Lines	3.6250	15/03/22	33,000	34	0.33
Dominion Resources	VAR	01/07/19	64,000	65	0.64
eBay	2.7500	30/01/23	81,000	81	0.79
Edison International	2.4000	15/09/22	23,000	23	0.22
Energy Transfer Partners	5.2000	01/02/22	50,000	54	0.53
Energy Transfer Partners	4.2000	15/04/27	25,000	25	0.25
Energy Transfer Partners	5.3000	15/04/47	13,000	13	0.13
Exelon	3.4970	01/06/22	37,000	38	0.37
Express Scripts	3.4000	01/03/27	35,000	35	0.34

# World Credit Bond

Security	Coupon (%)	Maturity	Nominal/ Quantity	Market Value US\$'000	Total Net Assets %
FedEx	4.5500	01/04/46	45,000	48	0.47
General Electric	4.5000	11/03/44	70,000	79	0.77
General Motors Financial	4.0000	06/10/26	66,000	66	0.65
General Motors Financial	2.6500	13/04/20	60,000	60	0.59
Georgia-Pacific	5.4000	01/11/20	80,000	88	0.86
Goldman Sachs	3.0000	26/04/22	68,000	69	0.67
Goldman Sachs	3.7500	22/05/25	45,000	46	0.45
Halliburton	5.0000	15/11/45	22,000	24	0.24
Harley-Davidson	3.5000	28/07/25	35,000	36	0.35
Harley-Davidson	4.6250	28/07/45	30,000	32	0.31
Hartford Financial Services	6.6250	30/03/40	18,000	25	0.24
HSBC Finance	6.6760	15/01/21	24,000	27	0.27
Intel	4.1000	11/05/47	50,000	53	0.52
International Paper	5.1500	15/05/46	19,000	21	0.21
JPMorgan Chase	VAR	01/05/28	84,000	85	0.83
JPMorgan Chase	3.1250	23/01/25	80,000	81	0.79
Kraft Heinz Foods	3.5000	15/07/22	50,000	52	0.51
Kraft Heinz Foods	6.7500	15/03/32	20,000	26	0.25
Kroger	3.8750	15/10/46	25,000	22	0.21
Lowe's	4.0500	03/05/47	38,000	39	0.38
Marathon Oil	5.2000	01/06/45	16,000	16	0.16
Metropolitan Life Global Funding I	3.0000	19/09/27	150,000	148	1.44
Morgan Stanley	3.7000	23/10/24	100,000	103	1.02
Morgan Stanley	6.3750	24/07/42	10,000	13	0.13
Morgan Stanley (MTN)	2.6250	17/11/21	58,000	58	0.57
MPLX	4.8750	01/06/25	25,000	27	0.26
MPLX	5.2000	01/03/47	11,000	12	0.11
Mylan	5.2500	15/06/46	37,000	40	0.39
Oracle	4.0000	15/07/46	51,000	53	0.52
Penske Truck Leasing	3.3750	01/02/22	100,000	102	1.01
Penske Truck Leasing	2.7000	14/03/23	60,000	60	0.58
PetSmart	7.1250	15/03/23	20,000	16	0.15
PetSmart	8.8750	01/06/25	6,000	5	0.05
Pfizer	4.1250	15/12/46	37,000	40	0.39
Quest Diagnostics	4.7000	30/03/45	60,000	63	0.62
Sabine Pass Liquefaction	4.2000	15/03/28	43,000	43	0.43
Sherwin-Williams	4.5000	01/06/47	17,000	18	0.18
Sherwin-Williams	3.1250	01/06/24	6,000	6	0.06
Shire Acquisitions Investments Ireland	2.4000	23/09/21	52,000	52	0.51
Southern Power	4.9500	15/12/46	48,000	51	0.50
Time Warner	4.7500	29/03/21	50,000	54	0.53
Trans-Allegheny Interstate Line	3.8500	01/06/25	25,000	26	0.26
UnitedHealth	4.2500	15/04/47	18,000	19	0.19
Verizon Communications	5.0120	21/08/54	45,000	45	0.44
Virginia Electric & Power	4.0000	15/11/46	25,000	26	0.25
Wal-Mart Stores	4.7500	02/10/43	45,000	53	0.51
Walt Disney (MTN)	7.5500	15/07/93	41,000	50	0.49
Walt Disney (MTN)	3.0000	30/07/46	17,000	15	0.15

# World Credit Bond

Security	Coupon (%)	Maturity	Nominal/ Quantity	Market Value US\$'000	Total Net Assets %
Wells Fargo (EMTN)	1.3750	30/06/22	100,000	132	1.30
Williams Partners	5.1000	15/09/45	27,000	28	0.28
21st Century Fox America	6.4000	15/12/35	40,000	51	0.50
				<b>3,964</b>	<b>38.81</b>
<b>Total Corporate Bonds</b>				<b>8,971</b>	<b>87.82</b>
<b>Government Bonds 9.82%</b>					
<b>Germany 1.92%</b>					
Germany (Federal Republic of)	1.5000	15/05/24	85,000	110	1.08
Germany (Federal Republic of)	5.5000	04/01/31	45,000	86	0.84
				<b>196</b>	<b>1.92</b>
<b>India 1.97%</b>					
Export-Import Bank of India (EMTN)	2.7500	01/04/20	200,000	201	1.97
<b>Japan 0.43%</b>					
Japan (Government of)	2.1000	20/06/29	4,000,000	44	0.43
<b>Sweden 1.96%</b>					
Svensk Exportkredit (EMTN)	VAR	14/11/23	200,000	200	1.96
<b>Turkey 1.00%</b>					
Turkey (Republic of)	6.7500	03/04/18	100,000	102	1.00
<b>United Kingdom 0.52%</b>					
UK Treasury	4.2500	07/12/46	26,000	53	0.52
<b>United States 2.02%</b>					
US Treasury	4.5000	15/02/36	74,000	95	0.92
US Treasury	2.5000	15/02/45	81,000	76	0.74
US Treasury	1.6250	15/02/26	22,400	21	0.21
US Treasury	2.2500	15/08/27	15,000	15	0.15
				<b>207</b>	<b>2.02</b>
<b>Total Government Bonds</b>				<b>1,003</b>	<b>9.82</b>
<b>Municipal Bonds 0.13%</b>					
<b>United States 0.13%</b>					
Chicago Illinois Transit Authority	6.8990	01/12/40	10,000	13	0.13
<b>Total Municipal Bonds</b>				<b>13</b>	<b>0.13</b>
<b>Total Bonds</b>				<b>9,987</b>	<b>97.77</b>
<b>Total Transferable securities and money market instruments admitted to an official exchange listing or dealt on another regulated market</b>				<b>9,987</b>	<b>97.77</b>

# World Credit Bond

Security	Coupon (%)	Maturity	Nominal/ Quantity	Market Value US\$'000	Total Net Assets %
Other transferable securities and money market instruments 0.72%					
Bonds 0.72%					
Corporate Bonds 0.72%					
Australia 0.47%					
Suncorp-Metway (EMTN)	2.1000	03/05/19	48,000	48	0.47
South Africa 0.25%					
Sappi Papier	7.5000	15/06/32	25,000	26	0.25
Total Corporate Bonds				74	0.72
Total Bonds				74	0.72
Total Other transferable securities and money market instruments				74	0.72

Derivatives 0.14%

Future contracts (0.03%)

			Unrealised Gains/(Losses) US\$'000	Total Net Assets %
Future	Maturity	Notional		
CBT US Long Bond	19/12/17	1	-	-
CBT US Ultra Bond	19/12/17	(1)	2	0.03
CBT US 10 Year Note	19/12/17	1	(1)	(0.01)
CBT US 10 Year Ultra	19/12/17	(1)	-	-
CBT US 2 Year Note	29/12/17	1	(1)	(0.01)
CBT US 5 Year Note	29/12/17	1	(1)	(0.01)
EUX Euro Bobl	07/12/17	(1)	-	-
EUX Euro Bund	07/12/17	1	(1)	(0.01)
MSE Canada 10 Year Bond	18/12/17	1	(2)	(0.02)
Unrealised losses on future contracts			(4)	(0.03)

Forward currency exchange contracts 0.17%

Counterparty	Buy	Sell	Settlement	Buy Amount	Sell Amount	Unrealised Gains/(Losses) US\$'000	Total Net Assets %
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	15/12/17	744,829	901,780	(17)	(0.17)
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	15/12/17	723,734	876,240	(17)	(0.17)
BNP Paribas	GBP	USD	15/12/17	573,862	756,270	15	0.15
BNP Paribas	GBP	USD	15/12/17	567,272	747,586	15	0.15
BNP Paribas	GBP	USD	15/12/17	552,627	728,286	15	0.15
BNP Paribas	GBP	USD	15/12/17	551,996	727,454	15	0.15
BNP Paribas	USD	AUD	10/10/17	153,006	192,000	2	0.02
BNP Paribas	USD	EUR	15/12/17	6,627	5,513	-	-
BNP Paribas	USD	EUR	15/12/17	6,439	5,357	-	-
BNP Paribas	USD	GBP	15/12/17	4,048	3,044	-	-
BNP Paribas	USD	GBP	15/12/17	3,952	2,971	-	-
BNP Paribas	USD	GBP	15/12/17	3,787	2,814	-	-
BNP Paribas	USD	GBP	15/12/17	3,735	2,746	-	-
Citigroup	USD	EUR	10/10/17	1,367,230	1,148,000	9	0.09



# World Credit Bond

Counterparty	Buy	Sell	Settlement	Buy Amount	Sell Amount	Unrealised Gains/(Losses) US\$'000	Total Net Assets %
Citigroup	USD	GBP	10/10/17	923,375	712,000	(31)	(0.31)
Goldman Sachs	USD	EUR	10/10/17	47,939	40,000	1	0.01
HSBC	USD	EUR	10/10/17	87,987	74,000	-	-
JPM Chase	GBP	USD	10/10/17	7,000	9,486	-	-
JPM Chase	USD	EUR	10/10/17	1,367,371	1,148,000	10	0.09
Merrill Lynch	EUR	USD	10/10/17	15,000	18,071	-	-
Morgan Stanley	USD	JPY	10/10/17	41,220	4,500,000	1	0.01
Royal Bank of Canada	EUR	USD	10/10/17	123,000	145,024	-	-
UBS	EUR	USD	10/10/17	23,000	27,514	-	-
UBS	GBP	USD	10/10/17	53,000	70,917	-	-
UBS	USD	EUR	10/10/17	116,882	99,000	-	-
UBS	USD	CAD	10/10/17	81,570	101,000	1	0.01
UBS	USD	EUR	10/10/17	77,515	66,000	(1)	(0.01)
UBS	USD	EUR	10/10/17	25,838	22,000	-	-
Unrealised gains on forward currency exchange contracts						18	0.17
Unrealised gains on derivatives						14	0.14
Total investments						10,075	98.63
Other net assets						141	1.37
Total net assets						10,216	100.00

Currently forward positions are not collateralised.

# World Equity

For the year ended 30 September 2017

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## Performance

For the year ended 30 September 2017, the value of World Equity – A Accumulation Shares increased by 14.92%, compared to an increase of 18.83% in the benchmark, the MSCI World Index.

Source: Lipper, Basis: total return, published NAV to NAV, net of annual charges, gross income reinvested, USD.

Please see the Performance History section for details on the use of MSCI information.

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 extended gains in the year under review. Investors focused on banks' corporate performance and the growth potential of technology firms in Asia and the US, where the weaker currency helped American exporters. In the Eurozone, investors' sentiment was propped by the elections of French independent Emmanuel Macron and incumbent Dutch centrist Mark Rutte as leaders of their respective nations.

This counterbalanced rising populist discontent in Germany and a deadlock in Brexit talks. After the UK government triggered Article 50 to kickstart Brexit negotiations, UK prime minister Theresa May called for a snap election, which unexpectedly resulted in a hung parliament and reduced her bargaining power. Markets were also worried that US policymakers would be hamstrung by political wrangling in the White House, while the failure to overhaul healthcare extended doubts over other proposed reforms, including cuts in corporate taxes.

On the policy front, central bankers in the US and Eurozone were confounded by muted inflation and wage growth, which lagged economic growth and improved unemployment levels. But the US Federal Reserve (Fed) moved to tighten monetary policy and end quantitative easing, while the European Central Bank contemplated reducing bond purchases, raising concerns about potential government policy missteps.

## Portfolio review

At the stock level, Japan Tobacco (JT) detracted because investors were concerned about the potential impact of higher excise taxes and the implementation of regulations aimed at curbing tobacco consumption. JT was additionally weighed down by concerns that its competitors' novel nicotine products would cause erosion in its share of the domestic market. Nonetheless, JT remains as the world's third-largest cigarette company, with a track record of sensible acquisitions, and returning excess capital to shareholders. CVS Health also hurt Fund returns after its management modestly lowered its earnings forecast for its full year. While the company saw an increase in revenue, profitability was flat in its pharmacy benefit manager segment, and retail sales declined. Separately, EOG Resources was hampered by oil price volatility, amid a slew of natural calamities and geopolitical tensions. Nonetheless EOG continues to use its innovative technological capabilities to its advantage, to lower its cost of production and remain attractively profitable.

Conversely, earnings news in the IT industry largely exceeded expectations. South Korea's Samsung Electronics' record profits for the quarter ending June stood out. Growing demand for memory chips and brisk turnover of its Galaxy S8 phone led to a 20% increase in sales. Similarly, Israel's Check Point Software Technologies achieved better

profits and maintained its full-year targets, although a slowdown in billings dampened sentiment slightly. Elsewhere, our holding in Brazil's Banco Bradesco also benefited the Fund, as its second-quarter results exceeded market expectations, on the back of lower provisions and a rapid recovery in credit quality, despite lower interest income and slower loan growth.

During the period we introduced Diageo, a global alcoholic beverages producer that has scope for operational efficiencies and is generating healthy cash flows. We also introduced Sysmex, a Japanese market-leading diagnostic supplier, following a pullback in share price. The business has attractive long-term opportunities for growth.

## Outlook

Looking ahead, we expect global equities to rise in tandem with economic growth, bolstered by international trade and industrial production. Oil prices are also being supported by firmer crude demand, combined with ebbing production in OPEC-member countries.

However, this momentum could be stymied by geopolitical tensions, costly natural disasters and government policy missteps. Equity markets are monitoring both the impact of the Fed's balance sheet normalisation, and the outcome of US President Trump's proposed tax reforms. In addition, EU solidarity and companies' operations may be tested by rising populism, the secessionist referendum in Spain, and the ongoing Brexit talks with the UK.

These developments aside, volatility is at historical lows and global equity valuations have generally risen for a protracted period. To navigate these markets, we continue to manage the Fund by investing in good quality companies at attractive valuations: diligently monitoring our holdings' business and financial performance, while maintaining a long-term perspective of their potential.

## Global Equity Team

October 2017

# World Equity

## Statement of Net Assets

As at 30 September 2017

	Notes	US\$'000
<b>Assets</b>		
Investments in securities at market value	2.2	657,573
Cash at bank		1,955
Interest and dividends receivable		788
Subscriptions receivable		1,845
Receivable for investments sold		651
Other assets		115
<b>Total assets</b>		<b>662,927</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Taxes and expenses payable		659
Redemptions payable		2,445
Other liabilities		3
<b>Total liabilities</b>		<b>3,107</b>
<b>Net assets at the end of the year</b>		<b>659,820</b>

## Statement of Changes in Net Assets

For the year from 1 October 2016 to 30 September 2017

	Notes	US\$'000
Net assets at the beginning of the year		895,316
Net gains from investments		5,343
Net realised gains		76,000
Net unrealised gains		14,786
Proceeds from shares issued		131,546
Payments for shares redeemed		(462,716)
Net equalisation paid	10	(452)
Dividends paid	5	(3)
<b>Net assets at the end of the year</b>		<b>659,820</b>

## Statement of Operations

For the year from 1 October 2016 to 30 September 2017

	Notes	US\$'000
<b>Income</b>		
Investment income	2.3	14,147
Stocklending income	16	92
Bank interest		67
<b>Total income</b>		<b>14,306</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Management fees	4.2	7,649
Operating, administrative and servicing fees	4.3	1,292
Distribution fees	4.1	6
Other operational expenses		16
<b>Total expenses</b>		<b>8,963</b>
<b>Net gains from investments</b>		<b>5,343</b>
Realised gains on investments		75,891
Realised currency exchange gains		109
<b>Net realised gains</b>		<b>76,000</b>
Increase in unrealised appreciation on investments		14,788
Unrealised currency exchange losses		(2)
<b>Net unrealised gains</b>		<b>14,786</b>
<b>Net increase in assets as a result of operations</b>		<b>96,129</b>

## Share Transactions

For the year from 1 October 2016 to 30 September 2017

	A-2	C-2	D(GBP)-1	D(GBP)-2	E(EUR)-2	I-2
Shares outstanding at the beginning of the year	28,679,451	77,467	25,149	2,012,868	3,624,738	6,053,336
Shares issued during the year	3,888,637	-	-	34,355	698,173	778,963
Shares redeemed during the year	(14,668,573)	(61,915)	(22,983)	(470,309)	(2,332,407)	(5,370,331)
<b>Shares outstanding at the end of the year</b>	<b>17,899,515</b>	<b>15,552</b>	<b>2,166</b>	<b>1,576,914</b>	<b>1,990,504</b>	<b>1,461,968</b>
<b>Net asset value per share</b>	<b>19.4983</b>	<b>15.0953</b>	<b>16.4961</b>	<b>14.5318</b>	<b>16.8902</b>	<b>13.4449</b>

	R(GBP)-1	R(GBP)-2	X-2	Y(EUR)-2	Z-2
Shares outstanding at the beginning of the year	70,537	490,485	1,071,380	393,941	10,809,328
Shares issued during the year	1,397	54,910	32,592	33,340	1,760,012
Shares redeemed during the year	(50,428)	(105,124)	(232,835)	(158,516)	(4,015,131)
<b>Shares outstanding at the end of the year</b>	<b>21,506</b>	<b>440,271</b>	<b>871,137</b>	<b>268,765</b>	<b>8,554,209</b>
<b>Net asset value per share</b>	<b>14.2507</b>	<b>15.2150</b>	<b>12.7175</b>	<b>14.0140</b>	<b>22.8487</b>

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements.

# World Equity

## Portfolio Statement

As at 30 September 2017

	Nominal/ Quantity	Market Value US\$'000	Total Net Assets %
<b>Security</b>			
Transferable securities and money market instruments admitted to an official exchange listing or dealt on another regulated market			98.01%
<b>Equities 98.01%</b>			
<b>Argentina 1.19%</b>			
Tenaris (ADR)	276,600	7,832	1.19
<b>Brazil 2.49%</b>			
Banco Bradesco (ADR)	1,484,083	16,436	2.49
<b>Canada 1.68%</b>			
Potash Corp of Saskatchewan <sup>™</sup>	578,400	11,107	1.68
<b>Germany 4.04%</b>			
Fresenius Medical Care	140,300	13,731	2.08
Henkel (non voting) (PREF)	95,200	12,951	1.96
		26,682	4.04
<b>Hong Kong 5.25%</b>			
AIA	1,739,300	12,821	1.95
Jardine Matheson	142,100	8,998	1.36
MTR	1,105,900	6,453	0.98
Swire Pacific 'A'	655,900	6,363	0.96
		34,635	5.25
<b>India 2.91%</b>			
Housing Development Finance	392,500	10,407	1.57
ITC	2,232,900	8,815	1.34
		19,222	2.91
<b>Ireland 1.48%</b>			
Experian	485,600	9,766	1.48
<b>Israel 2.12%</b>			
Check Point Software Technologies	122,500	13,964	2.12
<b>Japan 10.92%</b>			
Daito Trust Construction Co	61,200	11,146	1.69
FANUC Corp	47,900	9,694	1.47
Japan Tobacco Inc	380,700	12,470	1.89
Keyence Corp	22,100	11,731	1.78
Shin-Etsu Chemical Co	181,300	16,198	2.45
Sysmex Corp	169,500	10,804	1.64
		72,043	10.92
<b>Mexico 1.90%</b>			
FEMSA (ADR)	131,500	12,562	1.90

# World Equity

	Nominal/ Quantity	Market Value US\$'000	Total Net Assets %
<b>Security</b>			
<b>Netherlands 1.59%</b>			
Royal Dutch Shell 'B'	340,800	10,491	1.59
<b>Singapore 0.32%</b>			
City Developments	250,500	2,089	0.32
<b>South Africa 0.91%</b>			
MTN	652,000	6,012	0.91
<b>South Korea 2.05%</b>			
Samsung Electronics (PREF)	7,500	13,519	2.05
<b>Sweden 1.73%</b>			
Atlas Copco 'A'	270,800	11,438	1.73
<b>Switzerland 8.41%</b>			
Nestle	154,600	12,955	1.96
Novartis	236,400	20,249	3.07
Roche	87,300	22,300	3.38
		55,504	8.41
<b>Taiwan 3.08%</b>			
TSMC	2,841,038	20,307	3.08
<b>Thailand 1.59%</b>			
Kasikornbank (Alien) <sup>∞</sup>	1,634,900	10,515	1.59
<b>United Kingdom 11.08%</b>			
BHP Billiton	375,900	6,629	1.00
British American Tobacco	190,500	11,941	1.81
Diageo	200,900	6,612	1.00
Rolls-Royce	828,400	9,858	1.49
Standard Chartered	914,400	9,098	1.38
Vodafone	5,797,100	16,240	2.47
Whitbread	252,348	12,750	1.93
		73,128	11.08
<b>United States 33.27%</b>			
Amdocs	147,900	9,510	1.44
Cognizant Technology Solutions 'A'	142,200	10,313	1.56
Comcast 'A'	335,900	12,920	1.96
CVS Health	162,650	13,226	2.00
EOG Resources	233,900	22,627	3.44
Intercontinental Exchange	150,100	10,313	1.56
Johnson & Johnson	77,400	10,062	1.52
M&T Bank	134,800	21,707	3.30
Oracle	389,300	18,813	2.86
PepsiCo	112,950	12,582	1.91

## World Equity

	Nominal/ Quantity	Market Value US\$'000	Total Net Assets %
<b>Security</b>			
Perrigo	177,050	14,986	2.27
Philip Morris International	57,300	6,361	0.96
Praxair	98,400	13,749	2.08
Schlumberger	157,400	10,978	1.66
TJX	142,700	10,519	1.59
Visa 'A'	197,500	20,781	3.16
		<b>219,447</b>	<b>33.27</b>
<b>Total Equities</b>		<b>646,699</b>	<b>98.01</b>
<b>Total Transferable securities and money market instruments admitted to an official exchange listing or dealt on another regulated market</b>		<b>646,699</b>	<b>98.01</b>
<b>Open Ended Investment Funds 1.65%</b>			
Aberdeen Liquidity Fund (Lux) US Dollar Fund Z-1 <sup>†</sup>	10,874	10,874	1.65
<b>Total Open Ended Investment Funds</b>		<b>10,874</b>	<b>1.65</b>
<b>Total investments</b>		<b>657,573</b>	<b>99.66</b>
<b>Other net assets</b>		<b>2,247</b>	<b>0.34</b>
<b>Total net assets</b>		<b>659,820</b>	<b>100.00</b>

<sup>†</sup> Managed by subsidiaries of Aberdeen Asset Management PLC.

<sup>∞</sup> A portion of this security is on loan at the year end.

# World Government Bond

For the year ended 30 September 2017

## Performance

For the year ended 30 September 2017, the value of the World Government Bond - A Accumulation Shares decreased by 0.61% compared to an increase of 0.13% in the benchmark, the Bloomberg Barclays Capital Global Treasury Universal GDP weighted by country Index

Source: Lipper, Basis: total return, published NAV to NAV, net of annual charges, gross income reinvested, USD.

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 experienced pockets of volatility as an improving global economic backdrop was clouded by political risks in the US, Europe and the UK. Global government bond yields generally moved higher with the yield on the 10-year US Treasuries closing the review period at 2.33%. The US dollar index appreciated sharply in the first half of the period following the election of US President Donald Trump and his campaign promise of pro-growth policies. However, these moves unwound by the end of the period as the Trump administration struggled to implement healthcare reforms leading participants to question his ability to implement fiscally expansive policies. The greenback staged some measure of recovery from the first week of September onwards, fuelled by hawkish US Federal Reserve (Fed) rhetoric and increasing expectations of fiscal stimulus.

US data continued to improve with the labour market showing signs of tightening. Unemployment fell to a cyclical low of 4.3% although pass through to wage inflation remained lacklustre. The Fed hiked interest rates three times (25 basis points in December, March and June) and signalled balance sheet normalisation.

European politics was a focus for markets as fears for rising populism and Euro-scepticism emerged in the region. Uncertainties going into the French Presidential election pushed France and peripheral spreads to their widest levels since 2012. These moves sharply unwound following the election of pro-European Union (EU) candidate Emmanuel Macron. Uncertainties still remain in the region over the upcoming Italian elections, as well as Macron's ability to implement structural reforms in France.

The European Central Bank (ECB) announced that it would reduce its monthly asset purchases from €80bn to €60bn in March but extend the programme to December. European economic data continued to improve, with Purchasing Managers' Indices hitting historical highs, prompting speculation the ECB would start to withdraw stimulus. Speaking at an ECB conference in June, President Mario Draghi noted that as the economy continues to recover, the parameters of policy need to be adjusted. Markets interpreted the message as hawkish with government bonds selling off and the euro strengthening sharply.

In the UK, the government triggered Article 50 the formal process for the UK to leave the EU. Prime Minister Theresa May called a snap general election in order to win a larger majority and improve her ability to get Brexit-related policies approved. However, the election resulted in a hung parliament requiring assistance from Northern Ireland's Democratic Unionist Party. The resultant uncertainty surrounding Brexit caused sterling to weaken further. Latterly, sterling benefited from a newly hawkish tone from the Bank of England.

Its indications that interest rates were likely to rise soon helped the pound to emerge from a prolonged spell of weakness to outperform the other G10 currencies in September.

The Bank of Japan (BoJ) announced its new monetary policy package called qualitative quantitative easing with yield curve control. Essentially the BoJ targets purchases at varying maturities to maintain the 10 year Japanese government bond yield close to 0% and will directly intervene if the yield exceeds 0.1%.

Geopolitics was a focus for markets in the second half of the review period as tensions escalated in the Korean peninsula; severe weather also took its toll in the Caribbean and southern United States prompting a risk-off rally in US treasuries, pushing yields to 2017 year-to-date low of 2.04% in the first week of September.

The risk-off rally unwound over the remainder of September as weather-related risks dissipated, and following the Fed's decision to unwind its balance sheet. That sell-off in US Treasuries helped lift global government bond yields higher and steepened yield curves. Meanwhile, UK and Canadian government bonds underperformed, following hawkish rhetoric from the Bank of England and the Bank of Canada's surprise decision to raise its policy rate – its second such increase during the quarter. At 30 September, the yield on the 10-year US Treasury was 2.33%, while that of the German bund was 0.46% and the 10-year UK gilt yield was 1.40%.

## Portfolio review

Interest rate returns made a positive contribution to performance, led by the Fund's duration shorts in China and Germany as yields moved higher. Allocation to India through the Aberdeen Global Indian Bond Fund was also positive. These gains were partially offset by long Canadian government bonds spread versus UK and Germany following the Bank of Canada's surprise decision to raise interest rates. Active currency management positively contributed. The Fund's overweight to Swedish krone, Czech koruna and Russian rouble all performed well, although these gains were partially offset by the Fund's overweight to US dollars versus euro, yen and Australian dollars.

