

27th August 2021

Investor Name:  
Investor Reference:  
Designation:

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION FUND CHANGES

Dear Investor

**Please read this letter carefully as it contains important information regarding forthcoming changes to some of our funds.**

The London Interbank Offered Rate, LIBOR, is a benchmark interest rate that is widely used across the world. It is the interest rate at which banks lend to each other and it underpins many mortgages, loans and financial derivatives. LIBOR will no longer be published after the end of 2021 and this means that the financial services industry must take significant steps to prepare for it and any other LIBOR linked benchmark interest rate, such as London Interbank Bid Rate ("LIBID") the rate at which banks are willing to borrow Eurocurrency deposits), to be removed from funds, investments and legal agreements.

As a result of the phasing out of LIBOR and its linked benchmarks, we will be making the following change in respect of the below funds, some or all of which, you are invested in:

Fund Name
ASI Global Absolute Return Strategies Fund
ASI Diversified Core Growth Fund
ASI Diversified Income Fund
ASI Target Return Bond Fund
ASI Sterling Money Market Fund

In this letter, when we say 'we' or 'us', we mean Aberdeen Standard Fund Managers Limited.

#### Change in Investment Objective

As a result of the phasing out of LIBOR, we are making changes to the performance target, in the investment objective of your fund, which is used to measure the performance of your fund, which are outlined below. It is important to stress that this does not impact how the fund is actually managed, and therefore does not change the current value of your investment, the fund's risk profile nor the amount you may receive at the end of your investment.

The performance target on your fund is proposed to change from referencing LIBOR or LIBID, as applicable, to referencing the Sterling Overnight Index Average ("SONIA"). SONIA is the replacement rate proposed by industry working groups and is administered by the Bank of England. Differences in LIBOR/LIBID and SONIA calculation methodologies may mean that the fund shall compare slightly more favourably against the previous target, however we consider SONIA to be a similar and appropriate measure for each fund. The change in target will be effective from 1 October 2021.

Fund Name	Current Performance Target	Proposed Performance Target
ASI Global Absolute Return Strategies Fund	6 Month GBP LIBOR + 5% p.a. (Over rolling 3 year periods before charges)	SONIA + 5% p.a. (Over rolling 3 year periods before charges)
ASI Diversified-Core Growth Fund	1M GBP LIBOR + 4.5%	SONIA + 4.5%
ASI Diversified Income Fund	1M GBP LIBOR +5%	SONIA +5%
ASI Target Return Bond Fund	3M GBP LIBOR + 3%	SONIA + 3%
ASI Sterling Money Market Fund	7 Day GBP LIBID	SONIA

See Appendix One for full details of the change.

See Appendix Two for details of the ISINs and unit/share classes impacted by all the changes set out in this letter.

The minimal costs for the aforesaid changes will be borne by the relevant fund, where permitted in line with the prospectus for the relevant fund

If you would like to know more about LIBOR (/LIBID) and why it will no longer be published, further information is available on our website – <https://www.aberdeenstandard.com/en/insights-thinking-aloud/the-journey-away-from-libor>.

#### Do I need to take any action?

No. This letter is for information only and the change to the performance target will be implemented on 1 October 2021 and relevant fund documentation will be updated automatically to reflect this change.

#### Customer Services

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

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Yours faithfully,



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**Aberdeen Standard Fund Managers Limited**

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## Appendix One – Investment Objective sections changing

### ASI Global Absolute Return Strategies Fund

Current Investment Objective	Post Change Investment Objective
<p><b><u>Investment Objective</u></b></p> <p>To generate a positive absolute return over the medium to <i>long term</i> (3 to 5 years or more) irrespective of market conditions, whilst reducing the risk of losses. Invested capital is however at risk and there is no guarantee that the objective will be attained over any time period.</p> <p><i>Performance target:</i> To exceed the return of 6 month GBP LIBOR plus 5% per annum, evaluated over <i>rolling</i> three year periods (before charges). The <i>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>6-month GBP LIBOR has been chosen as a proxy for the return on <i>cash</i> deposits.</p>	<p><b><u>Investment Objective</u></b></p> <p>To generate a positive absolute return over the medium to <i>long term</i> (3 to 5 years or more) irrespective of market conditions, whilst reducing the risk of losses. Invested capital is however at risk and there is no guarantee that the objective will be attained over any time period.</p> <p><i>Performance target:</i> To exceed the return of SONIA plus 5% per annum, evaluated over <i>rolling</i> three year periods (before charges). The <i>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>SONIA is currently used as a proxy for the return on <i>cash</i> deposits.</p>

