# **Key Investor Information**



This document provides you with key investor information about this fund. It is not marketing material. The information is required by law to help you understand the nature and the risks of investing in this fund. You are advised to read it so you can make an informed decision about whether to invest.

Standard Life Investments Global Absolute Return Strategies Fund, a Sterling denominated unit trust, Platform 1 Accumulation Units (ISIN:GB00B7K3T226). This fund is managed by Aberdeen Standard Fund Managers Limited.

## **Objectives and Investment Policy**

The Standard Life Investments Global Absolute Return Strategies Fund aims to provide positive investment returns in all market conditions over the medium to long term.

The fund is actively managed, with a wide investment remit to target a level of return over rolling three-year periods equivalent to cash plus five per-cent a year, gross of fees. It exploits market inefficiencies through active allocation to a diverse range of market positions. The fund uses a combination of traditional assets (such as equities and bonds) and investment strategies based on advanced derivative techniques, resulting in a highly diversified portfolio. The fund can take long and short positions in markets, securities and groups of securities through derivative contracts.

The fund will use derivatives extensively to reduce risk or cost, or to generate additional capital or income at proportionate risk (Efficient Portfolio

### **Risk and Reward Profile**

Lower risk						Higher risk	
Typically lo	wer rewards	5	► Typically higher rewards				
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	

This indicator reflects the volatility of the fund's share price over the last five years which in turn reflects the volatility of the underlying assets in which the fund invests. Historical data may not be a reliable indication for the future.

The current rating is not guaranteed and may change if the volatility of the assets in which the fund invests changes.

The lowest rating does not mean risk free.

The fund is rated as {3} because of the extent to which the following risk factors apply:

- (a) The fund invests in securities which are subject to the risk that the issuer may default on interest or capital payments.
- (b) The fund price can go up or down daily for a variety of reasons including changes in interest rates, inflation expectations or the perceived credit quality of individual countries or securities.
- (c) The fund invests in equities and equity related securities. These are sensitive to variations in the stock markets which can be volatile and change substantially in short periods of time.
- (d) The fund may invest in emerging market equities and / or bonds. Investing in emerging markets involves a greater risk of loss than investing in more developed markets due to, among other factors, greater political, tax, economic, foreign exchange, liquidity and regulatory risks.

Management) and / or to meet its investment objective. Derivatives will be used to provide market exposures different to those that could be achieved through investment in assets in which the fund is primarily invested or conventional assets alone. Usage of derivatives is monitored to ensure that the fund is not exposed to excessive or unintended risks.

Any income, for example dividend income, received by the fund will be reinvested.

Investors in the fund may buy and sell shares on any dealing day (as defined in the Prospectus).

Recommendation: the fund may not be appropriate for investors who plan to withdraw their money within five years. Investors should satisfy themselves that their attitude to risk aligns with the risk profile of this fund before investing.

- (e) The use of derivatives carries the risk of reduced liquidity, substantial loss and increased volatility in adverse market conditions, such as a failure amongst market participants. The use of derivatives will result in the fund being leveraged (where market exposure and thus the potential for loss by the fund exceeds the amount it has invested) and in these market conditions the effect of leverage will be to magnify losses. The fund makes extensive use of derivatives.
- (f) The fund invests in high yielding bonds which carry a greater risk of default than those with lower yields.

The fund employs a single swinging pricing methodology to protect against the dilution impact of transaction costs. A change in the pricing basis will result in movement in the fund's published price.

All investment involves risk. This fund offers no guarantee against loss or that the fund's objective will be attained.

Past performance is not a guide to future returns and future returns are not guaranteed. The price of assets and the income from them may go down as well as up and cannot be guaranteed; an investor may receive back less than their original investment.

Inflation reduces the buying power of your investment and income.

The value of assets held in the fund may rise and fall as a result of exchange rate fluctuations.

The fund could lose money if an entity (counterparty) with which it does business becomes unwilling or unable to honour its obligations to the fund.

In extreme market conditions some securities may become hard to value or sell at a desired price. This could affect the fund's ability to meet redemptions in a timely manner.

The fund could lose money as the result of a failure or delay in operational processes and systems including but not limited to third party providers failing or going into administration.

## Charges

The charges you pay are used to pay the costs of running the fund including marketing and distributing it. These charges reduce the potential growth of your investment.

One off charges taken before or after you invest	
Entry charge:	0.00%
Exit charge:	0.00%
This is the maximum that might be taken out of your m	nonev before it is

invested/before the proceeds of your investment are paid out.

## Charges taken from the fund over a year

Ongoing	charges:
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Charges taken from the fund under certain specific conditions	

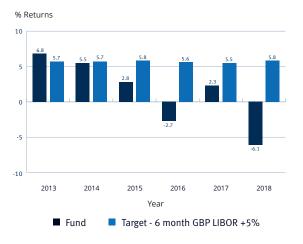
Performance Fees:

None

0.89%

## Past Performance

Standard Life Investments Global Absolute Return Strategies Fund, Platform 1 Accumulation Units, 31 December 2018



Source: Aberdeen Standard Investments

### **Practical Information**

Name of Trustee: Citibank Europe plc, UK Branch, Citigroup Centre, Canada Square, Canary Wharf, London E14 5LB.

Further information about the Global Absolute Return Strategies Fund (Prospectus, report & accounts) can be found at www.standardlifeinvestments.com, where documents may be obtained free of charge.

Other practical information (e.g. where to find latest unit prices) can be found in documents held at www.standardlifeinvestments.com.

Details of the up to date remuneration policy which includes a description of how remuneration and benefits are calculated, the identities of the persons responsible for awarding remuneration and benefits and the composition of the remuneration committee, are available at The entry and exit charges shown are maximum figures. In some cases you might pay less - you can find this out from your financial adviser.

The ongoing charges figure reflects the amount based on expenses for the year ending 31/3/2018 . This figure may vary from year to year. It excludes: performance fees (where applicable); portfolio transaction costs, except in the case of an entry/exit charge paid by the fund when buying or selling in another collective investment undertaking.

For more information about charges, please see the Prospectus which is available at www.standardlifeinvestments.com.

Performance has been calculated over the stated period based on the unit price of this unit class. It does not take into account any entry, exit or switching charges but does take into account the ongoing charge, as shown in the Charges section.

Past performance is not a guide to future performance

The fund was launched in 2008. The unit class was launched in 2012.

The performance of the unit class is calculated in Sterling.

The fund targets a specific level of return and this is expressed relative to the comparator shown.

www.standardlifeinvestments.com and a paper copy will be available free of charge upon request from Aberdeen Standard Fund Managers Limited.

Prospective investors should consult their own professional advisers on the potential tax consequences of acquiring, holding or selling units.

Aberdeen Standard Fund Managers Limited may be held liable solely on the basis of any statement contained in this document that is misleading, inaccurate or inconsistent with the relevant parts of the Prospectus for the Standard Life Investments Global Absolute Return Strategies Fund.

Other unit classes may be available in the fund and further information about these can be found in the Prospectus.

This document is specific to the fund and unit class stated at the beginning of this document. However, the Prospectus, annual and half-yearly reports are prepared for the entire fund.

The Standard Life Investments Global Absolute Return Strategies Fund and Aberdeen Standard Fund Managers Limited are authorised in the United Kingdom and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority. This Key Investor Information is accurate at 16/1/2019

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