## Outlook

Our global markets outlook remains modestly bearish on interest rate risk, positive on the US dollar and neutral on credit. We continue to expect an ongoing late cycle hawkish shift in the policy settings of central banks, though we see this as continuing to be tentative and idiosyncratic across different regions. This will be challenging for risk assets whose valuations have been supported by low interest rates and growing or stable central bank balance sheets. A focus on current low inflation levels is expected to continue having some impact on policy in the short term, but we do not expect inflation downside surprises to continue for long, and believe central banks will increasingly focus on the longer impacts of their policies on economic strength (and therefore price stability) now that unemployment rates are falling to pre-crisis levels. In Europe, we think the structural flaws and internal divergence remain threats in the medium term. We anticipate further periods of political turbulence, with a focus on Italy and the 2018 elections. Meanwhile, China – and its attempts to reduce credit growth while maintaining financial stability – remains in focus.

## Global Macro Team

October 2017

# World Government Bond

## Statement of Net Assets

As at 30 September 2017

	Notes	US\$'000
<b>Assets</b>		
Investments in securities at market value	2.2	386,306
Cash at bank		22,965
Amounts held at futures clearing houses and brokers		2,576
Interest receivable		2,240
Subscriptions receivable		3
Other assets		8
<b>Total assets</b>		<b>414,098</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Payable for investments purchased		2,778
Taxes and expenses payable		241
Unrealised losses on forward currency exchange contracts	2.6	1,694
Unrealised losses on future contracts	2.7	75
Other liabilities		95
<b>Total liabilities</b>		<b>4,883</b>
<b>Net assets at the end of the year</b>		<b>409,215</b>

## Statement of Changes in Net Assets

For the year from 1 October 2016 to 30 September 2017

	Notes	US\$'000
Net assets at the beginning of the year		324,307
Net gains from investments		6,289
Net realised losses		(10,847)
Net unrealised gains		11,762
Proceeds from shares issued		143,445
Payments for shares redeemed		(66,014)
Net equalisation received	10	276
Dividends paid	5	(3)
<b>Net assets at the end of the year</b>		<b>409,215</b>

## Statement of Operations

For the year from 1 October 2016 to 30 September 2017

	Notes	US\$'000
<b>Income</b>		
Investment income	2.3	8,972
Stocklending income	16	4
Bank interest		30
<b>Total income</b>		<b>9,006</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Management fees	4.2	1,995
Operating, administrative and servicing fees	4.3	714
Other operational expenses		8
<b>Total expenses</b>		<b>2,717</b>
<b>Net gains from investments</b>		<b>6,289</b>
Realised losses on investments		(14,397)
Realised gains on forward currency exchange contracts		345
Realised gains on future contracts		1,290
Realised currency exchange gains		1,915
<b>Net realised losses</b>		<b>(10,847)</b>
Increase in unrealised appreciation on investments		12,868
Increase in unrealised depreciation on forward currency exchange contracts		(1,060)
Increase in unrealised depreciation on future contracts		(75)
Unrealised currency exchange gains		29
<b>Net unrealised gains</b>		<b>11,762</b>
<b>Net increase in assets as a result of operations</b>		<b>7,204</b>



# World Government Bond

## Share Transactions

For the year from 1 October 2016 to 30 September 2017

	A-1	A-2	E(EUR)-1	E(EUR)-2	H(EUR)-2 <sup>A</sup>	I-1
Shares outstanding at the beginning of the year	843	70,808	28,385	148,394	-	840
Shares issued during the year	-	29,953	984	110,915	441,772	-
Shares redeemed during the year	(3)	(69,839)	(16,805)	(136,964)	(6,211)	-
<b>Shares outstanding at the end of the year</b>	<b>840</b>	<b>30,922</b>	<b>12,564</b>	<b>122,345</b>	<b>435,561</b>	<b>840</b>
<b>Net asset value per share</b>	<b>9.4340</b>	<b>10.2955</b>	<b>10.9815</b>	<b>11.7710</b>	<b>10.0379</b>	<b>9.4274</b>

	I-2	Z-2 <sup>B</sup>
Shares outstanding at the beginning of the year	30,470,734	-
Shares issued during the year	13,817,149	650
Shares redeemed during the year	(6,119,789)	-
<b>Shares outstanding at the end of the year</b>	<b>38,168,094</b>	<b>650</b>
<b>Net asset value per share</b>	<b>10.5282</b>	<b>10.0277</b>

<sup>A</sup> Share class launched 3 August 2017.

<sup>B</sup> Share class launched 8 August 2017.

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements.

# World Government Bond

## Portfolio Statement

As at 30 September 2017

Security	Coupon (%)	Maturity	Nominal/ Quantity	Market Value US\$'000	Total Net Assets %
Transferable securities and money market instruments admitted to an official exchange listing or dealt on another regulated market					90.21%
<b>Bonds 90.21%</b>					
<b>Corporate Bonds 1.15%</b>					
<b>China 1.15%</b>					
Sinopec Group Overseas Development 2014	4.3750	10/04/24	4,360,000	4,687	1.15
<b>Total Corporate Bonds</b>				<b>4,687</b>	<b>1.15</b>
<b>Government Bonds 89.06%</b>					
<b>Australia 4.01%</b>					
Australia (Commonwealth of)	1.7500	21/11/20	21,189,000	16,429	4.01
<b>Belgium 1.04%</b>					
Belgium (Kingdom of)	2.2500	22/06/23	3,166,000	4,237	1.04
<b>Brazil 3.58%</b>					
Brazil (Federal Republic of)	-	01/07/18	48,845,000	14,641	3.58
<b>Canada 1.09%</b>					
Canada (Government of)	5.0000	01/06/37	3,975,000	4,442	1.09
<b>China 10.82%</b>					
China (Peoples Republic of)	3.1300	13/04/22	110,000,000	16,230	3.96
China (Peoples Republic of)	3.2000	16/03/24	100,000,000	14,660	3.58
China (Peoples Republic of)	3.5900	03/08/27	40,000,000	6,013	1.47
China (Peoples Republic of)	4.0500	24/07/47	40,000,000	5,874	1.44
China (Peoples Republic of)	3.2300	27/04/20	10,000,000	1,495	0.37
				<b>44,272</b>	<b>10.82</b>
<b>Colombia 0.54%</b>					
Colombia (Republic of)	6.0000	28/04/28	6,837,800,000	2,225	0.54
<b>France 3.38%</b>					
France (Government of)	-	25/05/21	4,961,000	5,940	1.46
France (Government of)	1.5000	25/05/31	3,356,000	4,146	1.01
France (Government of)	3.2500	25/05/45	1,440,000	2,265	0.55
France (Government of)	0.5000	25/05/25	1,230,000	1,467	0.36
				<b>13,818</b>	<b>3.38</b>
<b>Germany 9.46%</b>					
Germany (Federal Republic of) <sup>∞</sup>	0.5000	15/02/25	12,795,000	15,605	3.81
Germany (Federal Republic of)	0.2500	16/10/20	11,334,000	13,748	3.36
Germany (Federal Republic of)	2.5000	15/08/46	2,859,000	4,401	1.08
Germany (Federal Republic of)	5.5000	04/01/31	2,119,000	4,036	0.99
Germany (Federal Republic of)	0.2500	15/02/27	773,000	902	0.22
				<b>38,692</b>	<b>9.46</b>

# World Government Bond

Security	Coupon (%)	Maturity	Nominal/ Quantity	Market Value US\$'000	Total Net Assets %
<b>Indonesia 1.93%</b>					
Indonesia (Republic of)	8.3750	15/03/24	97,084,000,000	7,913	1.93
<b>Ireland 0.23%</b>					
Ireland (Republic of)	1.0000	15/05/26	764,000	923	0.23
<b>Italy 2.74%</b>					
Italy (Republic of)	2.0000	01/12/25	4,097,000	4,914	1.20
Italy (Republic of)	1.2000	01/04/22	3,920,000	4,737	1.16
Italy (Republic of)	5.7500	01/02/33	600,000	986	0.24
Italy (Republic of)	2.7000	01/03/47	560,000	592	0.14
				11,229	2.74
<b>Japan 3.96%</b>					
Japan (Government of)	2.4000	20/03/37	605,450,000	7,200	1.75
Japan (Government of)	2.1000	20/06/29	607,050,000	6,617	1.62
Japan (Government of)	1.5000	20/03/45	230,950,000	2,399	0.59
				16,216	3.96
<b>Mexico 1.49%</b>					
Mexico (Government of)	5.7500	05/03/26	118,945,000	6,116	1.49
<b>Netherlands 1.46%</b>					
Netherlands (Kingdom of)	1.7500	15/07/23	4,574,000	5,978	1.46
<b>Peru 0.16%</b>					
Peru (Republic of)	6.9500	12/08/31	1,900,000	656	0.16
<b>Poland 0.51%</b>					
Poland (Republic of)	2.5000	25/07/26	8,073,000	2,083	0.51
<b>Russian Federation 1.65%</b>					
Russia (Federation of)	7.0500	19/01/28	400,000,000	6,752	1.65
<b>South Korea 1.09%</b>					
Korea (Republic of)	2.7500	10/09/19	5,000,000,000	4,442	1.09
<b>Spain 1.99%</b>					
Spain (Kingdom of)	1.6000	30/04/25	5,133,000	6,315	1.54
Spain (Kingdom of)	4.0000	30/04/20	1,001,000	1,310	0.32
Spain (Kingdom of)	5.1500	31/10/44	310,000	532	0.13
				8,157	1.99
<b>Sweden 0.56%</b>					
Sweden (Kingdom of)	3.5000	30/03/39	13,940,000	2,284	0.56
<b>Turkey 1.00%</b>					
Turkey (Republic of)	6.7500	03/04/18	4,000,000	4,092	1.00

# World Government Bond

Security	Coupon (%)	Maturity	Nominal/ Quantity	Market Value US\$'000	Total Net Assets %
United Kingdom 4.04%					
UK Treasury	4.2500	07/12/46	3,433,000	6,987	1.70
UK Treasury	4.2500	07/06/32	2,947,000	5,280	1.29
UK Treasury	2.0000	22/07/20	3,065,000	4,280	1.05
				16,547	4.04
United States 32.33%					
US Treasury	1.3750	30/04/21	36,611,000	36,153	8.82
US Treasury	2.5000	15/02/45	11,558,500	10,783	2.64
US Treasury	2.0000	15/08/25	7,437,500	7,312	1.79
US Treasury	-	19/10/17	6,045,000	6,042	1.48
US Treasury	2.1250	15/05/25	5,649,000	5,613	1.37
US Treasury	2.3750	15/05/27	4,383,000	4,402	1.08
US Treasury	3.8750	15/08/40	3,237,000	3,850	0.94
US Treasury	5.2500	15/11/28	734,000	942	0.23
US Treasury (INDX)	0.1250	15/04/19	54,568,000	57,230	13.98
				132,327	32.33
Total Government Bonds				364,471	89.06
Total Bonds				369,158	90.21
Total Transferable securities and money market instruments admitted to an official exchange listing or dealt on another regulated market				369,158	90.21
Open Ended Investment Funds 4.19%					
Aberdeen Global - Indian Bond Fund Z-2 <sup>†</sup>			1,411,000	17,148	4.19
Total Open Ended Investment Funds				17,148	4.19
Derivatives (0.43%)					
Future contracts (0.02%)					
Future	Maturity	Notional	Unrealised Gains/(Losses) US\$'000	Total Net Assets %	
CBT US 10 Year Ultra	19/12/17	(184)	69	0.02	
CBT US 2 Year Note	29/12/17	(88)	47	0.01	
CBT US 5 Year Note	29/12/17	(202)	185	0.04	
EUX Euro Bund	07/12/17	47	(16)	-	
EUX Euro-BTP	07/12/17	(66)	54	0.01	
EUX Euro-OAT	07/12/17	(65)	63	0.02	
MSE Canada 10 Year Bond	18/12/17	253	(535)	(0.14)	
SFE Australia 10 Year Bond	15/12/17	105	(12)	-	
SGX 10 Year Mini JGB	12/12/17	(108)	70	0.02	
Unrealised losses on future contracts			(75)	(0.02)	

# World Government Bond

## Forward currency exchange contracts (0.41%)

Counterparty	Buy	Sell	Settlement	Buy Amount	Sell Amount	Unrealised Gains/(Losses) US\$'000	Total Net Assets %
Barclays Capital	USD	EUR	13/10/17	2,895,550	2,420,000	33	0.01
Barclays Capital	USD	PEN	22/11/17	580,241	1,900,000	-	-
BNP Paribas	HUF	USD	13/10/17	167,232,000	654,308	(18)	-
BNP Paribas	JPY	USD	13/10/17	48,080,000	437,501	(10)	-
BNP Paribas	SEK	USD	13/10/17	157,232,000	18,744,967	530	0.13
BNP Paribas	USD	NZD	13/10/17	413,481	568,000	3	-
BNP Paribas	USD	IDR	22/11/17	1,028,387	13,691,942,000	16	-
BNP Paribas	USD	KRW	22/11/17	415,250	468,111,000	6	-
Citigroup	CNH	USD	13/10/17	161,267,000	23,776,130	469	0.11
Citigroup	JPY	EUR	13/10/17	962,295,600	7,357,000	(149)	(0.04)
Citigroup	JPY	USD	13/10/17	961,940,000	8,970,894	(420)	(0.10)
Citigroup	MXN	USD	13/10/17	22,130,000	1,240,972	(25)	(0.01)
Citigroup	NOK	USD	13/10/17	23,305,000	2,800,898	127	0.03
Citigroup	USD	EUR	13/10/17	42,064,512	36,700,000	(1,347)	(0.32)
Citigroup	USD	HUF	13/10/17	7,960,412	2,139,761,000	(186)	(0.05)
Citigroup	USD	PLN	13/10/17	435,780	1,563,000	7	-
Goldman Sachs	CNY	USD	22/11/17	54,374,000	8,128,261	23	0.01
Goldman Sachs	IDR	USD	22/11/17	81,887,487,000	6,063,494	(8)	-
Goldman Sachs	KRW	USD	22/11/17	4,526,472,000	3,991,422	(34)	(0.01)
Goldman Sachs	NGN	USD	22/11/17	878,303,000	2,571,898	(125)	(0.03)
Goldman Sachs	USD	CNH	13/10/17	50,297,196	344,571,000	(1,505)	(0.36)
Goldman Sachs	USD	EUR	13/10/17	1,092,135	918,000	6	-
Goldman Sachs	USD	CHF	13/10/17	414,203	397,000	4	-
Goldman Sachs	USD	CAD	13/10/17	413,210	504,000	10	-
Goldman Sachs	USD	AUD	13/10/17	412,811	517,000	7	-
Goldman Sachs	USD	MXN	13/10/17	190,454	3,466,000	-	-
HSBC	AUD	USD	13/10/17	10,792,000	8,645,471	(179)	(0.04)
HSBC	NGN	USD	22/11/17	253,508,000	752,249	(46)	(0.01)
HSBC	RUB	USD	22/11/17	342,106,000	5,847,966	42	0.01
HSBC	USD	EUR	13/10/17	8,288,279	6,905,000	120	0.03
HSBC	USD	AUD	13/10/17	2,716,817	3,430,000	26	0.01
HSBC	USD	CHF	13/10/17	435,432	421,000	-	-
HSBC	USD	CAD	13/10/17	435,431	548,000	(3)	-
HSBC	USD	RUB	22/11/17	3,683,912	225,157,000	(193)	(0.05)
JPM Chase	AUD	NZD	13/10/17	11,132,000	12,289,928	(149)	(0.04)
JPM Chase	AUD	EUR	13/10/17	11,053,247	7,332,000	(1)	-
JPM Chase	CAD	USD	13/10/17	727,000	592,714	(11)	-
JPM Chase	CNH	USD	13/10/17	128,429,000	19,025,673	282	0.07
JPM Chase	CZK	USD	13/10/17	427,301,000	18,824,828	621	0.15
JPM Chase	EUR	HUF	13/10/17	7,437,000	2,281,113,825	112	0.03
JPM Chase	GBP	JPY	13/10/17	6,587,000	987,330,040	65	0.02
JPM Chase	ILS	EUR	13/10/17	30,411,000	7,209,473	84	0.02
JPM Chase	JPY	PLN	13/10/17	476,634,179	15,610,000	(47)	(0.01)
JPM Chase	JPY	USD	13/10/17	110,054,000	987,930	(10)	-
JPM Chase	NZD	EUR	13/10/17	12,159,191	7,415,000	17	-
JPM Chase	NZD	AUD	13/10/17	12,127,568	11,075,000	76	0.02
JPM Chase	PLN	USD	13/10/17	21,088,000	5,680,398	107	0.03
JPM Chase	RON	USD	13/10/17	4,206,000	1,052,342	29	0.01
JPM Chase	TRY	USD	13/10/17	16,597,000	4,482,744	169	0.04
JPM Chase	USD	CZK	13/10/17	877,089	19,173,000	5	-

# World Government Bond

Counterparty	Buy	Sell	Settlement	Buy Amount	Sell Amount	Unrealised Gains/(Losses) US\$'000	Total Net Assets %
JPM Chase	USD	JPY	13/10/17	603,546	66,608,000	11	-
Merrill Lynch	AUD	USD	13/10/17	820,000	650,358	(7)	-
Merrill Lynch	EUR	USD	13/10/17	853,000	1,023,862	(15)	-
Merrill Lynch	USD	RUB	22/11/17	407,073	23,826,000	(3)	-
Morgan Stanley	CAD	USD	13/10/17	5,410,000	4,454,041	(128)	(0.03)
Morgan Stanley	CNH	USD	13/10/17	4,065,000	617,722	(7)	-
Morgan Stanley	CNY	USD	22/11/17	100,958,000	15,012,342	121	0.03
Morgan Stanley	GBP	USD	13/10/17	313,000	423,073	(3)	-
Morgan Stanley	HUF	EUR	13/10/17	4,270,405,000	13,770,392	(30)	(0.01)
Morgan Stanley	MXN	USD	13/10/17	4,145,000	232,943	(5)	-
Morgan Stanley	RUB	USD	22/11/17	358,959,000	6,206,068	(26)	(0.01)
Morgan Stanley	USD	EUR	13/10/17	898,491	758,000	2	-
Morgan Stanley	USD	CZK	13/10/17	413,484	9,021,000	3	-
Morgan Stanley	USD	RUB	22/11/17	4,395,165	253,601,000	29	0.01
Morgan Stanley	USD	CNY	22/11/17	4,099,674	27,064,000	43	0.01
Morgan Stanley	USD	BRL	22/11/17	823,342	2,589,000	11	-
Royal Bank of Canada	CAD	USD	13/10/17	1,919,000	1,490,500	44	0.01
Royal Bank of Canada	EUR	CHF	13/10/17	7,424,000	8,174,373	327	0.08
Royal Bank of Canada	EUR	CZK	13/10/17	7,385,105	192,735,000	(35)	(0.01)
Royal Bank of Canada	USD	GBP	13/10/17	8,734,916	6,768,000	(349)	(0.09)
Royal Bank of Canada	USD	NZD	13/10/17	7,291,914	10,033,000	41	0.01
Royal Bank of Canada	USD	ILS	13/10/17	6,708,641	23,682,000	2	-
Royal Bank of Canada	USD	JPY	13/10/17	2,070,673	235,322,000	(21)	(0.01)
Royal Bank of Canada	USD	EUR	13/10/17	881,919	740,000	7	-
Royal Bank of Canada	USD	GBP	13/10/17	688,668	525,000	(16)	-
State Street	CHF	USD	13/10/17	12,688,000	13,244,826	(121)	(0.03)
State Street	EUR	USD	13/10/17	6,942,000	8,156,121	55	0.01
State Street	GBP	USD	13/10/17	6,075,000	8,239,280	(86)	(0.02)
State Street	GBP	USD	13/10/17	494,000	649,541	13	-
State Street	HUF	USD	13/10/17	214,045,000	826,937	(12)	-
State Street	USD	JPY	13/10/17	1,444,163	160,770,000	15	-
State Street	USD	SEK	13/10/17	849,323	7,131,000	(25)	(0.01)
State Street	USD	SEK	13/10/17	828,164	6,588,000	21	0.01
State Street	USD	GBP	13/10/17	826,307	609,000	9	-
State Street	USD	NOK	13/10/17	415,213	3,243,000	8	-
State Street	USD	MXN	13/10/17	411,516	7,322,000	9	-
UBS	EUR	AUD	13/10/17	7,424,000	10,908,009	224	0.05
UBS	EUR	SEK	13/10/17	7,401,212	70,837,000	71	0.02
UBS	GBP	USD	13/10/17	1,281,000	1,656,063	63	0.02
UBS	USD	AUD	13/10/17	13,618,217	17,943,000	(459)	(0.11)
UBS	USD	INR	22/11/17	5,324,189	344,688,000	85	0.02
UBS	USD	BRL	22/11/17	5,184,455	16,829,000	(99)	(0.02)
UBS	USD	CNY	22/11/17	698,847	4,601,000	9	-
Unrealised losses on forward currency exchange contracts						(1,694)	(0.41)
Unrealised losses on derivatives						(1,769)	(0.43)
Total investments						384,537	93.97
Other net assets						24,678	6.03
Total net assets						409,215	100.00

<sup>†</sup> Managed by subsidiaries of Aberdeen Asset Management PLC.

<sup>∞</sup> A portion of this security is on loan at the year end.

Currently forward positions are not collateralised.

# World Resources Equity

For the year ended 30 September 2017

## Performance

For the year ended 30 September 2017, the value of World Resources Equity – A Accumulation Shares increased by 21.63% compared to an increase of 20.52% in the benchmark, the S&P Global Natural Resources Index.

Source: Lipper, Basis: total return, published NAV to NAV, net of annual charges, gross income reinvested, USD.

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

Resource-sector stocks posted gains for the year under review, outperforming the broader global equities market. Brent crude sank to US\$44.43 per barrel in November after OPEC announced record output in October and concerns over rising shale inventory levels in the US surfaced. Subsequently, oil prices rose steadily over the prospects of the cartel's pledge to further trim production. Towards the period-end, crude prices rose on the back of disruptions to energy production in Texas and Louisiana caused by Hurricane Harvey. Oil prices gained further momentum from the Kurdish region's intensifying attempt to break away from Iraq. Meanwhile, gold prices continued to rise amid growing tension between the US and North Korea before paring some of its gains at the period-end after President Donald Trump's proposed tax reform made some progress. Iron ore prices dropped on concerns about lower demand from China, where steel mills prepared to curb production to fight winter smog.

## Portfolio review

At a stock level, our non-benchmark exposure to Chilean chemical company Sociedad Química y Minera de Chile (SQM) was a key contributor. SQM's shares strengthened on continued solid earnings, supported by an increase in lithium prices and iodine volumes. Diversified miners Vale and Rio Tinto also did well. Investors welcomed Vale's new shareholder agreement to restructure its share classes, which is a step forward in the company's attempt to improve corporate governance. Rio Tinto benefited from solid results, with both cost cuts and more disciplined capital spending boosting underlying earnings. It announced a buyback of an additional US\$2.5 billion worth of its shares, following the sale of its Australian coal assets, which aligned with a promise by management to deliver superior returns.

On the other hand, not holding Glencore detracted from performance, as its shares have risen steadily over the period on its robust production growth in copper and zinc, commodities whose prices are expected to rise in the next five years. Meanwhile, the Fund was hurt by its exposure to Goldcorp and EOG Resources. Goldcorp's shares lagged towards the period-end in the wake of declining gold prices. EOG Resources' shares were volatile amid turbulence in the broader energy market.

During the period, we exited Givaudan in view of better opportunities elsewhere; Deere & Co, following a price rally that reflected its full valuation; Eni, given our preference for other exploration and production businesses; and Vopak on lowered conviction.

Against this, we initiated two cement holdings: Indocement Tungal Prakarsa, an Indonesian company that boasts an efficient operating model, and UltraTech Cement, a low-cost Indian producer with long-term growth drivers. We also introduced Avery Dennison, an adhesive material manufacturer with healthy free cash flow generation and an efficient management.

## Outlook

The period under review has been good for the resources sector: some commodity prices have risen and their prospects are brighter than they were a year ago. This has improved investor sentiment, with some resources companies chalking up stellar gains. Healthier risk appetite and expectations for improved earnings may remain supportive of the sector. Nevertheless, policy uncertainty in China, including the government's intense anti-pollution effort, will put pressure on iron ore and other industrial materials. A strengthening US dollar, supported by encouraging economic data and good progress in President Trump's tax reform, could shift investors' preference away from gold. However, there are some positives in the outlook for oil in the wake of recent political turmoil in the Kurdish region and Russia's readiness to back OPEC's extension of the supply cut.

Although investors' sentiment could shift again, we are unfazed by short-term volatility as indiscriminate selling or buying will provide opportunities for us as long-term investors. We continue to navigate these uncertainties through our stock-focused investment process, picking and holding companies that have proven track records and robust balance sheets to maximise growth.

## Global Equity Team

October 2017

# World Resources Equity

## Statement of Net Assets

As at 30 September 2017

	Notes	US\$'000
<b>Assets</b>		
Investments in securities at market value	2.2	125,727
Cash at bank		345
Interest and dividends receivable		177
Subscriptions receivable		188
Other assets		86
<b>Total assets</b>		<b>126,523</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Taxes and expenses payable		187
Redemptions payable		1,213
Unrealised losses on forward currency exchange contracts	2.6	465
<b>Total liabilities</b>		<b>1,865</b>
<b>Net assets at the end of the year</b>		<b>124,658</b>

## Statement of Changes in Net Assets

For the year from 1 October 2016 to 30 September 2017

	Notes	US\$'000
Net assets at the beginning of the year		104,789
Net gains from investments		912
Net realised losses		(6,961)
Net unrealised gains		26,191
Proceeds from shares issued		69,576
Payments for shares redeemed		(69,895)
Net equalisation received	10	46
<b>Net assets at the end of the year</b>		<b>124,658</b>

## Statement of Operations

For the year from 1 October 2016 to 30 September 2017

	Notes	US\$'000
<b>Income</b>		
Investment income	2.3	3,012
Stocklending income	16	16
Bank interest		8
<b>Total income</b>		<b>3,036</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Management fees	4.2	1,860
Operating, administrative and servicing fees	4.3	262
Other operational expenses		2
<b>Total expenses</b>		<b>2,124</b>
<b>Net gains from investments</b>		<b>912</b>
Realised losses on investments		(7,291)
Realised gains on forward currency exchange contracts		419
Realised currency exchange losses		(89)
<b>Net realised losses</b>		<b>(6,961)</b>
Decrease in unrealised depreciation on investments		26,611
Increase in unrealised depreciation on forward currency exchange contracts		(420)
<b>Net unrealised gains</b>		<b>26,191</b>
<b>Net increase in assets as a result of operations</b>		<b>20,142</b>



# World Resources Equity

## Share Transactions

For the year from 1 October 2016 to 30 September 2017

	A-2	A(CHF)-2^	A(EUR)-2^	E(EUR)-2	I-2	S-2
Shares outstanding at the beginning of the year	2,427,399	1,157,403	346,955	1,014,225	2,165	3,801,482
Shares issued during the year	2,887,079	24,972	606,253	330,588	6,618	551,037
Shares redeemed during the year	(2,915,043)	(179,747)	(913,418)	(588,195)	(3,161)	(666,361)
<b>Shares outstanding at the end of the year</b>	<b>2,399,435</b>	<b>1,002,628</b>	<b>39,790</b>	<b>756,618</b>	<b>5,622</b>	<b>3,686,158</b>
<b>Net asset value per share</b>	<b>12.7341</b>	<b>8.8427</b>	<b>12.3422</b>	<b>10.7787</b>	<b>2,547.9730</b>	<b>12.3558</b>

	S(EUR)-2^	X-2	Y(EUR)-2
Shares outstanding at the beginning of the year	919,707	148,572	1,378
Shares issued during the year	224,527	80,398	200
Shares redeemed during the year	(219,266)	(57,056)	(1,344)
<b>Shares outstanding at the end of the year</b>	<b>924,968</b>	<b>171,914</b>	<b>234</b>
<b>Net asset value per share</b>	<b>12.0083</b>	<b>9.9700</b>	<b>10.9848</b>

^ Base currency exposure share class.

