

# Shires Income PLC

An investment trust focusing on high income,  
investing mainly in UK equities



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## Investment Objective

The Company’s investment objective is to provide shareholders with a high level of income, together with the potential for growth of both income and capital from a diversified portfolio substantially invested in UK equities but also in preference shares, convertibles and fixed income securities.

## Benchmark

The Company’s benchmark is the FTSE All-Share Index (total return).

# Highlights and Financial Calendar

## Highlights

	30 September 2018	31 March 2018	% change
Equity shareholders' funds (£'000)	81,797	80,465	+1.7
Net asset value per share	272.68p	268.24p	+1.7
Share price (mid-market)	253.00p	260.00p	-2.7
Discount to net asset value	7.2%	3.1%	
Dividend yield	5.1%	5.0%	
Net gearing <sup>A</sup>	21.2%	20.8%	
Ongoing charges ratio <sup>A</sup>	0.95%	0.95%	

## Performance (total return)

	6 months ended 30 September 2018	1 year ended 30 September 2018	3 years ended 30 September 2018	5 years ended 30 September 2018
Net asset value <sup>A</sup>	+4.3%	+1.0%	+35.1%	+47.4%
Share price <sup>A</sup>	-0.2%	-0.7%	+32.0%	+41.2%
FTSE All-Share Index	+8.3%	+5.9%	+38.4%	+43.5%

<sup>A</sup> Further information on what are considered as Alternative Performance Measures can be found on page 19.

All figures are for total return and assume re-investment of net dividends excluding transaction costs.

## Financial Calendar

November 2018	Half Yearly Financial Report announced for period ending 30 September 2018
25 January 2019	Ordinary shares second interim dividend 2018/19 payable
26 April 2019	Ordinary shares third interim dividend 2018/19 payable
May 2019	Annual results announced for year ending 31 March 2019
June 2019	Annual Report posted to shareholders
4 July 2019	Annual General Meeting (London)
26 July 2019	Ordinary shares final dividend 2018/19 payable
25 October 2019	Ordinary shares first interim dividend 2019/20 payable

# Interim Board Report – Chairman’s Statement

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## Market Background

The UK equity market delivered solid returns through the six month period to the end of September, with the benchmark FTSE All-Share Index rising by more than 8% in total return terms. The positive return was driven by continued outperformance of growth stocks and by the Oil & Gas sector, which was the best performing sector in the index due to rising oil prices in the period. In contrast, value and income sectors, which tend to be the mainstay of the portfolio, were weaker, with Telecoms and Financials the weakest of all. Furthermore, given investors’ preoccupation with the potential negatives from Brexit, it is unsurprising that the performance of smaller companies lagged their larger counterparts by almost 4% over the period.

As it has done for the past two years, politics has dominated investor sentiment towards the UK market, with the threat of the impending exit from the EU causing many to steer clear of committing capital to the market. As we enter a crucial period of negotiations there is limited clarity on the outcome, but the Manager’s base case remains for a deal to be agreed, avoiding the worst case scenario of a “hard Brexit”.

While politics have weighed on the economy, causing GDP growth to lag other developed markets and Sterling to remain weak, many of the underlying economic indicators are more positive. Retail sales held up well in the period, purchasing managers’ indices remain expansionary and unemployment is at a low level. Inflation has stabilised close to 3% and there are unlikely to be many more interest rate rises from the Bank of England in the medium term given the uncertainties over the growth outlook. While challenges caused by less favourable demographics and the UK’s poor productivity growth will not easily be resolved, the economy is not as bad as many fear.

Indeed, the potential is very much there, if political headwinds can abate, for the UK market to experience some form of bounce back from this point. UK equities remain on a significant valuation discount to other markets, and offer a material yield premium. In addition, the UK market is well diversified, with over half of revenue coming from overseas, mitigating any near term risks and creating an attractive opportunity for income investing.

## Investment Performance

The Company’s net asset value (“NAV”) total return for the six month period ended 30 September 2018 was 4.3%. This compares to a total return of 8.3% from the benchmark, the FTSE All-Share Index. The share price total return for the period was -0.2%. This shorter term performance relative to the benchmark is disappointing,

however the Company continues to deliver an income yield considerably in excess of the wider market, together with some capital appreciation. It is also worth noting the Company’s longer term performance record where the NAV total return has outperformed the benchmark index in four out of the past five financial years and, for the five year period ended 30 September 2018, produced a total return of 47.4% compared to a total return of 43.5% from the FTSE All-Share Index.

The share price at the end of the period was 253.0p, reflecting a discount of 7.2% to the net asset value (including income) of 272.7p per share, compared to a discount of 3.1% at the beginning of the period. The average discount over the period was 3.3%, with the wider discount appearing towards the end of the period. The Board and Manager keep the level of discount under constant review.

The higher yielding Telecoms, Tobacco and Financials sectors all lagged the market during the period which, given the Company’s relatively high exposure to these sectors, had a negative impact on relative performance. Conversely, the Company has consistently had an underweight exposure to the Oil & Gas sector due to its cyclical nature and, in a period when oil prices rose strongly, this was also a detractor. Relative performance was also impacted by the widening of the discount to net asset value of Aberdeen Smaller Companies Income Trust and the performance of the preference share portfolio which, while delivering a high level of income, tends to lag equities in a strongly rising market.

## Portfolio Activity

The Manager has sought to take advantage of access to a larger UK equity team, following the recent merger of Aberdeen Asset Management and Standard Life, to add some high conviction ideas to the portfolio which meet the high quality and income criteria. Accordingly, five new holdings were introduced into the equity portfolio during the period. No new investments were made in preference shares or convertible securities.

**John Laing** is an investor in public infrastructure projects. The company has investments in around 40 projects globally and has significantly broadened its exposure in recent years away from being a primarily UK Public Private Partnership (“PPP”) focused investor. The shares trade at a discount to the NAV, despite a track record of double digit NAV growth each year and the Manager believes that this is under appreciated by the market. A recent rights issue reflected the strong pipeline of opportunities that management sees in the next few years.

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**GVC** is a leading gaming company. It runs online gambling sites and recently expanded in the UK through the acquisition of Ladbrokes. Over time, the management team has demonstrated an ability to grow the business and to position it for increased regulation of the industry. As one of the few operators with its own online technology and a strong reputation in the industry, GVC is well placed to benefit from the potential regulation of the US sports gambling industry. At less than a 15x earnings multiple and with a 3% dividend yield, the Manager believes that the shares are well priced given an outlook for double digit earnings growth.

**Bodycote** is a UK engineer with a strong market position in metal technology such as isostatic pressing. There have been improvements in the technical expertise of the business and the Manager is of the view that this is a company with under-estimated quality and strong momentum.