### ASI Diversified-Core Growth Fund

Current Investment Objective	Post Change Investment Objective
<p><b><u>Investment Objective</u></b></p> <p>To generate a positive return through capital growth and some income over the <i>long term</i> (a period of 5 years or more) by investing in a globally <i>diversified</i> portfolio of assets. Invested capital is however at risk and there is no guarantee that the objective will be attained over any time period.</p> <p><i>Performance Target:</i> To exceed the return on cash deposits (as currently measured by 1 Month GBP LIBOR) by 4.5% per annum over <i>rolling</i> five year periods (before charges). The <i>Performance Target</i> is the level of performance 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 <i>Performance Target</i> has been chosen as a proxy for the return on cash deposits.</p>	<p><b><u>Investment Objective</u></b></p> <p>To generate a positive return through capital growth and some income over the <i>long term</i> (a period of 5 years or more) by investing in a globally <i>diversified</i> portfolio of assets. Invested capital is however at risk and there is no guarantee that the objective will be attained over any time period.</p> <p><i>Performance Target:</i> To exceed the return of SONIA by 4.5% per annum over <i>rolling</i> five year periods (before charges). The <i>Performance Target</i> is the level of performance 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>SONIA is currently used as a proxy for the return on cash deposits.</p>

### ASI Diversified Income Fund

Current Investment Objective	Post Change Investment Objective
<p><b><u>Investment Objective</u></b></p> <p>To generate a positive return through income and some capital growth over the <i>long term</i> (5 years or more) by investing in a globally <i>diversified</i> portfolio of assets whilst reducing the risk of losses. Invested capital is however at risk and there is no guarantee that this will be attained over any time period.</p> <p><i>Performance Target:</i> To exceed the return of 1 Month GBP LIBOR by 5% per annum over <i>rolling</i> five year periods (before charges). The <i>Performance Target</i> is the level of performance that the management team hopes to achieve for the <i>fund</i>. There is however no certainty or promise that they will achieve the <i>Performance Target</i>.</p> <p>1 Month GBP LIBOR has been chosen as a proxy for the return on <i>cash</i> deposits.</p>	<p><b><u>Investment Objective</u></b></p> <p>To generate a positive return through income and some capital growth over the <i>long term</i> (5 years or more) by investing in a globally <i>diversified</i> portfolio of assets whilst reducing the risk of losses. Invested capital is however at risk and there is no guarantee that this will be attained over any time period.</p> <p><i>Performance Target:</i> To exceed the return of SONIA by 5% per annum over <i>rolling</i> five year periods (before charges). The <i>Performance Target</i> is the level of performance that the management team hopes to achieve for the <i>fund</i>. There is however no certainty or promise that they will achieve the <i>Performance Target</i>.</p> <p>SONIA has been chosen as a proxy for the return on <i>cash</i> deposits.</p>

### ASI Target Return Bond Fund

Current Investment Objective	Post Change Investment Objective
<p><b><u>Investment Objective</u></b></p> <p>To generate a positive return over <i>rolling</i> 12-month periods in all market conditions by investing in government and corporate <i>bonds</i> issued anywhere in the world. Invested capital is however at risk and there is no guarantee that this positive return will be attained over any time period.</p> <p><i>Performance Target:</i> To exceed the return of the 3 Month GBP LIBOR plus 3% per annum (before charges). The <i>Performance Target</i> is the level of performance that the management team hopes to achieve for the <i>fund</i>. There is however no certainty or promise that they will achieve the <i>Performance Target</i>.</p> <p>3 Month GBP LIBOR has been chosen as a proxy for the return on <i>cash</i> deposits.</p>	<p><b><u>Investment Objective</u></b></p> <p>To generate a positive return over <i>rolling</i> 12-month periods in all market conditions by investing in government and corporate <i>bonds</i> issued anywhere in the world. Invested capital is however at risk and there is no guarantee that this positive return will be attained over any time period.</p> <p><i>Performance Target:</i> To exceed the return of the SONIA plus 3% per annum (before charges). The <i>Performance Target</i> is the level of performance that the management team hopes to achieve for the <i>fund</i>. There is however no certainty or promise that they will achieve the <i>Performance Target</i>.</p> <p>SONIA has been chosen as a proxy for the return on <i>cash</i> deposits.</p>