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements.

# World Resources Equity

## Portfolio Statement

As at 30 September 2017

Security	Nominal/ Quantity	Market Value US\$'000	Total Net Assets %
Transferable securities and money market instruments admitted to an official exchange listing or dealt on another regulated market 99.72%			
<b>Equities 99.72%</b>			
<b>Argentina 3.86%</b>			
Tenaris (ADR)	169,800	4,808	3.86
<b>Brazil 7.54%</b>			
Vale (ADR)	404,700	4,077	3.27
Wilson Sons (BDR)	397,700	5,321	4.27
		<b>9,398</b>	<b>7.54</b>
<b>Canada 6.04%</b>			
Goldcorp	138,800	1,797	1.44
Potash Corp of Saskatchewan	297,900	5,733	4.60
		<b>7,530</b>	<b>6.04</b>
<b>Chile 4.01%</b>			
Sociedad Quimica y Minera de Chile (ADR) (PREF)	89,800	4,995	4.01
<b>Denmark 2.16%</b>			
Novozymes 'B'	52,300	2,691	2.16
<b>France 3.01%</b>			
TOTAL	69,800	3,749	3.01
<b>Germany 14.89%</b>			
BASF	17,400	1,848	1.48
Bayer	32,700	4,450	3.57
Brenntag	46,400	2,582	2.07
Fuchs Petrolub	35,600	1,827	1.47
KWS Saat	5,700	2,488	2.00
Linde	25,800	5,368	4.30
		<b>18,563</b>	<b>14.89</b>
<b>India 0.86%</b>			
UltraTech Cement	18,100	1,068	0.86
<b>Indonesia 2.46%</b>			
Indocement Tunggal Prakarsa	2,173,100	3,070	2.46
<b>Israel 1.81%</b>			
Frutarom	29,400	2,262	1.81
<b>Japan 3.93%</b>			
Shin-Etsu Chemical Co	54,800	4,896	3.93

# World Resources Equity

	Nominal/ Quantity	Market Value US\$'000	Total Net Assets %
<b>Security</b>			
<b>Jersey 4.81%</b>			
Randgold Resources	61,100	5,996	4.81
<b>Netherlands 5.26%</b>			
Royal Dutch Shell 'B'	213,200	6,563	5.26
<b>United Kingdom 13.47%</b>			
BHP Billiton	375,700	6,626	5.32
John Wood Group <sup>oo</sup>	226,300	2,066	1.66
Rio Tinto	146,200	6,812	5.46
Weir	48,800	1,287	1.03
		<b>16,791</b>	<b>13.47</b>
<b>United States 25.61%</b>			
Avery Dennison	12,200	1,200	0.96
Chevron	37,100	4,358	3.50
EOG Resources	94,800	9,170	7.35
Monsanto	42,200	5,054	4.05
Praxair	46,300	6,469	5.18
Schlumberger	81,600	5,691	4.57
		<b>31,942</b>	<b>25.61</b>
<b>Total Equities</b>		<b>124,322</b>	<b>99.72</b>
<b>Total Transferable securities and money market instruments admitted to an official exchange listing or dealt on another regulated market</b>		<b>124,322</b>	<b>99.72</b>
<b>Open Ended Investment Funds 1.13%</b>			
Aberdeen Liquidity Fund (Lux) US Dollar Fund Z-1 <sup>†</sup>	1,405	1,405	1.13
<b>Total Open Ended Investment Funds</b>		<b>1,405</b>	<b>1.13</b>

## Derivatives (0.37%)

### Forward currency exchange contracts (0.37%)

Counterparty	Buy	Sell	Settlement	Buy Amount	Sell Amount	Unrealised Gains/(Losses) US\$'000	Total Net Assets %
BNP Paribas	CHF	USD	03/10/17	11,348	11,650	-	-
BNP Paribas	CHF	USD	15/12/17	8,553,038	9,084,624	(199)	(0.16)
BNP Paribas	CHF	USD	15/12/17	190,907	199,381	(1)	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	15/12/17	10,634,630	12,875,570	(250)	(0.20)
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	15/12/17	470,274	569,371	(11)	(0.01)
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	15/12/17	218,741	262,926	(3)	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	15/12/17	77,284	93,177	(1)	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	15/12/17	21,184	25,266	-	-
BNP Paribas	EUR	USD	15/12/17	10,001	12,022	-	-
BNP Paribas	USD	EUR	15/12/17	70,295	58,804	-	-
BNP Paribas	USD	CHF	15/12/17	33,265	31,752	-	-
BNP Paribas	USD	EUR	15/12/17	27,913	23,233	-	-
BNP Paribas	USD	CHF	15/12/17	13,665	13,036	-	-

## World Resources Equity

Counterparty	Buy	Sell	Settlement	Buy Amount	Sell Amount	Unrealised Gains/(Losses) US\$'000	Total Net Assets %
BNP Paribas	USD	CHF	15/12/17	11,704	11,348	-	-
BNP Paribas	USD	CHF	15/12/17	5,613	5,367	-	-
BNP Paribas	USD	EUR	15/12/17	3,694	3,046	-	-
BNP Paribas	USD	EUR	15/12/17	2,749	2,283	-	-
<b>Unrealised losses on forward currency exchange contracts</b>						<b>(465)</b>	<b>(0.37)</b>
<b>Unrealised losses on derivatives</b>						<b>(465)</b>	<b>(0.37)</b>
<b>Total investments</b>						<b>125,262</b>	<b>100.48</b>
<b>Other net liabilities</b>						<b>(604)</b>	<b>(0.48)</b>
<b>Total net assets</b>						<b>124,658</b>	<b>100.00</b>

<sup>†</sup> Managed by subsidiaries of Aberdeen Asset Management PLC.

<sup>∞</sup> A portion of this security is on loan at the year end.

Currently forward positions are not collateralised.

# World Smaller Companies

For the year ended 30 September 2017

## Performance review

For the year ended 30 September 2017, the value of the World Smaller Companies – A Accumulation Shares increased by 17.99% compared to an increase of 20.29% in the benchmark, the MSCI World Small Cap Index.

Source: Lipper, Basis: total return, NAV to NAV, net of annual charges, gross income reinvested, USD

Please see the Performance History section for details on the use of MSCI information.

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 smaller companies delivered healthy returns in the year under review, with the surprise election of US President Donald Trump in November spurring hopes of policy reform, infrastructure spending and the repatriation of US earnings from abroad. This resulted in some dramatic market moves in the final weeks of 2016, particularly within the industrial and financial sectors which were expected to benefit the most from this reflationary trade.

Since the turn of the year, this momentum waned, resulting in a weakening of the US dollar which moved in one direction over recent years. This was generally positive for emerging markets and Asia, where we saw improved sentiment and performance in energy stocks, which delivered solid returns in the first half of 2017.

Politics in Europe also remained centre stage, with anti-establishment parties failing to gain traction at various European elections, most notably France, where markets edged up. Meanwhile, after the UK government triggered Article 50 to kickstart Brexit negotiations, Prime Minister Theresa May called for a snap election, which unexpectedly resulted in a hung parliament and reduced her bargaining power. Sentiment towards domestically-focused stocks was generally weak.

More recently on the policy front, central bankers in the US and Eurozone were confounded by muted inflation and wage growth, which lagged economic growth and improved unemployment levels. But the US Federal Reserve (Fed) moved to tighten monetary policy and end quantitative easing, while the European Central Bank contemplated reducing bond purchases, raising concerns about potential government policy missteps.

## Portfolio review

The one year performance figure was impacted by a disappointing final quarter of 2016, where despite an outperformance from US industrial RBC Bearings and financial stock Canadian Western Bank, the portfolio's underweight to US-centric financials and industrials resulted in lagging relative performance. This was compounded by an overweight to emerging markets within the portfolio, including Iguatemi, the Brazilian shopping mall business, which was weak on concerns of Trump's protectionist policies.

Since the turn of the year the unravelling of the reflation trade, including the weakening of the US dollar, benefited relative performance. Emerging markets led market returns, notably Brazil which is benefiting from an improved economic backdrop. Within the portfolio, Arezzo the ladies shoes business has particularly benefited

from this turn in sentiment, delivering outstanding returns over the period while Iguatemi rebounded. Elsewhere, Dormakaba, the Swiss security and access solutions business, was also a key performer, benefiting from higher demand and growing market share.

Singapore's Raffles Medical was a key detractor from Fund performance, due to slower foreign patient traffic and higher staff costs as it prepared for the opening of Raffles Hospital Extension. While short-term pressures weighed on sentiment, the longer-term growth trajectory remain positive. Wood Group also hurt Fund performance, as the increase in its leverage following the acquisition of Amec FW, raised concerns over its balance sheet, leading us to exit the company. Supply-chain software provider Manhattan Associates, which we introduced during the review period on a pullback in its valuation, detracted from returns as weak demand particularly from US retailers dampened results. But we remain confident in the long-term prospects of its business, given the structural growth drivers in the inventory management space.

In portfolio activity, we introduced BIM, a market leading Turkish hard discount retailer; Brunello Cucinelli, a UK luxury retailer with good branding and scope for further international expansion; Indocement, a solid Indonesian franchise that was trading at attractive valuations; Genus, which has a unique business model in animal breeding and significant research and development capabilities, giving it a competitive edge in a fragmented industry; Ritchie Bros, a US-focused auction business with large market share and good cash generation; Nice Systems, an Israel-based provider of software solutions with a solid market position, generates high cashflow and recurring revenue.

Against this, we exited Asia Satellite given a lower conviction in this satellite operator; Close Brothers Group, as the company faces increased competition within its high-margin specialist lending business; Paraexel, given that its share price is trading at its full valuation; and EGCO, to fund other opportunities.

## Outlook

Global equity markets continue to be buoyed by accommodative central bank policy. However, this momentum could be stymied by geopolitical tensions, costly natural disasters and government policy missteps. Equity markets are monitoring both the impact of the Fed's balance sheet normalisation, and the outcome of US President Trump's proposed tax reforms. In addition, EU solidarity and companies' operations may be tested by rising populism, the secessionist referendum in Spain, and the ongoing Brexit talks with the UK.

These developments aside, volatility is at historical lows and global equity valuations have generally risen for a protracted period. To navigate these markets, we continue to manage the Fund by investing in good quality companies at attractive valuations: diligently monitoring our holdings' business and financial performance, while maintaining a long-term perspective of their potential.

## Global Equity Team

October 2017

# World Smaller Companies

## Statement of Net Assets

As at 30 September 2017

	Notes	US\$'000
<b>Assets</b>		
Investments in securities at market value	2.2	30,347
Cash at bank		312
Interest and dividends receivable		27
Subscriptions receivable		62
Receivable for investments sold		8
Other assets		8
<b>Total assets</b>		<b>30,764</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Payable for investments purchased		30
Taxes and expenses payable		39
Redemptions payable		3
<b>Total liabilities</b>		<b>72</b>
<b>Net assets at the end of the year</b>		<b>30,692</b>

## Statement of Changes in Net Assets

For the year from 1 October 2016 to 30 September 2017

	Notes	US\$'000
Net assets at the beginning of the year		14,457
Net gains from investments		44
Net realised gains		476
Net unrealised gains		4,474
Proceeds from shares issued		17,129
Payments for shares redeemed		(5,910)
Net equalisation received	10	22
<b>Net assets at the end of the year</b>		<b>30,692</b>

## Statement of Operations

For the year from 1 October 2016 to 30 September 2017

	Notes	US\$'000
<b>Income</b>		
Investment income	2.3	438
Stocklending income	16	1
Bank interest		2
<b>Total income</b>		<b>441</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Management fees	4.2	327
Operating, administrative and servicing fees	4.3	70
<b>Total expenses</b>		<b>397</b>
<b>Net gains from investments</b>		<b>44</b>
Realised gains on investments		499
Realised currency exchange losses		(23)
<b>Net realised gains</b>		<b>476</b>
Increase in unrealised appreciation on investments		4,474
<b>Net unrealised gains</b>		<b>4,474</b>
<b>Net increase in assets as a result of operations</b>		<b>4,994</b>

## Share Transactions

For the year from 1 October 2016 to 30 September 2017

	A-2	E(EUR)-2	I-2
Shares outstanding at the beginning of the year	749,435	57,328	251,443
Shares issued during the year	526,348	29,344	685,898
Shares redeemed during the year	(232,024)	(29,863)	(132,154)
<b>Shares outstanding at the end of the year</b>	<b>1,043,759</b>	<b>56,809</b>	<b>805,187</b>
<b>Net asset value per share</b>	<b>15.8149</b>	<b>16.6457</b>	<b>16.2282</b>

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements.

# World Smaller Companies

## Portfolio Statement

As at 30 September 2017

	Nominal/ Quantity	Market Value US\$'000	Total Net Assets %
<b>Security</b>			
Transferable securities and money market instruments admitted to an official exchange listing or dealt on another regulated market			98.88%
<b>Equities 98.88%</b>			
<b>Australia 1.63%</b>			
ARB	36,700	500	1.63
<b>Brazil 9.62%</b>			
Arezzo Industria e Comercio	46,600	736	2.40
Iguatemi Empresa de Shopping Centers	63,300	785	2.56
OdontoPrev	165,900	809	2.63
Wilson Sons (BDR)	46,625	624	2.03
		2,954	9.62
<b>Canada 2.68%</b>			
Canadian Western Bank <sup>co</sup>	17,900	484	1.58
Ritchie Brothers Auctioneers	10,700	338	1.10
		822	2.68
<b>Chile 6.09%</b>			
Embotelladora Andina 'A' (PREF)	187,500	785	2.56
Parque Arauco	226,100	619	2.02
Vina Concha y Toro	279,500	464	1.51
		1,868	6.09
<b>China 0.07%</b>			
Asia Satellite Telecommunications	23,000	21	0.07
<b>Germany 5.60%</b>			
Fielmann	3,740	325	1.06
Fuchs Petrolub	11,700	600	1.95
KWS Saat	1,090	476	1.55
Symrise	4,200	318	1.04
		1,719	5.60
<b>Hong Kong 2.30%</b>			
Kerry Logistics Network	510,500	705	2.30
<b>Indonesia 2.76%</b>			
Ace Hardware Indonesia	6,191,600	557	1.82
Indocement Tunggal Prakarsa	204,300	289	0.94
		846	2.76
<b>Israel 2.89%</b>			
Frutarom	7,600	585	1.90
NICE	3,800	303	0.99
		888	2.89

# World Smaller Companies

	Nominal/ Quantity	Market Value US\$'000	Total Net Assets %
<b>Security</b>			
<b>Italy 1.04%</b>			
Brunello Cucinelli	10,300	319	1.04
<b>Japan 7.65%</b>			
Asahi Intecc Co	9,700	505	1.64
Calbee Inc	14,200	499	1.63
Nabtesco Corp	12,600	468	1.53
Resorttrust Inc	30,500	546	1.77
Sysmex Corp	5,200	331	1.08
		<b>2,349</b>	<b>7.65</b>
<b>Malaysia 1.39%</b>			
Carlsberg Brewery Malaysia	121,700	426	1.39
<b>Mexico 2.26%</b>			
Grupo Aeroportuario del Sureste	36,300	694	2.26
<b>New Zealand 1.31%</b>			
Auckland International Airport	86,400	402	1.31
<b>Singapore 2.35%</b>			
Raffles Medical	873,511	722	2.35
<b>South Africa 2.04%</b>			
Clicks	53,600	627	2.04
<b>Spain 1.92%</b>			
Viscofan	9,600	588	1.92
<b>Switzerland 5.52%</b>			
Barry Callebaut	400	614	2.00
dorma+kaba	740	754	2.46
Temenos	3,200	327	1.06
		<b>1,695</b>	<b>5.52</b>
<b>Thailand 2.08%</b>			
Tesco Lotus Retail Growth Freehold & Leasehold Property Fund	1,198,100	638	2.08
<b>Turkey 1.05%</b>			
BIM Birlesik Magazalar	15,500	323	1.05
<b>United Kingdom 18.91%</b>			
Aveva	23,300	761	2.48
Croda International	5,418	276	0.90
Dechra Pharmaceuticals	18,192	498	1.62
Dignity	13,900	430	1.40
Fuller Smith & Turner	30,194	414	1.35
Genus	11,500	324	1.05



# World Smaller Companies

	Nominal/ Quantity	Market Value US\$'000	Total Net Assets %
<b>Security</b>			
Millennium & Copthorne Hotels	75,700	457	1.49
Rathbone Brothers	9,100	317	1.03
Rotork	142,800	499	1.63
Ultra Electronics	38,100	918	2.99
Victrex	18,000	573	1.87
Weir	12,800	337	1.10
		<b>5,804</b>	<b>18.91</b>
<b>United States 17.72%</b>			
Casey's General Stores	6,700	733	2.39
EPAM Systems	6,900	607	1.98
Fair Isaac	4,200	590	1.92
Globus Medical	18,200	541	1.76
Jones Lang LaSalle	6,100	754	2.46
Manhattan Associates	13,400	557	1.81
RBC Bearings	6,900	863	2.82
Samsonite International	184,800	792	2.58
		<b>5,437</b>	<b>17.72</b>
<b>Total Equities</b>		<b>30,347</b>	<b>98.88</b>
<b>Total Transferable securities and money market instruments admitted to an official exchange listing or dealt on another regulated market</b>		<b>30,347</b>	<b>98.88</b>
<b>Total investments</b>		<b>30,347</b>	<b>98.88</b>
<b>Other net assets</b>		<b>345</b>	<b>1.12</b>
<b>Total net assets</b>		<b>30,692</b>	<b>100.00</b>

<sup>oo</sup> A portion of this security is on loan at the year end.

# Notes to the Financial Statements

## 1 PRESENTATION OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### 1.1 General

Aberdeen Global ("The Company") was incorporated under the laws of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg on 25 February 1988 as a société anonyme and qualifies as an open-ended société d'investissement à capital variable (a "SICAV") with UCITS status (an Undertaking for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities as defined in the European Union Directive 2009/65/EEC of 13 July 2009). The Company comprises various classes of shares, each relating to a separate portfolio (a "Fund") consisting of securities, mutual funds, derivatives, cash and other sundry assets and liabilities.

The Company is authorised as a UCITS under part I of the law dated of 17 December 2010 on undertakings for collective investment, as amended.

At 30 September 2017, the Company comprises 51 separate active Funds, providing shareholders with opportunities for investment in a wide variety of markets, securities and currencies.

### 1.2 Aberdeen Global Indian Equity Limited ("The Subsidiary")

Indian Equity makes almost all of its investments in India through a wholly owned subsidiary, Aberdeen Global Indian Equity Limited (formerly named Aberdeen Global Indian Equity (Mauritius) Limited), a company incorporated in Mauritius. Transactions involving both the Company and its Subsidiary are accounted for in accordance with their economic substance and accordingly these financial statements reflect the activities of Indian Equity and of its Subsidiary as if all the activities had been undertaken by Indian Equity. On 30 May 2015, the tax residency of the subsidiary changed from Mauritius to Singapore.

### 1.3 Presentation of financial statements

The accompanying financial statements present the assets and liabilities of the individual Funds and of the Company taken as a whole. The financial statements of each individual Fund are expressed in the currency designated in the Prospectus for that particular Fund and the combined financial statements of the Company are expressed in United States Dollars ("US\$"). The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the format prescribed by the Luxembourg authorities for Luxembourg investment companies.

As the financial statements are produced at a valuation point that is different from the daily dealing Net Asset Values (NAVs) calculated on 30 September 2017 (except in the case of Brazil Bond, Brazil Equity and Emerging Markets Infrastructure Equity, which are valued at 23.59 (Luxembourg time)), the NAVs shown throughout the report may differ from those advertised on 30 September 2017 for dealing in these Funds. Those NAVs may include dividend declarations effective for the distribution on 30 September 2017 and certain accounting adjustments relating to the year ended 30 September 2017.

In the case of Frontier Markets Equity which is valued on the 15th day of each month and last business day of each month at 13.00 (Luxembourg time) and in the case of Emerging Markets Local Currency Corporate Bond which is valued each Wednesday at 13.00 (Luxembourg time), a special NAV was calculated as at 30 September 2017 for financial statements purposes.

The combined statements were calculated on the basis of aggregation of individual Funds statements with no elimination of cross-investments if any. As of 30 September 2017, the cross-investments within the Fund represent US\$ 650,574,000.

A number of new sub-funds were made available to investors during the year as shown in the table below. The opening dates shown in the financial statements reflect the date of the first NAV calculation.

Fund	CSSF approval	First NAV calculation
Australian Dollar Income Bond	7 March 2017	1 June 2017
Smart Beta Low Volatility Global Equity Income	7 March 2017	2 May 2017
SRI Emerging Markets Equity	9 February 2017	30 June 2017

## 2 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

### 2.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention modified by the revaluation of investments.

### 2.2 Assets and portfolio securities valuation

The market value of investments has been calculated using the last available prices at close of business on 30 September 2017 quoted on stock exchanges or over-the-counter market or any other organised market on which these investments are traded or admitted for trading.

If such prices are not representative of their fair value, all such securities and all other permitted assets will be valued at their fair value at which it is expected they may be resold as determined in good faith by or under the direction of the Directors.

Mortgage and other asset backed securities are independently priced using appropriate models (FT-IDC evaluated prices) and certain corporate bonds may be valued using indicative broker quotes.

# Notes to the Financial Statements

## Security Acronyms:

CLN	Credit Linked Note	DIP	Default In Possession
EMTN	Euro Medium Term Note	FRN	Floating Rate Note
GMTN	Global Medium Term Note	INDX	Index Linked
PERP	Perpetual	PIK	Payment In Kind
PREF	Preference Bond	VAR	Variable Rate Note
SINK	Sinking Bond		

## 2.3 Income

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

Interest income on bonds may be received either in cash or as a Payment in Kind ("PIK"). Where a PIK bond settles physically (either because it matures or it pays interest) the interest income is recognised as the lower of the market value and the nominal value of the settlement. In the event where there is no physical settlement, the factor change on that holding is recognised as interest income in the Statement of Operations at the point when the factor change occurs.

Dividends are accounted for on an ex-dividend basis. Interest and dividend income are stated net of irrecoverable withholding taxes, if any.

Securities lending commission is accounted for on an accruals basis.

## 2.4 Foreign exchange

The cost of investments, income and expenses in currencies other than the Funds' relevant reporting currency have been recorded at the rate of exchange ruling at the time of the transaction. The market value of the investments and other assets and liabilities in currencies other than the relevant reporting currency has been converted at the rates of exchange ruling at 30 September 2017.

Realised and unrealised exchange differences on the revaluation of foreign currencies are taken to the Statement of Operations.

## 2.5 Realised gains and losses on investments

A realised investment gain or loss is the difference between the historical average cost of the investment and the sale proceeds.

## 2.6 Forward currency exchange contracts

Unsettled forward currency 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 Operations. Currently forward positions are not collateralised.

## 2.7 Futures contracts

Futures contracts are valued at the exchange quoted price at close of business on 30 September 2017. Initial margin deposits are made in cash upon entering into futures 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 Statement of Net Assets and related movements on unrealised results are recorded in the Statement of Operations. When the contract is closed, the 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.

## 2.8 Swap contracts

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 Operations and Statement of Changes in Net Assets. Swaps are valued at fair value determined at close of business on 30 September 2017 using external independent third party supplied prices as determined in good faith, pursuant to procedures established by the Board of Directors.

## 3 SHARE CLASS INFORMATION

### 3.1 General

Within each Fund, the Company is entitled to create different share classes. These are distinguished by their distribution policy or by any other criteria stipulated by the Directors. Classes suffixed with a '1' are Distribution shares, classes suffixed with a '2' are Accumulation shares, classes suffixed with a '3' are accelerated Distribution shares and classes suffixed with a '4' are alternative income frequency Shares. Base currency exposure share classes may be available. Please refer to the Prospectus for further details. For a list of current live shareclasses please visit [aberdeen-asset.com](http://aberdeen-asset.com)

# Notes to the Financial Statements

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The Funds are valued at 13:00 hours Luxembourg time on each Dealing Day, with the exception of Brazil Bond, Brazil Equity and Emerging Markets Infrastructure Equity which are valued at 23:59 hours Luxembourg time on each Dealing Day.

Investors should note that the Dealing Days in respect of Frontier Markets Equity shall be on the Business Day which falls on the 15th day of each month and the last Business Day of the month, other than days during a period of suspension of dealing in Shares in that Fund. The Dealing Days in respect of Emerging Markets Local Currency Corporate Bond shall be on each Business Day which is a Wednesday other than days during a period of suspension of dealing in Shares. If such Dealing Days are not a Business Day in Luxembourg, the Dealing Day will be the Business Day immediately following such day.

## 3.2 UK Reporting Fund Regime

UK Reporting Fund Regime Status is granted prospectively by the UK taxation authorities. It is the intention of the Board of Directors to continue to comply with the requirements of the Reporting Fund Regime for D, I, G, R and Z shares.

Equalisation applies only to shares purchased during the distribution period (Group 2 shares). It is the average amount of income included in the purchase price of Group 2 shares.

Annually and within six months of the year end, the Manager will publish the UK Reporting Regime Report to investors for all share classes granted reporting fund status on its website ([aberdeen-asset.com](http://aberdeen-asset.com)).

The UK Reporting Regime Report to investors for each share class can also be requested in writing by contacting Aberdeen Global Services S.A. at the Shareholder Service Centre as detailed on the back cover of this Report.

## 3.3 Switches

The following information applies to all Funds, except if an exchange (or switch) request involves exchanging within, into or out of Emerging Markets Infrastructure Equity, Frontier Markets Bond, Frontier Markets Equity, Brazil Bond or Brazil Equity.

Shares in one Fund may be exchanged or switched into Shares of the same or a different Class in another Fund or of a different Class in the same Fund, subject to the qualifications for investment being met, on any Dealing Day for the relevant Funds. Shares in the same Class may be switched between Accumulation and Distribution shares within the same Class. Investors may switch either a specific number of Shares or Shares of a specified value.

For full details on switching contact the Global Distributor, UK Distributor, Transfer Agent or [aberdeen.global@aberdeen-asset.com](mailto:aberdeen.global@aberdeen-asset.com)

## 3.4 Dilution adjustment

Frequent subscriptions and redemptions can potentially have a dilutive effect on the Fund's NAV per share and be detrimental to the long term investors as a result of the transaction costs that are incurred by the Fund in relation to the trades undertaken by the Investment Manager.

