# Aberdeen Liquidity Fund (Lux)

Interim Report and Accounts (unaudited)

For the six months ended 30 September 2017



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# Incorporation

Aberdeen Liquidity Fund (Lux) ("the Company") is a société anonyme, qualifying as an open-ended société d'investissement à capital variable (a "SICAV"). It is registered under number B167827 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:

Canadian Dollar Fund
Euro Fund
Sterling Fund
Ultra Short Duration Sterling Fund
US Dollar Fund

The full name of each Fund is constituted by the name of the Company, Aberdeen Liquidity Fund (Lux), 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 and the latest 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 period.

# **Net Asset Value History**

Fund	Base Currency	Share Class	NAV per Share 30.09.17	NAV per Share 31.03.17	NAV per Share 31.03.16	NAV per Share 31.03.15	Ongoing Charges %† as at 30.09.17
Canadian Dollar Fund	CAD	A-2	2,248.5366	2,245.6689	2,242.3481	2,239.1509	0.50
	CAD	I-2	1,140.5334	1,137.8897	1,133.8142	1,129.8249	0.29
	CAD	K-1 <sup>A</sup>	_	_	1.0000	1.0000	_
	CAD	L-1 <sup>B</sup>	1.0000	1.0000	_	_	0.10
Euro Fund	EUR	A-2	443.4067	444.3181	445.8071	446.2141	0.06
	EUR	I-2	1,214.6639	1,217.0999	1,221.0618	1,222.0546	0.05
	EUR	J-2	1,076.9007	1,079.0602	1,082.5727	1,083.4527	0.05
	EUR	J-3	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	0.05
	EUR	K-2	9.9486	9.9675	9.9983	10.0064	0.03
	EUR	Z-3	1,000.0000	1,000.0000	1,000.0000	1,000.0000	0.02
Sterling Fund	GBP	A-2	4,782.8937	4,781.0259	4,775.2046	4,770.1901	0.23
	GBP	I-2	1,147.6234	1,147.1206	1,144.0718	1,140.4806	0.22
	GBP	I-3 <sup>c</sup>	1,000.0000	_	_	_	0.20
	GBP	J-3 <sup>D</sup>	1.0000	1.0000	_	_	0.20
	GBP	K-1	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	0.15
	GBP	K-3 <sup>D</sup>	1.0000	1.0000	_	_	0.15
	GBP	L-1	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	0.10
	GBP	L-3 <sup>D</sup>	1.0000	1.0000	_	_	0.10
	GBP	Z-1	1,000.0000	1,000.0000	1,000.0000	1,000.0000	0.02
	GBP	Z-3 <sup>D</sup>	1,000.0000	1,000.0000	_	_	0.00
Ultra Short Duration Sterling Fund	GBP	J-2 <sup>D</sup>	103.4387	103.2157	_	_	0.21
	GBP	K-2 <sup>D</sup>	127.1864	126.8812	_	_	0.17
	GBP	Z-2 <sup>D</sup>	131.6888	131.2746	_	-	0.02
US Dollar Fund	USD	A-2	3,109.2211	3,092.1195	3,071.5915	3,066.8448	0.14
	USD	I-2	1,244.0391	1,237.1360	1,228.8022	1,226.7842	0.13
	USD	J-2	1,098.5840	1,092.4880	1,085.1374	1,083.3554	0.13
	USD	K-1	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	0.15
	USD	K-2	10.1614	10.1025	10.0295	10.0080	0.08
	USD	L-1	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	0.10
	USD	Z-1	1,000.0000	1,000.0000	1,000.0000	1,000.0000	0.03
	USD	Z-2	1,155.4560	1,148.4719	1,139.5866	1,136.5807	0.03

<sup>†</sup> Source: Aberdeen Asset Management. Calculated in accordance with the European Securities and Markets (ESMA) guidelines. 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.

The currency exchange rates against the USD as at the following dates were as follows:

Exchange Rates	30.09.2017	31.03.2017	31.03.2016	31.03.2015
USD - CAD	1.250650	1.333650	1.293450	1.266500
USD - EUR	0.845881	0.934973	0.877539	0.931099
USD - GBP	0.745351	0.799712	0.695749	0.673627

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>A</sup> Share class launched 26 May 2016.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>B</sup> Share class closed 11 May 2016.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>c</sup> Share class launched 20 July 2016.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>D</sup> Share class launched 15 July 2017.

# **Summary of Historic Information**

Fund	Base Currency	Net Asset Value 30.09.17 ('000)	Net Asset Value 31.03.17 ('000)	Net Asset Value 31.03.16 ('000)	Net Asset Value 31.03.15 ('000)
Canadian Dollar Fund	CAD	71,767	83,813	90,617	99,451
Euro Fund	EUR	730,006	899,795	732,708	624,608
Sterling Fund	GBP	14,815,315	15,051,458	393,698	533,726
Ultra Short Duration Sterling Fund <sup>A</sup>	GBP	4,737,853	4,620,378	_	_
US Dollar Fund	USD	1,319,261	1,475,978	1,576,305	1,525,757
Combined Total	USD	28,473,161	27,099,849	3,047,183	3,067,427

 $<sup>^{\</sup>rm A}$  First net asset value calculated on 18 July 2016.

# Aberdeen Liquidity Fund (Lux) - Combined Statements

#### **Combined Statement of Net Assets**

As at 30 September 2017

	Notes	US\$'000
Assets		
Investments in securities	2.2	22,290,533
Cash and cash equivalents		6,258,430
Interest and dividends receivable		28,725
Subscriptions receivable		1,364
Other assets		1,393
Total assets		28,580,445
Liabilities		
Payable for investments purchased		(94,882)
Taxes and expenses payable		(4,695)
Redemptions payable		(4,030)
Other liabilities		(3,677)
Total liabilities		(107,284)
Net assets at the end of the period		28,473,161

# Statement of Changes in Net Assets

For the period from 1 April 2017 to 30 September 2017

	Notes	US\$'000
Net assets at the beginning of the period		27,099,849
Exchange rate effect on opening net assets		1,899,596
Net gains from investment		49,366
Net realised losses		(331)
Net unrealised losses		(2,635)
Proceeds from shares issued		58,741,264
Payments for shares redeemed		(59,290,133)
Net equalisation received	10	186
Dividends paid	5	(24,001)
Net assets at the end of the period		28,473,161

### **Statement of Operations**

For the period from 1 April 2017 to 30 September 2017

	Notes	US\$'000
Income		
Investment income	2.3	62,284
Bank interest		2,352
Total income		64,636
Expenses		
Management fees	4.1	(13,416)
Administration fees	4.2	(1,229)
Depositary fees	4.3	(811)
Domiciliary agent, registrar, paying and		
transfer agent fees	4.4	(449)
Management Company fees	4.5	(365)
Operational expenses	4.6	(1,443)
Expense cap refunded by the Investment		
Manager	4.7	2,818
Annual tax	4.8	(375)
Total expenses		(15,270)
Net gains from investments		49,366
Realised losses on investments		(331)
Net realised losses		(331)
Decrease in unrealised depreciation on		
investments		(2,635)
Net unrealised losses		(2,635)
Net increase in assets as a result of		46 400
operations		46,400

# Canadian Dollar Fund

For the period ended 30 September 2017

#### Performance

For the period ended 30 September 2017, the value of the Canadian Dollar Fund – L Income shares increased by 0.38% compared to an increase of 0.32% for the benchmark, Bank of Canada Overnight Lending Rate Index.

Source: Aberdeen Asset Management, Lipper, BNP Paribas. Basis: Total Return, published NAV to NAV, gross of annual charges, gross income reinvested, CAD.

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 Bank of Canada (BoC) held their dovish tone entering the second quarter of 2017. This followed their decision to leave rates constant at 50 basis points (bps) during their April meeting. However, the Bank changed its forecasts in the Monetary Policy Report which were broadly hawkish. The Bank revised its outlook for Canadian real GDP growth upwards in 2017, from 2.3% to 2.5%, in line with market forecasts. BoC raised rates for the first time in seven years on the 12 July. The bank's communication around the hike focused on the persistent narrowing of the output gap, leading the market to forecast the continuation of a normalizing policy whereby a series of quarterly 25 bps rate hikes. The market's reaction to the announcement was hawkish in terms of rates and currency despite Governor Stephen Poloz's comments around future rate moves being "data dependent".

Poloz spoke in late September on the central bank's monetary policy. He argued that their policy should aim to zero the gap between output and inflation. Poloz stressed that policy should not be most concerned with the most recent inflation numbers but with forecasts of future inflation. The governor also stressed that the Bank must move cautiously and monitor how the economy, particularly the highly-levered household sector, responds to rate increases. He concluded that the Bank would "feel our way cautiously as we get closer to home" by monitoring the economy's response to hikes.

Canada reported a strong quarter of economic growth for the second quarter of 2017 with quarter-over-quarter growth of 4.5%. Results were stronger than the market expected. Growth in the first half is now a notable 4.1%, materially above the 3.4% the BoC expected in the July Monetary Policy Report. As a result, the hawkish rhetoric from the Bank left the market anticipating another 25 bps rate hike in October.

The July Labour Force survey reported a gain of 10,900 jobs (consensus: 12,500), capping the best 12-month increase so far in the recovery. With a little help from a decline in the participation rate, the unemployment rate fell 0.2% to a recent low of 6.3%. Growth in the headline average hourly wage rate was soft 1.2%, but wages are up at a 2.2% annualized rate over the last three months.

Real manufacturing sales fell 1.4% from August to September and real retail sales declined 0.2%, the first drop in six months. Real wholesale sales rose 2.1%. These key monthly indicators together point to a softer start to the third quarter compared to the first half of 2017. However, business survey data remains at a two-year high and consumers are still upbeat. But overall sentiment has cooled somewhat from the first half of the year.

#### Portfolio review

The short dated nature of this portfolio has meant it has performed well against a backdrop of seemingly abrupt changes in outlook and policy responses from the BoC. The funds interest rate exposure, measured by its weighted average maturity (WAM) has been adjusted strategically within a range of 30-60 days over the period allowing a responsive adjustment to changes in policy rate whilst adding value through allocation to longer dated assets when appropriate.

The Fund's credit exposure remains very high quality, with a particular focus on Canadian Bank and Provincial Government exposure however diversification is achieved through allocation to strong corporate, industrial and global financial institutions.

Given the small fund size, particular care is given to the provision of liquidity within the mandate. This is achieved through a healthy allocation to overnight fixed deposits and short dated Government Treasury Bills.

#### Outlook

Growth is expected to slow towards the end of this year and into next as household spending eases, but falling unemployment should soften the blow. Brisk global demand is expected to boost energy exports and prop up the external sector. An overheated property market in the face of higher interest rates presents a downside risk to the outlook.

