



INTERNATIONAL FUND

July 2017 Factsheet

FUND OBJECTIVE

The aim of the Fund is to seek long term capital appreciation through investment in securities world-wide.

INVESTMENT MANAGER

Aberdeen Asset Investments Limited.

FUND PERFORMANCE

	30/06/16 to 30/06/17 (%)	30/06/15 to 30/06/16 (%)	30/06/14 to 30/06/15 (%)	30/06/13 to 30/06/14 (%)	30/06/12 to 30/06/13 (%)
Sterling (£)	19.35	8.02	-2.66	5.17	25.47
Euro (€)	12.20	-7.20	10.15	12.17	18.12
US dollar (\$)	14.96	-7.36	-10.14	17.40	22.55

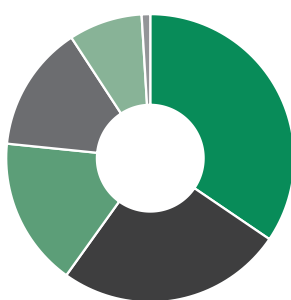
The figures show the performance growth over 5 years as discrete 12 month periods, on a mid price basis with gross income reinvested. All charges and fees, except any initial charge, have been included in the performance figures. Source: FE.

Sector is Lipper Global Equity.

Past performance should not be seen as an indication of future performance.

The value of investments and the income from them can go down as well as up and cannot be guaranteed. Investments in a currency other than the shareholder's own currency, or in a fund that invests in securities denominated in currencies other than its own base currency, will be subject to the movements of foreign exchange rates, which may cause an additional favourable or unfavourable change in value. Consequently, investors may, on selling their shares, receive an amount greater or less than their original investment.

GEOGRAPHICAL SPLIT (%)



United States	34.50
Far East	25.40
Europe	16.71
United Kingdom	14.17
Others	8.26
Cash	0.96

LARGEST INVESTMENTS (%)

Roche Holdings	3.56
VISA Inc	3.17
Oracle	3.13
Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing	3.13
Novartis	3.10
EOG Resources Incorporated	3.02
Shin-Etsu Chemical Co Ltd	2.96
M&T Bank	2.73
Vodafone Group	2.58
Japan Tobacco International	2.51

All data as at 30th June 2017 unless otherwise stated.

MARKET OVERVIEW

Global equities rose in the second quarter, amid encouraging data flows from Europe and the US which bode well for the world economy. The prospects for Trump's pro-growth policies remained clouded by political turmoil in Washington amid allegations of his obstruction of justice and collusion with Russia. The US Federal Reserve raised interest rates in mid June and confirmed it would tighten again this year. Markets were also swayed by worries in the Eurozone about reduced monetary stimulus.

Sentiment was lifted when independent candidate Emmanuel Macron won the French presidential election. On the flipside, sterling fell sharply after UK elections resulted in a hung parliament, while also reducing Prime Minister Theresa May's bargaining power as Brexit negotiations start. Oil price volatility on ongoing oversupply concerns was exacerbated by record US shale output and after Gulf states, led by Saudi Arabia, cut diplomatic ties with Qatar.

The US dollar struggled, notably against a resurgent euro, so the portfolio's underweight to US equities helped buoy performance. The lack of exposure to Australia also helped, as it was one of the worst performing markets in the Asia-Pacific region, posting negative returns in US dollar terms compared to the gains seen in other Asian markets. Conversely, the non benchmark exposure to Brazil was a key detractor, as the market was stung by renewed political tensions when President Michel Temer became embroiled in a corruption scandal.

During the quarter, the Fund rose by 1.94% in sterling terms. Both stock selection and asset allocation were positive.

At the stock level, Novartis was a key contributor to performance. It achieved an important regulatory milestone after receiving approval from the European Medicines Agency for its migraine drug AMG 334 (erenumab), as well as receiving positive trial results. Samsung Electronics was buoyed by its best quarterly earnings in over three years, with net profits up by 46% year on year. The company said earnings should improve further, supported by the launch of Galaxy 8. It announced a share buyback worth 2.3 trillion won (US\$2 billion). Rolls Royce hit a two year high, boosted by the prospect of lower oil prices for longer.

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FUTURE POLICY

The quarter ended with global equity markets at or close to record highs and volatility indicators at historic lows, demonstrating resilience in the face of occasional shocks. The large number of uncertainties highlighted by the Bank of International Settlements does give grounds for caution. The misallocation of capital highlighted in their report as a result of loose monetary policy is something we have spoken about previously. With an increasing share of economic activity coming from so called zombie companies, a result of markets not clearing, this is one reason behind the low productivity growth witnessed in the global economy. However, with the rhetoric from a monetary policy perspective in the developed world now pointing towards normalisation, central banks will have to walk a tightrope in the face of ever increasing debt levels. Given these risks, it is vital that we continue to be disciplined in our investment process. The process, with the focus on the strength of the underlying businesses which make up the portfolio and the degree of diversification, is the means by which we seek to manage clients' capital over the longer term in the face of these uncertainties. With our longer term, more contrarian approach, we also seek to take advantage of opportunities if these uncertainties are felt within markets.

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Value of Fund as at 30th June 2017
£22.74m

Dealing Price as at 30th June 2017
£5.4160
€6.1710
\$7.0330

Estimated Yield
0.41%

Distribution Dates
22nd November

Ex Dividend Dates
1st October

Minimum Initial Investment
£1,000 or currency equivalent

Minimum Subsequent Investment
£500 or currency equivalent

Minimum Regular Savings Investment
£100/US\$200/€200 per month

Initial Charge
5%

Annual Management Charge
1.5%

Total Holdings
52

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