The Manager also initiated a position in **Ashmore**, a fund manager with a pre-eminent position in Emerging Market debt. Their fund flow is underpinned by the strength of their manufacturing team and the investment they have made developing their distribution across a broad range of clients and markets. Throughout the cycle, Ashmore's robust balance sheet has allowed them to pay a decent dividend, invest/acquire selectively and grow from a position of strength. The Manager believes that the company's valuation is at an attractive level with a 4% yield.

Finally, **Countryside Properties** is a UK-focused housebuilder. While this is a highly cyclical sector, Countryside is differentiated from its peers by the fact that a large proportion of its business comes from a model based on partnership with local councils to develop affordable housing. This provides a much lower risk business, with a higher degree of certainty on revenue from longer duration projects, often running for periods in excess of ten years. In addition, the housebuilding part of the business is focused on affordable properties in areas of the country with high demand for new housing and continues to grow completion rates at 10-15% per year.

Four holdings were exited during the period.

**Nestle** was a sub-scale position in the portfolio, and while the Manager recognised the long term growth potential and defensive nature of the business, the outlook for growth from consumer goods has slowed from recent years and the Manager did not believe that there was sufficient differentiation to merit a position in the portfolio, particularly as the dividend yield is below market levels.

The Manager also sold the holding in **Rolls Royce**. The holding has performed well on a two year view, with new management delivering a compelling investment case based on significant improvement in free cash flow by 2020. The Manager has limited conviction in the delivery of this target, however, and the growth in free cashflow is likely to require significant cost cutting and restructuring. The market seems to already believe in delivery, with the stock trading on 24x 2020 earnings and with just a 1.5% dividend yield at the time of sale. The Manager is of the view that there are higher conviction ideas elsewhere.

The decision was taken to exit the position in **Gima** following updates from Gima's main client which indicated that volumes could be reduced, something that is not yet reflected in pricing expectations.

Lastly, the Manager sold the position in **Sage**. Over the holding period this has been a strong performer for the Company, but sales growth rates have started to disappoint and a disconnect between management and the workforce has become apparent, causing the Chief Executive Officer to leave earlier this year. The business faces competition from more nimble peers.

### Dividends

A first interim dividend of 3.0p per share in respect of the year ending 31 March 2019 was paid on 26 October 2018. The Board declares a second interim dividend of 3.0p per share, payable on 25 January 2019 to shareholders on the register at close of business on 4 January 2019. Subject to unforeseen circumstances, it is proposed to pay a further interim dividend of 3.0p per share prior to the Board deciding on the rate of final dividend at the time of reviewing the full year results.

The current annual rate of dividend is 13.00p per share, representing a dividend yield of 5.1% based on the share price of 253.0p at 30 September 2018. The Board considers that one of the key attractions of the Company is its high level of income and recognises that, in the current economic environment, there is likely to be a continuing demand for an attractive and reliable level of income. Whilst the Company aims to cover its annual dividend cost with net income, the Board is conscious of the significant revenue reserves, which amounted to 1.3 times the annual dividend cost as at 30 September 2018 hence providing added security on the sustainability of the dividend.

### Gearing

The Company has a £20 million loan facility of which a total of £19 million was drawn down at the period end. Net of cash, this represented gearing of 21.2%, compared to 20.8% at the start of the period. The Board continually

# Interim Board Report – Chairman’s Statement continued

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monitors the level of gearing and, although the absolute level may look high relative to some other investment trusts, strategically we take the view that it is deployed notionally into fixed interest securities which bring diversification to the Company’s total revenue stream and with lower volatility than would be expected from a portfolio invested exclusively in equities. The Board takes the view that the combination of fixed income securities and equities allows for an appropriate level of risk within the portfolio in order to achieve the overall investment objective.

## Investment Income

The revenue earnings per share for the period were 6.6p, which compare to 7.4p for the equivalent period last year, reflecting the reduced level of special dividends compared to the corresponding period last year. Underlying income across the portfolio has been well supported, with meaningful dividend increases from many holdings and in particular **Imperial Brands, BP, HSBC, Experian, Assura** and **BBA Aviation**. In addition, there was a 3% increase in the level of dividend paid by **Aberdeen Smaller Companies Income Trust**. Only one company in the portfolio, **Inmarsat**, reduced its underlying dividend during the period, although relative currency moves mean there is a slight decline in per share dividends from **Royal Dutch Shell**.

Income from the preference share portfolio has been maintained and continues to deliver a stable source of income to the Company.

The income forecast for the remainder of the financial year is stable, even without the inclusion of potential special dividends, and with a healthy level of revenue reserves, the Company remains in a good position to continue delivering a high level of income.

## Shareholder Participation at General Meetings

The Board is keen to have shareholder participation and voting at general meetings of the Company, particularly as so much of the share register is retail held, whether held directly or through nominees. Accordingly, investors are encouraged to acquaint themselves with how to receive annual accounts, or other circulars issued by the Company convening meetings, and how to return their votes on resolutions being proposed.

## Outlook

Since the end of the period, there has been increased volatility in markets, with a combination of rising interest rates and global geopolitical concerns causing some material sector and stock moves. However, with economic growth globally still positive and earnings growth remaining strong, the Manager remains reasonably

confident on the potential for equities to deliver positive returns.

While the UK economy continues to move at a slower pace than many developed economies, there are clear attractions to UK equities and the Manager recently upgraded the UK to be its preferred equity market. Brexit worries have driven international investors away from the UK and the market is relatively inexpensive. While the shape of Brexit remains uncertain, many companies are insulated by their overseas earnings and dividends paid by UK companies are a significant contributor to total return.

The Board continues to believe that the Company’s portfolio is well diversified in terms of asset class, sector and geographic exposure and that, despite the various uncertainties facing markets at the current time, the Investment Manager’s focus on investing in good quality companies with strong fundamentals should benefit the portfolio over the longer term in meeting the Company’s investment objective.

**Robert Talbut**  
Chairman  
19 November 2018

# Interim Board Report – Other Matters

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## Directors' Responsibility Statement

The Directors are responsible for preparing the Half Yearly Financial Report in accordance with applicable law and regulations. The Directors confirm that to the best of their knowledge:

- the condensed set of financial statements within the Half Yearly Financial Report has been prepared in accordance with IAS 34 'Interim Financial Reporting'; and
- the Interim Board Report (constituting the Interim Management Report) includes a fair review of the information required by rules 4.2.7R of the Disclosure Guidance and Transparency Rules (being an indication of important events that have occurred during the first six months of the financial year and their impact on the condensed set of financial statements and a description of the principal risks and uncertainties for the remaining six months of the financial year) and 4.2.8R (being related party transactions that have taken place during the first six months of the financial year and that have materially affected the financial position of the Company during that period; and any changes in the related party transactions described in the last Annual Report that could so do).