The Board of Directors' current policy through delegation to the Investment Managers' Investor Protection Committee ("IPC") is normally to impose a dilution adjustment to the NAV of each Class of Shares. A dilution rate is applied whenever net subscriptions or redemptions exceed a certain threshold determined by the Board of Directors (having considered prevailing market conditions).

The dilution adjustment will be recorded in the relevant Fund's NAV and becomes part of the Fund's relevant dealing NAV.

The dilution adjustment is a percentage adjustment applied to each share class in a Fund on a dealing day determined on the basis of estimates of any dealing charges (including commission and/or other costs) and/or any bid/offer spread that the Board of Directors believes are appropriate to take into account in respect of that Fund. Such dealing charges will reflect costs and liabilities not included in the calculation of the NAV of the relevant class.

The net asset values as at 30 September 2017 disclosed in this report do not include any dilution adjustments and hence may differ from those published on 30 September 2017 for dealing into the Funds.

## 4 EXPENSES

### 4.1 Distribution fees

Class B, Class C and Class W shares are subject to an annual distributor fee of 1% except for Class B of Frontier Markets Bond for which a distributor fee of 0.75% is applied. These fees are accrued daily and paid monthly in arrears.

### 4.2 Management fees

Aberdeen International Fund Managers Limited (the "Investment Manager") is entitled to receive investment management fees calculated on the Net Asset Value of the Funds, accrued daily. The investment management fee paid by Indian Equity is split between Aberdeen International Fund Managers Limited and Aberdeen Asset Managers Asia Limited.

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

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The following management fee rates were applicable as at 30 September 2017:

Fund Name	Class of Shares (%)			
	A,B,C,D,E,L,Q,U,W	G,H,I,J,N	R,V,X,Y	S
Asia Pacific Equity	1.75	1.00	1.00	1.92
Asian Credit Bond	1.20	0.60	0.60	-
Asian Local Currency Short Duration Bond	1.00	0.50	0.50	-
Asian Property Share	1.50	0.75	0.75	1.92
Asian Smaller Companies	1.75	1.00	1.15	-
Australasian Equity	1.50	0.75	0.75	-
Australian Dollar Income Bond	0.90	0.45	0.45	-
Brazil Bond <sup>A</sup>	1.50	1.00	1.00	-
Brazil Equity <sup>B</sup>	1.75	1.00	1.00	1.92
China A Share Equity	1.75	1.00	1.00	-
Chinese Equity	1.75	1.00	1.00	1.92
Eastern European Equity	1.50	0.75	0.75	1.92
Emerging Markets Corporate Bond	1.50	1.00	1.00	-
Emerging Markets Equity	1.75	1.00	1.00	1.92
Emerging Markets Infrastructure Equity <sup>C</sup>	1.75	1.00	1.00	1.92
Emerging Markets Local Currency Bond	1.50	1.00	1.00	-
Emerging Markets Local Currency Corporate Bond	1.50	1.00	1.00	-
Emerging Markets Smaller Companies	1.75	1.00	1.15	-
European Equity	1.50	0.75	0.75	1.92
European Equity Dividend	1.50	0.75	0.75	1.92
European Equity (Ex UK)	1.50	0.75	0.75	-
Frontier Markets Bond	1.50	1.00	1.00	-
Frontier Markets Equity	2.25	1.50	1.50	-
German Equity	1.50	0.75	0.75	-
Indian Bond	1.00	0.50	0.50	-
Indian Equity	1.75	1.00	1.00	-
Japanese Equity	1.50	0.75	0.75	1.92
Japanese Smaller Companies	1.50	0.75	0.75	1.92
Latin American Equity	1.75	1.00	1.00	1.92
Multi Asset Growth	1.20	0.60	0.60	-
Multi Asset Income	1.20	0.60	0.60	-
Multi-Manager World Equity	1.35	0.50	0.50	-
North American Equity	1.50	0.75	0.75	-
North American Smaller Companies	1.50	0.75	0.75	-
Responsible World Equity	1.50	1.00	1.00	-
Russian Equity	1.75	1.00	1.00	1.92
Select Emerging Markets Bond	1.50	1.00	1.00	-
Select Emerging Markets Investment Grade Bond	1.50	1.00	1.00	-
Select Euro High Yield Bond	1.25	0.70	0.70	-
Select Global Credit Bond	0.90	0.40	0.50	-
Select Global Investment Grade Credit Bond	0.75	0.50	0.50	-
Smart Beta Low Volatility Global Equity Income	0.50	0.25	0.25	-
SRI Emerging Markets Equity	1.75	1.00	1.00	-
Swiss Equity	1.50	0.75	0.75	-

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Fund Name	Class of Shares (%)			
	A,B,C,D,E,L,Q,U,W	G,H,I,J,N	R,V,X,Y	S
Technology Equity	1.75	0.75	0.75	1.92
UK Equity	1.50	0.75	0.75	-
World Credit Bond	0.90	0.45	0.45	-
World Equity	1.50	1.00	1.00	-
World Government Bond	1.00	0.50	0.50	-
World Resources Equity	1.50	1.00	1.00	1.92
World Smaller Companies	1.50	1.00	1.00	-

<sup>A</sup> The management charge for Class N Shares of Brazil Bond is 0.50% instead of 1.00%.

<sup>B</sup> The management charge for Class N Shares of Brazil Equity is 0.65% instead of 1.00%.

<sup>C</sup> The management charge for Class N Shares of Emerging Markets Infrastructure Equity is 0.52% instead of 1.00%.

All other Class N Shares have the same management charge as Class I Shares of the relevant Fund.

Class Z shares are not subject to any investment management fee charge.

## 4.3 Operating, Administrative and Servicing Expenses

Ordinary operating expenses incurred by Aberdeen Global will generally be paid out of the assets of the relevant Fund. To seek to protect the Shareholders from fluctuations in these expenses, the yearly total amount of these expenses to be borne by each Share Class (the "Operating, Administrative and Servicing Expenses"), is fixed at a maximum level of 0.60% of the Net Asset Value in respect of all Share Classes (except for Brazil Bond, Brazil Equity, Russian Equity and Eastern European Equity where the corresponding maximum is 0.80%, and except Base Currency Exposure Share Classes in respect of which a fee of up to 0.10% may be charged in addition by the Investment Manager for providing currency exposure services). The level of effective Operating, Administrative and Servicing Expenses below these maximum levels may vary at the Board of Directors' discretion, as agreed with the Management Company, and different rates may apply across the Funds and Share Classes. The Board of Directors may amend the maximum fixed level of the Operating, Administrative and Servicing Expenses applicable to each Share Class at any time at their discretion upon prior notice to relevant Shareholders.

In order to pass on economies of scales achieved by those Funds reaching significant levels of assets, the following discounts to the Operating, Administrative and Servicing Expenses will be applied:

In respect of all Share Classes of a Fund reaching a level of assets of at least (USD or the equivalent in another currency):	Discount to be applied to the Operating, Administrative and Servicing Expenses (per annum):
Below 2,000,000,000	0.00%
2,000,000,000	0.01%
4,000,000,000	0.02%
6,000,000,000	0.03%
8,000,000,000	0.04%
10,000,000,000	0.05%

Provided the relevant level of asset value is reached by a Fund on the last Business Day of each month, the relevant discount will apply and be paid to that Fund in relation to that month.

Operating, Administrative and Servicing Expenses (OASE) are paid through a bank account ("the OASE account") opened at the Fund's Depositary Bank in the Fund's name. Each sub-fund pays its fixed OASE to the OASE account which in turn is used to pay actual invoices. The balance of the OASE account is not reflected in the daily NAV of the Fund or in the financial statements.

Full details can be found in the Prospectus.

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## 5 DIVIDENDS (DISTRIBUTION CLASS)

The Directors declared monthly dividends for the Funds as listed below, for the period 1 October 2016 to 30 September 2017 to all shareholders on record on the last day of the relevant month (expressed in USD unless otherwise stated).

### Australian Dollar Income Bond

Date	A(AUD)-3	I(AUD)-1	X(AUD)-1	Z(AUD)-1
October 2016	-	-	-	-
November 2016	-	-	-	-
December 2016	-	-	-	-
January 2017	-	-	-	-
February 2017	-	-	-	-
March 2017	-	-	-	-
April 2017	-	-	-	-
May 2017	-	-	-	-
June 2017	0.024848	0.024856	0.024855	0.024864
July 2017	0.029977	0.029999	0.029994	0.030020
August 2017	0.030027	0.030062	0.030056	0.030095
September 2017	0.030057	0.030103	0.030097	0.034935

### Emerging Markets Corporate Bond

Date	A-1	A-3	E(EUR)-1	I(GBP)-1	W-1	X-1	Y(EUR)-1
October 2016	0.032591	0.033830	0.039871	-	0.025183	0.034720	0.041364
November 2016	0.032924	0.034022	0.041593	-	0.026002	0.034881	0.042866
December 2016	0.032071	0.033180	0.040753	-	0.024332	0.034201	0.042236
January 2017	0.034958	0.036024	0.043443	-	0.027453	0.037021	0.044635
February 2017	0.031860	0.033021	0.040254	-	0.024951	0.033754	0.041379
March 2017	0.031605	0.032674	0.039652	-	0.023912	0.033894	0.041296
April 2017	0.031633	0.032680	0.038842	-	0.024007	0.033703	0.040338
May 2017	0.030886	0.032237	0.036870	-	0.022966	0.033294	0.038561
June 2017	0.032403	0.034409	0.038188	0.012602	0.024823	0.034608	0.039544
July 2017	0.031696	0.032737	0.036108	0.033763	0.023613	0.034079	0.037649
August 2017	0.031294	0.032347	0.035270	0.034079	0.023153	0.033662	0.036881
September 2017	0.029181	0.030184	0.033170	0.031695	0.021263	0.031899	0.034878

Date	Z-1	Z(EUR)-1
October 2016	0.046483	-
November 2016	0.046157	-
December 2016	0.045610	-
January 2017	0.048732	-
February 2017	0.044441	-
March 2017	0.045527	-
April 2017	0.045107	-
May 2017	0.045007	0.009102
June 2017	0.046164	0.042623
July 2017	0.045876	0.041940
August 2017	0.045501	0.042269
September 2017	0.043102	0.040739

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## Emerging Markets Local Currency Bond

Date	A-1	A-3	X-1	Z-1
October 2016	0.027633	0.043770	0.029952	-
November 2016	0.019569	0.030816	0.021779	-
December 2016	0.028354	0.044872	0.030600	-
January 2017	0.028785	0.046073	0.031131	-
February 2017	0.028056	0.044485	0.030116	-
March 2017	0.033403	0.052717	0.035689	-
April 2017	0.026207	0.041537	0.028390	-
May 2017	0.029136	0.046320	0.031536	0.056461
June 2017	0.025378	0.040121	0.027518	0.050249
July 2017	0.027498	0.043774	0.029925	0.054126
August 2017	0.029423	0.046614	0.031813	0.057074
September 2017	0.031425	0.050033	0.033482	0.059955

## Emerging Markets Local Currency Corporate Bond Fund

Date	Z-1
October 2016	-
November 2016	-
December 2016	-
January 2017	-
February 2017	-
March 2017	-
April 2017	-
May 2017	0.011769
June 2017	0.072015
July 2017	0.087523
August 2017	0.078815
September 2017	0.044431

## Frontier Markets Bond

Date	A-1	B-1	I-1
October 2016	0.051048	0.023236	0.055534
November 2016	0.048487	0.022073	0.052157
December 2016	0.049627	0.022640	0.054215
January 2017	0.065048	0.030673	0.070136
February 2017	0.056693	0.026542	0.060935
March 2017	0.053542	0.024537	0.058727
April 2017	0.056851	0.026242	0.061932
May 2017	0.055961	0.025637	0.061119
June 2017	0.057010	0.026343	0.061731
July 2017	0.062733	0.029269	0.067455
August 2017	0.073711	0.034990	0.078416
September 2017	0.062487	0.029204	0.067118



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## Indian Bond

Date	A-1	A-3	E(EUR)-1	I-1	R-1	X-1	Z-1
October 2016	0.045466	-	0.046717	0.050345	-	-	-
November 2016	0.039294	-	0.041745	0.043855	-	-	0.046173
December 2016	0.045405	-	0.048507	0.050130	-	-	0.052270
January 2017	0.045862	-	0.047801	0.050632	-	-	0.052627
February 2017	0.048822	-	0.051499	0.052865	-	-	0.054353
March 2017	0.051850	-	0.055026	0.056488	-	-	0.058371
April 2017	0.051085	-	0.053025	0.055635	-	-	0.057463
May 2017	0.047932	-	0.047839	0.052498	-	0.049588	0.054600
June 2017	0.041406	-	0.040695	0.045905	-	0.043374	0.048223
July 2017	0.052625	-	0.049891	0.057479	-	0.054300	0.059421
August 2017	0.048988	0.045569	0.046339	0.054021	0.043887	0.050909	0.056063
September 2017	0.035431	0.034875	0.033572	0.039731	0.035708	0.037954	0.042622

## Multi Asset Income

Date	A-1	A(EUR)-1	A(SGD)-1	A-4	A(EUR)-4	E(EUR)-1	H(EUR)-1
October 2016	0.036490	0.037789	-	-	-	0.036375	0.036693
November 2016	0.036122	0.037374	-	-	-	0.037211	0.037554
December 2016	0.036732	0.037948	-	-	-	0.038057	0.038428
January 2017	0.036645	0.037781	-	-	-	0.037056	0.037437
February 2017	0.037254	0.038371	-	-	-	0.038318	0.038731
March 2017	0.037411	0.038475	0.037835	-	-	0.038229	0.038661
April 2017	0.037759	0.038778	0.038179	-	-	0.037899	0.038347
May 2017	0.038159	0.039121	0.038565	-	-	0.037086	0.037545
June 2017	0.037926	0.038820	0.038321	-	-	0.036340	0.036808
July 2017	0.037931	0.038763	0.038299	-	-	0.035160	0.035633
August 2017	0.038011	0.038801	0.038360	-	-	0.034940	0.035429
September 2017	0.037817	0.038558	0.038149	0.482809	0.473527	0.034961	0.035469

Date	I-1	I(EUR)-1	I(EUR)-4	W-1	W(EUR)-1	X-1	X(EUR)-1
October 2016	0.036822	0.038036	-	0.037549	-	0.036801	0.038019
November 2016	0.036469	0.037634	-	0.037138	-	0.036447	0.037616
December 2016	0.037106	0.038224	-	0.037744	-	0.037082	0.038204
January 2017	0.037038	0.038078	-	0.037623	-	0.037013	0.038057
February 2017	0.037676	0.038696	-	0.038224	-	0.037650	0.038671
March 2017	0.037855	0.038822	-	0.038353	-	0.037828	0.038794
April 2017	0.038227	0.039145	-	0.038678	-	0.038197	0.039117
May 2017	0.038651	0.039516	-	0.039053	-	0.038620	0.039482
June 2017	0.038425	0.039229	-	0.038782	-	0.038402	0.039196
July 2017	0.038451	0.039191	-	0.038754	-	0.038426	0.039158
August 2017	0.038543	0.039229	-	0.038802	0.037685	0.038526	0.039193
September 2017	0.038367	0.038996	0.476406	0.038574	0.037415	0.038349	0.038965

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Date	Y(EUR)-1	Z-1	Z(AUD)-1
October 2016	0.036666	0.037796	-
November 2016	0.037526	0.037453	-
December 2016	0.038398	0.038126	-
January 2017	0.037406	0.038075	-
February 2017	0.038698	0.038749	-
March 2017	0.038627	0.038954	-
April 2017	0.038312	0.039351	0.037775
May 2017	0.037510	0.039808	0.038234
June 2017	0.036772	0.039604	0.038053
July 2017	0.035597	0.039651	0.038104
August 2017	0.035392	0.039775	0.038238
September 2017	0.035431	0.039614	0.038094

## Select Emerging Markets Bond

Date	A-1	A(EUR)-1	A(GBP)-1	A(SGD)-1	A-3	I-1	I(CHF)-1
October 2016	0.080889	0.039472	0.059389	-	0.048305	0.090214	0.047079
November 2016	0.071293	0.035194	0.051417	-	0.042517	0.079996	0.042499
December 2016	0.067019	0.032445	0.048993	-	0.039848	0.075726	0.039106
January 2017	0.074959	0.035555	0.053050	-	0.044652	0.083938	0.042396
February 2017	0.075262	0.036382	0.054555	-	0.044838	0.083513	0.043185
March 2017	0.072458	0.034875	0.051582	0.022147	0.043372	0.081619	0.041974
April 2017	0.065692	0.030967	0.046065	0.036741	0.039668	0.074174	0.037992
May 2017	0.072726	0.034263	0.052460	0.040438	0.043302	0.082049	0.041203
June 2017	0.066452	0.031334	0.047107	0.037063	0.039644	0.075481	0.038117
July 2017	0.067889	0.031630	0.048034	0.037606	0.040594	0.077082	0.039524
August 2017	0.074657	0.035377	0.053982	0.041742	0.044715	0.084095	0.042675
September 2017	0.066554	0.032018	0.047107	0.037550	0.039890	0.075628	0.038815

Date	I(EUR)-1	I(GBP)-1	W-1	X-1	Y(EUR)-1	Z-1
October 2016	0.044232	-	0.038862	0.044323	0.052715	-
November 2016	0.039634	-	0.034279	0.039268	0.048268	-
December 2016	0.036396	-	0.031163	0.037178	0.046052	-
January 2017	0.040296	-	0.035661	0.041204	0.049687	-
February 2017	0.040540	-	0.036568	0.041025	0.050395	0.054143
March 2017	0.039379	-	0.034062	0.040029	0.048800	0.053936
April 2017	0.035281	-	0.030135	0.036485	0.043696	0.049750
May 2017	0.038777	-	0.034037	0.040232	0.046627	0.054319
June 2017	0.035698	-	0.030529	0.036961	0.042292	0.050455
July 2017	0.036109	-	0.031085	0.037848	0.041832	0.051641
August 2017	0.040020	0.009860	0.035032	0.041284	0.045218	0.055597
September 2017	0.036573	0.039600	0.030438	0.037108	0.040686	0.050646

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## Select Emerging Markets Investment Grade Bond

Date	A-1	A(EUR)-1	H(EUR)-1	I-1	I(EUR)-1
October 2016	0.025255	0.024676	0.031717	0.028156	0.027545
November 2016	0.021324	0.021761	0.028863	0.024873	0.024535
December 2016	0.026015	0.022832	0.030810	0.026423	0.025501
January 2017	0.022793	0.021361	0.029080	0.025548	0.024107
February 2017	0.023452	0.022663	0.030079	0.025927	0.025037
March 2017	0.020791	0.019853	0.027509	0.023850	0.022816
April 2017	0.020592	0.019346	0.026708	0.023609	0.022191
May 2017	0.022734	0.020113	0.027041	0.024669	0.023049
June 2017	-	0.019019	0.025263	0.023381	0.021924
July 2017	0.013379	0.019596	0.025400	0.024307	0.022543
August 2017	0.019996	0.018426	0.023730	0.022904	0.021562
September 2017	0.019743	0.019108	0.024135	0.022850	0.022164

## Select Euro High Yield Bond

Date	A-1	A(EUR)-1	A(GBP)-1	A-3	A(EUR)-3	B(EUR)-1	D(GBP)-1
October 2016	0.034625	0.021167	0.066401	0.034598	0.034980	0.015968	0.018351
November 2016	0.046483	0.028797	0.087756	0.046457	0.047364	0.023659	0.024977
December 2016	0.038305	0.023302	0.073138	0.038201	0.038301	0.017954	0.020301
January 2017	0.036402	0.021784	0.067442	0.036433	0.035966	0.016433	0.019107
February 2017	0.038866	0.023617	0.073545	0.038822	0.038783	0.018737	0.020722
March 2017	0.035505	0.021592	0.066036	0.035472	0.035080	0.016133	0.019795
April 2017	0.040281	0.023993	0.074182	0.040305	0.039375	0.018807	0.020617
May 2017	0.034449	0.020403	0.064796	0.034255	0.033481	0.015014	0.018140
June 2017	0.041333	0.024535	0.076592	0.041387	0.040030	0.019285	0.021984
July 2017	0.028243	0.016680	0.052163	0.028211	0.027198	0.011309	0.015221
August 2017	0.033506	0.020058	0.063256	0.033862	0.033018	0.014649	0.018884
September 2017	0.022499	0.037107	0.069079	0.036995	0.037128	0.017272	0.020242

Date	I-1	R(GBP)-1	W(EUR)-1	X-1	X(EUR)-1	Z-1
October 2016	0.038081	0.044321	0.026450	-	0.040640	-
November 2016	0.050082	0.055726	0.039603	-	0.053310	-
December 2016	0.041684	0.046472	0.030251	-	0.044048	-
January 2017	0.039482	0.044091	0.027481	0.004777	0.041676	-
February 2017	0.041889	0.046724	0.031211	0.041693	0.044361	-
March 2017	0.039040	0.044047	0.026881	0.038930	0.041287	-
April 2017	0.043687	0.046902	0.031203	0.043517	0.045241	-
May 2017	0.038059	0.042240	0.024838	0.037962	0.039355	-
June 2017	0.044726	0.049961	0.031918	0.044567	0.046205	0.049150
July 2017	0.032054	0.036454	0.019247	0.032047	0.033095	0.037550
August 2017	0.037088	0.044093	0.024284	0.037147	0.038780	0.042969
September 2017	0.040549	0.046429	0.028538	0.042769	0.040401	0.046521

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The Directors declared quarterly dividends for the Funds as listed below, for the period 1 October 2016 to 30 September 2017 to all shareholders on record on the last day of the relevant quarter (expressed in USD unless otherwise stated).

## Asian Credit Bond

Date	A-1	I-1	X-1
December 2016	0.062160	0.079090	0.078032
March 2017	0.068004	0.084509	0.083487
June 2017	0.066034	0.082897	0.081847
September 2017	0.066054	0.083201	0.082158

## Asian Local Currency Short Duration Bond

Date	A-1	D(GBP)-1	I-1	I(GBP)-1	R(GBP)-1	X-1
December 2016	0.020025	0.057534	0.058646	0.052173	0.072329	0.055710
March 2017	0.020597	0.059461	0.060368	0.052944	0.073693	0.057383
June 2017	0.024802	0.068940	0.070672	0.061729	0.083109	0.067271
September 2017	0.028894	0.077766	0.080647	0.069979	0.091963	0.077749

## Brazil Bond

Date	A-1	E(EUR)-1	I-1	N(JPY)-1
December 2016	0.176904	0.213640	0.352360	1,210.304721
March 2017	0.185261	0.218966	0.367990	1,209.298266
June 2017	0.122808	0.136258	0.249707	1,174.477502
September 2017	0.088484	0.095741	0.245406	1,253.408677

## Brazil Equity

Date	N(JPY)-1
December 2016	374.686628
March 2017	23.564706
June 2017	318.870589
September 2017	168.733114

## Emerging Markets Infrastructure Equity

Date	A-1	N(JPY)-1
December 2016	-	-
March 2017	-	47.652923
June 2017	-	573.263935
September 2017	-	478.353826

The Directors declared six-monthly dividends for the Funds as listed below, for the period 1 October 2016 to 30 September 2017 to all shareholders on record on the last day of March and September 2017 (expressed in USD unless otherwise stated).

## Select Global Credit Bond

Date	D-1	D(GBP)-1	R(GBP)-1
March 2017	0.111683	0.019255	0.135071
September 2017	0.017867	0.106168	0.126852

## Select Global Investment Grade Credit Bond

Date	Z(AUD)-1
March 2017	-
September 2017	0.019784

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## UK Equity

Date	D(GBP)-1	R(GBP)-1
March 2017	0.068231	0.087645
September 2017	0.206555	0.180675

## World Credit Bond

Date	A-1	A(EUR)-1	D(GBP)-1	H(EUR)-1	I-1	R(GBP)-1	X-1
March 2017	0.111753	0.107243	0.107087	0.137929	0.136932	0.130025	0.134914
September 2017	0.109463	0.099750	0.101799	0.123646	0.136075	0.124486	0.133725

## World Government Bond

Date	A-1	E(EUR)-1	I-1
March 2017	0.051548	0.066354	0.076120
September 2017	0.045595	0.052684	0.071488

## Smart Beta Low Volatility Global Equity Income

Date	A-1	E-1	H-1	I-1	R-1	Z-1
March 2017	-	-	-	-	-	-
July 2017 <sup>A</sup>	-	-	-	-	-	0.087616
September 2017	0.138969	0.128450	0.139785	0.151375	0.143823	0.074388

<sup>A</sup> Additional distribution paid at the discretion of the Board of Directors.

The Directors declared annual dividends for the Funds as listed below, for the year 1 October 2016 to 30 September 2017 to all shareholders on record on the last day of September 2017 (expressed in USD unless otherwise stated).

## Asia Pacific Equity

Date	A-1	A(EUR)-1	I-1	X-1
September 2017	0.031286	0.060830	0.114125	0.108497

## Asian Smaller Companies

Date	E(EUR)-1
September 2017	0.064830

## China A Share Equity

Date	I-1	Z-1
September 2017	0.092680	0.189347

## Emerging Markets Equity

Date	A-1	I-1	X-1	Z-1
September 2017	0.020941	0.109338	0.098451	0.215968

## European Equity Dividend

Date	A(EUR)-1
September 2017	2.779163

## Frontier Markets Equity

Date	A-1
September 2017	0.054050

## German Equity

Date	A(EUR)-1
September 2017	-

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## Indian Equity

Date	Z-1
September 2017	0.119000

## Japanese Equity

Date	A(EUR)-1	Z(JPY)-1
September 2017	0.028792	96.768544

## Japanese Smaller Companies

Date	I(JPY)-1
September 2017	5.820139

## Multi Asset Growth

Date	A(EUR)-1
September 2017	0.239378

## SRI Emerging Markets Equity

Date	I-1	X-1
September 2017	0.027880	0.026380

## World Equity

Date	D(GBP)-1	R(GBP)-1
September 2017	0.028304	0.110566

## 6 DIRECTORS' INTERESTS

None of the Directors were materially interested in any contracts of significance subsisting with the Company either during the year or at 30 September 2017.

None of the Directors have service contracts with the Company.

## 7 CHANGES IN INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO

The schedule of changes in the investment portfolio is available on request from the Registered Office in Luxembourg and from the local agents listed under Management and Administration and in the Prospectus.

## 8 TRANSACTIONS WITH CONNECTED PERSONS

### 8.1 Cross trades

The following is a summary of transactions with connected parties during the year which were entered into in the ordinary course of business and on normal commercial terms between the Funds and the Management Company, Investment Manager, Investment Adviser and any entity in which those parties or their connected persons (as defined in the Code on Unit Trusts and Mutual Funds issued by the Securities and Futures Commission of Hong Kong) have a material interest. To the best of the Management Company's knowledge, the Funds' portfolios do not have any other transactions with connected persons except for those disclosed below.

#### Connected transactions

During the year the Investment Manager/Adviser undertook certain sale and purchase transactions between the Funds' portfolios and other funds or portfolios managed by the Investment Manager/Adviser or any Aberdeen Asset Management PLC group company. Such transactions were carried out on an arm's length basis at current market value, and consistent with and the best interests of the Company.

To the best of the Investment Manager/Adviser's knowledge as at the date of preparing this Annual Report, there are no transactions between the Funds' portfolios and the Management Company, the Investment Manager/Adviser or any of their connected persons as principal.

