

Aberdeen Standard
Investments

An asset manager for
today's global opportunities

A high-angle photograph of two men in business suits walking across a large, light-colored stone-tiled floor. The man in the foreground is wearing a grey suit and is looking down at a smartphone in his hand. The man behind him is wearing a dark blue suit and glasses, and is looking forward. The floor is composed of large, rectangular stone tiles. The lighting is dramatic, with strong shadows cast across the tiles.

The coming together of Standard Life Investments and Aberdeen Asset Management under the Aberdeen Standard Investments brand has created the largest active investment manager in the UK* and one of the largest investment houses globally.

“The industry is changing. We have ensured we are well placed to meet our clients’ evolving needs and remain their trusted partner.”

Keith Skeoch
Chief Executive
Standard Life Aberdeen plc

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Aberdeen Standard Investments is dedicated to helping investors around the world reach their desired investment goals and broaden their financial horizons.

A focus on active management

We seek to provide world-class investment expertise across the breadth of markets and asset classes. Our full range of investment solutions span equities, multi-asset, fixed income, liquidity, sovereign wealth funds, real estate and private markets. Coupled with a range of investment approaches, from quantitatively-managed 'smart beta' to highly active alpha-seeking strategies, we transform new investment ideas into practical investment products designed to deliver real value for money to investors.

A global network

A brand of the investment businesses of Aberdeen Asset Management and Standard Life Investments, we can draw upon one of the world's largest teams of investment professionals. Approximately 1,000 portfolio managers, analysts and product,

risk and trading specialists are located globally ensuring close proximity to our clients and the markets in which we invest. In addition, we have 500 client specialists working closely with investors and professional advisors to understand their goals and deliver innovative, world class investment solutions.

Raising standards

Today, we manage £505.1bn* (€562.7bn/US\$643.3bn) of assets on behalf of governments, pension funds, insurers, companies, charities, foundations and individuals across 80 countries. The largest active asset manager in the UK, we are also one of the top five asset managers headquartered in Europe and one of the biggest active asset managers worldwide, not owned by a major bank.

As a responsible global investor, we leverage our scale and market leadership to raise standards in both the companies and industries in which we invest, and drive best practice across the asset management industry.



Our global reach

Presence in 48 locations keeps us close to our client-base



Diversification across the asset base

Together we are responsible for approximately £505.1bn of assets managed on behalf of clients globally as at 31 December 2018.

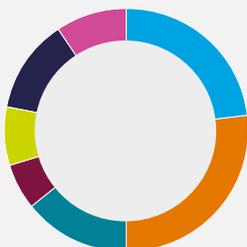
The breadth of our expertise can be seen by the diverse range of investments we are entrusted to manage.

Strategic partnerships and joint ventures

UK	Lloyds Bank, Phoenix
North America	John Hancock, Manulife
Asia	Bosera, Heng An Standard Life, Mitsubishi UFJ Trust & Banking, Sumitomo Mitsui Trust Bank
India	HDFC AMC
Australia	Challenger