## Principal Risks and Uncertainties

The Board regularly reviews the principal risks and uncertainties faced by the Company together with the mitigating actions it has established to manage the risks. These are set out within the Strategic Report contained within the Annual Report for the year ended 31 March 2018 and comprise the following risk headings:

- Investment performance
- Failure to maintain and grow the dividend over the longer term
- Widening of discount
- Financial and economic
- Gearing
- Regulatory
- Operational

In addition to these risks, the outcome and potential impact of the UK Government's discussions with the European Union are still unclear at the time of writing, and this remains an economic risk for the Company in the meantime. In all other respects, the Company's principal risks and uncertainties have not changed materially since the date of the Annual Report and are not expected to change materially for the remaining six months of the Company's financial year.

## Going Concern

The Company's assets comprise mainly readily realisable securities which can be sold to meet funding commitments if necessary. The Board has set limits for borrowing and regularly reviews actual exposures, cash flow projections and compliance with banking covenants. The Directors believe that the Company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future and has the ability to meet its financial obligations as they fall due for a period of at least twelve months from the date of approval of this Report. For these reasons, they continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

On behalf of the Board

**Robert Talbut**  
Chairman  
19 November 2018



# Investment Portfolio – Equities

As at 30 September 2018

Company	Market value £'000	Total portfolio %
Aberdeen Smaller Companies Income Trust	8,269	8.4
Royal Dutch Shell 'B'	3,576	3.6
AstraZeneca	2,826	2.9
British American Tobacco	2,742	2.8
Chesnara	2,737	2.8
GlaxoSmithKline	2,705	2.7
Prudential	2,613	2.7
BP	2,570	2.6
BHP Billiton	2,440	2.5
HSBC Holdings	1,922	1.9
Ten largest investments	<b>32,400</b>	<b>32.9</b>
Vodafone	1,764	1.8
Aveva	1,725	1.7
John Laing Group	1,690	1.7
Croda International	1,657	1.7
Close Brothers	1,653	1.7
Telecom Plus	1,542	1.6
Unilever	1,539	1.6
Experian	1,537	1.6
BBA Aviation	1,519	1.5
Schroders	1,517	1.5
Twenty largest investments	<b>48,543</b>	<b>49.3</b>
Diageo	1,457	1.5
Nordea Bank	1,432	1.5
Imperial Brands	1,416	1.4
GVC Holdings	1,378	1.4
Standard Chartered	1,305	1.3
Unibail-Rodamco-Westfield	1,242	1.3
Compass	1,216	1.2
National Grid	1,100	1.1
Associated British Foods	1,099	1.1
Weir Group	1,081	1.1
Thirty largest investments	<b>61,269</b>	<b>62.2</b>
Countryside Properties	1,054	1.1
Novo-Nordisk	1,054	1.1
Rio Tinto	1,048	1.0
Assura	1,016	1.0
LondonMetric Property	993	1.0
KONE	763	0.8
Big Yellow	688	0.7
Bodycote	682	0.7
Ultra Electronic Holdings	681	0.7
Inmarsat	675	0.7
Forty largest investments	<b>69,923</b>	<b>71.0</b>



Company	Market value £'000	Total portfolio %
Rotork	599	0.6
Saga	548	0.6
Euromoney Institutional Investor	471	0.5
Ashmore	391	0.4
Relx	388	0.4
Manx Telecom	309	0.3
Hansteen	150	0.1
<b>Total equity investments</b>	<b>72,779</b>	<b>73.9</b>

# Investment Portfolio – Other Investments

As at 30 September 2018

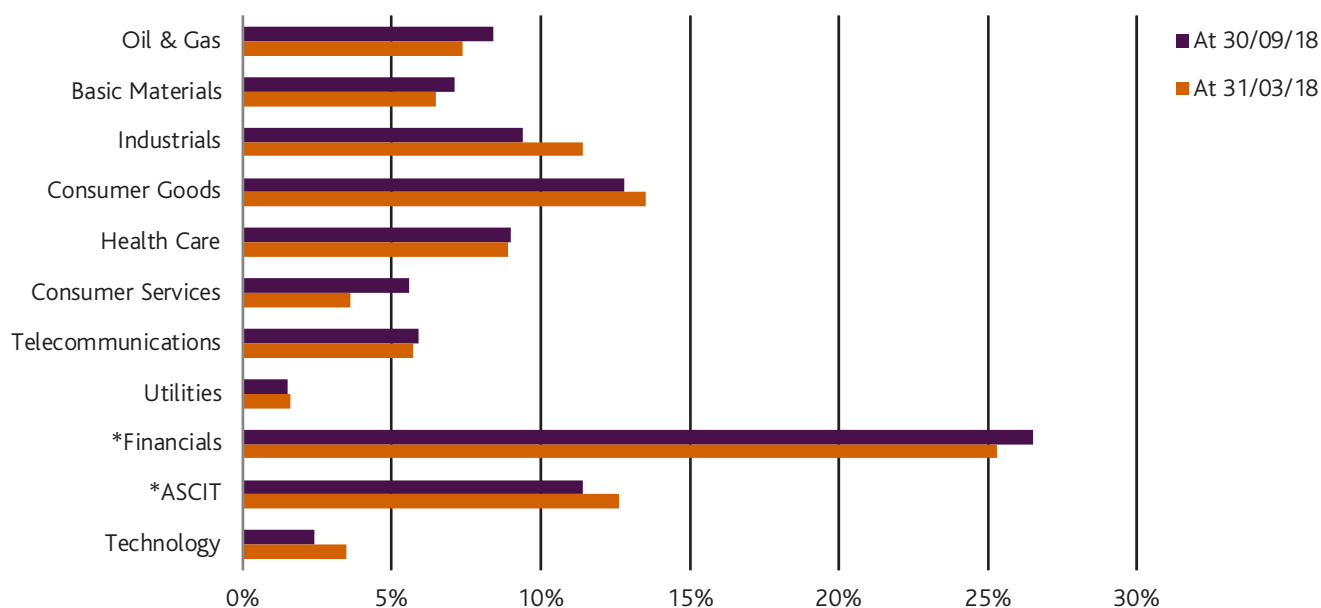
Company	Market value £'000	Total portfolio %
<b>Convertibles</b>		
Balfour Beatty Cum Conv 10.75% 01/07/2020	545	0.5
<b>Total Convertibles</b>	<b>545</b>	<b>0.5</b>
<b>Preference shares<sup>A</sup></b>		
Ecclesiastical Insurance Office 8 5/8%	6,360	6.5
Royal & Sun Alliance 7 3/8%	5,350	5.4
General Accident 7.875%	4,541	4.6
Santander 10.375%	4,394	4.5
Standard Chartered 8.25%	3,540	3.6
R.E.A. Holdings 9%	1,027	1.0
<b>Total preference shares</b>	<b>25,212</b>	<b>25.6</b>
<b>Total other investments</b>	<b>25,757</b>	<b>26.1</b>
<b>Total equity investments</b>	<b>72,779</b>	<b>73.9</b>
<b>Total investments</b>	<b>98,536</b>	<b>100.0</b>

<sup>A</sup> None of the preference shares listed above has a fixed redemption date.