### ASI Sterling Money Market Fund

Current Investment Objective	Post Change Investment Objective
<p><b><u>Investment Objective</u></b></p> <p>The <i>fund</i> aims to generate income and preserve some capital over the <i>short term</i> (2 years or less) by investing in <i>cash</i> deposits and <i>money market instruments</i>.</p> <p><i>Performance Target:</i> The <i>fund</i> targets a return equivalent to 1 Week GBP LIBID. The <i>Performance Target</i> is the level of performance that the management team hopes to achieve for the <i>fund</i>. There is however no certainty or promise that they will achieve the <i>Performance Target</i>. 1 Week GBP LIBID has been chosen as a proxy for the return from <i>cash</i> deposits.</p>	<p><b><u>Investment Objective</u></b></p> <p>The <i>fund</i> aims to generate income and preserve some capital over the <i>short term</i> (2 years or less) by investing in <i>cash</i> deposits and <i>money market instruments</i>.</p> <p><i>Performance Target:</i> The <i>fund</i> targets a return equivalent to SONIA. The <i>Performance Target</i> is the level of performance that the management team hopes to achieve for the <i>fund</i>. There is however no certainty or promise that they will achieve the <i>Performance Target</i>.</p> <p>SONIA has been chosen as a proxy for the return from <i>cash</i> deposits.</p>

## Appendix Two – Unit/Share class and ISIN

Fund	Unit/Share class	ISIN
ASI Global Absolute Return Strategies Fund	Retail-Acc-GBP-Unhedged	GB00B28S0093
ASI Global Absolute Return Strategies Fund	Institutional-Acc-GBP-Unhedged	GB00B28S0218
ASI Global Absolute Return Strategies Fund	Standard Life-Acc-GBP-Unhedged	GB00B7QFGN27
ASI Global Absolute Return Strategies Fund	Standard Life "A"-Acc-GBP-Unhedged	GB00BF6VTG04
ASI Global Absolute Return Strategies Fund	Platform 1-Acc-GBP-Unhedged	GB00B7K3T226
ASI Global Absolute Return Strategies Fund	Institutional "A"-Acc-GBP-Unhedged	GB00BYY39725
ASI Global Absolute Return Strategies Fund	Institutional "S"-Acc-GBP-Unhedged	GB00BBX46076
ASI Diversified-Core Growth Fund	Class R - Acc	GB00BVTW3606
ASI Diversified-Core Growth Fund	Class I - Acc	GB00BVTW3820
ASI Diversified-Core Growth Fund	Class Z - Acc	GB00BVTW3B50
ASI Diversified-Core Growth Fund	Class M - Acc	GB00BGRLXS68
ASI Diversified Income Fund	A Inc	GB00B1BW3J18
ASI Diversified Income Fund	A Acc	GB00B1BW3K23
ASI Diversified Income Fund	I Inc	GB00B1C42886
ASI Diversified Income Fund	I Acc	GB00B1C42779
ASI Diversified Income Fund	Z Acc	GB00B1C42993
ASI Diversified Income Fund	M Acc	GB00BGRLYV62
ASI Diversified Income Fund	M Inc	GB00BGRLZS09
ASI Target Return Bond Fund	A Acc	GB00BWK27863
ASI Target Return Bond Fund	A Inc	GB00BWK27970
ASI Target Return Bond Fund	I Acc	GB00BWK27C09
ASI Target Return Bond Fund	I Inc	GB00BWK27D16
ASI Target Return Bond Fund	I Gross Acc	GB00BWK27B91
ASI Target Return Bond Fund	I Gross Inc	GB00BWK27F30
ASI Target Return Bond Fund	Z Acc	GB00BWK27G47
ASI Target Return Bond Fund	K Acc	GB00BDD9P103
ASI Target Return Bond Fund	M Acc	GB00BGRLYH29
ASI Target Return Bond Fund	M Inc	GB00BGRLZH93
ASI Sterling Money Market Fund	A Inc	GB00B1BW3G86
ASI Sterling Money Market Fund	A Acc	GB00B1BW3H93
ASI Sterling Money Market Fund	I Inc	GB00B1C42449
ASI Sterling Money Market Fund	I Acc	GB00B1C42332
ASI Sterling Money Market Fund	Z Gross Acc	GB00B3L0Q908
ASI Sterling Money Market Fund	M Acc	GB00BGRLYB66
ASI Sterling Money Market Fund	M Inc	GB00BGRLZB32