Assets under Management – by asset class*

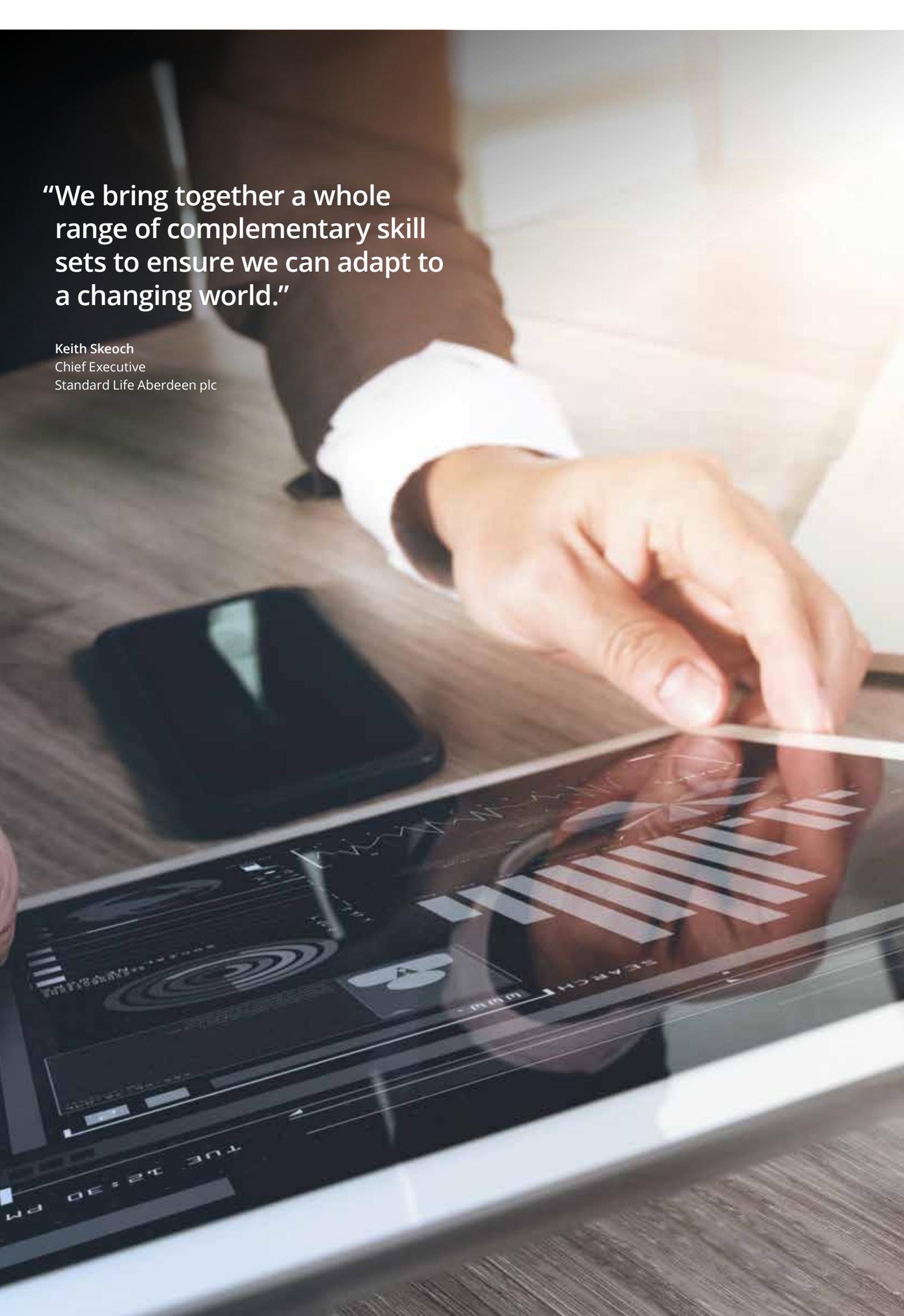


	£bn		£bn
Equities	116.9	Real estate	40.0
Fixed income	136.7	Quantitative	62.8
Multi-asset	71.4	Cash/liquidity	46.7
Private markets and Alternatives	30.6		

* Data as at 31 December 2018, Source: Standard Life Aberdeen plc

“We bring together a whole range of complementary skill sets to ensure we can adapt to a changing world.”

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Our expertise

With a broad and compelling investment proposition, Aberdeen Standard Investments has the depth and scale of investment capabilities to meet the current and future needs of clients. A full suite of actively-managed strategies is complemented by quantitative, rules-based approaches that systematically look to capture or enhance market return.

By maintaining this breadth of expertise, we aim to lead the way with innovative investment approaches that can target investors' specific needs for income, return, risk control or liability management – as well as seeking to provide sources of performance across different market cycles.

Equities

- Comprehensive range of strategies spanning the risk/return spectrum
- A long-term investment approach
- Focused on fundamental, bottom-up stock selection
- Team-based approach
- Established, repeatable investment processes

Fixed Income

- Comprehensive set of capabilities covering benchmark-orientated, liability related and absolute return
- Proprietary credit research model helps avoid losers as well as identify winners

Multi-asset

- Includes absolute return, enhanced diversification, traditional balanced and tactical asset allocation
- Bottom-up analysis combined with top-down strategy
- Expert risk management aims to enable portfolios to perform in any environment

Liquidity

- Liquidity, money market and short duration funds
- Liquidity managed for financial institutions, corporates, local authorities, charities and pension funds
- Solutions tailored to duration, access and yield needs

