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The fund aims to provide long term growth by investing in a diversified portfolio of global equity assets. The investment team will maintain a diverse asset mix at country, sector and stock level, with the regional, country and sector weightings within the portfolio being a by-product of the underlying stock exposure. Their primary focus is on stock selection to try to take advantage of opportunities they have identified. Due to the unconstrained nature of the fund investors must be willing to accept a relatively high degree of stock specific risk.

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 Donal Reynolds

Fund Manager Start 16 Apr 2018

Launch Date 16 Nov 1998

IA Sector IA Global

Benchmark IA Global Sector

Current Fund Size £194.5m

Base Currency GBP

No. of Holdings 41

This document is intended for use by individuals who are familiar with investment terminology. To help you understand this fund and for a full explanation of specific risks and the overall risk profile of this fund and the shareclasses within it, please refer to the Key Investor Information Documents and Prospectus which are available on our website – www.standardlifeinvestments.com.

Standard Life 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 %
Information Technology	20.1
Industrials	14.5
Financials	12.6
Health Care	11.1
Consumer Discretionary	10.7
Materials	10.0
Real Estate	6.3
Consumer Staples	5.1
Energy	3.4
Utilities	2.7
Telecommunication Services	2.2
Cash and Other	1.3

Composition by Country

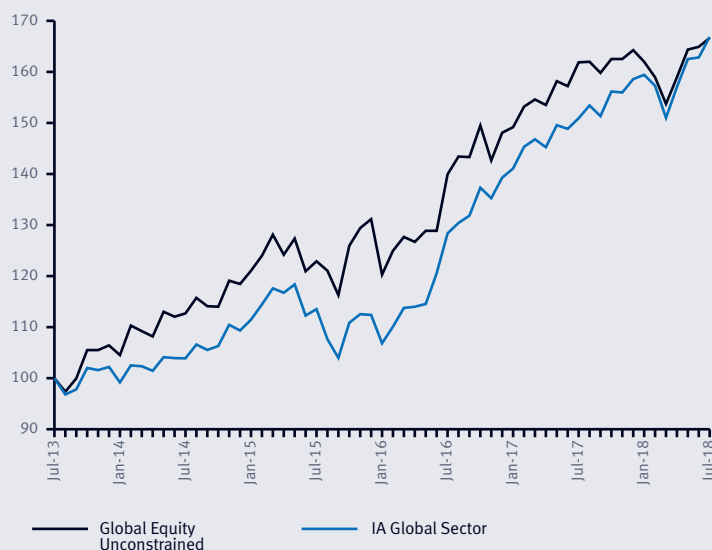
	Fund %
USA	52.0
UK	8.2
Germany	6.3
Japan	5.3
Ireland	4.3
France	4.1
China	3.8
Netherlands	3.1
Australia	2.9
Italy	2.6
Finland	2.2
Brazil	2.0
Belgium	1.9
Cash and Other	1.3

Top Ten Holdings

Stocks	Fund %
CSX	3.7
JXTG Holdings	3.4
Marvell Technology	3.4
Boston Scientific	3.3
United Healthcare	3.2
American Tower	3.2
Equinix	3.1
ASR Nederland	3.1
First Republic Bank	3.0
Treasury Wine Estates	2.9
Assets in top ten holdings	32.3

Fund Performance *

Price Indexed



The performance of the fund has been calculated over the stated period using bid to bid basis for a UK basic rate tax payer. The performance shown is based on an Annual Management Charge (AMC) of 0.80%. You may be investing in another shareclass with a higher AMC. The charges for different share classes are shown on the next page. For details of your actual charges please contact your financial adviser or refer to the product documentation.

Source: Standard Life Investments (Fund) and Morningstar (Sector)

Year on Year Performance

Source: Standard Life Investments (Fund) and Morningstar (Sector)

	Year to 30/06/2018 (%)	Year to 30/06/2017 (%)	Year to 30/06/2016 (%)	Year to 30/06/2015 (%)	Year to 30/06/2014 (%)
Retail Fund Performance	4.4	21.4	5.9	7.0	16.1
Institutional Fund Performance	4.9	22.0	6.6	7.9	17.0
Platform One	4.8	21.9	6.5	7.8	16.9
IA Global Sector	9.4	23.5	7.4	8.0	8.9

Cumulative Performance

Source: Standard Life Investments (Fund) and Morningstar (Sector)

	6 Months (%)	1 Year (%)	3 Years (%)	5 Years (%)
Retail Fund Performance	2.7	2.5	33.4	61.4
Institutional Fund Performance	2.9	3.0	35.6	66.6
Platform One	2.9	2.9	35.1	65.8
IA Global Sector	4.7	10.6	47.0	66.9

Note: Past Performance is not a guide to future performance. The price of shares 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.

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.

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.