### 8.2 Other transactions

Transactions with connected persons outlined in notes 1.3, 4.2 and 4.3 have been entered into in the ordinary course of business and on normal commercial terms.

As at 30 September 2017 other Funds/Trusts and mandates managed by Aberdeen Asset Management PLC held investments in the Company valued at US\$6,672,256,998.

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## 9 SOFT COMMISSION/COMMISSION SHARING

The Investment Manager has entered into soft commission/commission sharing arrangements with brokers in respect of which certain goods and services used to support investment decision making were received. The Investment Manager does not make direct payment for these services but transacts an agreed amount of business with the brokers on behalf of the Company and commission is paid on these transactions. The goods and services utilised for the Fund include research and advisory services; economic and political analysis, portfolio analysis including valuation and performance measurement, market analysis data and quotation services; computer hardware and software incidental to the above goods and services and investment related publications.

## 10 EQUALISATION ON THE ISSUE AND REDEMPTION OF SHARES

Equalisation is operated in connection with the issue and redemption of shares. It represents the income element included in the price for the issue and redemption of shares.

## 11 OVERDRAFT FACILITY

The Company has a US\$50 million intra-day uncommitted unsecured credit line facility with Bank of America to finance short-term timing differences arising from subscriptions and redemptions. Any liability arising on this account will be recoverable from subscribers to the Company and is therefore not reflected in the financial statements of the Company.

## 12 PROVISIONS FOR TAXES

### Chinese Taxes

There is currently uncertainty as to whether the People's Republic of China (PRC) tax authorities will impose a capital gains tax on realised gains from dealing in fixed income securities as well as in domestic shares. In light of this uncertainty and in line with the current market practice, the Fund provides for a 10% contingency on realised gains from disposing or holding fixed income securities as well as domestic shares for the period between 17 November 2009, and 16 November 2014 as the Fund may be subject to withholding tax and other taxes imposed in the PRC. The PRC tax authorities have clarified that income tax and other tax categories are payable on capital gains arising from securities trading of QFIs/RQFIs on or after 17 November 2014. Any unclaimed provisions or over provision made on realised gains may later be released to form part of the relevant Fund's assets. Any changes to the market practice or interpretation or clarification of PRC tax rules may impact this provision and may result in this provision being higher or lower than required, or deemed not to be required. The Board of Directors therefore reserves the right to amend its practice in this regard and/or this policy without prior notice at any time.

The following provisions have been recorded in the other liabilities caption of the financial statements:

Fund Name	Currency	Provision for realised gain on CNY holdings
Asian Local Currency Short Duration Bond	USD	3,368

### Indonesian Taxes

Indonesian Corporate and Government bonds issued in the domestic market, and Indonesian Corporate bonds issued in foreign markets, are subject to 20% of capital gains tax.

The following provisions have been recorded in the other liabilities caption of the financial statements:

Fund Name	Currency	Provision for unrealised gain on IDR holdings
Asian Credit Bond	USD	3,786
Asian Local Currency Short Duration Bond	USD	78,053
Emerging Markets Corporate Bond	USD	9,415
Emerging Markets Local Currency Bond	USD	219,445
Emerging Markets Local Currency Corporate Bond	USD	2,327
Multi Asset Growth	EUR	6,203
Multi Asset Income	USD	5,563
Select Emerging Markets Bond	USD	1,329,707
Select Emerging Markets Investment Grade Bond	USD	121,729
World Government Bond	USD	34,209

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## Bangladeshi Taxes

Capital Gains on sale proceeds from Bangladesh listed shares are generally taxed at 15%.

The following provisions have been recorded in the other liabilities caption of the financial statements:

Fund Name	Currency	Provision for unrealised gain on BDT holdings
Frontier Markets Equity	USD	374,480

## Pakistani Taxes

Pursuant to domestic law, capital gains are subject to tax at rates between 0% - 20%, which vary according to the holding period of the investment. These rates are on the assumption that capital gains are derived from listed shares.

The following provisions have been recorded in the other liabilities caption of the financial statements:

Fund Name	Currency	Provision for unrealised gain on PKR holdings
Frontier Markets Equity	USD	244,831

## 13 TRANSACTION CHARGES

For the year ended 30 September 2017, the Funds incurred transaction costs which have been defined as commissions and tax relating to purchase or sale of transferable securities, money market instruments, derivatives or other eligible assets as follows:

Fund	Currency	Commissions '000	Taxes '000	Total '000
Asia Pacific Equity	USD	1,234	671	1,905
Asian Credit Bond	USD	-	-	-
Asian Local Currency Short Duration Bond	USD	34	-	34
Asian Property Share	USD	21	7	28
Asian Smaller Companies	USD	1,408	562	1,970
Australasian Equity	AUD	16	4	20
Australian Dollar Income Bond	AUD	-	-	-
Brazil Bond	USD	-	-	-
Brazil Equity	USD	23	-	23
China A Share Equity	USD	830	163	993
Chinese Equity	USD	251	309	560
Eastern European Equity	EUR	23	-	23
Emerging Markets Corporate Bond	USD	-	-	-
Emerging Markets Equity	USD	3,071	1,397	4,468
Emerging Markets Infrastructure Equity	USD	140	69	209
Emerging Markets Local Currency Bond	USD	-	-	-
Emerging Markets Local Currency Corporate Bond	USD	-	-	-
Emerging Markets Smaller Companies	USD	763	188	951
European Equity	EUR	62	15	77
European Equity (Ex UK)	EUR	49	-	49
European Equity Dividend	EUR	17	11	28
Frontier Markets Bond	USD	-	-	-
Frontier Markets Equity	USD	627	70	697
German Equity	EUR	-	-	-
Indian Bond	USD	-	-	-
Indian Equity	USD	1,384	1,702	3,086
Japanese Equity	JPY	92,230	-	92,230
Japanese Smaller Companies	JPY	29,112	-	29,112
Latin American Equity	USD	885	14	899



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Fund	Currency	Commissions '000	Taxes '000	Total '000
Multi Asset Growth	EUR	33	30	63
Multi Asset Income	USD	28	30	58
Multi-Manager World Equity	EUR	4	-	4
North American Equity	USD	73	-	73
North American Smaller Companies	USD	316	-	316
Responsible World Equity	USD	2	1	3
Russian Equity	EUR	6	1	7
Select Emerging Markets Bond	USD	-	-	-
Select Emerging Markets Investment Grade Bond	USD	-	-	-
Select Euro High Yield Bond	EUR	-	-	-
Select Global Credit Bond	GBP	2	-	2
Select Global Investment Grade Credit Bond	GBP	1	-	1
Smart Beta Low Volatility Global Equity Income	USD	17	21	38
SRI Emerging Markets Equity	USD	21	5	26
Swiss Equity	CHF	-	-	-
Technology Equity	USD	43	40	83
UK Equity	GBP	7	37	44
World Credit Bond	USD	-	-	-
World Equity	USD	220	166	386
World Government Bond	USD	-	-	-
World Resources Equity	USD	35	29	64
World Smaller Companies	USD	11	17	28

## 14 REDEMPTION CHARGE

The proceeds of any redemption of Shares in Frontier Markets Equity by a Shareholder during the first full three years after purchase will be reduced in accordance with the following percentage scale. This represents a reducing redemption charge liability for Shareholders in Frontier Markets Equity and is calculated in the manner which results in the lowest possible charge on the assumption that the first shares acquired by the Shareholder are the first shares sold by that Shareholder. The redemption charge is collected for the benefit of the Fund and shall not be payable to the Global Distributor or any other party. The scale is as follows:

Year of Redemption	Redemption Charge as a Percentage of Share Price
Within 1 full year of purchase	5.0%
After 1 full year but within 2 full years of purchase	3.0%
After 2 full years but within 3 full years of purchase	1.0%
After 3 full years of purchase	None

## 15 CAPACITY MANAGEMENT CHARGE

Due to very strong net inflows into Emerging Markets Equity and Emerging Markets Smaller Companies, the Board has decided to implement mandatory initial charges (maximum 6.38%; it was decided to set the initial charge rate at 2.00%) for all new subscriptions into Class A, Class D, Class E, Class I, Class R, Class S, Class U, Class X and Class Y Shares of the Funds with effect from 11 March 2013. The initial charge is collected for the benefit of the relevant Fund and shall not be payable to the Global Distributor or any other party.

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## 16 SECURITIES LENDING

The Company has entered into a securities lending program for a number of equity and fixed income Funds. In return for making securities available for loan throughout the period, the Funds participating in the programs received fees which are reflected in the Financial Statements of each participating Fund under the "Stocklending income" caption. The Company has appointed Securities Finance Trust Company (the operating arm of eSec Lending) as agent for the equity and fixed income lending program. As remuneration for this agency role, Securities Finance Trust Company receives 20% of the fees from the securities lending program and the Company received 80% of the fees.

Collateralisation in the form of Government Bonds must be with a minimum issuer rating of AA (S&P rating) or Aa3 (Moody's rating) at a minimum of 102 -105 % (Min. 102% bond loan v. Sovereign bond Collateral, Min. 105% equity loan v. Sovereign Bond Collateral minimum margins). With respect to a government issuer that is rated by both Moody's and S&P, the lower of those two ratings shall apply.

The following countries may be accepted as collateral:

Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Japan, Luxembourg, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom & United States.

Collateralisation in the form of Equities must be from the listed equities from the following indices overleaf, provided that no single issuer shall represent more than 10% of Equity collateral on a "per Approved Borrower" basis: 108% minimum margin. Borrowers' own stock is not acceptable.

Index	Country
S&P 500	United States
FTSE 100	United Kingdom
CAC 40	France
DAX	Germany
S&P/TSX 60	Canada
AEX	Netherlands
BEL 20	Belgium
OMX Stockholm 30	Sweden
OMX Copenhagen 20	Denmark
OMX Helsinki 25	Finland
Swiss Market	Switzerland
S&P/ASX 200	Australia
NIKKEI 225	Japan
ATX	Austria
FTSE MIB	Italy
OBX	Norway
IBEX 35	Spain

# Notes to the Financial Statements

The amount of securities on loan and collateral value at 30 September 2017 are:

Fund	Market value of securities on loan US\$	Counterparty	Collateral Value US\$	Type of Collateral
Asia Pacific Equity	2,160	Goldman Sachs International	2,376	Equity
	365	JP Morgan Securities PLC	435	Equity
	4,407	Morgan Stanley & Co. International plc	4,725	Equity / Government Bond / NATL <sup>A</sup>
Asian Property Share	37	Credit Suisse Securities (Europe) Limited	108	Equity / Government Bond
Asian Smaller Companies	827	Barclays Capital Securities Limited	972	Equity
	774	Citigroup Global Markets Limited	866	Equity / Government Bond
	370	Credit Suisse Securities (Europe) Limited	435	Equity / Government Bond
	693	Deutsche Bank AG (London Branch)	766	Equity
	23,372	Goldman Sachs International	24,675	NATL <sup>A</sup>
	693	JP Morgan Securities PLC	766	Equity
	9,272	Macquarie Bank Limited (UK)	10,272	Equity / Government Bond
	2,494	Merrill Lynch International	2,675	Equity / Government Bond
	22,742	Morgan Stanley & Co. International plc	24,360	Equity / Government Bond / NATL <sup>A</sup>
	18,761	UBS AG (London Branch)	20,357	Equity
Chinese Equity	4,927	Barclays Capital Securities Limited	5,400	Equity
	10,147	BNP Paribas Arbitrage (Paris)	11,069	Equity
	985	Deutsche Bank AG (London Branch)	1,085	Equity
	66	JP Morgan Securities PLC	109	Equity
	2,683	Merrill Lynch International	2,878	Equity / Government Bond
Eastern European Equity	609	HSBC Bank Plc	748	Equity / Government Bond
	432	JP Morgan Securities PLC	547	Equity
	154	Morgan Stanley & Co. International plc	210	Equity / Government Bond / NATL <sup>A</sup>
	43	UBS AG (London Branch)	47	Equity
Emerging Markets Corporate Bond	49,941	Credit Suisse Securities (Europe) Limited	53,025	Government Bond
Emerging Markets Equity	4,075	Barclays Capital Securities Limited	4,428	Equity
	11,747	Citigroup Global Markets Limited	12,773	Equity / Government Bond
	6,738	Goldman Sachs International	7,140	NATL <sup>A</sup>
	5,940	HSBC Bank Plc	6,556	Equity / Government Bond
	3,714	Morgan Stanley & Co. International plc	3,990	Equity / Government Bond / NATL <sup>A</sup>
Emerging Markets Infrastructure Equity	853	Barclays Capital Securities Limited	972	Equity
	89	Deutsche Bank AG (London Branch)	98	Equity
	3,159	Goldman Sachs International	3,360	NATL <sup>A</sup>
Emerging Markets Smaller Companies	4,845	Barclays Capital Securities Limited	5,292	Equity
	7,519	Citigroup Global Markets Limited	8,176	Equity / Government Bond
	5,413	Credit Suisse Securities (Europe) Limited	5,965	Equity / Government Bond
	3,200	Goldman Sachs International	3,465	NATL <sup>A</sup>
	1,771	Morgan Stanley & Co. International plc	1,890	Equity / Government Bond / NATL <sup>A</sup>
	7,289	UBS AG (London Branch)	7,880	Equity

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Fund	Market value of securities on loan		Collateral Value	
	US\$	Counterparty	US\$	Type of Collateral
European Equity	2,552	Barclays Capital Securities Limited	2,808	Equity
	-	Citigroup Global Markets Limited	1,470	Government Bond
	4,185	UBS AG (London Branch)	4,520	Equity
European Equity Dividend	-	Citigroup Global Markets Limited	735	Government Bond
European Equity (Ex UK)	-	Citigroup Global Markets Limited	1,785	Government Bond
	2,125	Merrill Lynch International	2,280	Equity / Government Bond
	2,774	UBS AG (London Branch)	2,997	Equity
Frontier Markets Equity	2,640	Credit Suisse Securities (Europe) Limited	2,938	Equity / Government Bond
German Equity	37	UBS AG (London Branch)	40	Equity
Japanese Equity	98,561	Barclays Capital Securities Limited	106,488	Equity
	29,577	BNP Paribas Arbitrage (Paris)	32,177	Equity
	14,213	Deutsche Bank AG (London Branch)	15,642	Equity
	223,648	Goldman Sachs International	234,990	NATL <sup>A</sup>
	178,598	Macquarie Bank Limited (UK)	191,980	Equity / Government Bond
	110,095	Morgan Stanley & Co. International plc	115,710	Equity / Government Bond / NATL <sup>A</sup>
	27,891	Societe Generale (Paris)	30,259	Equity
	33,163	UBS AG (London Branch)	35,848	Equity
Japanese Smaller Companies	11,509	Barclays Capital Securities Limited	12,528	Equity
	1,020	Citigroup Global Markets Limited	1,194	Equity / Government Bond
	4,532	Credit Suisse Securities (Europe) Limited	4,967	Equity / Government Bond
	905	Deutsche Bank AG (London Branch)	996	Equity
	42,649	Morgan Stanley & Co. International plc	44,835	Equity / Government Bond / NATL <sup>A</sup>
	722	Societe Generale (Paris)	865	Equity
	743	BMO Capital Markets Limited	854	Equity / Government Bond
	847	UBS AG (London Branch)	915	Equity
Multi Asset Growth	988	BMO Capital Markets Limited	1,050	Government Bond
Multi Asset Income	3	UBS AG (London Branch)	3	Government Bond / NATL <sup>A</sup>
North American Equity	2,723	Citigroup Global Markets Limited	3,047	Equity / Government Bond
North American Smaller Companies	15,122	Citigroup Global Markets Limited	16,407	Equity / Government Bond
	12,771	Deutsche Bank AG (London Branch)	14,048	Equity
	11,017	UBS AG (London Branch)	11,899	Equity
Responsible World Equity	191	HSBC Bank Plc	212	Equity / Government Bond
Russian Equity	136	Barclays Capital Securities Limited	216	Equity
	214	HSBC Bank Plc	324	Equity / Government Bond
	349	JP Morgan Securities PLC	435	Equity
	20	Merrill Lynch International	32	Equity / Government Bond
	167	Morgan Stanley & Co. International plc	210	Equity / Government Bond / NATL <sup>A</sup>
Select Emerging Markets Bond	98,803	Credit Suisse Securities (Europe) Limited	103,845	Government Bond
Select Euro High Yield Bond	208,072	Credit Suisse Securities (Europe) Limited	230,475	Government Bond
Technology Equity	1,795	Citigroup Global Markets Limited	1,947	Equity / Government Bond
World Equity	11,163	Citigroup Global Markets Limited	12,153	Equity / Government Bond
	6,407	Nomura International PLC	6,967	Equity / NATL <sup>A</sup>

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Fund	Market value of securities on loan		Collateral Value	
	US\$	Counterparty	US\$	Type of Collateral
World Government Bond	1,861	Bank of Nova Scotia	2,100	Government Bond
World Resources Equity	652	HSBC Bank Plc	748	Equity / Government Bond
World Smaller Companies	160	Citigroup Global Markets Limited	215	Equity / Government Bond
	326	UBS AG (London Branch)	352	Equity

<sup>A</sup> National Bonds of a Sovereign Nation.

For the year ended 30 September 2017 revenues arising from securities lending are as follows in the Fund currency:

Fund	Total gross amount of securities lending income	Direct and indirect costs and fees deducted from gross income	Total net amount of securities lending income
	'000	'000	'000
Asia Pacific Equity	103	21	82
Asian Property Share	4	1	3
Asian Smaller Companies	1,323	265	1,058
Australasian Equity <sup>A</sup>	-	-	-
China A Share Equity	70	14	56
Chinese Equity	316	63	253
Eastern European Equity	40	8	32
Emerging Markets Corporate Bond	211	42	169
Emerging Markets Equity	985	197	788
Emerging Markets Infrastructure Equity	85	17	68
Emerging Markets Smaller Companies	238	48	190
European Equity	45	9	36
European Equity Dividend	5	1	4
European Equity (Ex UK)	69	14	55
Frontier Markets Equity	119	24	95
German Equity <sup>B</sup>	-	-	-
Japanese Equity	111,063	22,213	88,850
Japanese Smaller Companies	41,463	8,293	33,170
Latin American Equity	23	5	18
Multi Asset Growth <sup>C</sup>	-	-	-
Multi Asset Income	3	1	2
North American Equity	(6)	(1)	(5)
North American Smaller Companies	755	151	604
Responsible World Equity <sup>D</sup>	1	-	1
Russian Equity	26	5	21
Select Emerging Markets Bond	1,266	253	1,013
Select Euro High Yield Bond	1,914	383	1,531
Technology Equity	26	5	21
World Equity	115	23	92
World Government Bond	5	1	4
World Resources Equity	20	4	16
World Smaller Companies <sup>E</sup>	1	-	1

<sup>A</sup> The unrounded gross return was AU\$131 and the direct operational costs and fees incurred for securities lending for the year to 30 September 2017 was AU\$26.

<sup>B</sup> The unrounded gross return was €578 and the direct operational costs and fees incurred for securities lending for the year to 30 September 2017 was €116.

<sup>C</sup> The unrounded gross return was €253 and the direct operational costs and fees incurred for securities lending for the year to 30 September 2017 was €51.

<sup>D</sup> The unrounded direct operational costs and fees incurred for securities lending for the year to 30 September 2017 was US\$189.

<sup>E</sup> The unrounded direct operational costs and fees incurred for securities lending for the year to 30 September 2017 was US\$179.

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## 17 WITHHOLDING TAX RECLAIMS

Withholding tax reclaims have been filed in respect of the withholding tax applied on dividends received during the recent years.

The decision for claiming is taken by the Board of Directors based on the analysis of costs to be borne and maximum potential amount refunded. The costs for pursuing the reclaims are borne only by the Funds potentially entitled to the refunds and recorded under Operational Expenses.

It is not possible to assess the likelihood of success of these reclaiming actions. Consequently no receivables with respect to the potential refunded amounts are booked until they are virtually certain.

Any proceeds received from these reclaiming actions will be booked in the respective Fund's net asset values.

## 18 FUTURE EXPOSURE

The following Funds have open future contracts with total commitments as follows:

Fund	Currency	Fund Exposure '000
Asian Credit Bond	USD	(41)
Australian Dollar Income Bond	AUD	(479)
Multi Asset Growth	EUR	213
Multi Asset Income	USD	503
Select Global Credit Bond	GBP	4,414
Select Global Investment Grade Credit Bond	GBP	1,679
Smart Beta Low Volatility Global Equity Income	USD	1,761
World Credit Bond	USD	455
World Government Bond	USD	(57,529)

## 19 SINGAPORE SUBSIDIARY

The subsidiary in Singapore was incorporated as a limited company on 11 January 2013 with one issued share of USD 1 held by the Company. Its sole director was Hugh Young (also a director of the Company). Since incorporation it did not have any assets or liabilities and was a non-trading entity.

On 9 November 2016, a publication was made in the Government Gazette of Singapore to strike the company off the register if no objection was received within a 2 month period. Consequently the company was struck off the register on 9 January 2017.

## 20 CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

The Board has adopted the Principles of the ALFI Code of Conduct dated June 2013 ("the Code"), which sets out a framework of high level principles and best practice recommendations for the governance of Luxembourg investment funds.

The Board considers that it has been in compliance with the Principles of the Code in all material respects for the year ended 30 September 2017.

The Board meets regularly to consider the activities of the Company and receives reports on various activities, including compliance controls and risk management.

The Board of Directors has established an Audit Committee which is charged with reviewing the financial statements and the external audit process (including the appointment and remuneration of the external Auditor, subject to Shareholders approval), and reviewing and monitoring internal audit matters.

The Board of Directors has also established a Risk Committee which has oversight of the Risk Management Framework of the Company and specifically the effectiveness of risk management, governance and compliance activity.

The collective remuneration of the Board of Directors charged to the Company amounts to US\$200,970 for the year ended 30 September 2017 and is recorded under Operating, administrative and servicing fees.

## 21 SPECIAL TRANSACTIONS OCCURED DURING THE YEAR

On 2 May 2017 Smart Beta Low Volatility Global Equity Income Fund received a non-cash contribution of a portfolio of securities and other assets valued at USD 141,793,279.94. The related report was issued by KPMG Luxembourg on 23 October 2017.

On 22 September 2017 SRI Emerging Markets Equity Fund received a non-cash contribution of a portfolio of securities and other assets valued at USD 45,000,000. These assets were directly transferred from Emerging Markets Equity Fund.

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## 22 SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

As disclosed in the Chairman's statement, since the year end, the Board of Directors has informed the relevant shareholders that the following mergers into and within the Company will be taking place:

Effective date	Merging Fund	Receiving Fund	Existing/New
24 November 2017	Aberdeen Global II – Asia Pacific Multi Asset Fund	Aberdeen Global – Asia Pacific Multi Asset Fund	New
24 November 2017	Aberdeen Global – Select Global Credit Bond Fund	Aberdeen Global – World Credit Bond Fund	Existing
8 December 2017	Aberdeen Global II – Euro Government Bond Fund	Aberdeen Global – Euro Government Bond Fund	New
8 December 2017	Aberdeen Global II – Euro Short Term Bond Fund	Aberdeen Global – Euro Short Term Bond Fund	New
8 December 2017	Aberdeen Global II – European Convertibles Bond Fund	Aberdeen Global – European Convertibles Bond Fund	New
8 December 2017	Aberdeen Global II – US Dollar Credit Bond Fund	Aberdeen Global – US Dollar Credit Bond Fund	New
8 December 2017	Aberdeen Global II – US Dollar Short Term Bond Fund	Aberdeen Global – US Dollar Short Term Bond Fund	New
To be confirmed	Aberdeen Global Indian Equity Limited	Aberdeen Global – Indian Equity Fund	Existing

Further fund rationalisations, which may also involve mergers of a number of the Funds from the Aberdeen Global II umbrella, are planned for the financial year ending 30 September 2018.

On 13 November 2017, shareholders were informed by way of notice about several changes to the Prospectus, composition of the Board of Directors and the Articles of Incorporation. The notice including the details of the changes is available on [www.aberdeen-asset.com](http://www.aberdeen-asset.com) or on request at the registered office of the Company.

# Report of the Réviseur d'Entreprises agréé

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## REPORT OF THE REVISEUR D'ENTREPRISES AGREE

### *Report on the audit of the financial statements*

#### **Opinion**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Aberdeen Global and each of its sub-funds ("the SICAV"), which comprise the statement of net assets and the portfolio statement as at 30 September 2017 and the statement of operations and the statement of changes in net assets for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of Aberdeen Global and each of its sub-funds as at 30 September 2017, and of the results of their operations and changes in their net assets for the year then ended in accordance with Luxembourg legal and regulatory requirements relating to the preparation and presentation of the financial statements.

#### **Basis for opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with the EU Regulation N° 537/2014, the Law of 23 July 2016 on the audit profession (Law of 23 July 2016) and with International Standards on Auditing (ISAs) as adopted for Luxembourg by the "Commission de Surveillance du Secteur Financier" (CSSF). Our responsibilities under those Regulation, Law and standards are further described in the « Responsibilities of "Réviseur d'Entreprises agréé" for the audit of the Financial Statements » section of our report. We are also independent of the SICAV in accordance with the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants' Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (IESBA Code) as adopted for Luxembourg by the CSSF together with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements, and have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities under those ethical requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

#### **Key audit matters**

Key audit matters are those matters that, in our professional judgment, were of most significance in our audit of the financial statements of the current period. These matters were addressed in the context of the audit of the financial statements as whole, and in forming our opinion thereon, and we do not provide a separate opinion on these matters.



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## **Valuation of investments in securities (Refer to note 2.2)**

*Why the matter was considered to be one of the most significant in the audit?*

Investments in securities at market value represent between 93.33% and 103.96% of total net assets (by value) as at 30 September 2017 depending on sub-funds, and are considered to be the key driver of the SICAV's performance. The market value of the majority of the SICAV's investments in securities is based on quoted prices in active markets or observable inputs. Accordingly, the valuation of investments in securities is considered to be a key audit matter due to the significance of the balance to the financial statements as a whole.

*How the matter was addressed in our audit*

We have performed the following procedures:

- comparing the valuation of investments in securities in the portfolio as at the year-end to the valuation recalculated using externally quoted prices; and
- agreeing holdings in the investment portfolio as at the year-end to independently received depositary confirmations.

As a result of the above procedures, we did not identify any material misstatement with respect to the valuation of investments in securities.

## **Other information**

The Board of Directors of the SICAV is responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report but does not include the financial statements and our report of the "Réviseur d'Entreprises agréé" thereon.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report this fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

## **Responsibilities of Board of Directors of the SICAV and of the Audit Committee for the financial statements**

The Board of Directors of the SICAV is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with Luxembourg legal and regulatory requirements relating to the preparation and presentation of the financial statements, and for such internal control as the Board of Directors of the SICAV determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

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In preparing the financial statements, the Board of Directors of the SICAV is responsible for assessing the Fund's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Board of Directors of the SICAV either intends to liquidate the SICAV or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

The Audit Committee is responsible for overseeing the SICAV's financial reporting process.

## **Responsibilities of the "Réviseur d'Entreprises agréé" for the audit of the financial statements**

The objectives of our audit are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue a report of "Réviseur d'Entreprises agréé" that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with the EU Regulation N° 537/2014, the Law of 23 July 2016 and with ISAs as adopted for Luxembourg by the CSSF will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with the EU Regulation N° 537/2014, the Law of 23 July 2016 and with ISAs as adopted for Luxembourg by the CSSF, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the SICAV's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the Board of Directors of the SICAV.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of Board of Directors of the SICAV's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the SICAV's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our report of "Réviseur d'Entreprises agréé" to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our report of "Réviseur d'Entreprises agréé". However, future events or conditions may cause the Fund to cease to continue as a going concern.

