

NI CENTRAL INVESTMENT FUND FOR CHARITIES

Investment Factsheet as at 30 June 2018



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Background

Established in 1965 through the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 1964, the Northern Ireland Central Investment Fund for Charities (the Fund) aims to provide trustees of charities with the opportunity to invest all or part of their funds with the benefit of expert supervision. It is managed by the Department through recognised fund managers, and its investment policy is guided by a locally based Advisory Committee appointed by the Department, which meets in February, May, August and November each year.

The Fund operates as a discretionary managed fund. Participating charities pool their investments and are given a proportionate number of shares based on the most recent valuation (share price).

The Fund invests in fixed-interest securities and selected equities. The allocation between fixed-interest securities and equities is reviewed and adjusted periodically, in line with the Fund's investment policy.

Fund Information

Aim : The primary objective of the Fund is to generate income and thereafter long-term (>5 years) capital growth in real terms.

Income : The Fund aims to achieve an annual income return in excess of the benchmark yield.

Share Value @ 30/06/18 : 1311.22 pence

Units @ 30/06/18 : 3,060,991 (31/03/18: 3,019,273)

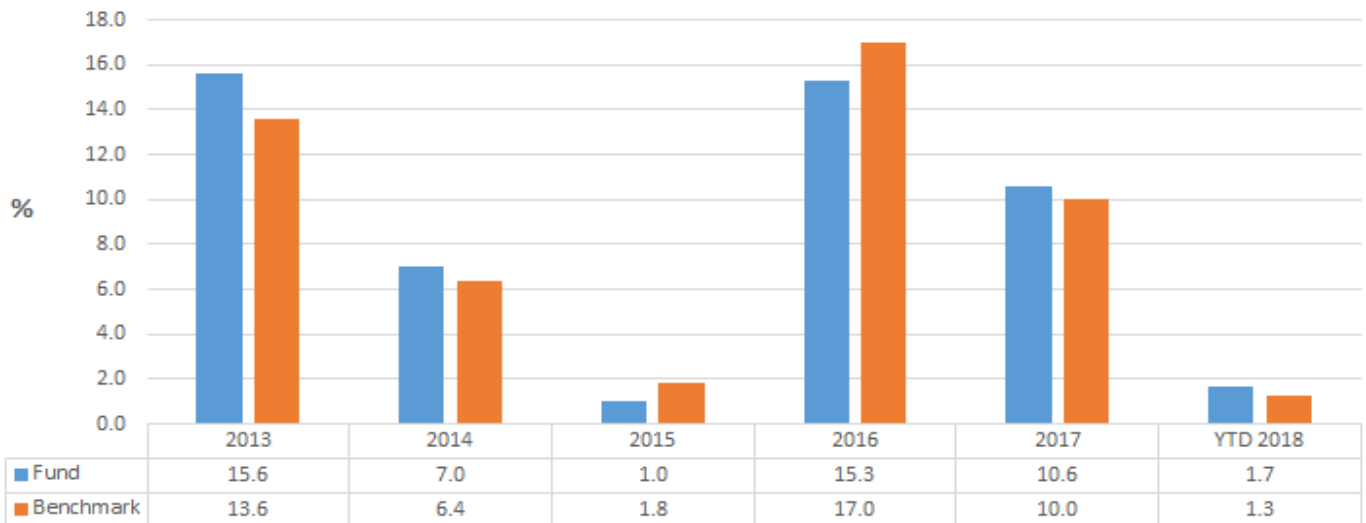
Currency : Sterling

Year End : 30 September 2017

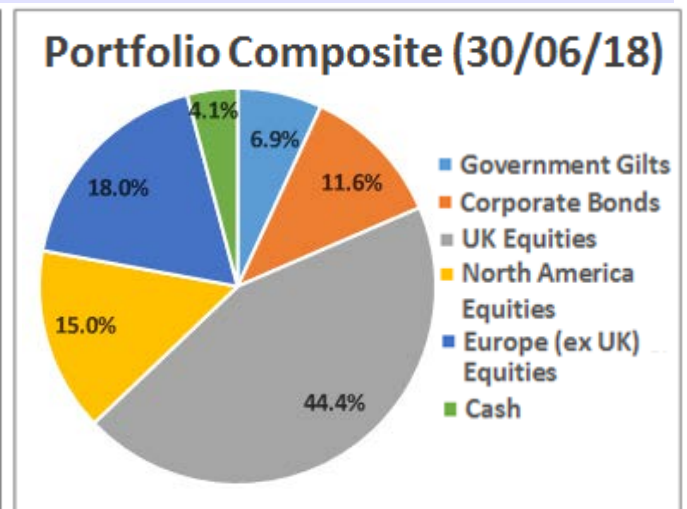
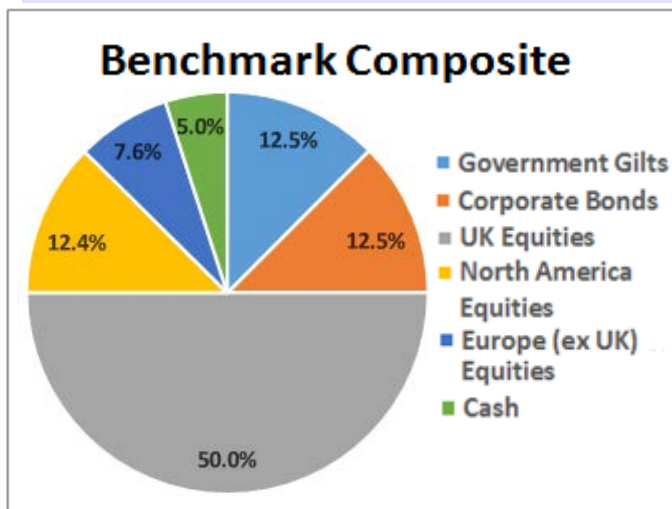
SLW Annual Management Fee : 0.4%