Market review

Global equity markets finished in positive territory, driven partly by China's clear signal that it was prepared to act to keep its economy on an even keel. Upbeat statements from the US Federal Reserve about the health of the world's largest economy and a decision by the US and EU to hold-off additional tariffs further lifted sentiment. Many emerging markets also rebounded after a challenging Q2. Nonetheless, simmering tensions around trade continued to weigh on commodities, with Brent crude hitting a two-year low.

Company profits were a key focus for investors in US equities. The constituents of the S&P 500 Index, the largest businesses in the US, began to make their reports on their second-quarter earnings during July, with just over half having disclosed the pertinent information by the end of the month. According to research from Thomson Reuters, as at 27 July, 82% of those companies had beaten analysts' expectations for their corporate earnings, a figure significantly higher than the long-term average.

Back in Beijing, authorities announced 65 billion yuan in tax cuts for research & development investments and said that it will also speed up bond issuance for local government infrastructure projects. This followed the central bank's injection of US\$74 billion into the banking system through its medium-term lending facility. In Japan, the Nikkei manufacturing Purchasing Managers' Index showed a preliminary reading of 51.6 in July – its lowest reading since November 2016 – on the back of weakening exports. Meanwhile, 10-year Japanese government bond yields leapt on the final day of July, following the Bank of Japan's decision to tweak its stimulus programme.

Activity

We bought shares US aggregates group Martin Marietta Materials, as we continue to see evidence that federal spending is coming through, whirl the overall construction backdrop feels favourable. We added to Hong Kong-listed textile manufacturer Shenzhou International. In our view, the ramp up in new facilities in Vietnam should offset margin pressures elsewhere. Meanwhile, the level of investment in new facilities and technology has raised the barriers to entry, resulting in a growth profile that is higher than the market is discounting.

We sold oil services firm TechnipFMC. A recent meeting with the company suggested that the pricing environment remains weak despite the pick-up demand. This was contrary to our thesis around higher demand driving higher pricing. We also exited Canadian convenience store operator Alimentation Couche-Tard, as we were concerned that increased competition from dollar stores and fast-food restaurants will offset the company's initiatives to drive an improvement in sales.

Performance

US railroad operator CSX Corporation performed well after its Q2 earnings results provided further evidence that the company continues to execute well on its improvement programme, with margins substantially higher in the last 12-18 months. In Brazil, a position in Banco Bradesco's boosted the Fund's returns. The bank has been weak for much of the year due to concerns around domestic political change and the impact this would have on the various fiscal improvements the government is trying to enact. However, the stock rebounded this month after a positive earnings report

showed that loan growth had improved.

On the downside, US flooring company Mohawk Industries had a challenging review period. Its latest numbers confirmed that operating margins continue to come under pressure, as increases in pricing have been insufficient to cover rising material and freight costs. Staying in the US, shares in semiconductor group Broadcom fell materially after it announced the acquisition of software provider CA. Investors appear highly sceptical that Broadcom's management will be able to reduce costs in the same way they have in previous deals. Despite this, we are more optimistic about the deal and so continue to hold the stock.

Outlook & Strategy

The story of the equity market this year has been the reintroduction of risk and volatility. Higher interest rates and the removal of monetary policy are causing a slow tightening of liquidity conditions, which is creating stress in certain emerging market currencies and bond yields. In addition, populist politics are challenging the status quo, threatening global free trade and the euro. But the most important drivers for stocks – economic data and corporate earnings – remain solid, providing reasons to remain constructive. However, as we move through the remainder of 2018, stock prices will have to be justified by the merits of the underlying company cashflows, rather than by interest-rate-driven valuation.

As for the Fund, we believe our fundamental bottom-up investment approach remains the best way to generate robust long-term returns and we continue to shape the portfolio with as much stock-specific risk as possible.

Other Fund Information

	Retail Acc	Retail Inc	Institutional Acc	Institutional Inc
Lipper	60011521	n/a	60011520	n/a
Bloomberg	STIEQGR LN	SLGEURI LN	STIEQGI LN	n/a
ISIN	GB0004483540	GB00BYQNBQ30	GB0004482807	n/a
SEDOL	448354	BYQNBQ3	448280	n/a

	Platform One Acc	Platform One Inc
Lipper	68165248	n/a
Bloomberg	SLGRPLA LN	n/a
ISIN	GB00B6915J97	n/a
SEDOL	B6915J9	n/a

	Interim	Annual	Valuation Point	7:30 am
Reporting Dates	31 Aug	28 (29) Feb	Type of Share	Accumulation
XD Dates	n/a	28 (29) Feb	ISA Option	Yes
Payment Dates (Income)	n/a	30 Apr		

	Retail	Institutional	Platform One
Initial Charge	4.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Annual Management Charge	1.35%	0.80%	0.85%
Ongoing Charges Figure	1.38%	0.91%	1.01%

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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