## Distribution of Assets and Liabilities

	Valuation at		Movement during the period			Valuation at	
	31 March 2018		Purchases	Sales	Gains	30 September 2018	
	£'000	%	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	%
<b>Listed investments</b>							
Ordinary shares	69,419	86.2	9,311	(8,948)	2,997	72,779	89.0
Convertibles	550	0.7	-	-	(5)	545	0.6
Preference shares	26,572	33.0	-	-	(1,360)	25,212	30.8
<b>Total investments</b>	<b>96,541</b>	<b>119.9</b>	<b>9,311</b>	<b>(8,948)</b>	<b>1,632</b>	<b>98,536</b>	<b>120.4</b>
Current assets	3,197	4.0				2,515	3.1
Current liabilities	(9,276)	(11.5)				(9,256)	(11.3)
Non-current liabilities	(9,997)	(12.4)				(9,998)	(12.2)
<b>Net assets</b>	<b>80,465</b>	<b>100.0</b>				<b>81,797</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>Net asset value per Ordinary share</b>	<b>268.24p</b>					<b>272.68p</b>	

## Analysis of Listed Equity Portfolio



\* While the Company's investment in Aberdeen Smaller Companies Income Trust PLC ("ASCIT") is classified under "Financials" for FTSE classification purposes, it is shown separately in the above table given its materiality to the Company.

# Condensed Statement of Comprehensive Income

	Note	30 September 2018 (unaudited)			30 September 2017 (unaudited)			31 March 2018 (audited)		
		Revenue £'000	Capital £'000	Total £'000	Revenue £'000	Capital £'000	Total £'000	Revenue £'000	Capital £'000	Total £'000
Gains/(losses) on investments at fair value		-	1,636	1,636	-	3,352	3,352	-	(2,357)	(2,357)
Currency gains/(losses)		-	1	1	-	(21)	(21)	-	(37)	(37)
<b>Investment income</b>										
Dividend income		2,274	-	2,274	2,265	-	2,265	4,665	-	4,665
Interest income/(expense)		1	-	1	284	(52)	232	1	1,482	1,483
Stock dividends		40	-	40	17	-	17	79	-	79
Traded option premiums		61	-	61	81	-	81	167	-	167
Money market interest		2	-	2	1	-	1	4	-	4
		<b>2,378</b>	<b>1,637</b>	<b>4,015</b>	<b>2,648</b>	<b>3,279</b>	<b>5,927</b>	<b>4,916</b>	<b>(912)</b>	<b>4,004</b>
<b>Expenses</b>										
Management fee		(105)	(105)	(210)	(108)	(108)	(216)	(215)	(215)	(430)
Administrative expenses		(186)	-	(186)	(203)	-	(203)	(404)	-	(404)
Finance costs		(85)	(85)	(170)	(79)	(79)	(158)	(172)	(172)	(344)
		<b>(376)</b>	<b>(190)</b>	<b>(566)</b>	<b>(390)</b>	<b>(187)</b>	<b>(577)</b>	<b>(791)</b>	<b>(387)</b>	<b>(1,178)</b>
<b>Profit/(loss) before taxation</b>		<b>2,002</b>	<b>1,447</b>	<b>3,449</b>	<b>2,258</b>	<b>3,092</b>	<b>5,350</b>	<b>4,125</b>	<b>(1,299)</b>	<b>2,826</b>
Taxation	2	(22)	-	(22)	(26)	22	(4)	(19)	-	(19)
<b>Profit/(loss) attributable to equity holders</b>	4	<b>1,980</b>	<b>1,447</b>	<b>3,427</b>	<b>2,232</b>	<b>3,114</b>	<b>5,346</b>	<b>4,106</b>	<b>(1,299)</b>	<b>2,807</b>
<b>Returns per Ordinary share (pence)</b>	4	<b>6.60</b>	<b>4.82</b>	<b>11.42</b>	<b>7.44</b>	<b>10.38</b>	<b>17.82</b>	<b>13.69</b>	<b>(4.33)</b>	<b>9.36</b>

The Company does not have any income or expense that is not included in the profit for the period, and therefore the profit for the period is also the "Total comprehensive income for the period", as defined in IAS 1 (revised).

The total column of this statement represents the Condensed Statement of Comprehensive Income of the Company, prepared in accordance with IFRS. The revenue and capital columns are supplementary to this and are prepared under guidance published by the Association of Investment Companies.

All items in the above statement derive from continuing operations.

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

# Condensed Balance Sheet

	Note	As at 30 September 2018 (unaudited) £'000	As at 30 September 2017 (unaudited) £'000	As at 31 March 2018 (audited) £'000
<b>Non-current assets</b>				
Equities		72,779	71,723	69,419
Convertibles		545	553	550
Other fixed interest		25,212	27,668	26,572
<b>Securities at fair value</b>		<b>98,536</b>	<b>99,944</b>	<b>96,541</b>
<b>Current assets</b>				
Trade and other receivables		19	30	18
Accrued income and prepayments		803	844	917
Cash and cash equivalents		1,693	3,362	2,262
		<b>2,515</b>	<b>4,236</b>	<b>3,197</b>
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>				
Trade and other payables		(256)	(375)	(276)
Short-term borrowings		(9,000)	(19,000)	(9,000)
		<b>(9,256)</b>	<b>(19,375)</b>	<b>(9,276)</b>
<b>Net current liabilities</b>		<b>(6,741)</b>	<b>(15,139)</b>	<b>(6,079)</b>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		<b>91,795</b>	<b>84,805</b>	<b>90,462</b>
<b>Non-current liabilities</b>				
Long-term borrowings		(9,998)	-	(9,997)
<b>Net assets</b>		<b>81,797</b>	<b>84,805</b>	<b>80,465</b>
<b>Share capital and reserves</b>				
Called-up share capital		15,049	15,049	15,049
Share premium account		19,308	19,308	19,308
Capital reserve	6	40,760	43,726	39,313
Revenue reserve		6,680	6,722	6,795
<b>Equity shareholders' funds</b>		<b>81,797</b>	<b>84,805</b>	<b>80,465</b>
<b>Net asset value per Ordinary share (pence)</b>	5	<b>272.68</b>	<b>282.71</b>	<b>268.24</b>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

