

5 August 2020

Investor Name:
Investor Reference:
Designation:

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION
ACTION REQUIRED**

Dear Investor,

**ASI Sterling Opportunistic Corporate Bond Fund
FUND CLOSURE NOTIFICATION**

What is happening?

We are writing to notify you of our decision to close the ASI Sterling Opportunistic Corporate Bond Fund (the "Fund") on 19 October 2020 (the "Closure Date"). The largest investor has confirmed their intention to redeem their shareholding in the Fund, which constitutes a substantial proportion of the assets of the Fund. Small funds face a number of operating difficulties as they are unable to benefit from economies of scale. This may lead to problems in buying and selling assets at a reasonable price, which in turn may lead to compromised investment performance and proportionally higher costs.

Following consideration of the available options, we believe it is in the best interest of all shareholders to close the Fund, liquidate all of the underlying assets and return the proceeds to investors.

A timeline of events leading to the Fund's closure and a list of share classes are shown in Appendix One.

Impact on investors – action required

As an investor you have the options listed below, prior to the Closure Date.

Option A

You may redeem your holdings in the Fund and you will receive your redemption proceeds within the usual timescales outlined in the Fund's prospectus, or switch into another fund within the Aberdeen Standard Investments ("ASI") UK fund range (including other Bond Funds) prior to the Closure Date. More information regarding our UK range of funds can be found on our website aberdeenstandard.com or alternatively contact your advisor or usual ASI relationship manager. Please ensure you carefully read the Key Investor Information Document ("KIID") which includes the investment objectives and policies and fees applicable.

Option B

If you wish to remain invested in the Fund until the Closure Date no action is required from you. Redemption proceeds will be issued to you three business days after the Closure Date. If we hold validated bank details on file, we will pay you electronically. Otherwise, we will issue a cheque.

Please note that as the Fund is in the process of preparing to close, we will no longer accept any instructions to purchase additional shares in the Fund from 11.59 am on 5 October 2020. However, redemption instructions for the Fund will be processed as normal until 11.59 am on 16 October 2020.

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Liquidation of portfolio

The Manager of the Fund will maintain the portfolio in line with its existing investment objective until nine business days prior to the Closure Date when the process of liquidating the Fund's assets will begin. This will mean that all or part of the portfolio will be invested in Sterling money market instruments, and cash, during these nine business days.

Expenses

We have agreed to meet the expenses of the closure of the Fund, including expenses of the auditors and other professional advisers. The only exception will be any transaction costs involved in liquidating the assets of the Fund. Therefore from the date of this letter, the redemption price will reflect anticipated transaction costs.

Regular Savings

If you regularly contribute to the Fund by direct debit, your last payment will be taken on 1 October 2020. If you regularly save into any other funds then your direct debit will be reduced by the monthly amount you currently subscribe into this Fund. The reduced direct debit payment will be effective on 1 November 2020.

Customer Services

If you have any questions about the contents of this letter you can contact us as follows:

Telephone:	0345 113 6966
Email:	customer.services@aberdeenstandard.com
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A redemption or switch of your investment on or before the Closure Date will be treated as a disposal for UK tax purposes which could result in tax filing obligations and you may have to pay tax on any gain you may make. We do not provide investment advice and we strongly recommend that you seek advice from a person who is authorised under the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 to provide investment advice so that you understand how these changes affect you and your investment and your tax position.

Yours faithfully,



Gary Marshall, Director
Aberdeen Standard Fund Managers Limited

We may record telephone calls for training purposes and to improve our service to you.

Appendix One

List of share classes

Share Class	ISIN	SEDOL
A Acc	GB00BWK27H53	BWK27H5
A Inc	GB00BWK27J77	BWK27J7
I Acc	GB00BWK27K82	BWK27K8
I Inc	GB00BWK27L99	BWK27L9
I Gross Acc	GB00BWK27M07	BWK27M0
I Gross Inc	GB00BWK27N14	BWK27N1
Class P Inc	GB00BWK27P38	BWK27P3
Class Q Inc	GB00BWK27R51	BWK27R5
Class Z Acc	GB00BZB1N630	BZB1N63
Class M Acc	GB00BGRLYC73	BGRLYC7
Class M Inc	GB00BGR LZC49	BGR LZC4

Timetable of key dates

Timetable of key dates	Date
Last direct debit date for regular savers	1 October 2020
Last date for subscriptions (11.59 am)	5 October 2020
Process of liquidating the Fund portfolio begins (estimated)	6 October 2020
Last date for redemptions (11.59 am)	16 October 2020
Declaration of final distribution for income and accumulation holders	16 October 2020
Fund closure	19 October 2020
Payment of redemption proceeds to shareholders who remain invested at the Closure Date*	22 October 2020
Payment of quarterly income distribution from 1 May 2020 to 31 July 2020 (income shares only)**	30 October 2020
Payment of final distribution to holders of income shares	16 December 2020

*For holders of accumulation shares, allocation of any income received from 1 August 2020 to the Closure Date will be transferred to the capital property of the Fund on the Closure Date and will be reflected in the value of the shares. For holders of income shares, the redemption proceeds will be paid on 22 October 2020 and the final distribution will be paid on or before 16 December 2020.

** The Quarterly income distribution will be paid on the usual date as set out in the Fund's Prospectus.