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# Canadian Dollar Fund

#### **Statement of Net Assets**

As at 30 September 2017

	Notes	C\$'000
Assets		
Investments in securities at amortised cost	2.2	58,433
Cash and cash equivalents		13,167
Interest receivable		205
Other assets		20
Total assets		71,825
Liabilities		
Taxes and expenses payable		(54)
Other liabilities		(4)
Total liabilities		(58)
Net assets at the end of the period		71,767

# Statement of Changes in Net Assets

For the period from 1 April 2017 to 30 September 2017

	Notes	C\$'000
Net assets at the beginning of the period		83,813
Net gains from investments		109
Proceeds from shares issued		6,475
Payments for shares redeemed		(18,622)
Dividends paid	5	(8)
Net assets at the end of the period		71,767

# **Statement of Operations**

For the period from 1 April 2017 to 30 September 2017

	Notes	C\$'000
Income		
Investment income	2.3	258
Bank interest		26
Total income		284
Expenses		
Management fees	4.1	(140)
Administration fees	4.2	(6)
Depositary fees	4.3	(5)
Domiciliary agent, registrar, paying and		
transfer agent fees	4.4	(1)
Management Company fees	4.5	(1)
Operational expenses	4.6	(20)
Expense cap refunded by the Investment		
Manager	4.7	1
Annual tax	4.8	(3)
Total expenses		(175)
Net gains from investments		109
Net increase in assets as a result of		
operations		109

### **Share Transactions**

For the period from 1 April 2017 to 30 September 2017

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	A-2	I-2	L-1
Shares outstanding at the beginning of the period	32,838	6,588	2,573,028
Shares issued during the period	2,446	739	140,249
Shares redeemed during the period	(7,885)	(360)	(500,000)
Shares outstanding at the end of the period	27,399	6,967	2,213,277
Net asset value per share	2,248.5366	1,140.5334	1.0000

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

# **Canadian Dollar Fund**

# Portfolio statement

As at 30 September 2017

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Security	Coupon (%)	Maturity	Nominal/ Quantity	Market Value C\$'000	Assets %
Transferable securities and money market inst					
Bonds - 59.55%	ruments admitted to an or	ficial excitatinge tis	ting or deatt in t	or another regulate	d market
ABN AMRO Bank (EMTN)	2.7500	25/01/2018	874,000	877	1.22
Bank of Montreal (DPNT)	2.2400	11/12/2017	3,000,000	3,006	4.19
Bank of Nova Scotia (DPNT)	2.3700	11/01/2018	2,000,000	2,007	2.80
BMW Canada	2.3900	27/11/2017	1,500,000	1,503	2.09
C.I.B.C (DPNT)	2.3500	18/10/2017	2,000,000	2,001	2.79
Canadian T-Bill	_	05/10/2017	10,000,000	9,999	13.93
Honda Canada Finance	2.2750	11/12/2017	3,145,000	3,152	4.39
HSBC Bank Canada (DPNT)	3.5580	04/10/2017	3,390,000	3,391	4.72
National Bank of Canada (DPNT)	1.9510	11/12/2017	1,300,000	, 1,302	1.81
National Bank of Canada (DPNT)	FRN	14/06/2018	2,000,000	2,005	2.79
Ontario T-Bill	_	29/11/2017	3,000,000	2,997	4.18
Province of Saskatchewan T-Bill	_	08/01/2018	3,000,000	2,991	4.17
Quebec T-Bill	_	03/11/2017	3,500,000	3,497	4.87
Royal Bank of Canada (DPNT)	2.2600	12/03/2018	2,000,000	2,006	2.80
Toronto-Dominion Bank (DPNT)	2.1710	02/04/2018	2,000,000	2,006	2.80
				42,740	59.55
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Money Market Instruments - 21.87% BGL BNP Paribas	_	06/10/2017	3,500,000	3,500	4.88
C.I.B.C.	_	03/10/2017	1,500,000	1,500	2.09
DZ Privatbank	_	20/10/2017	3,700,000	3,698	5.15
Natixis		02/10/2017	3,500,000	3,500	4.88
OP Corporate Bank		20/11/2017	3,500,000	3,495	4.87
Or Corporate Bank		20/11/2017	3,300,000	15,693	21.87
				15,055	21.07
Total Transferable securities and money marke	at instruments admitted to	an official eychar	nge listing or		
dealt in on another regulated market	.t moti umento admitted to	un official excitat	ige tisting of	58,433	81.42
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Total investments				58,433	81.42
Other net assets				13,334	18.58
Total net assets				71,767	100.00

For the period ended 30 September 2017

#### Performance

For the period ended 30 September 2017, the Aberdeen Liquidity Fund (Lux) Euro Fund - J Income shares decreased by 0.18% compared with a decrease of 0.27% in the benchmark, 100% 7 day EUR LIBID.

Source: Aberdeen Asset Management, Lipper, BNP Paribas. Basis: Total Return, NAV to NAV, gross 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 politics have taken centre stage over the reporting period. Emmanuel Macron was victorious in the French elections and Angela Merkel secured another term as German chancellor. Strong economic growth is prompting the European Central Bank (ECB) to shift to a more hawkish tone towards interest rates. However, ECB officials remain wary of inflation remaining below its 2.0% target, the recent strengthening of the euro led the Bank to lower its inflation forecasts for 2018 and 2019. As such, analysts expect the ECB to lay out a tapering plan in October, which will likely start next year.

Eurozone business activity accelerated towards the end of the period, according to the most recent sector Purchasing Managers' Index.

The September reading topped most estimates, with individual results from Germany and France also coming in above expectations.

There was also robust jobs growth, while hourly labour costs rose, with Romania and Hungary registering the largest increases.

The Eurozone trade surplus narrowed as imports surged. Sentiment in the bloc is sky-high currently, reinforced by the European Commission's report that economic sentiment rose over the quarter, recording the best result since July 2007.

While the positive economic news flow has been reinforced this year by the Eurozone skirting around various political hurdles, namely 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. 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. This was amid a larger than expected surge in support for her nationalist opponents.

### Portfolio review

Negative yielding rates look set to remain in Europe for the foreseeable future with the market now pricing rate hikes into 2019. The ECB is expected to announce a plan to scale back its asset purchases next month. However, the market is speculating that a strong euro, due to the region's economic upturn, looks set to dampen inflation and threaten exports. This would result in slower stimulus tapering than previously estimated. Sourcing relatively attractive negative yielding assets has proved difficult with the current euro strength. Funding in this currency has become expensive, and subsequently a number of the Fund's strong A-1+ corporate names have reduced their outstanding or sought funding in other currencies. There has been a lack of fresh issuance in the short end of the curve with issuers preferring to lock into these negative rates for longer by issuing in longer dates. This has proved challenging with the Fund limited to investing out to 1-year. In addition, the market is trading particularly fast where stronger rated

Australian, Canadian and Swedish banks are trading in the secondary bond market. This is forcing investors to source paper further down the credit-curve in order to remain invested.

Money markets have been developing corresponding to the ECBs dovish rhetoric, with curves flattening further. Most of the residual implied risk of an early rate hike has been priced out as market expectations move towards a 'low rates for longer' view. Consequently, it is currently not worth the small pick-up in yield to extend maturities further out the curve as rate hikes are priced to such a high level. Investing shorter has meant the Fund weighted-average-maturity is lower than it was previously.

The Fund yield continues to tick lower in the current environment. But overall the Fund is still maintaining consistent top-quartile performance.

#### Outlook

Looking ahead, a very accommodative ECB combined with a healthy labour market and a stronger global backdrop should continue to support growth in Europe. The Eurozone is expected to finish the year with GDP growth of 2.1%. Any change to the current deposit rate of 0.40% will likely be an event for 2019. In European politics we anticipate a greater focus on Italy and the 2018 elections over the coming months.

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#### Statement of Net Assets

As at 30 September 2017

	Notes	€′000
Assets		
Investments in securities at amortised cost	2.2	454,895
Cash and cash equivalents		279,299
Interest receivable		3,770
Other assets		150
Total assets		738,114
Liabilities		
Payable for investments purchased		(8,017)
Taxes and expenses payable		(91)
Total liabilities		(8,108)
Net assets at the end of the period		730,006

# Statement of Changes in Net Assets

For the period from 1 April 2017 to 30 September 2017

	Notes	€′000
Net assets at the beginning of the period		899,795
Net losses from investment		(1,655)
Proceeds from shares issued		414,627
Payments for shares redeemed		(583,525)
Dividends received	5	764
Net assets at the end of the period		730,006

### **Statement of Operations**

For the period from 1 April 2017 to 30 September 2017

	Notes	€′000
Income		
Investment income	2.3	(856)
Total income		(856)
Expenses		
Management fees	4.1	(87)
Administration fees	4.2	(36)
Depositary fees	4.3	(29)
Domiciliary agent, registrar, paying and		
transfer agent fees	4.4	(2)
Operational expenses	4.6	(666)
Expense cap refunded by the Investment		
Manager	4.7	36
Annual tax	4.8	(15)
Total expenses		(799)
Net losses from investments		(1,655)
Net decrease in assets as a result of		
operations		(1,655)

### **Share Transactions**

For the period from 1 April 2017 to 30 September 2017

	A-2	I-2	J-2	J-3	K-2	Z-3
Shares outstanding at the beginning of the period	687,080	126,647	5,097	219,696,929	2,500	215,149
Shares issued during the period	142,444	8,038	_	69,500,000	-	272,903
Shares redeemed during the period	(173,255)	(39,245)	_	(183,377,872)	-	(276,301)
Shares outstanding at the end of the period	656,269	95,440	5,097	105,819,057	2,500	211,751
Net asset value per share	443.4067	1,214.6639	1,076.9007	1.0000	9.9486	1,000.0000

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

# Portfolio statement

As at 30 September 2017

					Total Net
	(21)		Nominal/	Market Value	Assets
Security	Coupon (%)	Maturity	Quantity	€′000	%
Transferable securities and money market instrume	nts admitted to an of	ficial exchange lis	ting or dealt in o	on another regulate	ed market
Bonds - 39.83%	2.6250	06/10/2017	4.000.000	4.003	٥.
ABN AMRO Bank (EMTN)	3.6250	06/10/2017	4,000,000	4,002	0.55
ABN AMRO Bank (EMTN)	FRN	05/12/2017	7,000,000	7,009	0.96
Bank of Nova Scotia (EMTN)	FRN	20/04/2018	2,000,000	2,010	0.27
Bank of Nova Scotia (REGS)	FRN	17/03/2018	1,000,000	1,004	0.14
Banque Federative du Credit Mutuel (EMTN)	1.6250	11/01/2018	7,900,000	7,943	1.09
Banque Federative du Credit Mutuel (EMTN)	FRN	19/01/2018	11,000,000	11,012	1.51
BMW Finance (EMTN)	3.6250	29/01/2018	1,350,000	1,368	0.19
BMW Finance (EMTN)	FRN	01/06/2018	300,000	300	0.04
BMW US Capital (EMTN)	FRN	20/04/2018	4,384,000	4,391	0.60
BNP Paribas (EMTN)	2.8750	27/11/2017	8,001,000	8,040	1.10
BNZ International Funding (EMTN)	1.2500	23/05/2018	800,000	808	0.11
BNZ International Funding (REGS)	3.1250	23/11/2017	10,000,000	10,048	1.38
Credit Agricole	1.8750	18/10/2017	17,400,000	17,417	2.38
Credit Agricole (EMTN)	1.7500	12/03/2018	800,000	807	0.11
Credit Suisse (EMTN)	FRN	10/11/2017	1,517,000	1,518	0.21
Credit Suisse (EMTN)	FRN	15/12/2017	10,400,000	10,411	1.43
Credit Suisse (REGS)	0.5000	29/03/2018	600,000	602	0.08
DekaBank Deutsche Girozentrale (EMTN)	FRN	01/02/2018	9,000,000	9,017	1.23
GE Capital European Funding Unlimited (EMTN)	1.6250	15/03/2018	11,255,000	11,355	1.55
GE Capital European Funding Unlimited (EMTN)	FRN	19/06/2018	5,068,000	5,084	0.70
GE Capital European Funding Unlimited (REGS)	5.3750	16/01/2018	11,294,000	11,482	1.57
GlaxoSmithKline Capital (EMTN)	5.6250	13/12/2017	12,507,000	12,655	1.73
HSBC Bank (EMTN)	3.1250	15/11/2017	7,800,000	7,833	1.07
ING Bank (EMTN)	FRN	19/02/2018	3,500,000	3,507	0.48
ING Bank (EMTN)	1.8750	27/02/2018	10,000,000	10,088	1.38
JPMorgan Chase Bank	FRN	14/06/2018	1,250,000	1,253	0.17
Lloyds Bank (EMTN)	FRN	02/02/2018	5,000,000	5,008	0.69
Motability Operations Group (EMTN)	3.7500	29/11/2017	11,121,000	11,193	1.53
National Australia Bank (GMTN)	FRN	16/01/2018	4,000,000	4,004	0.55
Nationwide Building Society (EMTN)	FRN	23/03/2018	4,000,000	4,012	0.55
Nordea Bank (EMTN)	2.2500	05/10/2017	10,700,000	10,702	1.47
Nordea Bank (EMTN)	1.3750	12/04/2018	7,500,000	7,567	1.04
Procter and Gamble	5.1250	24/10/2017	2,050,000	2,057	0.28
Rabobank Nederland	FRN	19/02/2018	10,000,000	10,019	1.37
Rabobank Nederland (GMTN)	FRN	12/10/2017	15,379,000	15,381	2.11
Santander UK (EMTN)	3.6250	05/10/2017	5,000,000	5,002	0.68
Santander UK (EMTN)	FRN	24/10/2017	9,900,000	9,902	1.36
Santander UK (EMTN)	1.7500	15/01/2018	2,010,000	2,022	0.28
Santander UK (EMTN)	FRN	12/02/2018	8,000,000	8,015	1.10
Siemens (EMTN)	5.6250	11/06/2018	10,149,000	10,564	1.45
Skandinaviska Enskilda Banken (EMTN)	4.2500	21/02/2018	1,600,000	1,628	0.22
Societe Generale (EMTN)	FRN	19/02/2018	3,200,000	3,205	0.44
Societe Generale (EMTN)	2.3750	28/02/2018	6,500,000	6,572	0.90
Societe Generale (REGS)	FRN	19/11/2017	8,000,000	8,010	1.10