# Condensed Statement of Changes in Equity

## Six months ended 30 September 2018 (unaudited)

	Share capital £'000	Share premium account £'000	Capital reserve £'000	Retained revenue reserve £'000	Total £'000
As at 31 March 2018	15,049	19,308	39,313	6,795	80,465
Profit for the period	-	-	1,447	1,980	3,427
Equity dividends	-	-	-	(2,095)	(2,095)
<b>As at 30 September 2018</b>	<b>15,049</b>	<b>19,308</b>	<b>40,760</b>	<b>6,680</b>	<b>81,797</b>

## Six months ended 30 September 2017 (unaudited)

	Share capital £'000	Share premium account £'000	Capital reserve £'000	Retained revenue reserve £'000	Total £'000
As at 31 March 2017	15,049	19,308	40,612	6,508	81,477
Profit for the period	-	-	3,114	2,232	5,346
Equity dividends	-	-	-	(2,018)	(2,018)
<b>As at 30 September 2017</b>	<b>15,049</b>	<b>19,308</b>	<b>43,726</b>	<b>6,722</b>	<b>84,805</b>

## Year ended 31 March 2018 (audited)

	Share capital £'000	Share premium account £'000	Capital reserve £'000	Retained revenue reserve £'000	Total £'000
As at 31 March 2017	15,049	19,308	40,612	6,508	81,477
(Loss)/profit for the year	-	-	(1,299)	4,106	2,807
Equity dividends	-	-	-	(3,819)	(3,819)
<b>As at 31 March 2018</b>	<b>15,049</b>	<b>19,308</b>	<b>39,313</b>	<b>6,795</b>	<b>80,465</b>

# Condensed Cash Flow Statement

	Six months ended 30 September 2018 (unaudited) £'000	Six months ended 30 September 2017 (unaudited) £'000	Year ended 31 March 2018 (audited) £'000
<b>Net cash inflow from operating activities</b>			
Dividend income received	2,390	2,409	4,740
Interest income received	1	283	-
Options premium received	46	76	176
Money market interest received	3	1	4
Management fee paid	(211)	(211)	(426)
Other cash expenses	(190)	(222)	(415)
<b>Cash generated from operations</b>	<b>2,039</b>	<b>2,336</b>	<b>4,079</b>
Interest paid	(168)	(158)	(310)
Overseas taxation	(23)	(8)	(26)
<b>Net cash inflows from operating activities</b>	<b>1,848</b>	<b>2,170</b>	<b>3,743</b>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>			
Purchases of investments	(9,281)	(4,011)	(11,251)
Sales of investments	8,958	5,469	11,859
<b>Net cash (outflow)/inflow from investing activities</b>	<b>(323)</b>	<b>1,458</b>	<b>608</b>
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>			
Equity dividends paid	(2,095)	(2,018)	(3,819)
Loan arrangement fees	-	-	(6)
<b>Net cash outflow from financing activities</b>	<b>(2,095)</b>	<b>(2,018)</b>	<b>(3,825)</b>
<b>Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents</b>	<b>(570)</b>	<b>1,610</b>	<b>526</b>
<b>Reconciliation of net cash flow to movements in cash and cash equivalents</b>			
(Decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents as above	(570)	1,610	526
Net cash and cash equivalents at start of period	2,262	1,773	1,773
Effect of foreign exchange rate changes	1	(21)	(37)
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at end of period</b>	<b>1,693</b>	<b>3,362</b>	<b>2,262</b>

Non-cash transactions during the period comprised stock dividends of £40,000 (30 September 2017 – £17,000; 31 March 2018 – £79,000).



# Notes to the Financial Statements

## 1. Accounting policies – Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) 34 'Interim Financial Reporting', as adopted by the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB), and interpretations issued by the International Financial Reporting Interpretations Committee of the IASB (IFRIC). They have also been prepared using the same accounting policies applied for the year ended 31 March 2018 financial statements, which received an unqualified audit report.

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis. In accordance with the Financial Reporting Council's guidance on 'Going Concern and Liquidity Risk' the Directors have undertaken a review of the Company's assets which primarily consist of a diverse portfolio of listed equity shares which, in most circumstances, are realisable within a very short timescale.

## 2. Taxation

The taxation expense reflected in the Condensed Statement of Comprehensive Income is based on the estimated annual tax rate expected for the full financial year. The estimated annual corporation tax rate used for the year to 31 March 2019 is a rate of 19%.

Detailed below is an analysis of the tax charge for the following periods:

Taxation	Six months ended 30 September 2018			Six months ended 30 September 2017			Year ended 31 March 2018		
	Revenue £'000	Capital £'000	Total £'000	Revenue £'000	Capital £'000	Total £'000	Revenue £'000	Capital £'000	Total £'000
UK Corporation tax	-	-	-	22	(22)	-	-	-	-
Overseas tax suffered	22	-	22	4	-	4	19	-	19
<b>Total tax charge</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>(22)</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>19</b>

## 3. Dividends

The following table shows the revenue for each period less the dividends declared in respect of the financial period to which they relate.

	Six months ended 30 September 2018 £'000	Six months ended 30 September 2017 £'000	Year ended 31 March 2018 £'000
Revenue	1,980	2,232	4,106
Dividends declared	(1,800) <sup>A</sup>	(1,800) <sup>B</sup>	(3,900) <sup>C</sup>
	<b>180</b>	<b>432</b>	<b>206</b>

<sup>A</sup> Dividends declared relate to first two interim dividends (both 3.00p each) in respect of the financial year 2018/19.

<sup>B</sup> Dividends declared relate to first two interim dividends (both 3.00p each) in respect of the financial year 2017/18.

<sup>C</sup> First three interim dividends (each 3.00p) and the final dividend (4.00p) declared in respect of the financial year 2017/18.

