

# Aberdeen Global - North American Smaller Companies Fund

A Acc USD

Minimum Disclosure Document to 30 September 2018



## Summary investment objective

To achieve a combination of income and growth by investing mostly in shares of smaller companies based, or carrying out much of their business, in the United States of America. Smaller companies are those valued at under US\$5 billion at the time of investment.

For full investment objective and policy details refer to the Prospectus.

## Performance (%)

	Annualised				
	1 year	3 years	5 years	10 years	Launch
Fund	9.24	15.07	–	–	12.41
Benchmark	14.99	17.56	–	–	10.99
Difference	-5.75	-2.49	–	–	1.41
Highest	9.42	21.08	–	–	21.08
Lowest	9.42	8.17	–	–	7.23

## Calendar year performance (%)

	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009
Fund	5.22	9.42	21.08	8.17	7.23	–	–	–	–	–
Benchmark	10.15	15.13	20.39	-3.92	5.90	–	–	–	–	–
Difference	-4.94	-5.71	0.69	12.09	1.33	–	–	–	–	–

Performance Data: Share Class A Acc USD

Source: Lipper, Basis: Total Return, NAV to NAV, net of annual charges, gross Income reinvested, (USD).

The comparator shown may be used for risk monitoring and portfolio construction purposes, as well as to provide a performance comparator; it is not an integral part of the Objective and Investment Policy for the fund and should not be considered as such.

All return data includes investment management fees, performance fees, and operational charges and expenses, and assumes the reinvestment of all distributions. The returns provided do not reflect the initial sales charge and, if included, the performance shown would be lower.

Highest and lowest Fund returns are those achieved during any single calendar year over the period specified.

**Past performance is not a guide to future results.**

## Top ten holdings

	Sector	%
Emergent BioSolutions Inc	Healthcare	2.8
WSFS Financial Corp	Financials	2.8
Casella Waste Systems Inc	Industrials	2.7
Pegasystems Inc	Information Technology	2.7
ExlService Holdings Inc	Information Technology	2.6
Fox Factory Holding Corp	Consumer Discretionary	2.6
Sensient Technologies Corp	Materials	2.6
G-III Apparel Group Ltd	Consumer Discretionary	2.5
Glacier Bancorp Inc	Financials	2.5
Paylocity Holding Corp	Information Technology	2.5
<b>Total</b>		<b>26.3</b>

**Total number of holdings** 51

## Asset allocation and Sector breakdown

	%
<b>Equity</b>	<b>97.8</b>
Information Technology	20.8
Industrials	17.9
Financials	14.5
Consumer Discretionary	11.9
Healthcare	11.1
Materials	9.4
Consumer Staples	5.1
Other	7.1
<b>Cash</b>	<b>2.2</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>

Fund holdings and allocations are subject to change. Holdings provided for informational purposes only and should not be deemed as a recommendation to buy or sell the securities shown. Figures may not always sum to 100 due to rounding.

## Key information

Benchmark	Russell 2000 <sup>A</sup>
Sector	Lipper Global Equity US Small and Mid Cap
Fund size	US\$ 486.1 m
Distribution Dates	An accumulation share will not pay dividends to shareholders but will instead accrue the income daily in the net asset value of the share class
Share Class Performance Launch Date	1 October 2013
Investment team	North American Equity Team
Risk and reward profile (SRR indicator)	5 out of 7

<sup>A</sup>The fund returns to the reporting date are based on dealing NAVs using a 13:00 CET valuation point: for US Equity Funds this means the dealing NAV uses security prices at close of the previous working day. The benchmark index, if unadjusted, would use the closing prices of the reporting date: when a US Equity benchmark is compared against a US equity fund this valuation point difference may produce a significant distortion in benchmark-relative performance. In order to neutralise this distortion, the benchmark returns shown are to the day previous to the reporting date.

The risks outlined overleaf relating to smaller companies, exchange rates and single country are particularly relevant to this Fund but should be read in conjunction with all warnings and comments given in the prospectus for the Fund. Please visit the attached link to our Jargon Buster which contains a glossary of terms used in this document > <http://glossary.aberdeen-asset.com/jargonbuster/>

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## Important information

### Risk factors you should consider before investing:

- The value of shares and the income from them can go down as well as up and you may get back less than the amount invested.
- Investing globally can bring additional returns and diversify risk. However, currency exchange rate fluctuations may have a positive or negative impact on the value of your investment.
- Shares of smaller companies may be more difficult to buy and sell than those of larger companies. This means that the Investment Manager may not be able to buy and sell at the best time or may suffer losses. This could reduce your returns.

### Other important information:

This document serves as the Minimum Disclosure Document required in terms of the Advertising, Marketing and Information Disclosure Requirements for Collective Investment Schemes published by the Financial Sector Conduct Authority (FSCA).

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### Other information

**Representative Office:** Prescient Management Company(RF)(PTY) LTD is registered and approved under the Collective Investment Schemes Control Act (No. 45 OF 2002). Registration Number 2002/022560/07. Physical Address :Prescient House, Westlake Business Park, Otto Close, Westlake, 7495, South Africa.

**Custodian:** The Fund's Custodian and Administrator is BNP Paribas Securities Services, Luxembourg Branch - 60, avenue John F. Kennedy L-1855 Luxembourg, Grand Duchy of Luxembourg.

**Fund Management:** Aberdeen Global Services SA (35a, avenue John F. Kennedy L- 1855 Luxembourg, Grand Duchy of Luxembourg) is the Management Company. Investment Manager and Advisors have been appointed by the Management Company to provide day-to-day management of the net assets of the Funds. Details of the Investment Manager/Advisers can be found in the Fund prospectus.

**Expenses:** For more information on the expenses (including TER %), please refer to the latest annual or semi-annual report. The Fund does not charge performance fees. For more information on the Fees, please refer to the latest prospectus.

### Glossary Summary

**Annualised performance:** Annualised performance show longer term performance rescaled to a 1 year period. Annualised performance is the average return per year over the period. Actual annual figures are available to the investor on request.

**NAV:** The net asset value represents the assets of a Fund less its liabilities.

Codes (A Acc USD)	
SEDOL	B68SVT3
ISIN	LU0566484027
BLOOMBERG	ABASCA2 LX
REUTERS	LP68228683
VALOREN	14737480
WKN	A1W572

Additional information	
Fund type	SICAV UCITS
Domicile	Luxembourg
Currency	USD
Registered for sale	Please refer to <a href="http://www.aberdeen-asset.com">www.aberdeen-asset.com</a>
Minimum investment	USD 1.500 or currency equivalent
Charges	Current initial 5.00%
Ongoing Charges Figure (OCF) <sup>b</sup>	1.74%
Price as at 30/09/18	US\$17.9453
Deal closing time	13:00:00 (Lux)
Daily valuation point	13:00:00 (Lux)

Source: Ex-post Ongoing charges Aberdeen Standard Investments as at 1 April 2018.

<sup>b</sup>The Ongoing Charge Figure (OCF), is the overall cost shown as a percentage of the value of the assets of the Funds. It is made up of the Annual Management Charge (AMC) of 1.50% and other charges. It does not include any initial charges or the cost of buying and selling stocks for the Funds. The Ongoing Charges figure can help you compare the annual operating expenses of different Funds.

### Total Expense Ratio(TER) Analysis

	%
Management Fee	1.5
Performance Fee	0.0
Operating Admin & Service Fee	0.2
<b>Total TER</b>	<b>1.7</b>

Audit expenses and VAT are included within Operating Admin and Servicing Fees.

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