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- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with the Audit Committee regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

We also provide the Audit Committee with a statement that we have complied with relevant ethical requirements regarding independence, and to communicate with them all relationships and other matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence, and where applicable, related safeguards.

From the matters communicated with the Audit Committee, we determine those matters that were of most significance in the audit of the financial statements of the current period and are therefore the key audit matters. We describe these matters in our report unless law or regulation precludes public disclosure about the matter or when, in extremely rare circumstances, we determine that a matter should not be communicated in our report because the adverse consequences of doing so would reasonably be expected to outweigh the public interest benefits of such communication.

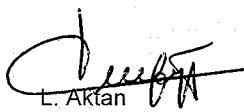
## ***Report on other legal and regulatory requirements***

We have been appointed as "Réviseur d'Entreprises agréé" by the General Meeting of the shareholders on 21 February 2017 and the duration of our uninterrupted engagement, including previous renewals and reappointments, is 22 years.

We confirm that the prohibited non-audit services referred to in the EU Regulation No 537/2014, on the audit profession were not provided and that we remain independent of the SICAV in conducting the audit.

Luxembourg, 20 December 2017

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L. Aktan  
Partner

# Risk Management and Remuneration Disclosures (unaudited)

The market risk measurement and monitoring of the Funds is carried out using either the Commitment approach or the Value at Risk (VaR) approach.

Funds which do not make significant use of financial derivative instruments and/or limit their use of financial derivative instruments to efficient portfolio management or hedging strategies are monitored using the Commitment approach.

Funds which utilise financial derivative instruments for efficient portfolio management purposes and/ or for investment purposes in pursuing their investment objective (in addition to those used for hedging purposes) are monitored using either the relative or absolute VaR approach.

## Risk Type

The Management Company uses the Commitment approach and the VaR approach for the Aberdeen Global Funds as detailed below.

### Commitment approach

The Commitment approach is based on the positions of financial derivative instruments, converted into their corresponding underlying equivalents using the delta approach.

Netting and Hedging might be considered for financial derivatives and their underlying assets. The sum of these underlying equivalents must not exceed the net asset value of the Fund.

The global risk on derivatives has been determined according to the commitment approach during the reporting year.

### Value at Risk (VaR) approach

The Investment Risk Department monitors and reports market risk and VaR metrics using Aberdeen's risk modelling system, Sungard Advanced Portfolio Technologies (APT). This model estimates and computes variability and probability of the portfolio returns based on historical data (180 observations equally weighted) - the data is fed from Aberdeen's front office systems. A number of risk measures are produced to quantify the probability of loss at the sub-fund level for any given day, either as an absolute measure (absolute VaR), or as a relative indication to a pre-defined benchmark (relative VaR).

In accordance with CSSF Circular 11/512, the regulatory VaR limit associated with a Fund's total portfolio positions must not exceed two times (i.e. 200%) the VaR of its assigned Risk Benchmark or 20% for Funds monitored under the absolute VaR approach. The Table below defines the VaR approach and its related Risk Benchmark for each Fund.

Aberdeen Global Fund	Approach	Risk Benchmark
Asia Pacific Equity	Commitment	N/A
Asian Credit Bond	Relative VaR	JP Morgan Asia Credit Index
Asian Local Currency Short Duration Bond	Relative VaR	iBoxx Asia ex-Japan Sovereign 1-3years Index
Asian Property Share	Commitment	N/A
Asian Smaller Companies	Commitment	N/A
Australian Dollar Income Bond	Commitment	N/A
Australasian Equity	Commitment	N/A
Brazil Bond	Absolute VaR	N/A
Brazil Equity	Commitment	N/A
China A Share Equity	Commitment	N/A
Chinese Equity	Commitment	N/A
Eastern European Equity	Commitment	N/A
Emerging Markets Corporate Bond	Relative VaR	JP Morgan Corporate EMBI Broad Diversified Index
Emerging Markets Equity	Commitment	N/A
Emerging Markets Infrastructure Equity	Commitment	N/A
Emerging Markets Local Currency Bond	Relative VaR	JP Morgan GBI - EM Global Diversified Index
Emerging Markets Local Currency Corporate Bond	Relative VaR	BoFA Merrill Lynch Diversified Broad Local Emerging Markets Non-Sovereign Index
Emerging Markets Smaller Companies	Commitment	N/A
European Equity	Commitment	N/A
European Equity (Ex UK)	Commitment	N/A
European Equity Dividend	Commitment	N/A

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Aberdeen Global Fund	Approach	Risk Benchmark
Frontier Markets Bond	Relative VaR	JP Morgan Next Generation Markets Index
Frontier Markets Equity	Commitment	N/A
German Equity	Commitment	N/A
Indian Bond	Relative VaR	Market iBoxx Asian Local Bond Index Asia
Indian Equity	Commitment	N/A
Japanese Equity	Commitment	N/A
Japanese Smaller Companies	Commitment	N/A
Latin American Equity	Commitment	N/A
Multi Asset Growth	Absolute VaR	N/A
Multi Asset Income	Absolute VaR	N/A
Multi-Manager World Equity	Commitment	N/A
North American Equity	Commitment	N/A
North American Smaller Companies	Commitment	N/A
Responsible World Equity	Commitment	N/A
Russian Equity	Commitment	N/A
Select Emerging Markets Bond	Commitment	N/A
Select Emerging Markets Investment Grade Bond	Relative VaR	JP Morgan EMBI Global Diversified Investment Grade Index
Select Euro High Yield Bond	Commitment	N/A
Select Global Credit Bond	Relative VaR	Barclays Global Aggregate Credit (Hedged GBP 100%)
Select Global Investment Grade Credit Bond	Relative VaR	Barclays Global Aggregate Credit 1-10yr (Hedged GBP)
Smart Beta Low Volatility Global Equity Income	Relative VaR	MSCI All Country World Index
SRI Emerging Markets Equity	Commitment	N/A
Swiss Equity	Commitment	N/A
Technology Equity	Commitment	N/A
UK Equity	Commitment	N/A
World Credit Bond	Relative VaR	Barclays Global Aggregate Credit (Hedged USD 100%)
World Equity	Commitment	N/A
World Government Bond	Relative VaR	Barclays Global Treasury Universal-GDP Weighted by Country
World Resources Equity	Commitment	N/A
World Smaller Companies	Commitment	N/A

The VaR internal watch limits were last changed on 31 May 2017. VaR internal limits are reviewed on at least a six monthly basis and are set at a stricter level than the Regulatory VaR Limit. Both regulatory and internal Limits are reviewed and monitored on a daily basis.

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## VaR Table and Model Assumptions

Period from 1 October 2016 to 29 November 2016

	VaR Internal Limit – Relative %	Average Utilized VaR of Internal Limit – Relative %	Lowest VaR – Relative %	Highest VaR – Relative %	Regulatory VaR Limit – Relative %	Average Utilized VaR Limit – Relative %
<b>Aberdeen Global</b>						
Asian Credit Bond	125	89	108	117	200	56
Asian Local Currency Short Duration Bond	120	91	104	117	200	54
Emerging Markets Corporate Bond	120	91	104	116	200	54
Emerging Markets Local Currency Bond	120	90	105	114	200	54
Emerging Markets Local Currency Corporate Bond	167	63	104	108	200	53
Frontier Markets Bond	120	71	83	87	200	43
Indian Bond	126	81	94	107	200	51
Select Emerging Markets Investment Grade Bond	123	88	105	113	200	54
Select Global Credit Bond	130	86	108	115	200	56
Select Global Investment Grade Credit Bond	138	82	110	118	200	57
World Credit Bond	130	88	110	118	200	57
World Government Bond	120	87	86	115	200	52

	VaR Internal Limit – Absolute %	Average Utilized VaR of Internal Limit – Absolute %	Lowest VaR – Absolute %	Highest VaR – Absolute %	Regulatory VaR Limit – Absolute %	Average Utilized VaR Limit – Absolute %
<b>Aberdeen Global</b>						
Brazil Bond	18.23	93	16.63	17.69	20.00	85
Multi Asset Growth	5.00	81	3.67	4.27	20.00	20
Multi Asset Income	5.25	82	4.07	4.49	20.00	22

Period from 30 November 2016 to 30 May 2017

	VaR Internal Limit – Relative %	Average Utilized VaR of Internal Limit – Relative %	Lowest VaR – Relative %	Highest VaR – Relative %	Regulatory VaR Limit – Relative %	Average Utilized VaR Limit – Relative %
<b>Aberdeen Global</b>						
Asian Credit Bond	130	93	115	128	200	60
Asian Local Currency Short Duration Bond	125	83	87	123	200	52
Emerging Markets Corporate Bond	124	88	98	117	200	55
Emerging Markets Local Currency Bond	120	90	101	113	200	54
Emerging Markets Local Currency Corporate Bond	134	83	102	116	200	55
Frontier Markets Bond	120	73	75	96	200	44
Indian Bond	120	85	89	105	200	51

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	VaR Internal Limit – Relative %	Average Utilized VaR of Internal Limit – Relative %	Lowest VaR – Relative %	Highest VaR – Relative %	Regulatory VaR Limit – Relative %	Average Utilized VaR Limit – Relative %
<b>Aberdeen Global</b>						
Select Emerging Markets Investment Grade Bond	120	89	101	111	200	53
Select Global Credit Bond	125	91	109	118	200	57
Select Global Investment Grade Credit Bond	127	87	106	116	200	55
Smart Beta Low Volatility Global Equity Income <sup>(1)</sup>	88	98	84	87	200	43
World Credit Bond	124	88	105	113	200	54
World Government Bond	129	72	77	115	200	46

	VaR Internal Limit – Absolute %	Average Utilized VaR of Internal Limit – Absolute %	Lowest VaR – Absolute %	Highest VaR – Absolute %	Regulatory VaR Limit – Absolute %	Average Utilized VaR Limit – Absolute %
<b>Aberdeen Global</b>						
Brazil Bond	18.65	89	15.01	17.50	20.00	83
Multi Asset Growth	5.17	69	3.24	4.01	20.00	18
Multi Asset Income	5.32	75	3.73	4.44	20.00	20

<sup>(1)</sup> Smart Beta Low Volatility Global Equity Income: launched on 2 May 2017.

## Period from 31 May 2017 to 30 September 2017

	VaR Internal Limit – Relative %	Average Utilized VaR of Internal Limit – Relative %	Lowest VaR – Relative %	Highest VaR – Relative %	Regulatory VaR Limit – Relative %	Average Utilized VaR Limit – Relative %
<b>Aberdeen Global</b>						
Asian Credit Bond	140	90	113	135	200	63
Asian Local Currency Short Duration Bond	132	75	93	105	200	49
Emerging Markets Corporate Bond	126	94	112	128	200	59
Emerging Markets Local Currency Bond	120	89	104	111	200	53
Emerging Markets Local Currency Corporate Bond	128	82	98	110	200	53
Frontier Markets Bond	120	67	77	85	200	40
Indian Bond	120	81	90	103	200	49
Select Emerging Markets Investment Grade Bond	120	85	98	103	200	51
Select Global Credit Bond	127	89	110	116	200	57
Select Global Investment Grade Credit Bond	124	89	108	112	200	55
Smart Beta Low Volatility Global Equity Income	90	96	83	88	200	43
World Credit Bond	120	89	104	109	200	53
World Government Bond	127	68	75	97	200	43

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	VaR Internal Limit – Absolute %	Average Utilized VaR of Internal Limit – Absolute %	Lowest VaR – Absolute %	Highest VaR – Absolute %	Regulatory VaR Limit – Absolute %	Average Utilized VaR Limit – Absolute %
<b>Aberdeen Global</b>						
Brazil Bond	18.65	90	15.82	18.59	20.00	84
Multi Asset Growth	5.00	68	2.96	3.63	20.00	17
Multi Asset Income	5.33	67	3.37	4.20	20.00	18

## Model assumptions for VaR table:

System:	Advanced Portfolio Technologies (APT) – Statistical Factor Model
VaR methodology:	Parametric
Confidence level:	99%
Holding period:	One month (20 Days)
Decay factor for exponential smoothing of the historical market data:	Nil
Historical observation period:	180 weeks

## Objectives and limitations of the VaR Methodology

The Advanced Portfolio Technologies (APT) model uses statistical factor techniques to capture a maximal spanning set under its component model. Risk is subsequently decomposed according to explanatory variable regression techniques. The APT bond model provides an integrated framework to measure and decompose the risk of portfolios of all fixed income securities. These can include government and corporate bonds, convertibles, and various categorisations of swaps, futures and option contracts. Portfolios are modelled at the asset level to ensure every position is represented within the component approach. Optionality can be represented either through delta-adjustment or Monte Carlo techniques. The VaR model is designed to measure market risk in a normal market environment.

This method accurately prices all types of complex non-linear positions as well as simple linear instruments. It also provides a full distribution of potential portfolio gains and losses, which need not be symmetrical. If the underlying risk factors exhibit non-normal behaviour such as fat-tails or mean-reversion, then the resulting VaR will include these effects. However, tail risk can only be examined if the historical data set includes tail events. The distribution is calculated by using daily historical time-series data with implementation of an exponential adjustment.

The use of VaR has limitations because it is based on historical correlations and volatilities in market prices and assumes that future price movements will follow a statistical distribution. Due to the fact that VaR relies significantly on historical data to provide information and may not clearly predict the future changes and modifications of the risk factors, the probability of large market moves may be underestimated if changes in risk factors fail to align with the given distribution assumption. VaR may also be under- or over-estimated due to the assumptions placed on risk factors and the relationship between such factors for specific instruments.

Even though positions may change throughout the day, the VaR only represents the risk of the portfolios at the close of each month, and it does not account for any losses that may occur beyond the 99% confidence level. In practice, the actual trading results will differ from the VaR calculation and, in particular, the calculation does not provide a meaningful indication of profits and losses in stressed market conditions. To determine the reliability of the VaR models, actual outcomes are monitored regularly to test the validity of the assumptions and the parameters used in the VaR calculation. Market risk positions are also subject to regular stress tests to ensure that the fund would withstand an extreme market event.



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## Leverage

The expected levels of leverage indicated below reflect the use of all derivative instruments within the portfolio of a given Fund. An expected level of leverage does not necessarily represent an increase of risk in the Fund as some of the financial derivative instruments used may even reduce the risk. Shareholders should note that the "Sum of Notionals" approach of the expected level of leverage does not make a distinction as to the intended use of a derivative e.g. being either hedging or investment purposes.

The "Sum of Notionals" calculation typically results in a higher leverage figure than for the commitment approach calculation predominantly due to the exclusion of any netting and/or hedging arrangements.

The average leverage figures below have been compiled based on the daily figures for the period 1 October 2016 to 30 September 2017.

Aberdeen Global	Approach	Average Leverage %	Approach	Average Leverage %	VaR Approach
Asian Credit Bond	Sum of Notionals	46.28	Commitment Approach	38.52	Relative VaR
Asian Local Currency Short Duration Bond	Sum of Notionals	56.77	Commitment Approach	15.10	Relative VaR
Brazil Bond	Sum of Notionals	0.00	Commitment Approach	0.00	Absolute VaR
Emerging Markets Corporate Bond	Sum of Notionals	0.09	Commitment Approach	0.09	Relative VaR
Emerging Markets Local Currency Bond	Sum of Notionals	26.50	Commitment Approach	5.92	Relative VaR
Emerging Markets Local Currency Corporate Bond	Sum of Notionals	13.35	Commitment Approach	2.63	Relative VaR
Frontier Markets Bond	Sum of Notionals	12.55	Commitment Approach	8.90	Relative VaR
Indian Bond	Sum of Notionals	24.97	Commitment Approach	3.54	Relative VaR
Multi Asset Growth	Sum of Notionals	110.40	Commitment Approach	25.39	Absolute VaR
Multi Asset Income	Sum of Notionals	72.85	Commitment Approach	23.54	Absolute VaR
Select Emerging Markets Investment Grade Bond	Sum of Notionals	4.06	Commitment Approach	1.28	Relative VaR
Select Global Credit Bond	Sum of Notionals	144.49	Commitment Approach	16.13	Relative VaR
Select Global Investment Grade Credit Bond	Sum of Notionals	159.78	Commitment Approach	24.89	Relative VaR
Smart Beta Low Volatility Global Equity Income	Sum of Notionals	1.51	Commitment Approach	1.51	Relative VaR
World Credit Bond	Sum of Notionals	80.94	Commitment Approach	18.10	Relative VaR
World Government Bond	Sum of Notionals	344.87	Commitment Approach	251.03	Relative VaR

## Remuneration

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

# Securities Financing Transactions Disclosures (unaudited)

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 accounting year ended 30 September 2017 are detailed below:

## Absolute value of assets engaged in SFTs

Fund	Market value of securities		% of lendable assets	% of assets under management
	on loan	\$'000		
Asia Pacific Equity	6,932		0.21	0.21
Asian Property Share	37		0.08	0.08
Asian Smaller Companies	79,998		3.99	3.98
Chinese Equity	18,808		3.24	3.20
Eastern European Equity	1,238		2.64	2.63
Emerging Markets Corporate Bond	49,941		11.38	10.95
Emerging Markets Equity	32,214		0.54	0.54
Emerging Markets Infrastructure Equity	4,101		1.76	1.75
Emerging Markets Smaller Companies	30,037		2.75	2.73
European Equity	6,737		3.33	3.32
European Equity (Ex UK)	4,899		4.39	4.36
Frontier Markets Equity	2,640		1.84	1.91
German Equity	37		1.61	1.60
Japanese Equity	715,746		20.19	20.04
Japanese Smaller Companies	62,927		8.33	8.21
Multi Asset Growth	988		1.27	1.19
Multi Asset Income	3		0.00	0.00
North American Equity	2,723		1.96	1.94
North American Smaller Companies	38,910		7.94	7.80
Responsible World Equity	191		2.16	2.15
Russian Equity	886		4.21	4.19
Select Emerging Markets Bond	98,803		5.56	5.22
Select Euro High Yield Bond	208,072		16.83	16.58
Technology Equity	1,795		1.01	1.00
World Equity	17,570		2.67	2.66
World Government Bond	1,861		0.48	0.45
World Resources Equity	652		0.52	0.52
World Smaller Companies	486		1.60	1.58

# Securities Financing Transactions Disclosures (unaudited)

## 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
<b>Asia Pacific Equity</b>		<b>Asian Property Share</b>		<b>Asian Smaller Companies</b>	
France (Government of)	1,575	UK Treasury	36	France (Government of)	16,432
Germany (Federal Republic of)	1,575	Delphi Automotive	8	Germany (Federal Republic of)	16,287
US Treasury	1,575	Adobe Systems	8	US Treasury	8,992
Marathon Oil	220	Shionogi & Co	5	UK Treasury	8,283
National Oilwell Varco	220	Cargotec 'B'	5	Priceline.com	2,129
T. Rowe Price	220	Priceline.com	5	Nextera Energy	1,882
Target	220	Altria	5	ABB	1,882
Hilton Worldwide	220	Inpex	5	Autodesk	1,882
Berkshire Hathaway 'B'	220	Alps Electric	5	Verizon Communications	1,882
Deutsche Boerse	220	Panasonic	4	Zurich Insurance	1,882
<b>Chinese Equity</b>		<b>Eastern European Equity</b>		<b>Emerging Markets Corporate Bond</b>	
Zurich Insurance	1,101	UK Treasury	257	France (Government of)	18,559
AXA	1,046	France (Government of)	177	Canada (Government of)	16,200
Schneider Electric	1,045	Germany (Federal Republic of)	115	UK Treasury	14,716
Sodexo	1,044	US Treasury	70	Germany (Federal Republic of)	3,292
Kering	1,030	British Sky Broadcasting	60	US Treasury	227
US Treasury	938	Banco Bilbao Vizcaya Argentaria	57	Netherlands (Kingdom of)	31
E*TRADE Financial	769	RSA Insurance	54		
Total	695	National Grid	54		
Deutsche Post	651	Imperial Brands	52		
Viscofan	561	Intesa Sanpaolo	44		
<b>Emerging Markets Equity</b>		<b>Emerging Markets Infrastructure Equity</b>		<b>Emerging Markets Smaller Companies</b>	
UK Treasury	3,748	France (Government of)	1,120	France (Government of)	2,521
France (Government of)	3,709	UK Treasury	1,120	UK Treasury	2,472
Germany (Federal Republic of)	3,652	Germany (Federal Republic of)	1,062	Germany (Federal Republic of)	1,785
US Treasury	1,330	Flir Systems	90	Paddy Power Betfair	821
Paddy Power Betfair	1,274	GAP	90	BASF	821
Applied Materials	1,259	Netflix	90	Northrop Grumman	815
Michelin	1,247	Estee Lauder	90	Michelin	814
Novartis	1,225	Apple	90	Alphabet	798
British American Tobacco	1,093	Alexion Pharmaceuticals	90	ABB	730
Imperial Brands	1,059	E*TRADE Financial	90	Ashtead	730
<b>European Equity</b>		<b>European Equity (Ex UK)</b>		<b>European Equity Dividend</b>	
Germany (Federal Republic of)	515	US Treasury	743	Germany (Federal Republic of)	257
France (Government of)	514	Germany (Federal Republic of)	625	France (Government of)	257
UK Treasury	441	France (Government of)	625	UK Treasury	221
ABB	419	UK Treasury	536		
Swiss Re	419	ABB	277		
Priceline.com	418	Novartis	277		
Constellation Brands 'A'	418	Swiss Re	277		
Assurant Inc	418	D.R. Horton	277		
Zurich Insurance	418	Swiss Life Holding	277		
Swiss Life Holding	418	Zurich Insurance	277		

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Issuers	Market value of collateral received \$'000	Issuers	Market value of collateral received \$'000	Issuers	Market value of collateral received \$'000
<b>Frontier Markets Equity</b>		<b>German Equity</b>		<b>Japanese Equity</b>	
UK Treasury	543	Motorola Solutions	4	UK Treasury	138,660
General Dynamics	281	ABB	4	France (Government of)	116,900
Alps Electric	148	Swiss Re	4	Germany (Federal Republic of)	116,842
Nikon Corp	145	Kimberly-Clark	4	US Treasury	38,569
Komatsu	145	Amphenol 'A'	4	National Grid	19,343
Investor	144	American Airlines	4	Micron Technology	18,765
FANUC Corp	142	Costco Wholesale	3	Halliburton	11,330
Bluescope Steel	141	Zurich Insurance	3	E*TRADE Financial	9,860
Tokai Carbon	141	Cummins	3	Diageo	9,860
Fairfax Media Ltd	140	Swiss Life Holding	3	Vertex Pharmaceuticals	9,860
<b>Japanese Smaller Companies</b>		<b>Multi Asset Growth</b>		<b>Multi Asset Income</b>	
France (Government of)	15,299	France (Government of)	367	Sweden (Kingdom of)	1
Germany (Federal Republic of)	14,957	Germany (Federal Republic of)	352	Canada (Government of)	1
US Treasury	14,945	Netherlands (Kingdom of)	331	Norway (Kingdom of)	1
CME	1,240				
Qualcomm	1,160				
CBS 'B' Non-Voting Shares	1,160				
Netflix	1,160				
E*TRADE Financial	1,160				
Alliance Data Systems	1,160				
Gilead Sciences	1,160				
<b>North American Equity</b>		<b>North American Smaller Companies</b>		<b>Responsible World Equity</b>	
Paddy Power Betfair	302	UK Treasury	1,727	UK Treasury	73
Hargreaves Lansdown	302	Paddy Power Betfair	1,642	France (Government of)	73
Pinnacle West Capital	302	British American Tobacco	1,540	Netherlands (Kingdom of)	16
Sodexo	302	Imperial Brands	1,449	UBI Banca	11
Germany (Federal Republic of)	220	Carnival (London Listed)	1,373	Eni	11
Caixabank	154	AES	1,108	Aena	11
Boliden	154	Swiss Re	1,102	Volvo 'B'	5
KBC Bankverzekerings	154	ConocoPhillips	1,102	Enel	2
Gas Natural	154	Swiss Life Holding	1,102	Nokia	2
GBL	154	Nestle	1,102	KCI Konecranes	2
<b>Russian Equity</b>		<b>Select Emerging Markets Bond</b>		<b>Select Euro High Yield Bond</b>	
UK Treasury	110	UK Treasury	36,346	Canada (Government of)	78,516
France (Government of)	81	Canada (Government of)	34,067	France (Government of)	74,762
US Treasury	77	France (Government of)	33,432	UK Treasury	38,117
Germany (Federal Republic of)	70			US Treasury	37,177
Freeport-McMoRan	43			Germany (Federal Republic of)	1,656
Lennar 'A'	33			Netherlands (Kingdom of)	247
Royal Caribbean Cruises	33				
Waste Management	32				
Motorola Solutions	32				
Zimmer Holdings	32				

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<b>Technology Equity</b>		<b>World Equity</b>		<b>World Government Bond</b>	
SAP	194	France (Government of)	2,275	UK Treasury	735
InterContinental Hotels	194	Paddy Power Betfair	1,210	Netherlands (Kingdom of)	734
Paddy Power Betfair	194	Germany (Federal Republic of)	1,125	Canada (Government of)	581
Vonovia	194	UK Treasury	759	Germany (Federal Republic of)	24
British American Tobacco	192	Atos	650	France (Government of)	14
Imperial Brands	187	NRG Energy	650	US Treasury	12
Freeport-McMoRan C & G 'B'	184	STMicroelectronics	650		
Vivendi	101	International Consolidated Airlines	650		
Intesa Sanpaolo	99	Eaton	650		
East Japan Railway Co	92	Imperial Brands	635		
<b>World Resources Equity</b>		<b>World Smaller Companies</b>			
UK Treasury	257	UK Treasury	50		
France (Government of)	88	Swiss Re	33		
British Sky Broadcasting	76	ABB	33		
British American Tobacco	76	ConocoPhillips	33		
Rio Tinto	76	Nestle	33		
Diageo	76	Novartis	33		
Eni	38	Vulcan Materials	33		
Aena	38	Zurich Insurance	33		
UBI Banca	13	British Sky Broadcasting	32		
Banco de Sabadell	6	Swiss Life Holding	32		