	Six months ended 30 September 2018	Six months ended 30 September 2017	Year ended 31 March 2018
	£'000	£'000	£'000
<b>4. Returns per Ordinary share</b>			
Returns are based on the following figures:			
Revenue return	1,980	2,232	4,106
Capital return	1,447	3,114	(1,299)
<b>Total return</b>	<b>3,427</b>	<b>5,346</b>	<b>2,807</b>
<b>Weighted average number of Ordinary shares in issue</b>	<b>29,997,580</b>	<b>29,997,580</b>	<b>29,997,580</b>

**5. Net asset value per Ordinary share**

The net asset value per Ordinary share and the net asset values attributable to Ordinary shareholders at the period end were as follows:

	As at 30 September 2018 (unaudited)	As at 30 September 2017 (unaudited)	As at 31 March 2018 (audited)
Attributable net assets (£'000) per Condensed Balance Sheet	81,797	84,805	80,465
Number of Ordinary shares in issue	29,997,580	29,997,580	29,997,580
Net asset value per Ordinary share (p)	272.68	282.71	268.24

**6. Capital reserve**

The capital reserve reflected in the Condensed Balance Sheet at 30 September 2018 includes unrealised gains of £18,900,000 (30 September 2017 – gains of £25,597,000; 31 March 2018 – gains of £20,508,000) which relate to the revaluation of investments held at the reporting date.

**7. Transaction costs**

During the period expenses were incurred in acquiring or disposing of investments classified as fair value through profit or loss. These have been expensed through capital and are included within gains/(losses) on investments at fair value in the Condensed Statement of Comprehensive Income. The total costs were as follows:

	Six months ended 30 September 2018	Six months ended 30 September 2017	Year ended 31 March 2018
	£'000	£'000	£'000
Purchases	34	16	41
Sales	3	2	3
	<b>37</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>44</b>

The above transaction costs are calculated in line with the AIC SORP. The transaction costs in the Company's Key Information Document are calculated on a different basis and in line with the PRIIPs regulations.

## Notes to the Financial Statements *continued*

	Six months ended 30 September 2018	Six months ended 30 September 2017	Year ended 31 March 2018
	£'000	£'000	£'000
<b>8. Analysis of changes in financing</b>			
Opening balance at 1 March	18,997	19,000	19,000
<b>Cashflow:</b>			
Loan arrangement fees	-	-	(6)
<b>Non cash:</b>			
Amortisation of loan arrangement fees	1	-	-
Unamortised loan arrangement fees	-	-	3
<b>Closing balance</b>	<b>18,998</b>	<b>19,000</b>	<b>18,997</b>

### 9. Transactions with the Manager

The Company has an agreement with Aberdeen Fund Managers Limited ("AFML") for the provision of management, secretarial, accounting and administration services and for the carrying out of promotional activities in relation to the Company.

The management fee is based on 0.45% per annum up to £100 million and 0.40% per annum over £100 million, by reference to the net assets of the Company and any borrowings up to a maximum of £30 million, and excluding commonly managed funds, calculated monthly and paid quarterly. The fee is allocated 50% to revenue and 50% to capital. The agreement is terminable on not less than six months' notice. The total of the fees paid and payable during the period to 30 September 2018 was £211,000 (30 September 2017 – £216,000; 31 March 2018 – £430,000) and the balance due to AFML at the period end was £105,000 (30 September 2017 – £107,000; 31 March 2018 – £105,000). The Company held an interest in a commonly managed fund, Aberdeen Smaller Companies Income Trust PLC, in the portfolio during the period to 30 September 2018 (30 September 2017 and 31 March 2018 – same). The value attributable to this holding is excluded from the calculation of the management fee payable by the Company.

The total fees paid and payable under the management agreement in relation to promotional activities were £32,000 (30 September 2017 – £39,000; 31 March 2018 – £78,000) and the balance due to AFML at the period end was £13,000 (30 September 2017 – £19,000; 31 March 2018 – £19,000). The Company's management agreement with AFML also provides for the provision of company secretarial and administration services to the Company; no separate fee is charged to the Company in respect of these services, which have been delegated to Aberdeen Asset Management PLC.

### 10. Segmental information

For management purposes, the Company is organised into one main operating segment, which invests in equity securities and debt instruments. All of the Company's activities are interrelated, and each activity is dependent on the others. Accordingly, all significant operating decisions are based upon analysis of the Company as one segment. The financial results from this segment are equivalent to the financial statements of the Company as a whole.

### 11. Fair value hierarchy

IFRS 13 'Fair Value Measurement' requires an entity to classify fair value measurements using a fair value hierarchy that reflects the significance of the inputs used in making the measurements. The fair value hierarchy has the following levels:

Level 1: quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities;

Level 2: inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the assets or liability, either directly (ie as prices) or indirectly (ie derived from prices); and

Level 3: inputs for the asset or liability that are not based on observable market data (unobservable inputs).

The financial assets and liabilities measured at fair value in the Condensed Balance Sheet are grouped into the fair value hierarchy as follows:

At 30 September 2018	Note	Level 1 £'000	Level 2 £'000	Level 3 £'000	Total £'000
<b>Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss</b>					
Quoted investments	a)	98,536	-	-	98,536
<b>Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss</b>					
Derivatives	b)	-	(33)	-	(33)
<b>Net fair value</b>		<b>98,536</b>	<b>(33)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>98,503</b>

At 30 September 2017	Note	Level 1 £'000	Level 2 £'000	Level 3 £'000	Total £'000
<b>Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss</b>					
Quoted investments	a)	99,944	-	-	99,944
<b>Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss</b>					
Derivatives	b)	-	(39)	-	(39)
<b>Net fair value</b>		<b>99,944</b>	<b>(39)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>99,905</b>

As at 31 March 2018	Note	Level 1 £'000	Level 2 £'000	Level 3 £'000	Total £'000
<b>Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss</b>					
Quoted investments	a)	96,541	-	-	96,541
<b>Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss</b>					
Derivatives	b)	-	(48)	-	(48)
<b>Net fair value</b>		<b>96,541</b>	<b>(48)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>96,493</b>

**a) Quoted investments**

The fair value of the Company's quoted investments has been determined by reference to their quoted bid prices at the reporting date. Quoted investments included in Fair Value Level 1 are actively traded on recognised stock exchanges.

**b) Derivatives**

The fair value of the Company's investments in Exchange Traded Options has been determined using observable market inputs on an exchange traded basis although not actively traded and therefore have been classed as level 2.

The fair value of the Company's investments in Over the Counter Options has been determined using observable market inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 2.

## Notes to the Financial Statements *continued*

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12. The financial information contained in this Half Yearly Financial Report does not constitute statutory accounts as defined in Sections 434 – 436 of the Companies Act 2006. The financial information for the six months ended 30 September 2018 and 30 September 2017 has not been reviewed or audited by the Company's independent auditor.

The information for the year ended 31 March 2018 has been extracted from the latest published audited financial statements which have been filed with the Registrar of Companies. The report of the independent auditor on those accounts contained no qualification or statement under Section 498 (2), (3) or (4) of the Companies Act 2006.

