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Standard Life Aberdeen  
Investor Relations Newsletter

## Spring 2020

We hope you are staying safe and well.

Below is a roundup of news and insights from across our business that we thought would interest you.

## Response to COVID-19

### Our operations



Our priority in response to COVID-19 has been the safety and wellbeing of our colleagues, and our ability to continue to serve our clients and customers.

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### Support for our communities



While our immediate priority is protecting our employees and maintaining service to our clients and customers, we also recognise that the impact of COVID-19 on our communities, and especially those who are already vulnerable, is significant.

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### Letter of support for UK companies



Aberdeen Standard Investments has written to UK companies in which it has an active shareholding. It is during these difficult times that the role, values and social purpose of companies come into sharp focus. As an active investor Standard Life Aberdeen is fully committed to supporting the corporate sector and the wider economy during this unprecedented period of upheaval.

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### Connecting with clients and customers



What does the investment landscape look like at the moment, and what are the risks and opportunities during such uncertainty? The investment teams have been keeping clients and customers up to date with the latest thinking.

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## Corporate announcements

### 2020 AGM



Our AGM was held on Tuesday 12 May 2020 in compliance with the Government's 'Stay at Home Measures'. Read the voting results, and watch video presentations from our Chairman and CEO. You can also read our 2020 AGM statement which includes an update on our estimated assets and flows for the first four months of the year.

[Read more and watch the videos](#)

## Sale of shares in HDFC Life



In March we sold a further 2.48% stake in HDFC Life shares for net cash proceeds of £237m.

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## Business news

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### Podcast series: Views from the Chair



In this podcast, Sir Douglas Flint, Chairman of Standard Life Aberdeen, and Richard Dunbar, Head of Macro Investing Research at Aberdeen Standard Investments, cover various topics. The democratisation of savings. Should the word “pension” be retired? ESG – what will success look like? Private versus public. One Belt, One Road – a global infrastructure project of huge importance. The three “megatrends” of climate change, the impact of inequality and demographics.

[Listen to the podcast](#)

### Global mid cap fund launched



Aberdeen Standard Investments has launched a global mid-cap fund, which seeks to harness the significant investment opportunities present within global mid-cap companies.

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### Drawdown price lock now available



We’re pleased to confirm that our innovative Drawdown Price Lock, the first of its kind in the UK, is now available on Wrap. With the recent market volatility created by the Coronavirus pandemic, we believe this will become a valuable feature for your drawdown clients in the longer-term.

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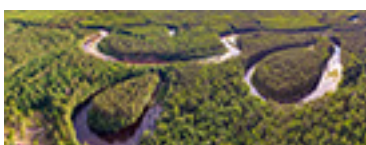
### Global outlook – May



Throughout the coronavirus crisis, we have sought to stay connected as a team, but also to stay connected to our clients and customers. We hope that this edition of Global Outlook will help to serve this latter aim and will shine a light on the current thinking across our business.

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### ESG funds show their mettle



In the first quarter of this year, the COVID-19 pandemic prompted the most severe stock-market crash since the global financial crisis. But for investors who focus on environmental, social and governance (ESG) issues, there was some comfort to be found in the relative resilience of ESG funds.

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## Media coverage

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### Bloomberg TV interview: Keith Skeoch, Chief Executive



In an interview on Tuesday with Bloomberg, Keith discussed this week’s assets and flows update, this business outlook and the impact of COVID-19. Please note that you will need to view this video via Chrome.

[Watch the video](#)

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