					Total Net
			Nominal/	Market Value	Assets
Security	Coupon (%)	Maturity	Quantity	€′000	%
Svenska Handelsbanken (EMTN)	2.2500	14/06/2018	3,000,000	3,052	0.42
Toyota Motor Credit (EMTN)	FRN	20/07/2018	850,000	852	0.12
ubs (emtn)	6.0000	18/04/2018	1,000,000	1,034	0.14
				290,765	39.83
Money Market Instruments - 22.48%					
Bank of Tokyo – Mitsubishi UFJ	-	18/01/2018	8,000,000	8,010	1.10
Banque Federative du Credit Mutuel	_	01/02/2018	3,000,000	3,004	0.41
BMW Finance	_	30/10/2017	10,000,000	10,003	1.37
Credit Agricole	_	11/10/2017	3,000,000	3,000	0.41
Dexia Credit Local	-	13/10/2017	8,000,000	8,001	1.10
ING Bank	_	15/12/2017	4,000,000	4,003	0.55
KBC Bank	_	18/12/2017	2,500,000	2,502	0.34
KBC Bank	_	15/01/2018	8,000,000	8,009	1.10
LVMH Finance Belgique	_	18/10/2017	6,000,000	6,001	0.82
Mitsubishi UFJ Trust & Banking	_	15/11/2017	12,000,000	12,006	1.64
Nordea Bank	_	05/10/2017	5,000,000	5,000	0.68
Mizuho Bank	_	02/01/2018	8,000,000	8,008	1.10
Mizuho Bank	_	22/01/2018	8,000,000	8,009	1.10
OP Corporate Bank	_	02/10/2017	10,000,000	10,000	1.37
OP Corporate Bank	_	03/04/2018	8,000,000	8,017	1.10
Procter and Gamble	_	08/12/2017	2,000,000	2,001	0.27
Qatar National Bank	_	03/11/2017	1,000,000	1,000	0.14
Sumitomo Mitsui Banking	_	11/01/2018	10,000,000	10,011	1.37
Svenska Handelsbanken	_	05/12/2017	6,000,000	6,004	0.82
Svenska Handelsbanken	_	05/02/2018	9,000,000	9,012	1.23
The Norinchukin Bank	_	10/10/2017	8,000,000	8,001	1.10
The Norinchukin Bank	_	12/10/2017	2,000,000	2,000	0.27
The Norinchukin Bank	_	11/01/2018	7,500,000	7,509	1.03
UBS	_	01/02/2018	8,000,000	8,011	1.10
UBS	_	27/02/2018	7,000,000	7,008	0.96
				164,130	22.48
Total Transferable securities and money market	instruments admitted to	an official exchar	nge listing or		
dealt in on another regulated market				454,895	62.31
Total investments				454,895	62.3 <sup>-</sup>
Other net assets				275,111	37.69
Total net assets				730,006	100.00

For the period ended 30 September 2017

#### Performance

For the period ended 30 September 2017 the Sterling Fund – L Income shares increased by 0.15% compared to an increase of 0.06% for the benchmark, 100% 7 day GBP LIBID.

Source: Aberdeen Asset Management, Lipper, BNP Paribas. Basis: Total Return, NAV to NAV, gross 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

This period saw UK Prime Minister Theresa May call for surprise snap election on 8 June 2017, far in advance of the fixed five-year cycle that would have seen the next election in 2020. The result saw May lose her Conservative Party parliamentary majority which was a serious setback for her previously hard Brexit stance. The party has managed to build a coalition government with the Democratic Unionist Party. But, it is unlikely that this was the vision that May had for the Conservative Party. Brexit negotiations began on the 19 June with lead negotiators David Davis and Michel Barnier commencing the divorce process with a series of talks in Brussels.

Prime Minister May's speech on 22 September failed to offer sufficient clarity on the UK's desired trading relationship with the European Union (EU). Mrs May said she wanted a transition period that would see the UK accepting EU rules for two years after Brexit. This is likely to deter further investment into the UK as uncertainty heightens. As a result of this, Moody's downgraded the country's credit rating by a notch to Aa2 and changed the outlook from stable to negative, citing mounting policy challenges around the complexity of Brexit negotiations.

The Bank of England (BoE) Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) voted to keep monetary policy unchanged and the bank rate at 0.25% throughout the period. There was a voting surprise, as Michael Saunders and Ian McCafferty joined Kristin Forbes (who left the MPC on 30 June) in voting for a rise in June. Their concerns were cited to be a tighter labour market and risk of a more pronounced inflation overshoot. The minutes of the most recent meeting in September showed that attitudes had hardened and that "monetary policy may need to be tightened by a somewhat greater extent over the forecast period than current market expectations". After the publication of the minutes Mark Carney said that the "balancing act is beginning to shift" and the possibility of a rate hike "has definitely increased". Of note was Carney's comment at the previous meeting that the two hikes currently being priced by financial markets over the next three years is unlikely to be sufficient and that a tighter policy path is likely, but this appears to have been largely ignored by the market.

One of the MPC's main concerns is the recent rise in inflation, which is expected to rise above 3% in October. Figures released during September showed inflation at a five-year high, with consumer prices 2.9% higher in August compared to the same month the previous year. The figures showed that the rise in inflation came mainly from imported goods, which have become more expensive due to the fall in the value of sterling.

#### Portfolio review

Money market yields have continued to edge lower over the review period, as the outlook for rates appears lower for longer. Scarcity in issuance and a flattening yield curve have created a challenging investment environment. We have looked to maintain the overall duration of the Fund to the longer end of that permitted by the guidelines as locking levels in a falling environment has been a consistent strategy. Since the UK referendum result, and the subsequent interest rate cut, there has been a significant drop in the amount of floating-rate note issuance in the sub 13-month space and foreign issuers looking to raise cash in other currencies as a result of a weakened sterling. Therefore, our exposure to this product has effectively halved over the period in question. Relative value in the short end continues to be found in 4-6 month issuance; as a result this is where a majority of purchases on the month were focussed. We have also introduced a small proportion of floating rate certificate of deposits, helping to fill the hole left by the lack on fixed-rate-notice issuance. These have the benefit of enhanced return over straight fixed paper, with lower weighted average maturity contribution to the overall portfolio.

#### Outlook

Despite the continuing uncertainty around Brexit, the UK economy continues to prove relatively resilient, although there are cracks appearing. Incoming data has been mixed: there was a rise in the services sector Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) from 53.2 in August to 56.6. But, the manufacturing and construction PMIs released were both weaker than forecast. However, taken together the all-sector PMI was consistent with Q3 growth of around 0.3%, which is in line with the BoE's projections. This indicates that the MPC are likely to raise interest rates at the next meeting in November as planned.

Looking ahead, consumers and business investment are increasingly likely to feel the pinch of rising inflation. The economy is expected to slow in the final quarter of the year as rising inflation erodes consumers' purchasing power. Although the case for higher rates is compelling, with a resilient economy and rising inflationary pressures, an imminent rise in November is unlikely to set a trend for a steeper rate profile than what is currently priced.

Money Markets Team October 2017

#### Statement of Net Assets

As at 30 September 2017

	Notes	£'000
Assets		
Investments in securities at amortised cost	2.2	10,602,173
Cash and cash equivalents		4,212,613
Interest receivable		4,597
Other assets		625
Total assets		14,820,008
Liabilities		
Taxes and expenses payable		(2,454)
Other liabilities		(2,239)
Total liabilities		(4,693)
Net assets at the end of the period		14,815,315

# Statement of Changes in Net Assets

For the period from 1 April 2017 to 30 September 2017

	Notes	£'000
Net assets at the beginning of the period		15,051,458
Net gains from investments		15,627
Proceeds from shares issued		41,526,886
Payments for shares redeemed		(41,763,058)
Net equalisation paid	10	(3)
Dividends paid	5	(15,595)
Net assets at the end of the period		14,815,315

### **Statement of Operations**

For the period from 1 April 2017 to 30 September 2017

	Notes	£'000
Income		
Investment income	2.3	23,413
Bank interest		1,387
Total income		24,800
Expenses		
Management fees	4.1	(8,955)
Administration fees	4.2	(645)
Depositary fees	4.3	(330)
Domiciliary agent, registrar, paying and		
transfer agent fees	4.4	(245)
Management Company fees	4.5	(200)
Operational expenses	4.6	(318)
Expense cap refunded by the Investment		
Manager	4.7	1,523
Annual tax	4.8	(3)
Total expenses		(9,173)
Net gains from investments		15,627
Net increase in assets as a result of		
operations		15,627

### **Share Transactions**

For the period from 1 April 2017 to 30 September 2017

	A-2	I-2	I-3 <sup>A</sup>	J-3	K-1
Shares outstanding at the beginning of the period	16,604	4,424	_	825,949,165	5,565,000
Shares issued during the period	3,152	_	2,102,182	1,349,927,049	20,368,148
Shares redeemed during the period	(5,473)	(198)	(339,151)	(1,462,861,068)	(20,890,378)
Shares outstanding at the end of the period	14,283	4,226	1,763,031	713,015,146	5,042,770
Net asset value per share	4,782.8937	1,147.6234	1,000.0000	1.0000	1.0000
	K-3	L-1	L-3	Z-1	Z-3
Shares outstanding at the beginning of the period	6,106,627,775	148,895,722	5,378,868,374	701,710	1,799,380
Shares issued during the period	10,087,111,491	163,794,867	19,599,455,832	1,998,895	6,190,364
Shares redeemed during the period	(11,102,953,885)	(221,846,387)	(21,045,892,890)	(2,076,854)	(5,466,493)
Shares outstanding at the end of the period	5,090,785,381	90,844,202	3,932,431,316	623,751	2,523,251
Net asset value per share	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1,000.0000	1,000.0000

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

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

# Portfolio statement

As at 30 September 2017

Security	Coupon (%)	Maturity	Nominal/ Quantity	Market Value £'000	Total Net Assets %
Transferable securities and money market instrument					
Bonds - 5.46%		reat exertange in	or death in t	on another regulate	. a market
Bank of Nova Scotia (EMTN)	FRN	07/02/2018	44,000,000	43,997	0.30
Barclays Bank (EMTN)	FRN	12/02/2018	14,000,000	14,009	0.09
C.I.B.C (EMTN)	FRN	01/02/2018	44,000,000	44,000	0.30
Commonwealth Bank of Australia (EMTN)	FRN	15/12/2017	56,500,000	56,499	0.38
Commonwealth Bank of Australia (REGS)	FRN	24/01/2018	25,000,000	25,022	0.17
Export-Import Bank of Korea (EMTN)	2.0000	07/12/2017	18,308,000	18,352	0.12
Nationwide Building Society (EMTN)	FRN	27/04/2018	10,000,000	10,010	0.07
NRW Bank	0.8750	15/12/2017	29,500,000	29,525	0.20
QNB Finance (EMTN)	FRN	28/02/2018	48,500,000	48,499	0.33
Royal Bank of Canada (EMTN)	FRN	19/01/2018	46,500,000	46,500	0.31
Toyota Motor Finance (EMTN)	FRN	17/01/2018	47,000,000	47,000	0.32
United Kingdom T-Bill	-	30/10/2017	42,600,000	42,597	0.29
United Kingdom T-Bill	_	11/12/2017	186,018,000	185,957	1.26
Westpac Banking (EMTN)	FRN	19/12/2017	98,000,000	98,000	0.66
Westpac Banking (EMTN)	FRN	05/04/2018	98,500,000	98,486	0.66
westpac banking (EMTN)	FKIN	03/04/2016	96,300,000	808,453	5.46
				000,433	3.40
Money Market Instruments - 66.10%					
Abbey National Treasury Services	0.4100	31/01/2018	50,000,000	50,000	0.34
Abbey National Treasury Services	0.3500	09/02/2018	100,000,000	100,002	0.54
Abbey National Treasury Services	0.5500	13/02/2018	20,000,000	19,975	0.08
Abbey National Treasury Services	0.2900	14/02/2018	100,000,000	100,000	0.13
ABN AMRO Bank	0.2900	20/11/2017	100,000,000	99,956	0.67
ABN AMRO Bank	_	14/03/2018	50,000,000	49,929	0.34
ABN AMRO Bank	0.5300	06/08/2018	25,000,000	25,000	0.34
Abu Dhabi Commercial Bank					0.17
	_	22/11/2017	47,000,000	46,973	
Agence Centrale des Organismes de Securite Sociale	_	23/10/2017	150,000,000	149,978	1.01
Agence Centrale des Organismes de Securite Sociale	_	18/01/2018	100,000,000	99,911	0.67
Agence Centrale des Organismes de Securite Sociale	0.3000	26/01/2018	100,000,000	99,905	0.67
Bank of America	0.3800	24/10/2017	75,000,000	75,000	0.51
Bank of America	0.3500	12/12/2017	66,000,000	66,000	0.45
Bank of America	0.3400	20/12/2017	99,500,000	99,500	0.67
Bank of America	0.3700	10/01/2018	9,500,000	9,500	0.06
Bank of America	0.3800	15/03/2018	18,000,000	18,000	0.12
Bank of Tokyo – Mitsubishi UFJ	0.2000	12/10/2017	400,000,000	400,000	2.70
Banque Federative du Credit Mutuel	_	02/10/2017	50,000,000	50,000	0.34
Banque Federative du Credit Mutuel	_	01/11/2017	100,000,000	99,972	0.68
Banque Federative du Credit Mutuel	0.3300	16/01/2018	100,000,000	100,000	0.68
Banque Federative du Credit Mutuel	_	02/02/2018	100,000,000	99,892	0.67
Banque Federative du Credit Mutuel	_	06/03/2018	100,000,000	99,843	0.67
BNP Paribas Fortis	_	14/11/2017	50,000,000	49,985	0.34
BNP Paribas Fortis	_	15/11/2017	100,000,000	99,971	0.67
BNP Paribas Fortis	_	05/01/2018	100,000,000	99,890	0.67
BRED Banque Populaire	_	09/10/2017	100,000,000	99,994	0.67

