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**ABERDEEN INCOME CREDIT STRATEGIES FUND ANNOUNCES  
RIGHTS OFFERING**

(Philadelphia, October 2, 2019) – The Board of Trustees (the “Board”) of Aberdeen Income Credit Strategies Fund (NYSE: ACP) (the “Fund”), a closed-end fund, has approved the terms of the issuance of transferable rights (“Rights”) to the holders of the Fund’s common shares (the “Common Shareholders”) of beneficial interest (“Common Shares”) as of the record date, entitling the holders of those Rights to subscribe for Common Shares (the “Offer”). The Board, based on the recommendations and presentations of Aberdeen Asset Managers Limited, the Fund’s investment adviser (the “Adviser”), and others, has determined that it is in the best interests of the Fund and the Common Shareholders to conduct the Offer and thereby increase the assets of the Fund available for investment. The Offer seeks to provide an opportunity to existing Common Shareholders to purchase Common Shares at a discount to market price (subject to a sales load).

Subject to the registration statement for the Offer becoming effective under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, the Fund will distribute to Common Shareholders of record as of the record date (“Record Date Shareholders”), which is currently anticipated to be October 16, 2019 (the “Record Date”), one right (“Right”) for each Common Share held on the Record Date. Record Date Shareholders will be entitled to purchase one new Common Share for every three Rights held (1 for 3); however, any Common Shareholder who owns fewer than three Common Shares as of the Record Date will be entitled to subscribe for one Common Share. Fractional Common Shares will not be issued.

The proposed subscription period is currently anticipated to commence on the Record Date and expire on November 13, 2019, unless extended by the Fund (the “Expiration Date”). The Rights are transferable and are expected to be admitted for trading on the New York Stock Exchange (the “NYSE”) under the symbol “ACP RT” during the course of the Offer. Rights may be exercised at any time during the subscription period.

The subscription price per Common Share (the “Subscription Price”) will be determined on the Expiration Date, and will be based upon a formula equal to 90% of the average of the last reported sales price of a Common Share of the Fund on the NYSE on the Expiration Date and each of the four (4) immediately preceding trading days (the “Formula Price”). If, however, the Formula Price is less than 82% of the Fund’s net asset value per Common Share at the close of trading on the NYSE on the Expiration Date, the Subscription Price will be 82% of the Fund’s net asset value per Common Share at the close of trading on the NYSE on that day. The estimated Subscription Price has not yet been determined by the Fund.

Record Date Shareholders who exercise all of their primary subscription Rights will be eligible for an over-subscription privilege entitling Record Date Shareholders to subscribe, subject to certain limitations and allotment, for any additional Common Shares not purchased pursuant to the primary subscription.

The Fund has declared a regular monthly distribution to Common Shareholders payable on October 29, 2019 with a record date of October 21, 2019, which will not be payable with respect to Common Shares issued pursuant to the Offer. The Fund also expects to declare a regular monthly distribution to Common Shareholders payable on or about November 29, 2019 with a record date on or about November 5, 2019, which will not be payable with respect to Common Shares that are issued pursuant to the Offer after such record date.

The Offer will be made upon effectiveness of the Fund's Registration Statement filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission and only by means of a prospectus. The Fund expects to mail subscription certificates evidencing the Rights and a copy of the prospectus for the Offer to Record Date Shareholders within the United States shortly following the Record Date. To exercise their Rights, Common Shareholders who hold their Common Shares through a broker, custodian or trust company, should contact such entity to forward their instructions to either exercise or sell their Rights on their behalf. Common Shareholders who do not hold Common Shares through a broker, custodian or trust company, should forward their instructions to either exercise or sell their Rights by completing the subscription certificate and delivering it to the subscription agent for the Offer, together with their payment, at one of the locations indicated on the subscription certificate or in the prospectus.

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The Fund is a diversified, closed-end management investment company. The Fund's primary investment objective is to seek a high level of current income with a secondary objective of capital appreciation. Depending on current market conditions and the Fund's outlook over time, the Fund seeks to achieve its investment objectives by opportunistically investing primarily in loan and debt instruments (and loan-related or debt-related instruments, including repurchase and reverse repurchase agreements and derivative instruments) of issuers that operate in a variety of industries and geographic regions. The Fund invests all or a substantial portion of its assets in below investment grade securities which are often referred to as high yield or "junk" securities. Shares of closed-end funds frequently trade at a discount to net asset value. The price of the Fund's Common Shares is determined by a number of factors, many of which are beyond the control of the Fund.

The Fund is managed and advised by Aberdeen Asset Managers Limited. The Fund's shares trade on the NYSE under the symbol "ACP".

Aberdeen Standard Investments is a brand of the investment businesses of Standard Life Aberdeen plc, its affiliates and subsidiaries. In the United States, Aberdeen Standard Investments is the marketing name for the following affiliated, registered investment advisers: Aberdeen Standard Investments Inc., Aberdeen Asset Managers Ltd., Aberdeen Standard Investments Australia Ltd., Aberdeen Standard Investments (Asia) Ltd., Aberdeen Capital Management, LLC, Aberdeen Standard Investments ETFs Advisors LLC and Standard Life Investments (Corporate Funds) Ltd.

Investors should consider the Fund's investment objectives, risks, charges and expenses carefully before investing. There is no assurance that the Fund will achieve its investment objectives. The Fund's prospectus contains this and other information about the Fund and should be read carefully before investing. For further information regarding the Fund's Offer, or to obtain a prospectus, when available, please visit the website maintained by the SEC at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov) or contact the Fund's Information Agent:

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