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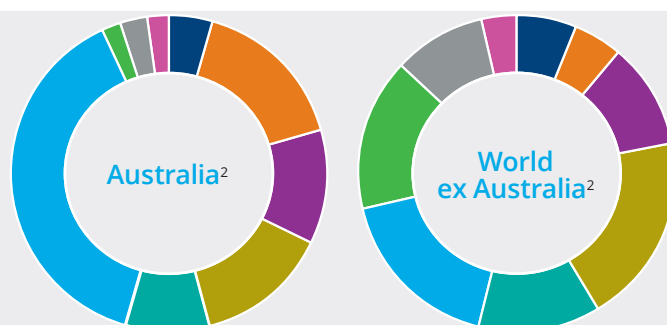
Reasons Why

Aberdeen Standard
Investments

Aberdeen Standard Fully Hedged International Equities Fund

01 Moving away from home

- Australia has over 2,200 listed stocks, a small number compared to over 48,000 stocks listed globally¹.
- Investing solely in Australia leaves investors very exposed to the fortunes of the Financials sector.
- Investing offshore offers potential gains from some of the world's strongest companies - in industries under-represented in Australia, e.g. healthcare and technology.



02 Why diversify?



- Over time stock market fluctuations have demonstrated how important it is to avoid over-exposure to a single company, industry or market, as none will give consistently strong performance.
- Spreading investments across stocks, industries and regions, mitigates risk and optimises the potential for positive performance.
- Global diversification can reduce the overall volatility of a portfolio and smooth out returns.

03 Why invest in a managed fund?



- It's hard to navigate the vast, complex universe of global equities due to the sheer number of stocks.
- Investors may be unfamiliar with the companies, or the complexities, of overseas markets. For example local accounting practices and corporate governance standards can differ markedly.
- Successful overseas investing requires a long-term commitment. Funds offer access to expert investors with global research capabilities and proven stock selection skills.
- Global markets don't always move in unison. A fund manager can target those markets that show the most promise and avoid the worst prospects.

04 Currency management

- Currency movements can impact returns and increase volatility in a portfolio. This can work for or against the investor.
- An Australian who invests in global equities effectively holds overseas assets in a foreign currency. This exposes them to the risks of a fluctuating Australian dollar. While they will benefit when the Australian dollar falls against the currencies of the foreign assets held, they will lose money when the Australian dollar rises and the value of those overseas assets falls in Australian dollar terms.
- Foreign currency hedging effectively removes the effects of a fluctuating Australian dollar, aiming to provide less volatile returns that reflect the movement of the underlying assets (companies) rather than currency movements.
- The Aberdeen Standard Investments Fully Hedged International Equities Fund aims to hedge all of its foreign currency exposure.

¹Source: World Federation of Exchanges, 31 May 2019

²Source: Aberdeen Standard Investments, ASX Australian All Ordinaries Index, MSCI AC World ex Australia Index, 31 May 2019

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06 Why Aberdeen Standard Investments Fully Hedged International Equities Fund?

Experience long history of investing in global equities 	Resources local presence and experienced team 	Research intensive, global proprietary research approach 	ESG analysis deeply embedded within investment process 
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Experienced and dedicated global equities team• We have invested in a variety of market conditions and stages of the economic cycle	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A network of global offices means our investment professionals have local knowledge and easy access to company management• Regional teams feed insights and company research into the Global team based in Edinburgh, UK	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• We conduct all our own research• We meet with company management to ensure we understand the fundamentals and risks that drive long term returns	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• We aim to be the industry leader in ESG• Stewardship and ESG are fundamental components of our investment process• Critical to protecting and enhancing the value of the portfolios we manage on behalf of clients

05 Key Facts

Fund name	Aberdeen Standard Fully Hedged International Equities Fund
ARSN	095 871 695
APIR	CSA0135AU
ASX mfund code	AFZ30
Management costs comprising: <ul style="list-style-type: none">– Management fee– Indirect costs	0.99% pa of the net asset value of the Fund 0.99% pa 0.00% pa
Distribution frequency	Yearly (30 June)
Benchmark	MSCI All Countries World Accumulation Index (ex Australia) Fully Hedged
Min. suggested time frame	Long term - 5 years plus
Mix of asset classes³	90-100% international equity securities 0-10% Cash The Fund is generally fully invested in international equity securities.

³These are indicative asset allocation ranges for the Fund. If market movements, investments into or withdrawals from the Fund, or changes in the nature of an investment, cause the Fund to move outside these indicative ranges, or a limit set out in this PDS, this will be addressed by us as soon as reasonably practicable.

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