			Nominal/	Market Value	Total Net Assets
Security	Coupon (%)	Maturity	Quantity	£'000	%
BRED Banque Populaire	_	16/10/2017	100,000,000	99,988	0.67
C.I.B.C	0.5000	29/03/2018	50,000,000	50,000	0.34
Credit Agricole	0.3500	06/11/2017	10,000,000	10,001	0.07
Credit Agricole	0.3300	20/11/2017	50,000,000	50,000	0.34
Credit Agricole	0.2700	01/12/2017	100,000,000	100,000	0.67
Credit Suisse	0.4000	26/10/2017	50,000,000	50,000	0.34
Credit Suisse	0.4300	27/11/2017	50,000,000	50,000	0.34
Danske Bank	0.4000	20/10/2017	45,000,000	45,000	0.30
Danske Bank	0.3400	05/03/2018	100,000,000	100,000	0.67
Danske Bank	0.3350	07/03/2018	100,000,000	100,000	0.67
Danske Bank	0.3450	14/03/2018	100,000,000	100,000	0.67
Dexia Credit Local	-	07/11/2017	69,000,000	68,972	0.47
Dexia Credit Local	_	04/12/2017	98,000,000	97,934	0.66
Dexia Credit Local	_	13/12/2017	50,000,000	49,971	0.34
DZ Bank Deutsche Zentral	_	22/11/2017	100,000,000	99,961	0.67
Erste Abwicklungsanstalt	_	31/10/2017	40,000,000	39,993	0.27
Erste Abwicklungsanstalt	_	03/11/2017	33,000,000	32,993	0.22
Erste Abwicklungsanstalt	_	13/11/2017	40,000,000	39,989	0.27
Erste Abwicklungsanstalt	_	17/01/2018	60,000,000	59,953	0.40
Erste Abwicklungsanstalt	_	18/01/2018	50,000,000	49,961	0.40
Erste Abwicklungsanstalt	_	24/01/2018	90,000,000	89,922	0.54
FMS Wertmanagement	_	12/03/2018	100,000,000	99,881	0.67
Goldman Sachs International Bank	0.7700	11/01/2018	50,000,000	50,000	0.34
ING Bank	0.7700	09/10/2017	30,000,000	30,000	0.34
ING Bank	0.3200	27/11/2017	100,000,000	100,000	0.68
ING Bank	0.5000	03/08/2018	48,000,000	48,000	0.32
KBC Bank	0.2400	03/10/2017	100,000,000	100,000	0.68
KBC Bank	0.2200	14/12/2017	100,000,000	100,000	0.68
KBC Bank	0.2400	18/12/2017	100,000,000	100,000	0.68
Korea Development Bank	_	18/10/2017	48,500,000	48,493	0.33
Landeskreditbank Baden-Wuerttemberg Foerderbank	_	21/11/2017	100,000,000	99,981	0.67
Lloyds Bank	0.7200	26/01/2018	25,000,000	25,029	0.17
Lloyds Bank	0.5600	15/06/2018	25,000,000	25,010	0.17
Mizuho Bank	0.2800	26/10/2017	50,000,000	50,000	0.34
Mizuho Bank	0.2700	15/11/2017	77,000,000	77,000	0.52
Mizuho Bank	_	20/12/2017	50,000,000	49,968	0.34
Mizuho Bank	0.3050	02/01/2018	50,000,000	50,000	0.34
National Bank of Abu Dhabi	0.3750	13/11/2017	99,500,000	99,500	0.67
National Bank of Abu Dhabi	_	21/11/2017	150,000,000	149,928	1.01
National Bank of Abu Dhabi	0.4400	07/12/2017	100,000,000	100,000	0.68
National Bank of Abu Dhabi	0.3500	11/12/2017	100,000,000	100,000	0.68
National Bank of Abu Dhabi	0.3870	09/08/2018	75,000,000	75,000	0.51
Nationwide Building Society	0.3000	05/10/2017	60,000,000	60,000	0.40
Nationwide Building Society	0.2700	20/10/2017	50,000,000	50,000	0.34
Nationwide Building Society	0.2500	22/01/2018	100,000,000	100,000	0.67
Nationwide Building Society	0.3200	19/02/2018	125,000,000	125,000	0.84
Natixis	0.3500	10/10/2017	30,000,000	30,000	0.20
Natixis	0.3100	22/11/2017	100,000,000	100,000	0.68

					Total Net
	, ,		Nominal/	Market Value	Assets
Security	Coupon (%)	Maturity	Quantity	£'000	%
Nordea Bank	0.2500	03/10/2017	100,000,000	100,000	0.67
Nordea Bank	0.2500	06/11/2017	100,000,000	100,000	0.68
Nordea Bank	0.2500	10/11/2017	100,000,000	100,000	0.67
Nordea Bank	0.2500	20/11/2017	100,000,000	100,000	0.67
Nordea Bank	-	22/01/2018	50,000,000	49,952	0.34
Nordea Bank	-	24/01/2018	50,000,000	49,950	0.34
NRW Bank	-	21/11/2017	130,000,000	129,974	0.88
OP Corporate Bank	-	23/10/2017	23,000,000	22,996	0.16
OP Corporate Bank	-	05/01/2018	29,000,000	28,970	0.20
OP Corporate Bank	-	24/01/2018	20,100,000	20,079	0.14
OP Corporate Bank	-	29/01/2018	65,000,000	64,934	0.44
OP Corporate Bank	_	31/01/2018	10,000,000	9,985	0.07
OP Corporate Bank	_	11/05/2018	20,000,000	19,939	0.13
OP Corporate Bank	_	23/07/2018	24,000,000	23,904	0.16
OP Corporate Bank	_	23/08/2018	27,000,000	26,888	0.18
Oversea Chinese Banking	_	31/10/2017	100,000,000	99,981	0.67
Oversea Chinese Banking	0.2400	03/11/2017	100,000,000	100,000	0.68
Paccar Financial Europe	_	08/12/2017	22,500,000	22,489	0.15
Rabobank International	0.3700	01/03/2018	18,000,000	18,003	0.12
Rabobank International	0.3500	11/04/2018	75,000,000	75,000	0.51
Rabobank International	-	01/06/2018	100,000,000	100,000	0.68
Rabobank International	0.3400	23/07/2018	50,000,000	50,000	0.34
Rabobank International	0.3500	08/08/2018	100,000,000	100,000	0.68
Rabobank International		12/09/2018	100,000,000	100,000	0.68
Standard Chartered Bank	0.4500	02/11/2017			0.51
Standard Chartered Bank			75,000,000	75,000	
	0.4100	01/03/2018	100,000,000	100,000	0.68
Standard Chartered Bank	0.4100	09/08/2018	75,000,000	75,000	0.51
Sumitomo Mitsui Banking	0.3050	06/10/2017	100,000,000	100,000	0.68
Sumitomo Mitsui Banking	0.3100	27/10/2017	125,000,000	125,000	0.84
Sumitomo Mitsui Banking	0.2800	22/11/2017	100,000,000	100,000	0.67
Sumitomo Mitsui Banking	0.3500	03/01/2018	50,000,000	49,999	0.34
Sumitomo Mitsui Banking	-	04/01/2018	100,000,000	99,923	0.67
Sumitomo Mitsui Banking	0.3000	12/01/2018	100,000,000	100,000	0.68
Sumitomo Mitsui Trust & Banking	0.2800	14/11/2017	100,000,000	100,000	0.67
Sumitomo Mitsui Trust & Banking	0.2800	05/12/2017	100,000,000	100,000	0.67
Sumitomo Mitsui Trust & Banking	0.3800	24/01/2018	100,000,000	100,000	0.67
Sumitomo Mitsui Trust & Banking	0.3700	29/01/2018	125,000,000	125,000	0.84
Sumitomo Mitsui Trust & Banking	0.3700	28/02/2018	41,500,000	41,500	0.28
Svenska Handelsbanken	0.2500	14/11/2017	200,000,000	200,004	1.35
Svenska Handelsbanken	0.2550	11/12/2017	100,000,000	100,005	0.68
The Norinchukin Bank	-	03/10/2017	100,000,000	99,999	0.67
Toronto-Dominion Bank	0.2200	14/12/2017	100,000,000	100,000	0.67
Toyota Finance Australia	_	10/11/2017	37,000,000	36,989	0.25
Toyota Kreditbank	_	11/12/2017	29,000,000	28,984	0.20
Toyota Kreditbank	_	12/12/2017	27,000,000	26,984	0.18
Toyota Motor Finance	_	23/10/2017	43,000,000	42,990	0.29
Toyota Motor Finance	_	30/11/2017	82,000,000	81,960	0.55
Toyota Motor Finance	_	14/12/2017	35,000,000	34,978	0.24

			Nominal/	Market Value	Total Net Assets
Security	Coupon (%)	Maturity	Quantity	£'000	%
UBS	0.3400	22/11/2017	100,000,000	100,000	0.67
UBS	_	06/12/2017	100,000,000	99,940	0.67
UBS	_	12/12/2017	100,000,000	99,934	0.67
UBS	0.4400	20/02/2018	100,000,000	100,046	0.68
UBS		21/02/2018	100,000,000	99,837	0.67
				9,793,720	66.10
Total Transferable securities and m	noney market instruments admitted to ket	an official excha	nge listing or	10,602,173	71.56
Total investments				10,602,173	71.5
Other net assets				4,213,142	28.4
Total net assets				14,815,315	100.0

For the period ended 30 September 2017

#### Performance

For the period ended 30 September, the Ultra Short Duration Sterling Fund - K Accumulation shares increased by 0.33% compared to an increase of 0.06% for the benchmark, 100% 1 Month GBP LIBID.

Source: Aberdeen Asset Management, Lipper, Basis: Total Return, NAV to NAV, gross 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

This period saw UK Prime Minister Theresa May call for surprise snap election on 8 June 2017, far in advance of the fixed five-year cycle that would have seen the next election in 2020. The result saw May lose her Conservative Party parliamentary majority which was a serious setback for her previously hard Brexit stance. The party has managed to build a coalition government with the Democratic Unionist Party. But, it is unlikely that this was the vision that May had for the Conservative Party. Brexit negotiations began on the 19 June with lead negotiators David Davis and Michel Barnier commencing the divorce process with a series of talks in Brussels.

Prime Minister May's speech on 22 September failed to offer sufficient clarity on the UK's desired trading relationship with the European Union (EU). Mrs May said she wanted a transition period that would see the UK accepting EU rules for two years after Brexit. This is likely to deter further investment into the UK as uncertainty heightens. As a result of this, Moody's downgraded the country's credit rating by a notch to Aa2 and changed the outlook from stable to negative, citing mounting policy challenges around the complexity of Brexit negotiations.