13. This Half Yearly Financial Report was approved by the Board on 19 November 2018.

# Alternative Performance Measures

## Alternative Performance Measures

Alternative performance measures are numerical measures of the Company's current, historical or future performance, financial position or cash flows, other than financial measures defined or specified in the applicable financial framework. The Company's applicable financial framework includes IFRS and the AIC SORP.

## Total Return

The Directors assess the Company's performance against a range of criteria which are viewed as particularly relevant for closed-end investment companies. Total return is considered to be an alternative performance measure. NAV total return involves investing the same net dividend in the NAV of the Company with debt at fair value on the date on which that dividend was earned. Share price total return involves reinvesting the net dividend in the month that the share price goes ex-dividend.

The tables below provide information relating to the NAVs and share prices of the Company on the dividend reinvestment dates during the six months ended 30 September 2018 and 30 September 2017 and assumes reinvestment of net dividends excluding transaction costs (the "Adjustment factor").

	Dividend rate	NAV	Share price
<b>30 September 2018</b>			
31 March 2018 (a)		268.24p	260.00p
5 April 2018	3.00p	267.78p	268.50p
5 July 2018	4.00p	276.85p	275.00p
30 September 2018 (b)		272.68p	253.00p
Adjustment factor (c)		1.025813	1.025881
30 September 2018 adjusted (d)=(b*c)		279.72p	259.55p
<b>Total return (d/a)</b>		<b>4.3%</b>	<b>-0.2%</b>

	Dividend rate	NAV	Share price
<b>30 September 2017</b>			
31 March 2017 (a)		271.61p	243.25p
6 April 2017	3.00p	269.97p	237.75p
6 July 2017	3.75p	275.30p	250.00p
30 September 2017 (b)		282.71p	267.00p
Adjustment factor (c)		1.025107	1.027663
30 September 2017 adjusted (d)=(b*c)		289.81p	274.39p
<b>Total return (d/a)</b>		<b>6.7%</b>	<b>12.8%</b>

## Dividend Yield

The annual dividend of 13p per Ordinary share (31 March 2018 – same) divided by the share price of 253p (31 March 2018 – 260p), expressed as a percentage.

## Net Gearing

Net gearing measures the total borrowings of £18,998,000 (31 March 2018 – £18,997,000) less cash and cash equivalents of £1,693,000 (31 March 2018 – £2,262,000) divided by shareholders' funds of £81,797,000 (31 March 2018 – £80,465,000), expressed as a percentage.

## Alternative Performance Measures continued

### Ongoing Charges

Ongoing charges is considered to be an alternative performance measure. The ongoing charges ratio has been calculated in accordance with guidance issued by the AIC as the total of investment management fees and administrative expenses and expressed as a percentage of the average net asset values throughout the year. The ratio for 30 September 2018 is based on forecast ongoing charges for the year ending 31 March 2019. The ratio for 30 September 2017 was based on forecast ongoing charges for the year ending 31 March 2018 as at 30 September 2017.

	2018	2017
Investment management fees (£'000)	419	431
Administrative expenses (£'000)	364	388
Less: non-recurring charges (£'000)	(2)	-
<b>Ongoing charges (£'000)</b>	<b>781</b>	<b>819</b>
<b>Average net assets (£'000)</b>	<b>82,433</b>	<b>84,314</b>
<b>Ongoing charges ratio</b>	<b>0.95%</b>	<b>0.97%</b>

The ongoing charges ratio provided in the Company's Key Information Document is calculated in line with the PRIIPs regulations.



# Investor Information

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## Alternative Investment Fund Managers Directive (“AIFMD”) and Pre-Investment Disclosure Document (“PIDD”)

The Company has appointed Aberdeen Fund Managers Limited as its alternative investment fund manager and BNP Paribas Securities Services, London Branch as its depositary under the AIFMD.

The AIFMD requires Aberdeen Fund Managers Limited, as the Company’s AIFM, to make available to investors certain information prior to such investors’ investment in the Company. Details of the leverage and risk policies which the Company is required to have in place under the AIFMD are published in the Company’s PIDD which can be found on its website: [shiresincome.co.uk](http://shiresincome.co.uk).

## Investor Warning: Be alert to share fraud and boiler room scams

Aberdeen Standard Investments has been contacted by investors informing it that they have received telephone calls and emails from people who have offered to buy their investment company shares, purporting to work for Aberdeen Standard Investments or for third party firms. Aberdeen Standard Investments has also been notified of emails claiming that certain investment companies under its management have issued claims in the courts against individuals. These may be scams which attempt to gain your personal information with which to commit identity fraud or could be ‘boiler room’ scams where a payment from you is required to release the supposed payment for your shares. These callers/senders do not work for Aberdeen Standard Investments and any third party making such offers/claims has no link with Aberdeen Standard Investments.

Aberdeen Standard Investments does not ‘cold-call’ investors in this way. If you have any doubt over the veracity of a caller, do not offer any personal information, end the call and contact our Customer Services Department.

The Financial Conduct Authority provides advice with respect to share fraud and boiler room scams at: [fca.org.uk/consumers/scams](http://fca.org.uk/consumers/scams)

## Shareholder Enquiries

For queries regarding shareholdings, lost certificates, dividend payments, registered details and related matters, shareholders holding their shares directly in the Company are advised to contact the Registrars (see Corporate Information). Changes of address must be notified to the Registrars in writing.

If you have any general questions about your Company, the Manager or performance, please telephone the Aberdeen Standard Investments Customer Services Department on 0808 500 4000, send an email to [inv.trusts@aberdeenstandard.com](mailto:inv.trusts@aberdeenstandard.com) or write to:

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## Dividend Tax Allowance

The annual tax-free personal allowance for dividend income for UK investors is £2,000 for the 2018/19 tax year (2017/18: £5,000). Above this amount, individuals pay tax on their dividend income at a rate dependent on their income tax bracket and personal circumstances. The Company provides registered shareholders with a confirmation of dividends paid and this should be included with any other dividend income received when calculating and reporting to HMRC total dividend income received. It is the shareholder’s responsibility to include all dividend income when calculating any tax liability.

## How to Invest

Investors can buy and sell shares in the Company directly through a stockbroker or indirectly through a lawyer, accountant or other professional adviser. Alternatively, for retail clients, shares can be bought directly through the Aberdeen Standard Investment Trust Share Plan, Investment Trust Individual Savings Account (“ISA”) or Investment Plan for Children.