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## 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
<b>Asia Pacific Equity</b>		<b>Asian Property Share</b>		<b>Asian Smaller Companies</b>	
Morgan Stanley & Co. International plc	4,407	Credit Suisse Securities (Europe) Limited	37	Goldman Sachs International	23,372
Goldman Sachs International	2,160			Morgan Stanley & Co. International plc	22,742
JP Morgan Securities PLC	365			UBS AG (London Branch)	18,761
				Macquarie Bank Limited (UK)	9,272
				Merrill Lynch International	2,494
				Barclays Capital Securities Limited	827
				Citigroup Global Markets Limited	774
				Deutsche Bank AG (London Branch)	693
				JP Morgan Securities PLC	693
				Credit Suisse Securities (Europe) Limited	370
<b>Chinese Equity</b>		<b>Eastern European Equity</b>		<b>Emerging Markets Corporate Bond</b>	
BNP Paribas Arbitrage (Paris)	10,147	HSBC Bank Plc	609	Credit Suisse Securities (Europe) Limited	49,941
Barclays Capital Securities Limited	4,927	JP Morgan Securities PLC	432		
Merrill Lynch International	2,683	Morgan Stanley & Co. International plc	154		
Deutsche Bank AG (London Branch)	985	UBS AG (London Branch)	43		
JP Morgan Securities PLC	66				
<b>Emerging Markets Equity</b>		<b>Emerging Markets Infrastructure Equity</b>		<b>Emerging Markets Smaller Companies</b>	
Citigroup Global Markets Limited	11,747	Goldman Sachs International	3,159	Citigroup Global Markets Limited	7,519
Goldman Sachs International	6,738	Barclays Capital Securities Limited	853	UBS AG (London Branch)	7,289
HSBC Bank Plc	5,940	Deutsche Bank AG (London Branch)	89	Credit Suisse Securities (Europe) Limited	5,413
Barclays Capital Securities Limited	4,075			Barclays Capital Securities Limited	4,845
Morgan Stanley & Co. International plc	3,714			Goldman Sachs International	3,200
				Morgan Stanley & Co. International plc	1,771
<b>European Equity</b>		<b>European Equity (Ex UK)</b>		<b>Frontier Markets Equity</b>	
UBS AG (London Branch)	4,185	UBS AG (London Branch)	2,774	Credit Suisse Securities (Europe) Limited	2,640
Barclays Capital Securities Limited	2,552	Merrill Lynch International	2,125		
<b>German Equity</b>		<b>Japanese Equity</b>		<b>Japanese Smaller Companies</b>	
UBS AG (London Branch)	37	Goldman Sachs International	223,648	Morgan Stanley & Co. International plc	42,649
		Macquarie Bank Limited (UK)	178,598	Barclays Capital Securities Limited	11,509
		Morgan Stanley & Co. International plc	110,095	Credit Suisse Securities (Europe) Limited	4,532
		Barclays Capital Securities Limited	98,561	Citigroup Global Markets Limited	1,020
		UBS AG (London Branch)	33,163	Deutsche Bank AG (London Branch)	905
		BNP Paribas Arbitrage (Paris)	29,577	UBS AG (London Branch)	847
		Societe Generale (Paris)	27,891	BMO Capital Markets Limited	743
		Deutsche Bank AG (London Branch)	14,213	Societe Generale (Paris)	722

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Counterparty	Market value of securities on loan \$'000	Counterparty	Market value of securities on loan \$'000	Counterparty	Market value of securities on loan \$'000
<b>Multi Asset Growth</b>		<b>Multi Asset Income</b>		<b>North American Equity</b>	
BMO Capital Markets Limited	988	UBS AG (London Branch)	3	Citigroup Global Markets Limited	2,723
<b>North American Smaller Companies</b>		<b>Responsible World Equity</b>		<b>Russian Equity</b>	
Citigroup Global Markets Limited	15,122	HSBC Bank Plc	191	JP Morgan Securities PLC	349
Deutsche Bank AG (London Branch)	12,771			HSBC Bank Plc	214
UBS AG (London Branch)	11,017			Morgan Stanley & Co. International plc	167
				Barclays Capital Securities Limited	136
				Merrill Lynch International	20
<b>Select Emerging Markets Bond</b>		<b>Select Euro High Yield Bond</b>		<b>Technology Equity</b>	
Credit Suisse Securities (Europe) Limited	98,803	Credit Suisse Securities (Europe) Limited	208,072	Citigroup Global Markets Limited	1,795
<b>World Equity</b>		<b>World Government Bond</b>		<b>World Resources Equity</b>	
Citigroup Global Markets Limited	11,163	Bank of Nova Scotia	1,861	HSBC Bank Plc	652
Nomura International PLC	6,407				
<b>World Smaller Companies</b>					
UBS AG (London Branch)	326				
Citigroup Global Markets Limited	160				

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Counterparty	Countries of counterparty establishment	Type	Quality	Collateral currency	Settlement and clearing	Custodian	Market value of collateral received \$'000
<b>Asia Pacific Equity</b>							
Goldman Sachs International	United States	Equity	Main market listing	EUR	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	220
Goldman Sachs International	United States	Equity	Main market listing	USD	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	2,156
JP Morgan Securities PLC	United States	Equity	Main market listing	AUD	Tri-party	JP Morgan	1
JP Morgan Securities PLC	United States	Equity	Main market listing	DKK	Tri-party	JP Morgan	22
JP Morgan Securities PLC	United States	Equity	Main market listing	EUR	Tri-party	JP Morgan	83
JP Morgan Securities PLC	United States	Equity	Main market listing	GBP	Tri-party	JP Morgan	58
JP Morgan Securities PLC	United States	Equity	Main market listing	JPY	Tri-party	JP Morgan	38
JP Morgan Securities PLC	United States	Equity	Main market listing	SEK	Tri-party	JP Morgan	22
JP Morgan Securities PLC	United States	Equity	Main market listing	USD	Tri-party	JP Morgan	211
Morgan Stanley & Co. International plc	United States	Equity	Main market listing	GBP	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	-
Morgan Stanley & Co. International plc	United States	Government bond	Investment grade	USD	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	1,575
Morgan Stanley & Co. International plc	United States	NATL <sup>A</sup>	Investment grade	EUR	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	3,150
<b>Asian Property Share</b>							
Credit Suisse Securities (Europe) Limited	Switzerland	Equity	Main market listing	EUR	Tri-party	JP Morgan	7
Credit Suisse Securities (Europe) Limited	Switzerland	Equity	Main market listing	JPY	Tri-party	JP Morgan	31
Credit Suisse Securities (Europe) Limited	Switzerland	Equity	Main market listing	USD	Tri-party	JP Morgan	30
Credit Suisse Securities (Europe) Limited	Switzerland	Government bond	Investment grade	EUR	Tri-party	JP Morgan	4
Credit Suisse Securities (Europe) Limited	Switzerland	Government bond	Investment grade	GBP	Tri-party	JP Morgan	36
<b>Asian Smaller Companies</b>							
Barclays Capital Securities Limited	United Kingdom	Equity	Main market listing	CHF	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	86
Barclays Capital Securities Limited	United Kingdom	Equity	Main market listing	USD	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	886
Citigroup Global Markets Limited	United States	Equity	Main market listing	DKK	Tri-party	JP Morgan	40
Citigroup Global Markets Limited	United States	Equity	Main market listing	EUR	Tri-party	JP Morgan	175
Citigroup Global Markets Limited	United States	Equity	Main market listing	GBP	Tri-party	JP Morgan	203
Citigroup Global Markets Limited	United States	Equity	Main market listing	JPY	Tri-party	JP Morgan	69
Citigroup Global Markets Limited	United States	Equity	Main market listing	USD	Tri-party	JP Morgan	287
Citigroup Global Markets Limited	United States	Government bond	Investment grade	EUR	Tri-party	JP Morgan	88
Citigroup Global Markets Limited	United States	Government bond	Investment grade	GBP	Tri-party	JP Morgan	4
Credit Suisse Securities (Europe) Limited	Switzerland	Equity	Main market listing	CAD	Tri-party	JP Morgan	18
Credit Suisse Securities (Europe) Limited	Switzerland	Equity	Main market listing	EUR	Tri-party	JP Morgan	19
Credit Suisse Securities (Europe) Limited	Switzerland	Equity	Main market listing	JPY	Tri-party	JP Morgan	156
Credit Suisse Securities (Europe) Limited	Switzerland	Equity	Main market listing	SEK	Tri-party	JP Morgan	41
Credit Suisse Securities (Europe) Limited	Switzerland	Equity	Main market listing	USD	Tri-party	JP Morgan	147
Credit Suisse Securities (Europe) Limited	Switzerland	Government bond	Investment grade	GBP	Tri-party	JP Morgan	54
Deutsche Bank AG (London Branch)	Germany	Equity	Main market listing	EUR	Tri-party	JP Morgan	2
Deutsche Bank AG (London Branch)	Germany	Equity	Main market listing	JPY	Tri-party	JP Morgan	764
Goldman Sachs International	United States	NATL <sup>A</sup>	Investment grade	AUD	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	58



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Counterparty	Countries of counterparty establishment	Type	Quality	Collateral currency	Settlement and clearing	Custodian	Market value of collateral received \$'000
Goldman Sachs International	United States	NATL <sup>A</sup>	Investment grade	EUR	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	16,392
Goldman Sachs International	United States	NATL <sup>A</sup>	Investment grade	GBP	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	8,225
JP Morgan Securities PLC	United States	Equity	Main market listing	AUD	Tri-party	JP Morgan	142
JP Morgan Securities PLC	United States	Equity	Main market listing	CHF	Tri-party	JP Morgan	10
JP Morgan Securities PLC	United States	Equity	Main market listing	EUR	Tri-party	JP Morgan	292
JP Morgan Securities PLC	United States	Equity	Main market listing	GBP	Tri-party	JP Morgan	177
JP Morgan Securities PLC	United States	Equity	Main market listing	JPY	Tri-party	JP Morgan	144
JP Morgan Securities PLC	United States	Equity	Main market listing	USD	Tri-party	JP Morgan	1
Macquarie Bank Limited (UK)	United Kingdom	Equity	Main market listing	AUD	Tri-party	JP Morgan	2,370
Macquarie Bank Limited (UK)	United Kingdom	Equity	Main market listing	EUR	Tri-party	JP Morgan	4,605
Macquarie Bank Limited (UK)	United Kingdom	Equity	Main market listing	GBP	Tri-party	JP Morgan	1,575
Macquarie Bank Limited (UK)	United Kingdom	Equity	Main market listing	USD	Tri-party	JP Morgan	1,467
Macquarie Bank Limited (UK)	United Kingdom	Government bond	Investment grade	EUR	Tri-party	JP Morgan	255
Merrill Lynch International	United States	Equity	Main market listing	USD	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	1,803
Merrill Lynch International	United States	Government bond	Investment grade	USD	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	872
Morgan Stanley & Co. International plc	United States	Equity	Main market listing	GBP	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	-
Morgan Stanley & Co. International plc	United States	Government bond	Investment grade	USD	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	8,120
Morgan Stanley & Co. International plc	United States	NATL <sup>A</sup>	Investment grade	EUR	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	16,240
UBS AG (London Branch)	Switzerland	Equity	Main market listing	CHF	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	8,290
UBS AG (London Branch)	Switzerland	Equity	Main market listing	EUR	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	938
UBS AG (London Branch)	Switzerland	Equity	Main market listing	SEK	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	941
UBS AG (London Branch)	Switzerland	Equity	Main market listing	USD	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	10,188
<b>Chinese Equity</b>							
Barclays Capital Securities Limited	United Kingdom	Equity	Main market listing	CHF	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	303
Barclays Capital Securities Limited	United Kingdom	Equity	Main market listing	GBP	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	500
Barclays Capital Securities Limited	United Kingdom	Equity	Main market listing	USD	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	4,597
BNP Paribas Arbitrage (Paris)	France	Equity	Main market listing	CHF	Tri-party	JP Morgan	1,707
BNP Paribas Arbitrage (Paris)	France	Equity	Main market listing	EUR	Tri-party	JP Morgan	8,247
BNP Paribas Arbitrage (Paris)	France	Equity	Main market listing	GBP	Tri-party	JP Morgan	551
BNP Paribas Arbitrage (Paris)	France	Equity	Main market listing	JPY	Tri-party	JP Morgan	220
BNP Paribas Arbitrage (Paris)	France	Equity	Main market listing	SEK	Tri-party	JP Morgan	56
BNP Paribas Arbitrage (Paris)	France	Equity	Main market listing	USD	Tri-party	JP Morgan	288
Deutsche Bank AG (London Branch)	Germany	Equity	Main market listing	EUR	Tri-party	JP Morgan	10
Deutsche Bank AG (London Branch)	Germany	Equity	Main market listing	JPY	Tri-party	JP Morgan	1,075
JP Morgan Securities PLC	United States	Equity	Main market listing	AUD	Tri-party	JP Morgan	1
JP Morgan Securities PLC	United States	Equity	Main market listing	CHF	Tri-party	JP Morgan	7
JP Morgan Securities PLC	United States	Equity	Main market listing	EUR	Tri-party	JP Morgan	43
JP Morgan Securities PLC	United States	Equity	Main market listing	GBP	Tri-party	JP Morgan	53
JP Morgan Securities PLC	United States	Equity	Main market listing	JPY	Tri-party	JP Morgan	5

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Counterparty	Countries of counterparty establishment	Type	Quality	Collateral currency	Settlement and clearing	Custodian	Market value of collateral received \$'000
Merrill Lynch International	United States	Equity	Main market listing	USD	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	1,940
Merrill Lynch International	United States	Government bond	Investment grade	USD	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	938
<b>Eastern European Equity</b>							
HSBC Bank Plc	United Kingdom	Equity	Main market listing	DKK	Tri-party	JP Morgan	10
HSBC Bank Plc	United Kingdom	Equity	Main market listing	EUR	Tri-party	JP Morgan	245
HSBC Bank Plc	United Kingdom	Equity	Main market listing	GBP	Tri-party	JP Morgan	64
HSBC Bank Plc	United Kingdom	Government bond	Investment grade	EUR	Tri-party	JP Morgan	172
HSBC Bank Plc	United Kingdom	Government bond	Investment grade	GBP	Tri-party	JP Morgan	257
JP Morgan Securities PLC	United States	Equity	Main market listing	AUD	Tri-party	JP Morgan	79
JP Morgan Securities PLC	United States	Equity	Main market listing	EUR	Tri-party	JP Morgan	263
JP Morgan Securities PLC	United States	Equity	Main market listing	GBP	Tri-party	JP Morgan	160
JP Morgan Securities PLC	United States	Equity	Main market listing	JPY	Tri-party	JP Morgan	26
JP Morgan Securities PLC	United States	Equity	Main market listing	SEK	Tri-party	JP Morgan	19
Morgan Stanley & Co. International plc	United States	Equity	Main market listing	GBP	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	-
Morgan Stanley & Co. International plc	United States	Government bond	Investment grade	USD	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	70
Morgan Stanley & Co. International plc	United States	NATL <sup>A</sup>	Investment grade	EUR	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	140
UBS AG (London Branch)	Switzerland	Equity	Main market listing	AUD	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	8
UBS AG (London Branch)	Switzerland	Equity	Main market listing	CHF	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	17
UBS AG (London Branch)	Switzerland	Equity	Main market listing	EUR	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	5
UBS AG (London Branch)	Switzerland	Equity	Main market listing	USD	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	17
<b>Emerging Markets Corporate Bond</b>							
Credit Suisse Securities (Europe) Limited	Switzerland	Government bond	Investment grade	CAD	Tri-party	JP Morgan	16,199
Credit Suisse Securities (Europe) Limited	Switzerland	Government bond	Investment grade	EUR	Tri-party	JP Morgan	21,883
Credit Suisse Securities (Europe) Limited	Switzerland	Government bond	Investment grade	GBP	Tri-party	JP Morgan	14,716
Credit Suisse Securities (Europe) Limited	Switzerland	Government bond	Investment grade	USD	Tri-party	JP Morgan	227
<b>Emerging Markets Equity</b>							
Barclays Capital Securities Limited	United Kingdom	Equity	Main market listing	USD	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	4,428
Citigroup Global Markets Limited	United States	Equity	Main market listing	CHF	Tri-party	JP Morgan	1,224
Citigroup Global Markets Limited	United States	Equity	Main market listing	EUR	Tri-party	JP Morgan	3,541
Citigroup Global Markets Limited	United States	Equity	Main market listing	GBP	Tri-party	JP Morgan	4,450
Citigroup Global Markets Limited	United States	Equity	Main market listing	JPY	Tri-party	JP Morgan	983
Citigroup Global Markets Limited	United States	Equity	Main market listing	USD	Tri-party	JP Morgan	2,139
Citigroup Global Markets Limited	United States	Government bond	Investment grade	GBP	Tri-party	JP Morgan	436
Goldman Sachs International	United States	NATL <sup>A</sup>	Investment grade	AUD	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	58
Goldman Sachs International	United States	NATL <sup>A</sup>	Investment grade	EUR	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	4,702
Goldman Sachs International	United States	NATL <sup>A</sup>	Investment grade	GBP	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	2,380
HSBC Bank Plc	United Kingdom	Equity	Main market listing	DKK	Tri-party	JP Morgan	107

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Counterparty	Countries of counterparty establishment	Type	Quality	Collateral currency	Settlement and clearing	Custodian	Market value of collateral received \$'000
HSBC Bank Plc	United Kingdom	Equity	Main market listing	EUR	Tri-party	JP Morgan	4,858
HSBC Bank Plc	United Kingdom	Equity	Main market listing	SEK	Tri-party	JP Morgan	659
HSBC Bank Plc	United Kingdom	Government bond	Investment grade	GBP	Tri-party	JP Morgan	932
Morgan Stanley & Co. International plc	United States	Equity	Main market listing	EUR	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	-
Morgan Stanley & Co. International plc	United States	Government bond	Investment grade	USD	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	1,330
Morgan Stanley & Co. International plc	United States	NATL <sup>A</sup>	Investment grade	EUR	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	2,660
<b>Emerging Markets Infrastructure Equity</b>							
Barclays Capital Securities Limited	United Kingdom	Equity	Main market listing	GBP	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	87
Barclays Capital Securities Limited	United Kingdom	Equity	Main market listing	USD	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	885
Deutsche Bank AG (London Branch)	Germany	Equity	Main market listing	EUR	Tri-party	JP Morgan	1
Deutsche Bank AG (London Branch)	Germany	Equity	Main market listing	JPY	Tri-party	JP Morgan	97
Goldman Sachs International	United States	NATL <sup>A</sup>	Investment grade	AUD	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	58
Goldman Sachs International	United States	NATL <sup>A</sup>	Investment grade	EUR	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	2,182
Goldman Sachs International	United States	NATL <sup>A</sup>	Investment grade	GBP	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	1,120
<b>Emerging Markets Smaller Companies</b>							
Barclays Capital Securities Limited	United Kingdom	Equity	Main market listing	USD	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	5,292
Citigroup Global Markets Limited	United States	Equity	Main market listing	DKK	Tri-party	JP Morgan	141
Citigroup Global Markets Limited	United States	Equity	Main market listing	EUR	Tri-party	JP Morgan	2,312
Citigroup Global Markets Limited	United States	Equity	Main market listing	GBP	Tri-party	JP Morgan	2,604
Citigroup Global Markets Limited	United States	Equity	Main market listing	JPY	Tri-party	JP Morgan	66
Citigroup Global Markets Limited	United States	Equity	Main market listing	USD	Tri-party	JP Morgan	1,559
Citigroup Global Markets Limited	United States	Government bond	Investment grade	EUR	Tri-party	JP Morgan	793
Citigroup Global Markets Limited	United States	Government bond	Investment grade	GBP	Tri-party	JP Morgan	701
Credit Suisse Securities (Europe) Limited	Switzerland	Equity	Main market listing	AUD	Tri-party	JP Morgan	7
Credit Suisse Securities (Europe) Limited	Switzerland	Equity	Main market listing	CAD	Tri-party	JP Morgan	105
Credit Suisse Securities (Europe) Limited	Switzerland	Equity	Main market listing	DKK	Tri-party	JP Morgan	23
Credit Suisse Securities (Europe) Limited	Switzerland	Equity	Main market listing	EUR	Tri-party	JP Morgan	451
Credit Suisse Securities (Europe) Limited	Switzerland	Equity	Main market listing	JPY	Tri-party	JP Morgan	1,735
Credit Suisse Securities (Europe) Limited	Switzerland	Equity	Main market listing	SEK	Tri-party	JP Morgan	71
Credit Suisse Securities (Europe) Limited	Switzerland	Equity	Main market listing	USD	Tri-party	JP Morgan	2,957
Credit Suisse Securities (Europe) Limited	Switzerland	Government bond	Investment grade	GBP	Tri-party	JP Morgan	616
Goldman Sachs International	United States	NATL <sup>A</sup>	Investment grade	AUD	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	58
Goldman Sachs International	United States	NATL <sup>A</sup>	Investment grade	EUR	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	2,252
Goldman Sachs International	United States	NATL <sup>A</sup>	Investment grade	GBP	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	1,155
Morgan Stanley & Co. International plc	United States	Equity	Main market listing	GBP	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	-
Morgan Stanley & Co. International plc	United States	Government bond	Investment grade	USD	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	630
Morgan Stanley & Co. International plc	United States	NATL <sup>A</sup>	Investment grade	EUR	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	1,260
UBS AG (London Branch)	Switzerland	Equity	Main market listing	CHF	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	2,918

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Counterparty	Countries of counterparty establishment	Type	Quality	Collateral currency	Settlement and clearing	Custodian	Market value of collateral received \$'000
UBS AG (London Branch)	Switzerland	Equity	Main market listing	GBP	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	1,459
UBS AG (London Branch)	Switzerland	Equity	Main market listing	USD	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	3,503
<b>European Equity</b>							
Barclays Capital Securities Limited	United Kingdom	Equity	Main market listing	USD	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	2,808
Citigroup Global Markets Limited	United States	Government bond	Investment grade	EUR	Tri-party	JP Morgan	1,029
Citigroup Global Markets Limited	United States	Government bond	Investment grade	GBP	Tri-party	JP Morgan	441
UBS AG (London Branch)	Switzerland	Equity	Main market listing	CHF	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	1,824
UBS AG (London Branch)	Switzerland	Equity	Main market listing	USD	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	2,696
<b>European Equity (Ex UK)</b>							
Citigroup Global Markets Limited	United States	Government bond	Investment grade	EUR	Tri-party	JP Morgan	1,249
Citigroup Global Markets Limited	United States	Government bond	Investment grade	GBP	Tri-party	JP Morgan	536
Merrill Lynch International	United States	Equity	Main market listing	USD	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	1,537
Merrill Lynch International	United States	Government bond	Investment grade	USD	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	743
UBS AG (London Branch)	Switzerland	Equity	Main market listing	AUD	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	94
UBS AG (London Branch)	Switzerland	Equity	Main market listing	CHF	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	1,520
UBS AG (London Branch)	Switzerland	Equity	Main market listing	EUR	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	277
UBS AG (London Branch)	Switzerland	Equity	Main market listing	GBP	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	277
UBS AG (London Branch)	Switzerland	Equity	Main market listing	USD	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	829
<b>European Equity Dividend</b>							
Citigroup Global Markets Limited	United States	Government bond	Investment grade	EUR	Tri-party	JP Morgan	514
Citigroup Global Markets Limited	United States	Government bond	Investment grade	GBP	Tri-party	JP Morgan	221
<b>Frontier Markets Equity</b>							
Credit Suisse Securities (Europe) Limited	Switzerland	Equity	Main market listing	AUD	Tri-party	JP Morgan	334
Credit Suisse Securities (Europe) Limited	Switzerland	Equity	Main market listing	CAD	Tri-party	JP Morgan	115
Credit Suisse Securities (Europe) Limited	Switzerland	Equity	Main market listing	EUR	Tri-party	JP Morgan	131
Credit Suisse Securities (Europe) Limited	Switzerland	Equity	Main market listing	JPY	Tri-party	JP Morgan	1,208
Credit Suisse Securities (Europe) Limited	Switzerland	Equity	Main market listing	SEK	Tri-party	JP Morgan	283
Credit Suisse Securities (Europe) Limited	Switzerland	Equity	Main market listing	USD	Tri-party	JP Morgan	319
Credit Suisse Securities (Europe) Limited	Switzerland	Government bond	Investment grade	EUR	Tri-party	JP Morgan	5
Credit Suisse Securities (Europe) Limited	Switzerland	Government bond	Investment grade	GBP	Tri-party	JP Morgan	543
<b>German Equity</b>							
UBS AG (London Branch)	Switzerland	Equity	Main market listing	CHF	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	14
UBS AG (London Branch)	Switzerland	Equity	Main market listing	USD	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	26

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Counterparty	Countries of counterparty establishment	Type	Quality	Collateral currency	Settlement and clearing	Custodian	Market value of collateral received \$'000
<b>Japanese Equity</b>							
Barclays Capital Securities Limited	United Kingdom	Equity	Main market listing	CHF	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	3,246
Barclays Capital Securities Limited	United Kingdom	Equity	Main market listing	GBP	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	19,717
Barclays Capital Securities Limited	United Kingdom	Equity	Main market listing	USD	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	83,525
BNP Paribas Arbitrage (Paris)	France	Equity	Main market listing	EUR	Tri-party	JP Morgan	24,724
BNP Paribas Arbitrage (Paris)	France	Equity	Main market listing	JPY	Tri-party	JP Morgan	2,137
BNP Paribas Arbitrage (Paris)	France	Equity	Main market listing	USD	Tri-party	JP Morgan	5,316
Deutsche Bank AG (London Branch)	Germany	Equity	Main market listing	EUR	Tri-party	JP Morgan	74
Deutsche Bank AG (London Branch)	Germany	Equity	Main market listing	JPY	Tri-party	JP Morgan	15,568
Goldman Sachs International	United States	NATL <sup>A</sup>	Investment grade	AUD	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	58
Goldman Sachs International	United States	NATL <sup>A</sup>	Investment grade	EUR	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	156,602
Goldman Sachs International	United States	NATL <sup>A</sup>	Investment grade	GBP	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	78,330
Macquarie Bank Limited (UK)	United Kingdom	Equity	Main market listing	AUD	Tri-party	JP Morgan	17,158
Macquarie Bank Limited (UK)	United Kingdom	Equity	Main market listing	EUR	Tri-party	JP Morgan	17,574
Macquarie Bank Limited (UK)	United Kingdom	Equity	Main market listing	GBP	Tri-party	JP Morgan	36,773
Macquarie Bank Limited (UK)	United Kingdom	Equity	Main market listing	JPY	Tri-party	JP Morgan	38
Macquarie Bank Limited (UK)	United Kingdom	Equity	Main market listing	USD	Tri-party	JP Morgan	50,684
Macquarie Bank Limited (UK)	United Kingdom	Government bond	Investment grade	CAD	Tri-party	JP Morgan	1,844
Macquarie Bank Limited (UK)	United Kingdom	Government bond	Investment grade	EUR	Tri-party	JP Morgan	7,579
Macquarie Bank Limited (UK)	United Kingdom	Government bond	Investment grade	GBP	Tri-party	JP Morgan	60,330
Morgan Stanley & Co. International plc	United States	Equity	Main market listing	GBP	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	1
Morgan Stanley & Co. International plc	United States	Government bond	Investment grade	USD	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	38,569
Morgan Stanley & Co. International plc	United States	NATL <sup>A</sup>	Investment grade	EUR	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	77,140
Societe Generale (Paris)	France	Equity	Main market listing	CHF	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	2,800
Societe Generale (Paris)	France	Equity	Main market listing	EUR	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	6,517
Societe Generale (Paris)	France	Equity	Main market listing	GBP	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	5,054
Societe Generale (Paris)	France	Equity	Main market listing	USD	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	15,888
UBS AG (London Branch)	Switzerland	Equity	Main market listing	CHF	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	18,221
UBS AG (London Branch)	Switzerland	Equity	Main market listing	EUR	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	3,556
UBS AG (London Branch)	Switzerland	Equity	Main market listing	SEK	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	500
UBS AG (London Branch)	Switzerland	Equity	Main market listing	USD	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	13,571
<b>Japanese Smaller Companies</b>							
Barclays Capital Securities Limited	United Kingdom	Equity	Main market listing	USD	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	12,528
BMO Capital Markets Limited	United States	Equity	Main market listing	CHF	Tri-party	JP Morgan	86
BMO Capital Markets Limited	United States	Equity	Main market listing	EUR	Tri-party	JP Morgan	86
BMO Capital Markets Limited	United States	Equity	Main market listing	GBP	Tri-party	JP Morgan	344
BMO Capital Markets Limited	United States	Government bond	Investment grade	EUR	Tri-party	JP Morgan	338
Citigroup Global Markets Limited	United States	Equity	Main market listing	DKK	Tri-party	JP Morgan	34