Quantitative Investments

- Systematic investments across pure and smart beta and active quant strategies

- Rules-based approach to investing
- Grounded in academic research and established investment theory
- Focus on efficient portfolio construction, disciplined rebalancing and risk management

Private Markets

- Private equity, infrastructure, real estate and private credit
- Individual strategies or combined solutions available to meet clients' income and growth objectives
- Seeks to generate stable long-term returns across the economic cycle
- Global reach with demonstrable pedigree within private markets investment

Real Estate

- Pooled, segregated, mutual fund, specialist and global portfolios
- Global 'Top 10' manager of real estate assets
- One of industry's longest established research teams
- Demonstrable capability in active management of real estate assets

Client-driven and Multi-manager Solutions

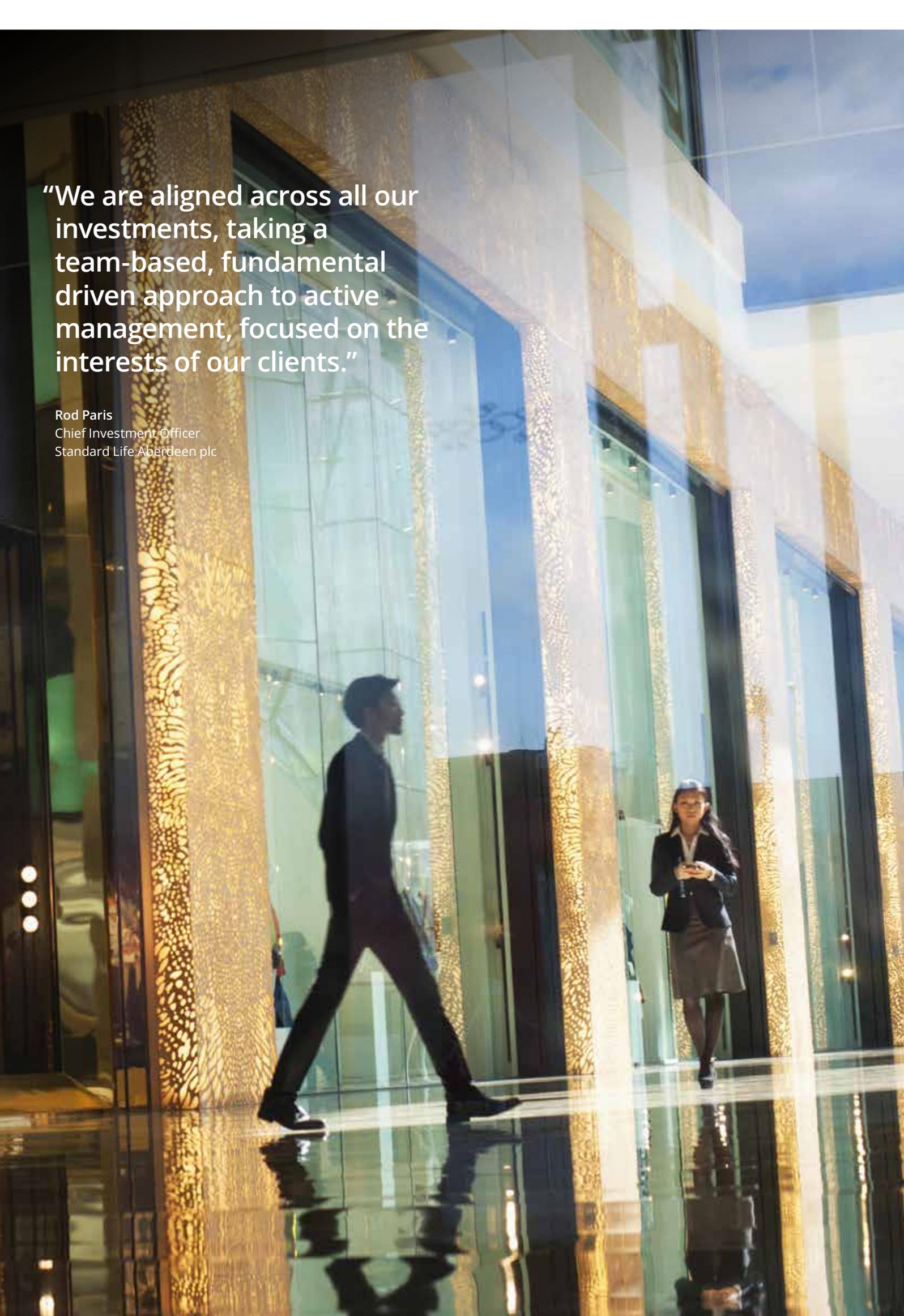
- Solutions delivering key client outcomes incorporating public and private investments from both Aberdeen Standard Investments and third parties
- Risk-based and liability-driven solutions for different investor groups
- Long history managing with-profits assets and annuity portfolios for insurance clients