## Aberdeen Standard Investment Trust Share Plan

Aberdeen Standard Investments operates an Investment Trust Share Plan (the “Plan”) through which shares in the Company can be purchased. There are no dealing charges on the initial purchase of shares, although investors will suffer the bid-offer spread, which can, on some occasions, be a significant amount. Lump sum investments start at £250, while regular savers may invest from £100 per month. Investors simply pay Government Stamp Duty (currently 0.5%) on entry where applicable. Selling costs are £10 + VAT. There is no restriction on how long an investor need invest in a Plan, and regular savers can stop or suspend participation by instructing Aberdeen Standard Investments in writing at any time.

## Aberdeen Standard Investment Trust ISA

Aberdeen Standard Investments operates an Investment Trust ISA (“ISA”) through which an investment may be made of up to £20,000 in the 2018/19 tax year.

## Investor Information continued

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There are no brokerage or initial charges for the ISA, although investors will suffer the bid-offer spread, which can be a significant amount. Investors only pay Government Stamp Duty (currently 0.5%) on purchases where applicable. Selling costs are £15 + VAT. The annual ISA administration charge is £24 + VAT, calculated annually and applied on 31 March (or the last business day in March) and collected soon thereafter either by direct debit or, if there is no valid direct debit mandate in place, from the available cash in the ISA prior to the distribution or reinvestment of any income, or, where there is insufficient cash in the ISA, from the sale of investments held in the ISA. Under current legislation, investments in ISAs can grow free of capital gains tax.

### ISA Transfer

Investors can choose to transfer previous tax year investments to Aberdeen Standard Investments, which can be invested in the Company while retaining their ISA wrapper. The minimum lump sum for an ISA transfer is £1,000 and is subject to a minimum per trust of £250.

### Aberdeen Standard Investment Plan for Children

Aberdeen Standard Investments operates an Investment Plan for Children (the "Children's Plan") which covers a number of investment companies under its management, including the Company. Anyone can invest in the Children's Plan (subject to the eligibility criteria as stated within the terms and conditions), including parents, grandparents and family friends. All investments are free of dealing charges on the initial purchase of shares, although investors will suffer the bid-offer spread, which can, on some occasions, be a significant amount. Lump sum investments start at £150 per trust, while regular savers may invest from £30 per month. Investors simply pay Government Stamp Duty (currently 0.5%) on entry where applicable. Selling costs are £10 + VAT. There is no restriction on how long an investor need invest in the Children's Plan, and regular savers can stop or suspend participation by instructing Aberdeen Standard Investments in writing at any time.

### Nominee Accounts and Voting Rights

All investments in the Aberdeen Standard Investments Children's Plan, Investment Trust Share Plan and Investment Trust ISA are held in nominee accounts and investors are provided with the equivalent of full voting and other rights of share ownership.

### Keeping You Informed

Further information about the Company may be found on its dedicated website: [shiresincome.co.uk](http://shiresincome.co.uk). This provides access to information on the Company's share price performance, capital structure, London Stock Exchange

announcements, current and historic Annual and Half-Yearly Reports, and the latest monthly factsheet on the Company issued by the Manager.

Alternatively, please call 0808 500 0040 (Freephone) or email [inv.trusts@aberdeenstandard.com](mailto:inv.trusts@aberdeenstandard.com) or write to the address for Aberdeen Standard Investment Trusts stated above.

Details are also available at: [invtrusts.co.uk](http://invtrusts.co.uk).

### Key Information Document ("KID")

The KID relating to the Company and published by the Manager can be found on the Manager's website at: [invtrusts.co.uk/en/investmenttrusts/literature-library](http://invtrusts.co.uk/en/investmenttrusts/literature-library).

### Literature Request Service

For literature and application forms for Aberdeen Standard Investment's investment trust products, please contact:

[invtrusts.co.uk](http://invtrusts.co.uk) or contact:

Email: [aam@lit-request.com](mailto:aam@lit-request.com)  
Telephone: 0808 500 4000

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### Terms and Conditions

Terms and conditions for Aberdeen Standard Investments managed savings products can also be found under the Literature section of our website at: [invtrusts.co.uk](http://invtrusts.co.uk).

### Suitable for Retail/NMPI Status

The Company's shares are intended for investors, primarily in the UK, including retail investors, professionally-advised private clients and institutional investors who are seeking a high level of income, together with the potential for growth of both income and capital from a diversified portfolio substantially invested in UK equities but also in preference shares, convertibles and fixed income securities, and who understand and are willing to accept the risks of exposure to equities.

Investors should consider consulting a financial adviser who specialises in advising on the acquisition of shares and other securities before acquiring shares. Investors should be capable of evaluating the risks and merits of

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such an investment and should have sufficient resources to bear any loss that may result.

The Company currently conducts its affairs so that the securities issued by the Company can be recommended by a financial adviser to ordinary retail investors in accordance with the Financial Conduct Authority's rules in relation to non-mainstream pooled investments ("NMPIs") and intends to continue to do so for the foreseeable future. The Company's securities are excluded from the Financial Conduct Authority's restrictions which apply to NMPIs because they are securities issued by an investment trust.

### Online Dealing

There are a number of online dealing platforms for private investors that offer share dealing, ISAs and other means to invest in the Company. Real-time execution-only stockbroking services allow you to trade online, manage your portfolio and buy UK listed shares. These sites do not give advice. Some comparison websites also look at dealing rates and terms.

### Discretionary Private Client Stockbrokers

If you have a large sum to invest, you may wish to contact a discretionary private client stockbroker. They can manage your entire portfolio of shares and will advise you on your investments. To find a private client stockbroker visit The Personal Investment Management & Financial Advice Association at: [pimfa.co.uk](http://pimfa.co.uk).

### Financial Advisers

To find an adviser who recommends on investment trusts, visit: [unbiased.co.uk](http://unbiased.co.uk).

### Regulation of Stockbrokers

Before approaching a stockbroker, always check that they are regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority:  
Tel: 0800 111 6768 or at [fca.org.uk/firms/systems-reporting/register/search](http://fca.org.uk/firms/systems-reporting/register/search)  
Email: [register@fca.org.uk](mailto:register@fca.org.uk)

### Note

Please remember that past performance is not a guide to the future. Stock market and currency movements may cause the value of shares and the income from them to fall as well as rise and investors may not get back the amount they originally invested.

As with all equity investments, the value of investment trusts purchased will immediately be reduced by the difference between the buying and selling prices of the shares, the market maker's spread.

Investors should further bear in mind that the value of any tax relief will depend on the individual circumstances of the investor and that tax rates and reliefs, as well as the tax treatment of ISAs, may be changed by future legislation.

*The information on pages 21 to 23 has been approved for the purposes of Section 21 of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (as amended by the Financial Services Act 2012) by Aberdeen Asset Managers Limited which is authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority in the United Kingdom.*

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