The Bank of England (BoE) Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) voted to keep monetary policy unchanged and the bank rate at 0.25% throughout the period. There was a voting surprise, as Michael Saunders and Ian McCafferty joined Kristin Forbes (who left the MPC on 30 June) in voting for a rise in June. Their concerns were cited to be a tighter labour market and risk of a more pronounced inflation overshoot. The minutes of the most recent meeting in September showed that attitudes had hardened and that "monetary policy may need to be tightened by a somewhat greater extent over the forecast period than current market expectations". After the publication of the minutes Mark Carney said that the "balancing act is beginning to shift" and the possibility of a rate hike "has definitely increased". Of note was Carney's comment at the previous meeting that the two hikes currently being priced by financial markets over the next three years are unlikely to be sufficient and that a tighter policy path is likely, but this appears to have been largely ignored by the market.

One of the MPC's main concerns is the recent rise in inflation, which is expected to rise above 3% in October. Figures released during September showed inflation at a five-year high, with consumer prices 2.9% higher in August compared to the same month the previous year. The figures showed that the rise in inflation came mainly from imported goods, which have become more expensive due to the fall in the value of sterling.

#### Portfolio review

At the start of the period under review money market yields and expectations remained low, reflecting the challenging environment facing the UK economy whilst negotiating exit terms from the European Union.

The probability for interest rate hikes had been discounted until late 2019. The Fund was positioned long of benchmark and activity had been concentrated in adding longer dated fixed rate assets to the portfolio, locking in higher yields where available. This positioning drove performance over this period as the yield curve continued to flatten and through roll-down as the assets moved towards maturity.

Heading into late summer however the economic data had failed to turn downward, surprising to the upside versus negative market expectations. This backdrop, coupled with a continued move lower in the unemployment rate saw the BoE MPC members shift perspective, focussing on potential supply side limits for UK growth and what they perceive as the potential inflationary impact of the removal of slack from an economy running at close to its "speed limit". Markets re-priced, moving expectations for a rate hike forward to end 2017. The Fund was positioned with a shorter weighted average maturity in order to benefit from any move higher in rates and, more importantly, to limit any performance impact from a steepening of the yield curve.

We remain conservatively positioned in terms of our credit exposure, being mindful of our position in the cycle and the continued push for yield which has impacted spreads. We are maintaining good liquidity levels with a strong bias to high quality credits. Our allocation to asset-backed securities assets has been reduced over the period; thereby reducing our exposure to the consumer who could face headwinds due to rising inflation and the impact of higher interest rates. The Fund's performance has been in line with expectations given the changing rate outlook and going forward we see more opportunities to add incremental performance with a steeper yield curve versus cash assets.

#### Outlook

Despite the continuing uncertainty around Brexit, the UK economy continues to prove relatively resilient, although there are cracks appearing. Incoming data has been mixed: there was a rise in the services sector Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) from 53.2 in August to 56.6. But, the manufacturing and construction PMIs released were both weaker than forecast. However, taken together the all-sector PMI was consistent with Q3 of around 0.3%, which is in line with the BoE's projections. This indicates that the MPC are likely to raise interest rates at the next meeting in November as planned.

Looking ahead, consumers and business investment are increasingly likely to feel the pinch of rising inflation. The economy is expected to slow in the final quarter of the year as rising inflation erodes consumers' purchasing power. Although the case for higher rates is compelling, with a resilient economy and rising inflationary pressures, an imminent rise in November is unlikely to set a trend for a steeper rate profile than what is currently priced.

**Money Markets Team** October 2017

#### Statement of Net Assets

As at 30 September 2017

	Notes	£'000
Assets		
Investments in securities at amortised cost	2.2	4,772,341
Interest and dividends receivable		12,884
Subscriptions receivable		1,017
Other assets		216
Total assets		4,786,458
Liabilities		
Payable for investments purchased		(45,064)
Taxes and expenses payable		(541)
Redemptions payable		(3,000)
Total liabilities		(48,605)
Net assets at the end of the period		4,737,853

# Statement of Changes in Net Assets

For the period from 1 April 2017 to 30 September 2017

	Notes	£'000
Net assets at the beginning of the period		4,620,378
Net gains from investments		16,539
Net realised losses		(247)
Net unrealised losses		(1,964)
Proceeds from shares issued		457,547
Payments for shares redeemed		(354,542)
Net equalisation received	10	142
Net assets at the end of the period		4,737,853

### **Statement of Operations**

For the period from 1 April 2017 to 30 September 2017

	Notes	£'000
Income		
Investment income	2.3	17,340
Total income		17,340
Expenses		
Management fees	4.1	(428)
Administration fees	4.2	(190)
Depositary fees	4.3	(195)
Domiciliary agent, registrar, paying and		
transfer agent fees	4.4	(71)
Management Company fees	4.5	(58)
Operational expenses	4.6	(106)
Expense cap refunded by the Investment		
Manager	4.7	484
Annual tax	4.8	(237)
Total expenses		(801)
Net gains from investments		16,539
Realised losses on investments		(247)
Net realised losses		(247)
Decrease in unrealised depreciation on		
investments		(1,964)
Net unrealised losses		(1,964)
Net increase in assets as a result of		
operations		14,328

### **Share Transactions**

For the period from 1 April 2017 to 30 September 2017

To the period from 17 ph. 2017 to 30 september 2017			
	J-2	K-2	Z-2
Shares outstanding at the beginning of the period	277,008	2,821,123	32,251,768
Shares issued during the period	262,818	2,387,083	972,755
Shares redeemed during the period	(163,942)	(451,258)	(2,136,428)
Shares outstanding at the end of the period	375,884	4,756,948	31,088,095
Net asset value per share	103.4387	127.1864	131.6888

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

# Portfolio statement

As at 30 September 2017

					Total Net
	- 4>		Nominal/	Market Value	Assets
Security	Coupon (%)	Maturity	Quantity	£'000	%
Transferable securities and money market instrumer	its admitted to an of	ficial exchange lis	iting or dealt in o	on another regulate	ed market
Bonds – 61.68%	50.1	20/44/2040	F4 400 000	F4 F00	4.00
ABN AMRO Bank (EMTN)	FRN	30/11/2018	51,400,000	51,592	1.09
Albion (REGS)	FRN	17/11/2058	18,962,925	19,068	0.40
Arkle (REGS)	FRN	17/05/2060	8,500,000	8,518	0.18
ASB Finance	FRN	01/05/2018	35,800,000	35,879	0.76
ASB Finance (EMTN)	FRN	22/05/2020	60,000,000	60,086	1.27
Australia & New Zealand Banking Group (EMTN)	FRN	11/02/2019	95,000,000	95,589	2.02
Bank of Montreal (EMTN)	FRN	03/05/2018	62,000,000	62,113	1.31
Bank of Montreal (EMTN)	FRN	20/06/2019	15,000,000	15,006	0.32
Bank of Montreal (EMTN)	FRN	20/07/2020	56,507,000	56,624	1.19
Bank of Montreal (REGS)	FRN	29/01/2018	50,000,000	50,036	1.06
Bank of Nova Scotia	FRN	14/01/2019	77,700,000	78,107	1.65
Bank of Nova Scotia (EMTN)	FRN	14/06/2019	41,500,000	41,518	0.88
Bank of Nova Scotia (REGS)	FRN	07/08/2018	48,000,000	48,104	1.01
Banque Federative du Credit Mutuel (GMTN)	FRN	07/02/2019	30,000,000	30,053	0.63
Barclays Bank (EMTN)	FRN	12/02/2018	70,000,000	70,057	1.48
Barclays Bank (EMTN)	FRN	22/05/2020	32,993,000	33,086	0.70
BG Energy Capital (EMTN)	5.1250	07/12/2017	42,862,000	43,206	0.91
BMW Finance (EMTN)	1.7500	20/11/2017	4,000,000	4,006	0.08
BMW Finance (EMTN)	FRN	18/01/2018	15,900,000	15,902	0.34
BMW International Investment (EMTN)	FRN	15/02/2019	26,900,000	26,920	0.57
BMW International Investment (EMTN)	FRN	17/07/2019	41,500,000	41,545	0.88
BNZ International Funding (GMTN)	FRN	12/01/2020	36,400,000	36,553	0.77
Brass (REGS)	FRN	16/04/2051	6,789,108	6,815	0.14
Bumper Finance (REGS)	FRN	20/11/2027	11,000,000	11,028	0.23
C.I.B.C (REGS)	FRN	15/01/2018	42,000,000	42,024	0.89
Charter Mortgage Funding (REGS)	FRN	12/06/2054	12,248,743	12,261	0.26
Commonwealth Bank of Australia (EMTN)	FRN	26/10/2018	160,000,000	160,945	3.40
Commonwealth Bank of Australia (EMTN)	2.2500	07/12/2018	13,269,000	13,492	0.28
Commonwealth Bank of Australia (REGS)			5,920,000	5,925	
	FRN 1.2500	24/01/2018			0.12 0.03
Daimler (EMTN) Danske Bank (EMTN)		01/12/2017	1,300,000	1,302	
•	FRN	04/10/2018	91,000,000	91,280	1.93
Darrowby (REGS)	FRN	20/08/2048	17,298,633	17,454	0.37
Delamare Cards (REGS)	FRN	19/04/2020	19,750,000	19,795	0.42
Deutsche Bahn Finance (EMTN)	1.3750	30/10/2017	3,290,000	3,293	0.07
Dexia Credit Local (EMTN)	1.1250	24/02/2019	5,200,000	5,220	0.11
Dexia Credit Local (EMTN)	FRN	04/04/2019	25,000,000	25,032	0.53
Driver UK Multi-Compartment	FRN	25/01/2023	7,041,522	7,046	0.15
Driver UK Multi-Compartment	FRN	25/01/2024	6,796,158	6,808	0.14
Driver UK Multi-Compartment (REGS)	FRN	25/02/2026	15,000,000	14,922	0.31
Duncan Funding	FRN	17/04/2063	19,016,526	19,151	0.40
DZ Bank (EMTN)	FRN	02/02/2019	63,000,000	63,098	1.33
E-Carat (REGS)	FRN	18/04/2023	2,330,214	2,332	0.05
E-Carat (REGS)	FRN	18/03/2024	10,107,824	10,113	0.21
Export-Import Bank of Korea (EMTN)	2.0000	07/12/2017	24,650,000	24,713	0.52

			Nominal/	Market Value	Total Net Assets
Security	Coupon (%)	Maturity	Quantity	£'000	%
Fosse (REGS)	FRN	18/10/2054	6,726,398	6,740	0.14
GE Capital UK Funding Unlimited (EMTN)	FRN	16/01/2018	50,000,000	50,045	1.06
GE Capital UK Funding Unlimited (EMTN)	6.7500	06/08/2018	17,830,000	18,717	0.39
GE Capital UK Funding Unlimited (EMTN)	2.3750	19/12/2018	4,605,000	4,688	0.10
General Electric (EMTN)	6.2500	15/12/2017	9,178,000	9,283	0.20
Globaldrive Auto Receivables UK (REGS)	FRN	20/06/2025	19,000,000	19,009	0.40
Gosforth Funding	FRN	24/07/2058	8,767,894	8,824	0.19
Gosforth Funding (REGS)	FRN	19/10/2056	13,200,000	13,278	0.28
Gosforth Funding (REGS)	FRN	16/06/2057	3,963,775	3,968	0.08
Gosforth Funding (REGS)	FRN	15/02/2058	10,758,424	10,800	0.23
Holmes (REGS)	FRN	15/10/2054	27,765,878	27,767	0.58
Holmes (REGS)	4.0090	15/10/2054	13,111,000	13,152	0.28
ING Bank (EMTN)	FRN	27/11/2017	39,824,000	39,843	0.84
Kenrick (REGS)	FRN	18/04/2049	8,085,964	8,112	0.17
Lanark	FRN	22/12/2054	21,696,487	21,742	0.46
Lanark	FRN	22/12/2069	6,750,000	6,757	0.14
Lanark (REGS)	FRN	22/12/2054	46,170,000	46,515	0.14
Lloyds Bank	FRN	16/01/2020	21,587,000	21,678	0.46
Lloyds Bank (REGS)	FRN	19/01/2018	50,000,000	50,026	1.06
Lloyds Bank (REGS)	FRN	14/01/2019	25,000,000	25,099	0.53
National Australia Bank (GMTN)	3.6250	08/11/2017	32,860,000	32,963	0.33
National Australia Bank (GMTN)	5.0230 FRN	01/03/2019	84,000,000	84,642	1.79
, ,	FRN		33,000,000		0.70
National Australia Bank (REGS) Nationwide Building Society	FRN	17/07/2020 25/04/2019	47,460,000	33,000 47,765	1.01
5	FRN	27/04/2019	16,133,000	16,149	0.34
Nationwide Building Society (EMTN)	FRN				0.34
Nationwide Building Society (EMTN)	FRN	06/06/2019 14/07/2023	40,000,000	40,049	0.84
Orbita Funding	FRN	18/10/2019	10,701,635	10,753	0.23
Penarth (REGS)			15,000,000	15,008	
Pohjola Bank (EMTN)	FRN	21/05/2018	71,167,000	71,322	1.51
Prudential (EMTN)	1.3750	19/01/2018	4,819,000	4,833	0.10
Rabobank Nederland (EMTN)	3.2500	01/11/2017	28,141,000	28,213	0.60
Royal Bank of Canada (EMTN)	FRN	09/10/2018	10,100,000	10,162	0.21
Royal Bank of Canada (REGS)	FRN	20/07/2018	20,000,000	20,048	0.42
Royal Bank of Canada (REGS)	FRN	11/03/2019	50,000,000	50,344	1.06
Santander UK	FRN	05/05/2020	24,600,000	24,694	0.52
Santander UK (REGS)	FRN	05/05/2020	25,000,000	25,091	0.53
Silver Arrow Compartment (REGS)	FRN	20/07/2023	7,500,000	7,500	0.16
Silverstone (REGS)	FRN	21/01/2070	21,227,492	21,262	0.45
Suncorp-Metway (EMTN)	FRN	06/10/2017	21,175,000	21,176	0.45
Swedbank (GMTN)	FRN	02/12/2019	90,500,000	90,780	1.92
Swedbank (REGS)	1.6250	15/04/2019	6,009,000	6,071	0.13
Swedbank Hypotek (EMTN)	FRN	29/10/2018	30,000,000	30,131	0.64
Swedbank Hypotek (REGS)	FRN	02/04/2018	39,000,000	39,034	0.82
Toronto-Dominion Bank (REGS)	FRN	19/01/2018	115,170,000	115,267	2.43
Total Capital (EMTN)	3.8750	14/12/2018	3,077,000	3,189	0.07
Turbo Finance (REGS)	FRN	20/08/2021	520,301	521	0.01
Turbo Finance (REGS)	FRN	20/06/2023	19,561,910	19,615	0.41
UBS (EMTN)	6.6250	11/04/2018	24,072,000	24,823	0.52

