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The fund aims to provide long term capital growth by investing predominantly in the shares of smaller companies listed on European stock markets, excluding the UK. The fund is actively managed by our investment team, who will select stocks to try to take advantage of opportunities they have identified.

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. The fund may use derivatives to reduce risk or cost, or to generate additional capital or income at low risk. Usage of derivatives is monitored to ensure that the fund is not exposed to excessive or unintended risks. The value of assets held within the fund may rise and fall as a result of exchange rate fluctuations.

OEIC Fund

Equity Fund

Monthly

Fund Manager Andrew Paisley

Fund Manager Start 25 Aug 2014

Launch Date 1 Nov 2007

Current Fund Size £52.7m

No. of Holdings 43

Benchmark

Euromoney Smaller Europe excluding UK Index

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Aberdeen Standard Investments has not considered the suitability of investment against your individual needs and risk tolerance. If you are in any doubt as to whether this fund is suitable for you, you should seek advice. An adviser is likely to charge for advice. We are unable to provide investment advice.

Fund Information *

Composition by Sector

	Fund %
Financials	22.0
Industrials	21.8
Consumer Goods	14.2
Technology	13.2
Consumer Services	11.5
Health Care	9.4
Basic Materials	4.6
Cash and Other	3.3

Composition by Country

	Fund %
Germany	29.7
France	20.1
Italy	16.2
Ireland	6.3
Finland	6.0
Denmark	4.0
Sweden	4.0
Netherlands	3.7
Switzerland	3.4
Spain	1.9
Norway	1.4
Cash and Other	3.3

Top Ten Holdings

Stocks	Fund %
Kesko	6.0
Interparfums	5.6
Teleperformance	5.5
FincoBank	5.2
Orpea	4.9
Nemetschek	4.4
Hibernia REIT	4.3
SimCorp	4.0
Patrizia Immobilien	3.2
XING	3.2
Assets in top ten holdings	46.3

Fund Performance *

Year on Year Performance

Source: Aberdeen Standard Investments (Fund) and Thomson Reuters DataStream (Benchmark)

	Year to 31/03/2019 (%)	Year to 31/03/2018 (%)	Year to 31/03/2017 (%)	Year to 31/03/2016 (%)	Year to 31/03/2015 (%)
Europe ex UK Smaller Companies	-1.6	14.1	20.1	18.1	-4.7
Platform One	-1.2	14.6	20.7	18.9	-3.9
Euromoney Smaller Europe excluding UK Index	-2.9	10.6	29.8	7.7	0.6

Cumulative Performance

Source: Aberdeen Standard Investments (Fund) and Thomson Reuters DataStream (Benchmark)

	6 Months (%)	1 Year (%)	3 Years (%)	5 Years (%)
Europe ex UK Smaller Companies	-7.9	-1.6	34.9	51.7
Platform One	-7.7	-1.2	36.6	56.1
Euromoney Smaller Europe excluding UK Index	-7.9	-2.9	39.4	51.1

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For full details of the fund's objective, policy, investment and borrowing powers and details of the risks investors need to be aware of, please refer to the prospectus.

For a full description of those eligible to invest in each share class please refer to the relevant prospectus.

The fund does not have an index-tracking objective.

Definitions

Cash and Other - may include bank and building society deposits, other money market instruments such as Certificates of Deposits (CDs), Floating Rate Notes (FRNs) including Asset Backed Securities (ABSs), Money Market Funds and allowances for tax, dividends and interest due if appropriate.

Investment Review and Outlook

Market review

The market recovery continued in March with investors focusing on the potential for a trade deal between China and the US. In addition, positive economic news from China gave some comfort on the outlook for global growth. In Europe the news was less encouraging. German manufacturing data disappointed and the European Central Bank lowered its targets for growth and inflation.

Activity

We continued to increase our position in German patent-free branded pharmaceuticals business Dermapharm. We believe the business has strong growth potential from both its pipeline of new products and recent acquisitions. We also added to the position in German real estate manager Patrizia. The business continues to demonstrate strong growth as asset allocators increasingly favour real estate as a way to diversify returns and enhance yield. We believe investors are underestimating the growth in assets and margin potential given its operational leverage.

Selling activity centred on reducing the holding in Nemetschek. This is a risk-control measure given the growth of

position to more than 5% of the Fund. However, there is no change to the investment case. We also reduced the holding in Wessanen following the bid-approach described above.

Performance

The Fund outperformed its benchmark over the month.

German software developer Nemetschek was again a positive for the Fund. The company's results were ahead of forecasts, with margins stable despite higher capital expenditure. It announced higher guidance for profits for 2019. It is becoming clear that guidance by management is looking conservative. The business benefits from structural growth in the building-information modelling (BIM) software market. Nemetschek also has potential to expand by market segment, product and geography. A holding in Wessanen also benefited the Fund. The Dutch organic food business received a take-over approach. While the business had faced challenges in some markets, it is reassuring to see the value of the business being recognised. Other positions that did well included the French fragrance supplier Interparfums and the online-focused Italian bank FinecoBank.

On the downside, Komax was the major detractor from performance. Automotive suppliers remained under pressure, and investors were disappointed with its 2019 profit forecast. Management stated their belief the dip in business is temporary. We believe the company is well positioned to profit from the move to electric vehicles and the increasing automation of manufacturing. Lastly, the German commercial kitchen-equipment supplier was also relatively weak. The business reported encouraging full-year results. It confirmed the potential of both main product areas and continues a strong track-record of long-term growth. There was no company-specific news and investors took profits after its strong start to the year.

Outlook & strategy

The recovery in markets since the start of the year has been encouraging with the potential for a US/China trade deal providing support to a more positive global growth outlook. Newsflow from holdings within the Fund has generally been supportive. As ever we remain focused on higher quality companies with good growth and strong operating momentum.

Other Fund Information

	Retail Acc	Retail Inc	Institutional Acc	Institutional Inc
Lipper	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Bloomberg	SLIEXSA LN	n/a	SLIEXIA LN	n/a
ISIN	GB00BYR2M03	n/a	GB00BYMMJD73	n/a
SEDOL	BYR2M0	n/a	BYMMJD7	n/a

	Platform One Acc	Platform One Inc
Lipper	n/a	n/a
Bloomberg	SLIEXP1 LN	n/a
ISIN	GB00BYMMJ932	n/a
SEDOL	BYMMJ93	n/a

	Interim	Annual	Valuation Point	12:00 (UK time)
Reporting Dates	31 Aug	28 (29) Feb	Type of Share	Income & Accumulation
XD Dates	31 Aug	28 (29) Feb	ISA Option	No
Payment Dates (Income)	31 Oct	30 Apr		

	Retail	Institutional	Platform One
Initial Charge	5.25%	0.00%	0.00%
Annual Management Charge	1.30%	0.75%	0.75%
Ongoing Charges Figure	1.38%	0.91%	0.96%

The Ongoing Charge Figure (OCF) is the overall cost shown as a percentage of the value of the assets of the Fund. It is made up of the Annual Management Charge (AMC) shown above and the other expenses taken from the Fund over the last annual reporting period. It does not include any initial charges or the cost of buying and selling stocks for the Fund. The OCF can help you compare the costs and expenses of different funds.

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