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Counterparty	Countries of counterparty establishment	Type	Quality	Collateral currency	Settlement and clearing	Custodian	Market value of collateral received \$'000
Citigroup Global Markets Limited	United States	Equity	Main market listing	EUR	Tri-party	JP Morgan	262
Citigroup Global Markets Limited	United States	Equity	Main market listing	GBP	Tri-party	JP Morgan	510
Citigroup Global Markets Limited	United States	Equity	Main market listing	JPY	Tri-party	JP Morgan	143
Citigroup Global Markets Limited	United States	Equity	Main market listing	USD	Tri-party	JP Morgan	186
Citigroup Global Markets Limited	United States	Government bond	Investment grade	EUR	Tri-party	JP Morgan	55
Citigroup Global Markets Limited	United States	Government bond	Investment grade	GBP	Tri-party	JP Morgan	4
Credit Suisse Securities (Europe) Limited	Switzerland	Equity	Main market listing	AUD	Tri-party	JP Morgan	32
Credit Suisse Securities (Europe) Limited	Switzerland	Equity	Main market listing	EUR	Tri-party	JP Morgan	956
Credit Suisse Securities (Europe) Limited	Switzerland	Equity	Main market listing	GBP	Tri-party	JP Morgan	239
Credit Suisse Securities (Europe) Limited	Switzerland	Equity	Main market listing	JPY	Tri-party	JP Morgan	331
Credit Suisse Securities (Europe) Limited	Switzerland	Equity	Main market listing	SEK	Tri-party	JP Morgan	323
Credit Suisse Securities (Europe) Limited	Switzerland	Equity	Main market listing	USD	Tri-party	JP Morgan	2,202
Credit Suisse Securities (Europe) Limited	Switzerland	Government bond	Investment grade	CAD	Tri-party	JP Morgan	26
Credit Suisse Securities (Europe) Limited	Switzerland	Government bond	Investment grade	EUR	Tri-party	JP Morgan	170
Credit Suisse Securities (Europe) Limited	Switzerland	Government bond	Investment grade	GBP	Tri-party	JP Morgan	688
Deutsche Bank AG (London Branch)	Germany	Equity	Main market listing	EUR	Tri-party	JP Morgan	29
Deutsche Bank AG (London Branch)	Germany	Equity	Main market listing	JPY	Tri-party	JP Morgan	967
Morgan Stanley & Co. International plc	United States	Equity	Main market listing	GBP	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	1
Morgan Stanley & Co. International plc	United States	Government bond	Investment grade	USD	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	14,945
Morgan Stanley & Co. International plc	United States	NATL <sup>A</sup>	Investment grade	EUR	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	29,889
Societe Generale (Paris)	France	Equity	Main market listing	AUD	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	26
Societe Generale (Paris)	France	Equity	Main market listing	EUR	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	440
Societe Generale (Paris)	France	Equity	Main market listing	GBP	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	80
Societe Generale (Paris)	France	Equity	Main market listing	USD	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	319
UBS AG (London Branch)	Switzerland	Equity	Main market listing	CHF	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	328
UBS AG (London Branch)	Switzerland	Equity	Main market listing	USD	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	587
<b>Multi Asset Growth</b>							
BMO Capital Markets Limited	United States	Government bond	Investment grade	EUR	Tri-party	JP Morgan	1,050
<b>Multi Asset Income</b>							
UBS AG (London Branch)	Switzerland	Government bond	Investment grade	USD	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	-
UBS AG (London Branch)	Switzerland	NATL <sup>A</sup>	Investment grade	CAD	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	1
UBS AG (London Branch)	Switzerland	NATL <sup>A</sup>	Investment grade	SEK	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	1
UBS AG (London Branch)	Switzerland	NATL <sup>A</sup>	Investment grade	NOK	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	1
<b>North American Equity</b>							
Citigroup Global Markets Limited	United States	Equity	Main market listing	CHF	Tri-party	JP Morgan	8
Citigroup Global Markets Limited	United States	Equity	Main market listing	EUR	Tri-party	JP Morgan	1,309
Citigroup Global Markets Limited	United States	Equity	Main market listing	GBP	Tri-party	JP Morgan	605
Citigroup Global Markets Limited	United States	Equity	Main market listing	JPY	Tri-party	JP Morgan	303

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Counterparty	Countries of counterparty establishment	Type	Quality	Collateral currency	Settlement and clearing	Custodian	Market value of collateral received \$'000
Citigroup Global Markets Limited	United States	Equity	Main market listing	SEK	Tri-party	JP Morgan	300
Citigroup Global Markets Limited	United States	Equity	Main market listing	USD	Tri-party	JP Morgan	302
Citigroup Global Markets Limited	United States	Government bond	Investment grade	EUR	Tri-party	JP Morgan	220
<b>North American Smaller Companies</b>							
Citigroup Global Markets Limited	United States	Equity	Main market listing	EUR	Tri-party	JP Morgan	3,382
Citigroup Global Markets Limited	United States	Equity	Main market listing	GBP	Tri-party	JP Morgan	7,218
Citigroup Global Markets Limited	United States	Equity	Main market listing	JPY	Tri-party	JP Morgan	1,329
Citigroup Global Markets Limited	United States	Equity	Main market listing	USD	Tri-party	JP Morgan	2,751
Citigroup Global Markets Limited	United States	Government bond	Investment grade	GBP	Tri-party	JP Morgan	1,727
Deutsche Bank AG (London Branch)	Germany	Equity	Main market listing	EUR	Tri-party	JP Morgan	5
Deutsche Bank AG (London Branch)	Germany	Equity	Main market listing	JPY	Tri-party	JP Morgan	14,043
UBS AG (London Branch)	Switzerland	Equity	Main market listing	CHF	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	7,495
UBS AG (London Branch)	Switzerland	Equity	Main market listing	GBP	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	1,102
UBS AG (London Branch)	Switzerland	Equity	Main market listing	USD	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	3,302
<b>Responsible World Equity</b>							
HSBC Bank Plc	United Kingdom	Equity	Main market listing	EUR	Tri-party	JP Morgan	45
HSBC Bank Plc	United Kingdom	Equity	Main market listing	SEK	Tri-party	JP Morgan	6
HSBC Bank Plc	United Kingdom	Government bond	Investment grade	EUR	Tri-party	JP Morgan	88
HSBC Bank Plc	United Kingdom	Government bond	Investment grade	GBP	Tri-party	JP Morgan	73
<b>Russian Equity</b>							
Barclays Capital Securities Limited	United Kingdom	Equity	Main market listing	CAD	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	1
Barclays Capital Securities Limited	United Kingdom	Equity	Main market listing	GBP	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	17
Barclays Capital Securities Limited	United Kingdom	Equity	Main market listing	USD	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	198
HSBC Bank Plc	United Kingdom	Equity	Main market listing	DKK	Tri-party	JP Morgan	16
HSBC Bank Plc	United Kingdom	Equity	Main market listing	EUR	Tri-party	JP Morgan	161
HSBC Bank Plc	United Kingdom	Equity	Main market listing	GBP	Tri-party	JP Morgan	9
HSBC Bank Plc	United Kingdom	Equity	Main market listing	SEK	Tri-party	JP Morgan	17
HSBC Bank Plc	United Kingdom	Government bond	Investment grade	EUR	Tri-party	JP Morgan	11
HSBC Bank Plc	United Kingdom	Government bond	Investment grade	GBP	Tri-party	JP Morgan	110
JP Morgan Securities PLC	United States	Equity	Main market listing	AUD	Tri-party	JP Morgan	53
JP Morgan Securities PLC	United States	Equity	Main market listing	EUR	Tri-party	JP Morgan	60
JP Morgan Securities PLC	United States	Equity	Main market listing	JPY	Tri-party	JP Morgan	51
JP Morgan Securities PLC	United States	Equity	Main market listing	USD	Tri-party	JP Morgan	271
Merrill Lynch International	United States	Equity	Main market listing	USD	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	25
Merrill Lynch International	United States	Government bond	Investment grade	USD	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	7
Morgan Stanley & Co. International plc	United States	Equity	Main market listing	GBP	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	-
Morgan Stanley & Co. International plc	United States	Government bond	Investment grade	USD	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	70
Morgan Stanley & Co. International plc	United States	NATL <sup>A</sup>	Investment grade	EUR	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	140



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Counterparty	Countries of counterparty establishment	Type	Quality	Collateral currency	Settlement and clearing	Custodian	Market value of collateral received \$'000
<b>Select Emerging Markets Bond</b>							
Credit Suisse Securities (Europe) Limited	Switzerland	Government bond	Investment grade	CAD	Tri-party	JP Morgan	34,067
Credit Suisse Securities (Europe) Limited	Switzerland	Government bond	Investment grade	EUR	Tri-party	JP Morgan	33,432
Credit Suisse Securities (Europe) Limited	Switzerland	Government bond	Investment grade	GBP	Tri-party	JP Morgan	36,346
<b>Select Euro High Yield Bond</b>							
Credit Suisse Securities (Europe) Limited	Switzerland	Government bond	Investment grade	CAD	Tri-party	JP Morgan	78,516
Credit Suisse Securities (Europe) Limited	Switzerland	Government bond	Investment grade	EUR	Tri-party	JP Morgan	76,665
Credit Suisse Securities (Europe) Limited	Switzerland	Government bond	Investment grade	GBP	Tri-party	JP Morgan	38,117
Credit Suisse Securities (Europe) Limited	Switzerland	Government bond	Investment grade	USD	Tri-party	JP Morgan	37,177
<b>Technology Equity</b>							
Citigroup Global Markets Limited	United States	Equity	Main market listing	EUR	Tri-party	JP Morgan	718
Citigroup Global Markets Limited	United States	Equity	Main market listing	GBP	Tri-party	JP Morgan	768
Citigroup Global Markets Limited	United States	Equity	Main market listing	JPY	Tri-party	JP Morgan	140
Citigroup Global Markets Limited	United States	Equity	Main market listing	USD	Tri-party	JP Morgan	258
Citigroup Global Markets Limited	United States	Government bond	Investment grade	GBP	Tri-party	JP Morgan	63
<b>World Equity</b>							
Citigroup Global Markets Limited	United States	Equity	Main market listing	EUR	Tri-party	JP Morgan	4,988
Citigroup Global Markets Limited	United States	Equity	Main market listing	GBP	Tri-party	JP Morgan	2,856
Citigroup Global Markets Limited	United States	Equity	Main market listing	JPY	Tri-party	JP Morgan	486
Citigroup Global Markets Limited	United States	Equity	Main market listing	SEK	Tri-party	JP Morgan	616
Citigroup Global Markets Limited	United States	Equity	Main market listing	USD	Tri-party	JP Morgan	1,323
Citigroup Global Markets Limited	United States	Government bond	Investment grade	EUR	Tri-party	JP Morgan	1,125
Citigroup Global Markets Limited	United States	Government bond	Investment grade	GBP	Tri-party	JP Morgan	759
Nomura International PLC	Japan	Equity	Main market listing	EUR	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	1,300
Nomura International PLC	Japan	Equity	Main market listing	GBP	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	650
Nomura International PLC	Japan	Equity	Main market listing	JPY	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	325
Nomura International PLC	Japan	Equity	Main market listing	SEK	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	325
Nomura International PLC	Japan	Equity	Main market listing	USD	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	2,092
Nomura International PLC	Japan	NATL <sup>A</sup>	Investment grade	EUR	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	2,275
<b>World Government Bond</b>							
Bank of Nova Scotia	Canada	Government bond	Investment grade	CAD	Tri-party	JP Morgan	581
Bank of Nova Scotia	Canada	Government bond	Investment grade	EUR	Tri-party	JP Morgan	773
Bank of Nova Scotia	Canada	Government bond	Investment grade	GBP	Tri-party	JP Morgan	734
Bank of Nova Scotia	Canada	Government bond	Investment grade	USD	Tri-party	JP Morgan	12



# Securities Financing Transactions Disclosures (unaudited)

Counterparty	Countries of counterparty establishment	Type	Quality	Collateral currency	Settlement and clearing	Custodian	Market value of collateral received \$'000
<b>World Resources Equity</b>							
HSBC Bank Plc	United Kingdom	Equity	Main market listing	EUR	Tri-party	JP Morgan	100
HSBC Bank Plc	United Kingdom	Equity	Main market listing	GBP	Tri-party	JP Morgan	303
HSBC Bank Plc	United Kingdom	Government bond	Investment grade	EUR	Tri-party	JP Morgan	88
HSBC Bank Plc	United Kingdom	Government bond	Investment grade	GBP	Tri-party	JP Morgan	257
<b>World Smaller Companies</b>							
Citigroup Global Markets Limited	United States	Equity	Main market listing	CHF	Tri-party	JP Morgan	7
Citigroup Global Markets Limited	United States	Equity	Main market listing	EUR	Tri-party	JP Morgan	58
Citigroup Global Markets Limited	United States	Equity	Main market listing	GBP	Tri-party	JP Morgan	64
Citigroup Global Markets Limited	United States	Equity	Main market listing	JPY	Tri-party	JP Morgan	14
Citigroup Global Markets Limited	United States	Equity	Main market listing	USD	Tri-party	JP Morgan	22
Citigroup Global Markets Limited	United States	Government bond	Investment grade	GBP	Tri-party	JP Morgan	50
UBS AG (London Branch)	Switzerland	Equity	Main market listing	CHF	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	205
UBS AG (London Branch)	Switzerland	Equity	Main market listing	GBP	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	33
UBS AG (London Branch)	Switzerland	Equity	Main market listing	USD	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	114

<sup>A</sup> National Bonds of a Sovereign Nation.  
Two custodians are used to hold the collateral.

# Securities Financing Transactions Disclosures (unaudited)

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
Asia Pacific Equity	-	-	1,575	-	1,187	1,963	2,811	7,536
Asian Property Share	-	-	-	-	-	40	68	108
Asian Smaller Companies	-	-	4,999	3,121	7,392	34,796	35,836	86,144
Chinese Equity	-	-	-	-	-	938	19,603	20,541
Eastern European Equity	-	-	-	-	155	484	913	1,552
Emerging Markets Corporate Bond	-	-	-	1,643	567	50,815	-	53,025
Emerging Markets Equity	-	-	1,330	1,330	798	9,040	22,389	34,887
Emerging Markets Infrastructure Equity	-	-	-	-	213	3,147	1,070	4,430
Emerging Markets Smaller Companies	-	-	-	-	174	7,291	25,203	32,668
European Equity	-	-	-	-	-	1,470	7,328	8,798
European Equity (Ex UK)	-	-	-	-	-	2,528	4,534	7,062
European Equity Dividend	-	-	-	-	-	735	-	735
Frontier Markets Equity	-	-	-	-	-	548	2,390	2,938
German Equity	-	-	-	-	-	-	40	40
Japanese Equity	-	-	-	38,569	46,410	335,473	342,642	763,094
Japanese Smaller Companies	-	-	294	29,888	32	15,901	21,039	67,154
Multi Asset Growth	-	-	367	-	331	352	-	1,050
Multi Asset Income	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	3
North American Equity	-	-	-	-	-	221	2,826	3,047
North American Smaller Companies	-	-	-	-	-	1,727	40,627	42,354
Responsible World Equity	-	-	-	-	16	145	51	212
Russian Equity	-	-	70	7	-	261	879	1,217
Select Emerging Markets Bond	-	-	-	-	-	103,845	-	103,845
Select Euro High Yield Bond	-	-	167	-	-	230,308	-	230,475
Technology Equity	-	-	-	-	-	63	1,884	1,947
World Equity	-	-	-	-	2,275	1,884	14,961	19,120
World Government Bond	-	-	-	-	150	1,950	-	2,100
World Resources Equity	-	-	-	-	-	345	403	748
World Smaller Companies	-	-	-	-	12	38	517	567

# Securities Financing Transactions Disclosures (unaudited)

Maturity Tenor of securities on loan (remaining period to maturity)	Less than one day \$'000	One day to one week \$'000	One week to one month \$'000	One to three months \$'000	Three months to one year \$'000	Above one year \$'000	Open maturity \$'000	Total \$'000
Asia Pacific Equity	-	-	-	-	-	-	6,932	6,932
Asian Property Share	-	-	-	-	-	-	37	37
Asian Smaller Companies	-	-	-	-	-	-	79,998	79,998
Chinese Equity	-	-	-	-	-	-	18,808	18,808
Eastern European Equity	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,238	1,238
Emerging Markets Corporate Bond	-	-	-	-	-	49,941	-	49,941
Emerging Markets Equity	-	-	-	-	-	-	32,214	32,214
Emerging Markets Infrastructure Equity	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,101	4,101
Emerging Markets Smaller Companies	-	-	-	-	-	-	30,037	30,037
European Equity	-	-	-	-	-	-	6,737	6,737
European Equity (Ex UK)	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,899	4,899
Frontier Markets Equity	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,640	2,640
German Equity	-	-	-	-	-	-	37	37
Japanese Equity	-	-	-	-	-	-	715,746	715,746
Japanese Smaller Companies	-	-	-	-	-	-	62,927	62,927
Multi Asset Growth	-	-	-	-	-	-	988	988
Multi Asset Income	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	3
North American Equity	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,723	2,723
North American Smaller Companies	-	-	-	-	-	-	38,910	38,910
Responsible World Equity	-	-	-	-	-	-	191	191
Russian Equity	-	-	-	-	-	-	886	886
Select Emerging Markets Bond	-	-	-	-	-	98,803	-	98,803
Select Euro High Yield Bond	-	-	-	-	19,931	188,141	-	208,072
Technology Equity	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,795	1,795
World Equity	-	-	-	-	-	-	17,570	17,570
World Government Bond	-	-	-	-	-	1,861	-	1,861
World Resources Equity	-	-	-	-	-	-	652	652
World Smaller Companies	-	-	-	-	-	-	486	486

The Fund does not engage in any re-use of collateral.

Lending and collateral transactions are on an open basis and can be reclaimed on demand.

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## Return and cost per type of SFT for the year ended 30 September 2017

Fund	Total gross amount of securities lending income	Direct costs deducted by securities lending agent	Net amount of securities lending income	Return of the securities lending agent %	Return of the fund %
Asia Pacific Equity	103	21	82	25.00	100.00
Asian Property Share	4	1	3	25.00	100.00
Asian Smaller Companies	1,323	265	1,058	25.00	100.00
Australasian Equity <sup>A</sup>	-	-	-	25.00	100.00
China A Share Equity	70	14	56	25.00	100.00
Chinese Equity	316	63	253	25.00	100.00
Eastern European Equity	40	8	32	25.00	100.00
Emerging Markets Corporate Bond	211	42	169	25.00	100.00
Emerging Markets Equity	985	197	788	25.00	100.00
Emerging Markets Infrastructure Equity	85	17	68	25.00	100.00
Emerging Markets Smaller Companies	238	48	190	25.00	100.00
European Equity	45	9	36	25.00	100.00
European Equity (Ex UK)	69	14	55	25.00	100.00
European Equity Dividend	5	1	4	25.00	100.00
Frontier Markets Equity	119	24	95	25.00	100.00
German Equity <sup>B</sup>	-	-	-	25.00	100.00
Japanese Equity	111,063	22,213	88,850	25.00	100.00
Japanese Smaller Companies	41,463	8,293	33,170	25.00	100.00
Latin American Equity	23	5	18	25.00	100.00
Multi Asset Growth <sup>C</sup>	-	-	-	25.00	100.00
Multi Asset Income	3	1	2	25.00	100.00
North American Equity	(6)	(1)	(5)	25.00	100.00
North American Smaller Companies	755	151	604	25.00	100.00
Responsible World Equity <sup>D</sup>	1	-	1	25.00	100.00
Russian Equity	26	5	21	25.00	100.00
Select Emerging Markets Bond	1,266	253	1,013	25.00	100.00
Select Euro High Yield Bond	1,914	383	1,531	25.00	100.00
Technology Equity	26	5	21	25.00	100.00
World Equity	115	23	92	25.00	100.00
World Government Bond	5	1	4	25.00	100.00
World Resources Equity	20	4	16	25.00	100.00
World Smaller Companies <sup>E</sup>	1	-	1	25.00	100.00

The income and costs above are stated in sub fund currency.

<sup>A</sup> The unrounded gross return was AU\$131 and the direct operational costs and fees incurred for securities lending for the year to 30 September 2017 was AU\$26.

<sup>B</sup> The unrounded gross return was €578 and the direct operational costs and fees incurred for securities lending for the year to 30 September 2017 was €116.

<sup>C</sup> The unrounded gross return was €253 and the direct operational costs and fees incurred for securities lending for the year to 30 September 2017 was €51.

<sup>D</sup> The unrounded direct operational costs and fees incurred for securities lending for the year to 30 September 2017 was US\$189.

<sup>E</sup> The unrounded direct operational costs and fees incurred for securities lending for the year to 30 September 2017 was US\$179.

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Asia Pacific Equity Fund	AAM Asia
Asian Credit Bond Fund	AAM Asia and AAM Inc
Asian Local Currency Short Duration Bond Fund	AAM Asia
Asian Property Share Fund	AAM Asia
Asian Smaller Companies Fund	AAM Asia
Australasian Equity Fund	Aberdeen Asset Management Limited
Australian Dollar Income Bond Fund	Aberdeen Asset Management Limited and AAM Asia
Brazil Bond Fund	AAM Limited
Brazil Equity Fund	AAM Limited
China A Share Equity Fund	AAM Limited and AAM Asia
Chinese Equity Fund	AAM Limited and AAM Asia
Eastern European Equity Fund	AAM Limited
Emerging Markets Corporate Bond Fund	AAM Limited and AAM Asia
Emerging Markets Equity Fund	AAM Limited and AAM Asia
Emerging Markets Infrastructure Equity Fund	AAM Limited and AAM Asia
Emerging Markets Local Currency Bond Fund	AAM Limited
Emerging Markets Local Currency Corporate Bond	AAM Limited
Emerging Markets Smaller Companies Fund	AAM Limited and AAM Asia
European Equity Fund	AAM Limited
European Equity Dividend Fund	AAM Limited
European Equity (Ex UK) Fund	AAM Limited
Frontier Markets Bond Fund	AAM Limited and AAM Asia
Frontier Markets Equity Fund	AAM Limited and AAM Asia
German Equity Fund	AAM Limited
Indian Bond Fund	AAM Asia
Indian Equity Fund	AAM Asia
Japanese Equity Fund	Aberdeen Standard Investments (Japan) Limited
Japanese Smaller Companies Fund	Aberdeen Standard Investments (Japan) Limited
Latin American Equity Fund	AAM Limited
Multi Asset Growth	AAM Limited, AAM Inc and AAM Asia
Multi Asset Income Fund	AAM Limited, AAM Inc and AAM Asia

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Fund	Managed by:
Multi-Manager World Equity Fund	AAM Limited
North American Equity Fund	AAM Inc
North American Smaller Companies Fund	AAM Inc
Responsible World Equity Fund	AAM Limited
Russian Equity Fund	AAM Limited
Select Emerging Markets Bond Fund	AAM Limited
Select Emerging Markets Investment Grade Bond Fund	AAM Limited
Select Euro High Yield Bond Fund	AAM Limited
Sterling Global Credit Bond Fund	AAM Limited
Select Global Investment Grade Credit Bond Fund	AAM Limited
Smart Beta Low Volatility Global Equity Income Fund	AAM Limited
SRI Emerging Markets Equity Fund	AAM Limited and AAM Asia
Swiss Equity Fund	AAM Limited
Technology Equity Fund	AAM Limited
UK Equity Fund	AAM Limited
World Credit Bond	AAM Limited
World Equity Fund	AAM Limited
World Government Bond Fund	AAM Limited
World Resources Equity Fund	AAM Limited
World Smaller Companies Fund	AAM Limited and AAM Asia

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## **Additional information for investors in Germany**

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Applications for the subscriptions, redemptions, and conversion of shares may be sent to the German Paying and Information Agent.

All payments to investors, including redemption proceeds and potential distributions, may, upon request, be paid through the German Paying and Information Agent.

The full prospectus, Key Investor Information Documents ("KIIDs"), the Articles of Incorporation of the Company and the annual and semi-annual reports may be obtained, free of charge, at the office of the German Paying and Information Agent during normal opening hours. The statement of changes in the composition of the investment portfolio is also free of charge upon request at the office of the German Paying and Information Agent available.

Issue, redemption and conversion prices of the shares, and any other information to the shareholders, are also available from the German Paying and Information Agent.

Issue, redemption and conversion prices of the shares will also be available at [aberdeen-asset.com](http://aberdeen-asset.com) and at the offices of the Transfer Agent. Any notices to the shareholders will be published on [aberdeen-asset.de](http://aberdeen-asset.de).

In March 2013, the German government agreed new legislation that required the calculation of daily Aktiengewinn II (AGII) figures for corporate investors in addition to the Aktiengewinn I (AGI) figures that are currently produced. These have been produced daily from the 1st July 2013 for each shareclass and are released as part of the daily price file distributed by the Funds administrator BNP Paribas Luxembourg.

For the period 1 March to 28 June 2013, the German tax authorities have confirmed that the AGII figures may be retrospectively calculated due to the short-time period allowed to the Fund Industry to develop and implement the new AGII calculations. The AGII figures for this period have been calculated and can be found on the Managers website at the following address: [aberdeen-asset.de](http://aberdeen-asset.de)

## **Supplementary information for investors in Switzerland**

Conditions for shares marketed in Switzerland or from a base in Switzerland.

For shares marketed in Switzerland or from a base in Switzerland, the following is applicable in addition to the Prospectus and the Key Investor Information Documents ("KIIDs") conditions:

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### **Place of distribution for relevant documents**

The constitution documents, Prospectus, KIID's, articles of association, the annual and half-yearly reports and a schedule of purchases and sales for the Fund can be obtained free of charge from the representative's Zurich branch.

### **Publications**

- a. Required publications concerning foreign collective investments are published by the Swiss representative in the Swiss Official Gazette of Commerce and on the electronic platform of fundinfo AG Zurich ([www.fundinfo.com](http://www.fundinfo.com)).
- b. The Share issue price together with the redemption price and the Net Asset Value with indication of "commissions not included" are published when subscriptions and redemptions occur. Prices are published every working day on the electronic platform of fundinfo AG Zurich ([www.fundinfo.com](http://www.fundinfo.com)).
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## Further Information

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### **Aberdeen Global**

Aberdeen Global is an open-ended investment company incorporated with limited liability under the laws of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg and organised as a société d'investissement à capital variable (a "SICAV") with UCITS status (an Undertaking for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities as defined in the European Union Directive 2014/91/EU of 23 July 2014).

Aberdeen Global aims to provide investors with a broad international range of diversified actively-managed Funds. There are 51 active subfunds in total, each with its own specific investment objectives and individual portfolios, offering investors the opportunity of exposure to selected areas or to conveniently build a diversified global stock and bond portfolio to meet specific investment goals. The overall strategy of Aberdeen Global and the separate subfunds is to seek diversification through investment primarily in transferable securities.

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