					Total Net
	6 (0.1)		Nominal/	Market Value	Assets
Security	Coupon (%)	Maturity	Quantity	£'000	%
Westpac Banking	FRN	28/11/2017	90,000,000	90,060	1.90
Westpac Securities (EMTN)	FRN	03/10/2017	44,100,000	44,100 <b>2,922,225</b>	0.93 <b>61.68</b>
Money Market Instruments – 35.91%					
ABN AMRO Bank	-	24/11/2017	58,000,000	57,979	1.22
Abu Dhabi Commercial Bank	-	23/10/2017	20,000,000	19,998	0.42
Abu Dhabi Commercial Bank	-	26/02/2018	40,000,000	39,934	0.84
Bank of Tokyo – Mitsubishi UFJ	0.7500	13/10/2017	50,000,000	50,011	1.06
Bank of Tokyo – Mitsubishi UFJ	0.7650	24/10/2017	49,500,000	49,520	1.04
Bank of Tokyo – Mitsubishi UFJ	0.5200	05/07/2018	50,000,000	50,007	1.06
Banque Federative du Credit Mutuel	0.6300	03/04/2018	49,000,000	49,037	1.03
Banque Federative du Credit Mutuel	-	08/06/2018	60,000,000	59,776	1.26
BGL BNP Paribas	-	27/07/2018	40,000,000	39,799	0.84
BNP Paribas	0.6300	18/12/2017	25,000,000	25,018	0.53
BNP Paribas Fortis	-	29/03/2018	75,000,000	74,828	1.58
BPCE	-	25/05/2018	70,000,000	69,738	1.47
C.I.B.C	0.5000	29/03/2018	50,000,000	50,001	1.06
Credit Agricole	0.5300	03/07/2018	50,000,000	50,028	1.06
Credit Suisse	0.5200	09/08/2018	40,000,000	39,937	0.84
Goldman Sachs International Bank	0.5350	23/03/2018	35,000,000	35,007	0.74
Goldman Sachs International Bank	0.8550	11/05/2018	49,000,000	49,081	1.04
Goldman Sachs International Bank	0.7850	30/05/2018	54,500,000	54,565	1.15
Korea Development Bank	-	03/07/2018	30,000,000	29,871	0.63
Korea Development Bank	-	05/07/2018	18,000,000	17,922	0.38
National Bank of Abu Dhabi	0.7100	25/10/2017	50,000,000	50,017	1.06
National Bank of Abu Dhabi	-	05/01/2018	45,000,000	44,958	0.95
National Bank of Abu Dhabi	0.7200	02/02/2018	54,000,000	54,057	1.14
National Bank of Abu Dhabi	0.6500	27/04/2018	45,000,000	45,020	0.95
Natixis	0.6100	09/03/2018	50,000,000	49,903	1.05
Natixis	0.5900	31/07/2018	30,000,000	29,831	0.63
Qatar National Bank	-	05/04/2018	34,000,000	33,860	0.71
Qatar National Bank	-	12/04/2018	50,000,000	49,784	1.05
Qatar National Bank	-	10/05/2018	50,000,000	49,741	1.05
Societe Generale	0.7400	31/01/2018	60,000,000	60,067	1.27
Societe Generale	0.6100	20/04/2018	27,000,000	27,008	0.57
Standard Chartered Bank	0.2600	21/03/2018	65,000,000	65,000	1.37
Standard Chartered Bank	0.5000	29/05/2018	50,000,000	49,997	1.06
Sumitomo Mitsui Banking	0.3700	01/02/2018	35,000,000	34,999	0.74
Sumitomo Mitsui Trust & Banking	0.3700	28/02/2018	20,000,000	19,998	0.42
UBS	0.6200	12/03/2018	40,000,000	40,043	0.84
UBS	0.5100	28/08/2018	35,000,000	34,976	0.74
Wells Fargo Bank	0.7000	31/10/2017	50,000,000	50,025	1.06
				1,701,341	35.91

			Nominal/	Market Value	Total Net Assets
Security	Coupon (%)	Maturity	Quantity	£'000	%
Collective Investment Schemes - 3.14%					
Aberdeen Liquidity Fund (Lux) - Sterling Fund Z-3 <sup>†</sup>	-		148,775	148,775	3.14
Total Transferable securities and money market instrun	nents admitted to a	n official exchang	ge listing or		
dealt in on another regulated market	nerts darmeted to d	Trometat exertang	50 11361118 01	4,772,341	100.73
Total investments				4,772,341	100.73
Other net assets				(34,488)	(0.73)
Total Net Assets				4,737,853	100.00

 $<sup>^{\</sup>scriptscriptstyle\dagger}$  Managed by subsidiaries of Aberdeen Asset Management PLC.

For the period ended 30 September 2017

#### Performance

For the period ended 30 September 2017, the US Dollar Fund – L Income shares increased by 0.62% compared to an increase of 0.50% for the benchmark, 100% 7 day USD LIBID.

Source: Aberdeen Asset Management, Lipper, BNP Paribas. Basis: Total Return, NAV to NAV, gross of annual charges, gross income reinvested, USD.

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#### Market review

President Donald Trump continued to hit the headlines amid growing concerns around him and his team's ability to execute many of the pre-election promises. Nonetheless, the House of Representatives and the Senate both approved a \$1.17trillion spending bill to fund the US government until the end of September. The American Health Care Act was passed by the House – albeit by a very narrow margin – while Trump's team unveiled an outline of its tax reform plans. This included reducing seven income tax brackets down to three (10%, 25% and 35%), cutting the corporate tax rate to 15%, a "territorial tax", and a one-time tax rate of 10% on US company profits repatriated to the US.

The Federal Reserve's Open Market Committee (FOMC) went ahead with its third interest rate hike in as many quarters in June. Softer-than-expected inflation readings didn't put the committee off, and it took the US Federal Reserve (Fed) funds rate to between 1.00-1.25%. The decision was widely expected, although the accompanying hawkish tone came as a surprise given the inflation readings.

The effects of Hurricanes Harvey and Irma dented economic activity marginally during the reporting period. Growth is expected to rebound however, as rebuilding efforts intensify and economic data continue to point to strong household spending and business investment. In monetary policy news, the Fed decided to maintain the target range for the federal funds rate at 1% to 1.25% at its September meeting. This was widely expected by markets. Committee members also announced the unwinding of its US\$4.5 trillion balance sheet in October, the details of which were in line with previous communications. Fed Chair Janet Yellen struck a relatively hawkish tone despite stubbornly low inflation. This weakness in headline and core inflation was acknowledged, although Yellen stated that the bank expects inflation to receive a boost from higher gasoline prices.

Towards the end of the reporting period multiple attempts to amend the Senate bill to repeal and replace Obamacare collapsed. A panic bill to simply repeal without replacing was also ruled out as moderate Republicans deemed it irresponsible. While financial markets are more concerned with tax reform (as it has greater scope to affect the economy at a macroeconomic level) the Republican party's inability to enact one of their signature policies casts further doubt over Trump's ability to deliver his legislative agenda, although it seems more likely that the party will be able coalesce around a tax cut proposal.

#### Portfolio review

The US dollar Libor curve has steadily increased over the period as the FOMC was clear to signpost the direction and steady pace for rate increases. Investment within the Fund was focused on targeted maturity dates around FOMC meeting dates to transition the weighted average maturity (WAM) in line with our expectation for moves higher in the Fed funds rate. The Fund was positioned at the lower end of its 30 to 60 day WAM range heading into the June FOMC meeting before being lengthened over the summer months in order to capture higher yields. At the close of the period the portfolio was again being shortened in line with expectations for a potential further rate hike toward the end of 2017, despite some recent weakness in US inflation data. Short and medium maturity money market instruments (commercial paper and certificates of deposit) provided the best value to implement this strategy as they better reflected market pricing for potential monetary policy changes than short dated bonds (a reversal from trends seen in previous months).

A strategic allocation was made during the period to high quality bank and government agency variable rate coupon instruments. These benefitted the Fund through both spread tightening and carry over Libor rates during the period. We remain conservatively positioned in terms of the fund's credit exposure to limit the impact of any potential volatility and maintain a strong liquidity position.

#### Outlook

There are some near-term challenges but the outlook for the US economy remains healthy. US GDP is forecast to finish 2017 at 2.2%, up from 1.5% last year. The pace of expansion should pick up to 2.4% in 2018, on the back of a modest fiscal stimulus. The growth in employment is slowing gently, with the 12-month moving average of non-farm payroll gains hovering just below 180,000 jobs. This is putting downward pressure on both the unemployment and underemployment rates, which should support a very gradual strengthening in wage growth. However, core inflation, which is stripping out volatile components such as food and fuel, is likely to continue undershooting the Fed's 2% target.

