

# Changes to UK Investment Funds – from 7th August 2019



## Investment objective & policy changes – Standard Life Wealth Acer Fund (to be renamed Aberdeen Standard Capital Acer Fund)

Investment objective		Investment policy	
Existing	Proposed	Existing	Proposed
<p><b><u>Investment objective and policy and other summary details</u></b></p> <p>The investment objective of the Scheme is to provide long-term capital growth by investing principally in equities, fixed interest securities, units in collective investment schemes and cash. The Scheme may also invest in derivative instruments and forward transactions for the purposes of Efficient Portfolio Management and investment purposes.</p>	<p>To generate growth over the <i>long term</i> (5 years or more) by investing in a diversified portfolio of equities (company shares) and <i>bonds</i> (loans to governments or companies).</p> <p><i>Performance Target:</i> To exceed the ARC Private Client Indices (PCI) Steady Growth Net Return Index per annum after charges over rolling 3 year periods. <i>The Performance Target</i> is the level of performance that the management team hopes to achieve for the fund. There is however no certainty or promise that they will achieve the <i>performance target</i>.</p> <p>The Manager believes this is an appropriate target for the fund since it reflects the risk and return profile that private clients expect and aligns with the investment policy of the fund.</p>	<p>See existing investment objective.</p>	<p><b>Portfolio Securities</b></p> <p>The fund invests at least 70% in global equities, corporate <i>investment grade bonds</i> and government <i>bonds</i> issued anywhere in the world.</p> <p>The fund may hold other securities and asset classes (e.g. supranational and other types of <i>bonds</i> and listed real estate) issued anywhere in the world.</p> <p>The fund may also invest in other funds (including those managed by Aberdeen Standard Investments), <i>money-market instruments</i>, and <i>cash</i>.</p> <p><b>Management Process</b></p> <p>The management team use their discretion (<i>active management</i>) to identify holdings based on an analysis of global economic and</p>

market conditions (for example, *interest rates* and inflation) and analysis of a company's prospects and *creditworthiness* compared to that of the market.

They focus on selecting companies and *bonds*, and ensuring that the allocation of assets meets the fund's objectives.

In seeking to achieve the *Performance Target*, a composite index, details of which are provided below, is used as a reference point for portfolio construction and as a basis for setting risk *constraints*. The expected variation ("tracking error") between the returns of the fund and the composite index, is not ordinarily expected to exceed 3%. Due to the fund's risk *constraints*, the intention is that the fund's performance profile will not deviate significantly from that of the composite index over the *longer term*.

*Composite Index*: 30% FTSE All-Share Index, 45% FTSE World ex UK Index, 10% FTSE Actuaries UK Conventional Gilts All Stocks Index, 10% ICE BofAML Sterling Non-Gilts Index, 5% 1 Month GBP LIBOR Index.

#### **Derivatives and Techniques**

The fund may use *derivatives* to reduce risk, reduce cost and/or generate additional income or growth consistent with the risk profile of the fund (often referred to as "*Efficient Portfolio Management*").

*Derivative* usage in the fund is expected to be limited. Where *derivatives* are used, this would mainly be to manage expected changes in *interest rates*, companies share prices, currencies or *creditworthiness* of corporations

or governments.

The fund may also invest in other funds which may use *derivatives* extensively although these investments shall be in line with fund's overall risk profile.

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