Private Wealth

- UK discretionary wealth management service
- Range of investment solutions that can be tailored to specific client requirements
- Focus on exceptional client service

Alternative Investment Strategies

- Help investors build more robust, diversified portfolios by providing research, access, implementation and management of portfolios of alternative investments
- Range of solutions, including liquid alternatives, alternative factor premia, single-strategy solutions and funds of hedge funds
- Aim to provide diversification benefits or the potential to protect portfolios during times of market stress

A photograph of a modern office lobby. The scene is dominated by a large glass wall and several tall, cylindrical columns with a golden, perforated texture. The floor is highly reflective, mirroring the people and the architectural elements. A man in a dark suit is walking from left to right in the foreground, carrying a briefcase. In the background, a woman in a dark blazer and skirt is walking towards the camera, looking at her phone. The lighting is warm and dramatic, highlighting the golden tones of the columns and the reflections on the floor.

“We are aligned across all our investments, taking a team-based, fundamental driven approach to active management, focused on the interests of our clients.”

Rod Paris
Chief Investment Officer
Standard Life Aberdeen plc

Our investment approach

Aberdeen Standard Investments embraces an active management approach. Our focus is placed on undertaking primary, internal research and consideration of the fundamentals underlying any prospective investment.

This emphasis is supported by close collaboration between different asset classes. With such an expansive array of capabilities, investment professionals are able to share their insights with colleagues across the spectrum of asset classes. Leveraging this broader perspective, we are able to make better informed decisions.

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Micro and macro research

Across many asset classes, the ability to analyse and evaluate both micro and macro factors is invaluable. Understanding the top-down dynamics within global markets and economies provides context. Combining macro analysis with bottom-up research allows a fuller picture to be formed of the risks and opportunities presented by any given investment.

Macro research comes from a fully resourced team of economists and market strategists who feed into the decision making process, particularly within multi-asset investing and fixed income.

Long-term investors

Aberdeen Standard Investments are high-conviction, long-term investors. Investments are made across asset classes with the understanding that the full return potential will often be realised over time. Performance is not reliant on short-term tactical trading.

This long term perspective benefits our clients directly as the unnecessary costs of excessive trading can be avoided. When unjustified, high levels of portfolio turnover is likely to negatively impact portfolio performance.

Team-based ethos

Within individual investment teams, managers work in a collaborative manner with colleagues, pooling their collective insights and expertise. Rigorous peer review of investment proposals within a team is central.

Our ethos is collaborative, but decision making is not reliant on a consensus. While drawing upon the pooled experience within teams, managers assume individual responsibility for the investment decisions they make.

Embedded ESG

An Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) framework is firmly embedded within our investment approach. Awareness of ESG factors highlights financial and reputational risks related to the companies in which we invest. For this reason, ESG engagement is not a cost, but an approach that can enhance investment performance.

Our belief is that we should act as responsible stewards of our clients' assets, seeking to ensure that our investment decisions will generate a positive social impact as well as financial performance.

Shared insights

Expertise is leveraged across different investment capabilities. This occurs across asset classes and geographies. For example, fixed income managers will engage with equity colleagues to share their perspectives on a particular company.

With over 1,000 investment professionals located across more than 20 offices around the world, the ability to share these insights widely is a key competitive advantage.

Important information

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Fixed Income

Fixed income securities are subject to certain risks including, but not limited to: interest rate, credit, prepayment, and extension.

Property

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Alternatives

Alternative investments may engage in speculative investment practices; involve a high degree of risk; and are generally considered to be illiquid due to restrictions on transferring interests. An investor could lose all or a substantial portion of their investment. Investors must have the financial ability, sophistication / experience and willingness to bear the risks of such an investment.

Diversification does not necessarily ensure a return or protect against a loss.

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