Money Markets Team October 2017

#### **Statement of Net Assets**

As at 30 September 2017

	Notes	US\$'000
Assets		
Investments in securities at amortised cost	2.2	1,078,821
Cash and cash equivalents		265,863
Interest receivable		651
Other assets		71
Total assets		1,345,406
Liabilities		
Payable for investments purchased		(24,944)
Taxes and expenses payable		(526)
Redemptions payable		(5)
Other liabilities		(670)
Total liabilities		(26,145)
Net assets at the end of the period		1,319,261

# Statement of Changes in Net Assets

For the period from 1 April 2017 to 30 September 2017

	Notes	US\$'000
Net assets at the beginning of the period		1,475,978
Net gains from investments		8,080
Proceeds from shares issued		1,917,510
Payments for shares redeemed		(2,078,332)
Dividends paid	5	(3,975)
Net assets at the end of the period		1,319,261

# **Statement of Operations**

For the period from 1 April 2017 to 30 September 2017

	Notes	US\$'000
Income		
Investment income	2.3	8,414
Bank interest		470
Total income		8,884
Expenses		
Management fees	4.1	(613)
Administration fees	4.2	(61)
Depositary fees	4.3	(68)
Domiciliary agent, registrar, paying and		
transfer agent fees	4.4	(22)
Management Company fees	4.5	(18)
Operational expenses	4.6	(71)
Expense cap refunded by the Investment		
Manager	4.7	82
Annual tax	4.8	(33)
Total expenses		(804)
Net gains from investments		8,080
Net increase in assets as a result of		
operations		8,080

#### **Share Transactions**

For the period from 1 April 2017 to 30 September 2017

Tot the period from TApril 2017 to 30 September 2017				
	A-2	I-2	J-2	K-1
Shares outstanding at the beginning of the period	224,839	43,811	13,639	71,036
Shares issued during the period	36,429	56,485	23,332	380
Shares redeemed during the period	(57,402)	(68,111)	(23,332)	_
Shares outstanding at the end of the period	203,866	32,185	13,639	71,416
Net asset value per share	3,109.2211	1,244.0391	1,098.5840	1.0000
	K-2	L-1	Z-1	Z-2
Shares outstanding at the beginning of the period	1,708,059	564,742,989	129,044	467
Shares issued during the period	735,617	680,806,074	1,019,295	1,303
Shares redeemed during the period	(1,368,537)	(776,880,497)	(999,616)	(51)
Shares outstanding at the end of the period	1,075,139	468,668,566	148,723	1,719
Net asset value per share	10.1614	1.0000	1,000.0000	1,155.4560

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

# 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 add					
Bonds – 18.21%		relat exeriange tis	enig or deate in t	on another regulate	.c mance
Asian Development Bank (GMTN)	1.2544	18/06/2018	10,000,000	10,001	0.76
Australia & New Zealand Banking Group (GMTN)	1.5000	16/01/2018	4,200,000	4,200	0.32
Bank Nederlandse Gemeenten (REGS)	FRN	15/05/2018	800,000	801	0.06
Bank of Tokyo – Mitsubishi UFJ (REGS)	FRN	05/03/2018	13,050,000	13,068	0.99
Credit Agricole Corporate and Investment Bank	FRN	05/10/2017	4,900,000	4,900	0.37
Dexia Credit Local	FRN	09/02/2018	15,000,000	15,006	1.14
Dexia Credit Local	FRN	04/04/2018	25,000,000	25,003	1.89
Dexia Credit Local	FRN	05/06/2018	2,370,000	2,371	0.18
Dexia Credit Local (REGS)	FRN	23/03/2018	3,500,000	3,507	0.26
FMS Wertmanagement (REGS)	FRN	18/05/2018	14,000,000	14,009	1.06
ING Bank (REGS)	FRN	17/08/2018	6,938,000	6,975	0.53
Landeskreditbank Baden-Wuerttemberg Foerderbank (EMTN)	FRN	05/10/2017	2,500,000	2,500	0.19
Mizuho Bank	FRN	23/10/2017	5,000,000	5,000	0.13
Mizuho Bank	FRN	24/10/2017	10,000,000	10,001	0.76
Mizuho Bank	FRN	01/12/2017	15,000,000	15,003	1.14
Mizuho Bank (REGS)	FRN	26/03/2018	3,000,000	3,008	0.23
Nederlandse Waterschapsbank (REGS)	FRN	13/10/2017	3,000,000	3,000	0.23
NRW Bank (REGS)	FRN	16/10/2017	5,280,000	5,281	0.40
Oversea Chinese Banking	FRN	19/10/2017	11,700,000	11,700	0.40
Royal Bank of Canada (GMTN)	FRN	30/07/2018	5,000,000	5,018	0.38
Statoil	FRN	09/11/2017	21,270,000	21,274	1.61
Svenska Handelsbanken	FRN	08/12/2017	15,000,000	15,000	1.14
The Norinchukin Bank	FRN	31/10/2017	15,000,000	15,000	1.14
	FRN	06/04/2018	1,350,000	1,353	0.10
Toyota Motor Credit Toyota Motor Credit	FRN	17/05/2018	2,100,000	2,100	0.10
Toyota Motor Credit (MTN)	FRN	13/07/2018	1,475,000	1,480	0.10
	FRN		5,450,000		
Westpag Banking	FRN	22/01/2018 01/12/2017		5,462	0.41 1.23
Westpac Banking	FRN		16,272,000	16,280 1,953	
Westpac Banking (REGS)	FKIN	16/07/2018	1,950,000	240,254	0.15 <b>18.21</b>
				240,234	10.21
Money Market Instruments - 63.56%					
ABN AMRO Bank	_	10/10/2017	14,000,000	13,996	1.06
ABN AMRO Bank	_	01/12/2017	17,000,000	16,960	1.29
Agence Centrale Des Organismes De Securite Sociale	_	10/10/2017	42,500,000	42,488	3.22
Alliander	_	20/10/2017	20,000,000	19,987	1.51
Bank of Montreal	_	07/11/2017	8,500,000	8,489	0.64
BNP Paribas Fortis	_	19/10/2017	15,000,000	14,990	1.14
BRED Banque Populaire	_	03/10/2017	25,000,000	24,999	1.89
BRED Banque Populaire		03/10/2017	25,000,000	24,944	1.89
Caisse des Depots et Consignations	_	04/12/2017	14,000,000	13,970	1.09
Commonwealth Bank of Australia	1.4044	15/08/2018	10,000,000	10,000	0.76
Credit Suisse	1.4100	27/10/2017	14,000,000	14,000	1.06
DBS Bank	1.4100	05/10/2017	20,000,000	19,998	1.52

			Nominal/	Market Value	Total Net Assets
Security	Coupon (%)	Maturity	Quantity	US\$'000	%
DekaBank Deutsche Girozentrale	-	24/10/2017	15,000,000	14,987	1.14
DekaBank Deutsche Girozentrale	_	27/10/2017	13,500,000	13,487	1.02
DekaBank Deutsche Girozentrale	_	30/10/2017	15,000,000	14,984	1.14
DekaBank Deutsche Girozentrale	-	24/11/2017	8,500,000	8,482	0.64
DekaBank Deutsche Girozentrale	_	08/12/2017	10,000,000	9,975	0.76
Dexia Credit Local	1.6456	22/11/2017	6,000,000	6,003	0.45
DZ Privatbank	-	11/10/2017	20,000,000	19,993	1.51
DZ Privatbank	-	21/12/2017	14,000,000	13,956	1.06
Erste Abwicklungsanstalt	-	16/10/2017	27,000,000	26,987	2.05
Erste Abwicklungsanstalt	_	01/12/2017	15,000,000	14,968	1.13
KBC Bank	-	22/11/2017	24,000,000	23,953	1.82
KBC Bank	_	24/11/2017	15,000,000	14,969	1.13
Kiwibank	_	30/11/2017	10,500,000	10,476	0.79
Kommuninvest	_	18/12/2017	38,500,000	38,394	2.91
La Banque Postale	_	06/10/2017	15,000,000	14,998	1.14
La Banque Postale	_	17/10/2017	15,000,000	14,991	1.14
La Banque Postale	_	22/11/2017	17,000,000	16,966	1.29
Landeskreditbank Baden-Wuerttemberg Foerderbank	_	10/10/2017	25,000,000	24,993	1.89
LVMH Finance Belgique	_	30/10/2017	10,000,000	9,990	0.76
Mitsubishi UFJ Trust & Banking	1.4144	15/03/2018	10,000,000	10,000	0.76
Nederlandse Waterschapsbank	_	03/10/2017	13,000,000	13,000	0.98
Oesterreichische Kontrollbank	_	22/11/2017	7,000,000	6,988	0.53
OP Corporate Bank	_	18/12/2017	12,500,000	12,463	0.94
OP Corporate Bank	_	21/12/2017	19,000,000	18,941	1.44
OP Corporate Bank	_	03/01/2018	9,500,000	9,463	0.72
OP Corporate Bank	_	11/01/2018	4,000,000	3,983	0.30
OP Corporate Bank	_	31/01/2018	15,000,000	14,922	1.13
Oversea Chinese Banking	_	10/10/2017	13,000,000	12,996	0.98
Oversea Chinese Banking	_	06/10/2017	14,000,000	13,998	1.06
Oversea Chinese Banking	_	11/12/2017	4,000,000	3,990	0.30
Qatar National Bank	_	06/10/2017	15,000,000	14,998	1.14
Schlumberger Finance	_	22/12/2017	12,000,000	11,964	0.91
Sumitomo Mitsui Banking	1.4350	29/03/2018	10,000,000	10,000	0.76
Sumitomo Mitsui Trust & Banking	1.3800	14/12/2017	19,500,000	19,500	1.48
The Korea Development Bank	_	10/10/2017	12,500,000	12,496	0.95
The Norinchukin Bank	1.4161	20/02/2018	14,000,000	14,000	1.06
Toronto-Dominion Bank	_	06/10/2017	10,000,000	9,999	0.76
UBS	_	07/06/2018	15,000,000	14,835	1.12
Unilever	_	19/10/2017	16,000,000	15,990	1.21
Zurich Holding Company of America	_	10/10/2017	20,000,000	19,994	1.52
Zurich Holding Company of America	_	22/12/2017	11,000,000	10,967	0.83
Zurich Holding Company of America	_	08/01/2018	24,800,000	24,707	1.87
			,,	838,567	63.56
Total Transferable securities and money market instrun	nents admitted to	an official exchar	ge listing or	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	
dealt in on another regulated market				1,078,821	81.77
Total investments				1,078,821	81.77
Other net assets				240,440	18.23
Total net assets				1,319,261	100.00

#### 1 PRESENTATION OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### 1.1 Genera

Aberdeen Liquidity Fund (Lux) ("the Company") was incorporated under the laws of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg on 19 March 2012 as a société anonyme and qualifies as an open-ended société d'investissement a capital variable (a "SICAV") with UCITS status (an Undertaking for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities as defined in the European Union Directive 2009/65/EC of 13 July 2009, as amended). Prior to 1 April 2012 the Company was established as a mutual investment fund (a "fonds commun de placement") on 15 May 1991. The Company comprises various classes of shares, each relating to a separate portfolio (a "Fund") consisting of securities, money market instruments, mutual funds, cash and other sundry assets and liabilities.

The Company is authorised as a UCITS under part I of the law dated 17 December 2010 on undertakings for collective investment, as amended.

The following Funds are intended to be managed as Short Term Money Market Funds, as defined by the ESMA guidelines (CESR/10-049), as amended:

Canadian Dollar Fund

Euro Fund

Sterling Fund

US Dollar Fund

The Company aims to provide investors with a broad range of diversified actively-managed Funds which, through their specific investment objectives and individual portfolios, offer investors the opportunity of exposure to selected short-term investment and/ or money market strategies.

#### 1.2 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 statements of the Company are expressed in US dollars ("USD").

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the format prescribed by the Luxembourg authorities for Luxembourg investment companies.

As the financial statements include certain accounting entries relating to the period ended 30 September 2017, the Net Asset Values shown throughout the report may differ from those advertised on 30 September 2017 for dealing in these Funds.

The combined statements were calculated on the basis of aggregation of individual Fund statements with no elimination of cross-investments, if any. As at 30 September 2017, the value of cross-investments was USD 199,604,140 representing 0.70% of the combined net assets.

### 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 valuation price of an investment is progressively adjusted to the redemption price, based on the net acquisition price and keeping the resultant yield to maturity constant (linear amortised cost basis).

Comparisons between the linear amortised cost and market prices are reviewed weekly. In the event of a significant change in market conditions, the basis for the valuation of different investments is adjusted based on the new market yields.

If a valuation in accordance with the above rules is rendered impossible or incorrect due to special or changed circumstances, the Board of Directors is entitled to use other generally recognised valuation principles in order to value the Fund's assets. This means that, under such circumstances, the following valuation methods apply as regards the Ultra Short Duration Sterling Fund:

Liquid assets and money market instruments are valued at market value plus any accrued interest or on an amortised cost basis as determined by the Board of Directors. Valuation on a linear amortised cost basis is used for liquid assets and money market instruments that have a residual maturity date of less or equal to 397 days until the legal redemption date. All other assets are valued in the same manner to the extent this is established market practice.

Shares or units of underlying open-ended Undertakings for Collective Investment (UCIs) are valued at their last determined and available Net Asset Value.

Security Acronyms:

DPNT Deposit Note GMTN Global Medium Term Note

EMTN Euro Medium Term Note MTN Medium Term Note

FRN Floating Rate Note REGS not registered under the US Securities Act

#### 2.3 Investment income

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

Dividends are recognised on the date on which the shares concerned are quoted ex-dividend.

Dividend and interest income are stated net of irrecoverable withholding taxes, if any.

Due to the negative interest rate environment in Europe, the net yield on the Euro Fund may be negative.

#### 2.4 Foreign exchange

The cost of investments, income and expenses in currencies other than the Fund's relevant reporting currency have been recorded at the rate of exchange ruling at the time of the transaction. The 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.

Realised gains and losses for investments valued at amortised costs are recorded under "Investment income" in the Statement of Operations.

In respect of the Ultra Short Duration Sterling Fund, due to the differing valuation method, realised and unrealised gains and losses are recorded separately.

### 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' or '3' are Distribution shares and Classes suffixed with a '2' are Accumulation shares. Please refer to the prospectus for further details. For a list of current live share classes please visit aberdeen-asset.com.

### 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 all shares classes.

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 a Group 2 share.

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.co.uk).

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

Shares in one Fund may be exchanged or switched into shares of a different class in the same Fund, subject to the qualifications for investment being met, on any dealing day for the relevant Fund. Shares in the same class may not be switched between accumulation and income shares or between accumulation and flexible income shares. Shares in income share classes may be switched to flexible income shares within the same class, but flexible income shares may not be switched to income share classes. Investors may switch either a specific number of shares or shares of a specified value.

Investors in any Fund of the Company may not exchange their shares for shares of the same or another class in any other Fund of the Company.

Any exchange of shares is subject to meeting the relevant share class qualifications and to the limitations and charges described in the prospectus.

For full details on switching contact the Global Distributor, UK Distributor, Transfer Agent or 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

Expenses which do not relate to a particular Fund are allocated between Funds in proportion to the NAV's of the individual Funds.

#### 4.1 Management fees

The Investment Manager is entitled to receive management fees calculated on the Net Asset Value of the Funds, accrued daily.

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.

The following management fee rates are applicable according to the prospectus.

Classes of shares (%)	A-2	I-2	I-3	J-2	J-3	K-1	K-2	К3	L-1	L-3
Canadian Dollar Fund	0.50	0.30	0.30	0.20	0.20	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.10	0.10
Euro Fund	0.50	0.30	0.30	0.20	0.20	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.10	0.10
Sterling Fund	0.50	0.30	0.30	0.20	0.20	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.10	0.10
Ultra Short Duration Sterling Fund	0.50	0.30	0.30	0.20	0.20	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.10	0.10
US Dollar Fund	0.50	0.30	0.30	0.20	0.20	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.10	0.10

The following management fee rates are applicable as at 30 September 2017, as a result of management fee waivers:

Classes of shares (%)	A-2	I-2	I-3	J-2	J-3	K-1	K-2	K-3	L-1	L-3
Canadian Dollar Fund	0.40	0.20	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0.10	N/A
Euro Fund	0.02	0.02	N/A	0.02	0.05	N/A	0.02	N/A	N/A	N/A
Sterling Fund	0.20	0.20	0.20	N/A	0.20	0.15	N/A	0.15	0.10	0.10
Ultra Short Duration Sterling Fund	N/A	N/A	N/A	0.20	N/A	N/A	0.15	N/A	N/A	N/A
US Dollar Fund	0.10	0.10	N/A	0.10	N/A	0.15	0.05	N/A	0.10	N/A

Class Z shares are not subject to a management fee charge.

N/A indicates that the share class is not currently live.

#### 4.2 Administration fees

The Administrative agent is entitled to a fee not exceeding 0.05% per annum (plus VAT, if any) of the net assets of the Company as determined on the last dealing day of the month.

The Administrator is also entitled to be reimbursed for any reasonable out-of-pocket expenses.

#### 4.3 Depositary fees

The Depositary bank is entitled to a fee not exceeding 2% per annum (plus VAT, if any) of the net assets of the Company as determined on the last dealing day of the month.

The Depositary bank is also entitled to be reimbursed for any reasonable out-of-pocket expenses and for the transaction charges of any correspondent banks.

### 4.4 Domiciliary agent, registrar, paying and transfer agent fees

The Company paid Domiciliary, Registrar, Paying, and Transfer Agency fees which did not exceed 0.1% per annum (plus VAT, if any) of the net assets of the Company as determined on the last dealing day of the month.

The Company paid Paying Agent fees which did not exceed 0.01% per annum of the net assets of the Company as determined on the last dealing day of the month.

The following amounts were incurred during the period:

				Ultra Short	
	Canadian Dollar	Euro Fund	Sterling Fund	<b>Duration Sterling</b>	US Dollar Fund
Currency	Fund CAD	EUR	GBP	Fund GBP	USD
Domiciliary	98	1,069	20,584	5,998	1,829
Paying Agent	109	1,216	23,495	6,849	2,070
Registrar & Transfer Agent	947	-	200,515	58,433	17,817
Total	1,154	2,285	244,594	71,280	21,716

The Transfer Agent, Aberdeen Global Services S.A., has elected to waive the Transfer Agency Fees on the Euro Fund from 16 March 2015 until further notice.

#### 4.5 Management Company fees

The Management Company fees did not exceed 0.01% per annum of the net assets of the Company at each month end.

The Management Company, Aberdeen Global Services S.A., has elected to waive the Management Company fees on the Euro Fund from 16 March 2015 until further notice.

#### 4.6 Operational expenses

Operational expenses represent other amounts paid by the Company relating to the operation of the Funds. They include legal fees, audit fees, Directors' fees, cost of printing and distributing the prospectuses and annual and half yearly reports, fees in connection with obtaining or maintaining any registration or authorisation of the Company with any governmental agency or stock exchange as well as the cost of publication of share prices.

### 4.7 Expense Caps

Expense caps are determined on the basis of ongoing charges of the respective share classes as at 30 September 2017.

The expense caps are applicable until such time as the Board changes the caps, any changes resulting in an increase in expenses will be communicated to the shareholders as required by applicable legislation.

Amounts receivable resulting from the application of expense caps for the period will be paid monthly.

Classes of shares (%)		
Fund	Share Class	Expense Cap (%)
Canadian Dollar Fund	L-1	0.1000
Euro Fund	J-3	0.0500
Euro Fund	Z-3	0.0188
Sterling Fund	I-3	0.2019
Sterling Fund	J-3	0.2019
Sterling Fund	K-1	0.1500
Sterling Fund	K-3	0.1519
Sterling Fund	L-1	0.1000
Sterling Fund	L-3	0.1019
Sterling Fund	Z-3	0.0019
Ultra Short Duration Sterling Fund	J-2	0.2159
Ultra Short Duration Sterling Fund	K-2	0.1659
Ultra Short Duration Sterling Fund	Z-2	0.0159
US Dollar Fund	K-1	0.1500
US Dollar Fund	L-1	0.1000

#### 4.8 Annual taxation

All funds that are managed as Short Term Money Market Funds are liable in Luxembourg to a Taxe d'Abonnement of a rate of 0.01% per annum for each Class of Share. The Ultra Short Duration Sterling Fund is liable in Luxembourg to a Taxe d'Abonnement of a rate of 0.05% per annum for each retail Class of Share and a reduced rate of 0.01% per annum for specific Classes of Shares which are restricted to institutional investors, Class J, Class K and Class Z Shares are currently entitled to this reduced rate. The charge is accrued daily and payable quarterly on the basis of the net assets of the Fund at the end of the relevant quarter.

During the period ended 30 September 2017 Class J, Class J, Class L and Class Z Shares for all Funds, except the Ultra Short Duration Fund, benefited form an exemption to pay Taxe d'Abonnement.

#### 5 DIVIDENDS

Class K-1, Class L-1, Class Z-1, Class J-3, Class J-3, Class K-3, Class L-3 and Class Z-3 shares declared dividends on a daily basis and distributed on or about the second Business Day of the following month. These shares of each Fund begin earning dividends on the Dealing Day on which they were issued. If an investor redeems its entire holding of these shares within a Fund during a month, accrued but unpaid dividends are payable with the redemption proceeds. For partial redemptions of a holding, accrued but unpaid dividends are payable on the next pay date. Shares do not earn dividends on the Dealing Day on which their redemption is accepted.

Class A-2, Class J-2, Class J-2, Class K-2 and Class Z-2 shares accumulated investment income within the Share Price of this Class of Share on a daily basis.

Where the net investment income is negative, a specific mechanism was applied to Class A-3, Class J-3, Class K-3, Class L-3 and Class Z-3 shares in order to maintain a stable Net Asset Value per Share. An amount representing any shortfall due to a negative yield affecting a Fund's portfolio, together with usual applicable charges, is calculated and accrued daily as an amount due to the Fund and deducted by the second business day of the next following month from the holdings of each investor in the Class concerned by compulsory redeeming an appropriate (proportional portion) number of their Shares held.

#### 6 DIRECTORS' INTERESTS

None of the Directors had a material interest in any contracts of significance subsisting with the Company either during the period to or as 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

Transactions with connected persons outlined in notes 4.1, 4.4, 4.5 and 4.6 have been entered into in the ordinary course of business and on normal commercial terms.

As at 30 September 2017 other Aberdeen Funds/Trusts and mandates managed by Aberdeen Asset Management PLC held investments in the Company valued at USD 18,052,820,872.

#### 9 SOFT COMMISSION/COMMISSION SHARING

There are no soft commission arrangements for the Company.

### 10 EQUALISATION

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 TRANSACTION CHARGES

For the period ended 30 September 2017 the Company incurred no transaction costs, which have been defined as commissions and taxes relating to purchase or sale of transferable securities, money market instruments, derivatives or other eligible assets.

### 12 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 period 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.

#### 13 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.

#### 14 SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

There were no subsequent events.

# **Securities Financing Transactions**

# Securities Financing Transactions

The Securities Financing Transactions Regulation (EU) 2015/2365 (SFTR) came into force on 12 January 2016. Its aim is to improve the transparency of securities financing transactions. The Management has considered the SFTR disclosure requirements and concluded that no disclosures are required in the Notes to the financial statements as none of the Funds held any securities financing transactions, as defined in the SFTR, as at 30 September 2017.

# **Management and Administration**

### **Investment Advisers**

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# **Management and Administration**

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#### **Registered Office**

Aberdeen Liquidity Fund (Lux)

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### Management Company also acting as Domiciliary, Registrar, Transfer Agent and Listing Agent

Aberdeen Global Services S.A., 35a, avenue John F. Kennedy, L-1855 Luxembourg, Grand Duchy of Luxembourg.

#### Administrator, Depositary and Paying Agent

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#### Investment Manager & Global Distributor

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#### **Sub-Distributor and Data Processing Agent**

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#### Auditor

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#### Legal Advisors to the Company

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### Paying and Information Agent in Austria

Raiffeisen Bank International AG, Am Stadtpark 9, A-1030 Vienna, Austria.

### Financial and Centralising Correspondent Agent in France

BNP Paribas Securities Services, 3 rue d'Antin, 75002 Paris, France.

### Paying and Information Agent in Germany

Marcard, Stein & Co AG, Ballindamm 36, D-20095 Hamburg, Germany.

### Paying Agent in Italy

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### Paying and Information Agent in Sweden

Skandinaviska Enskilda Banken, Rissneleden 110, SE-106 40 Stockholm, Sweden.

#### Paying Agent and Representative in Switzerland

BNP Paribas Securities Services, Paris, Succursale de Zurich Selnaustrasse 16, 8002 Zurich, Switzerland.

### Paying Agent in the Principality of Liechtenstein

LGT Bank, Liechtenstein AG, Herrengasse 12, FL-9490 Vaduz, Liechtenstein.

### Facilities Agent in Ireland

Maples Secretaries Limited, 40 Upper Mount Street, Dublin 2.

# **General Information**

#### Additional information for investors in Germany

Marcard Stein & Co AG, Ballindamm 36, D-20095 Hamburg, has undertaken the function of Paying and Information Agent for the Company in the Federal Republic of Germany (the "German Paying and Information Agent").

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.

Subscription, redemption and conversion prices of the shares will also be available at aberdeen-asset.com and at the offices of the Transfer Agent. Any notices to the shareholders will be published on 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 State Street Bank 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 <u>aberdeen-asset.de</u>.

#### 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 propectus and Key Investor Information Documents ("KIIDs") conditions:

Representative in Switzerland and Paying Agent:

BNP Paribas Securities Services, Paris

Succursale de Zurich Selnaustrasse 16

8002 Zurich

Switzerland

#### 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 and on the electronic platform of fundinfo AG Zurich (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).
- c. All Shareholder notices will be published on the electronic platform of fundinfo AG Zurich (www.fundinfo.com).

# **Further Information**

### Aberdeen Liquidity Fund (Lux)

Aberdeen Liquidity Fund (Lux) 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 2009/65/EC of 13 July 2009).

Aberdeen Liquidity Fund (Lux) aims to preserve capital and stable value whilst maintaining high liquidity and achieving returns within individual Funds.

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.standardlifeaberdeen.com/.

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