Dividend Payment : Jun & Dec

Percentage Return (Gross)



Benchmark

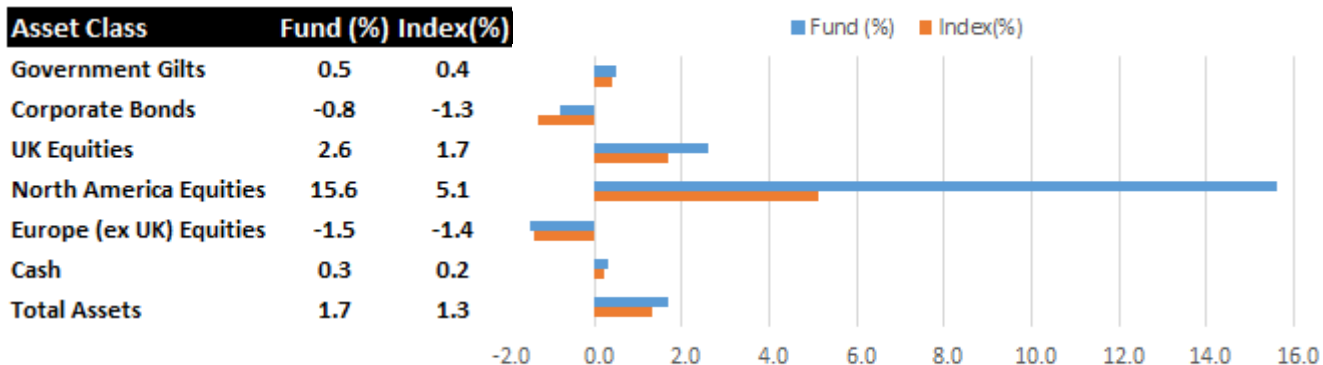


Portfolio and benchmark returns for the quarter to 30/06/18 are preliminary estimates provided by Standard Life Wealth and have not been verified externally. They could, therefore, be liable to subsequent adjustment.

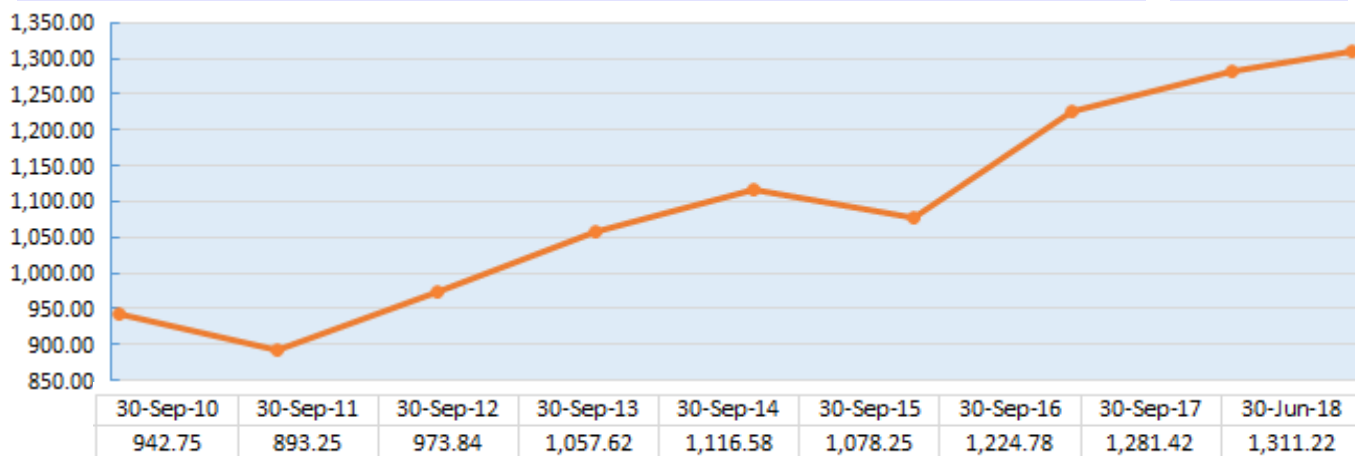
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Performance Attribution to 30 June 2018



NICIFC Share Price Trend (Pence)



Portfolio Key Points

Global equity markets rebounded strongly in the second quarter, specifically developed markets, and most notably in April and May. As the UK basked in sunshine for much of the quarter even concern over the ability of the government to reach a credible Brexit deal failed to deter investors in the UK market. Elsewhere, economic data confirmed that first-quarter weakness in US consumption was a temporary blip, with US retail sales growing by over 6% in May and unemployment falling to 3.8% – the lowest level since 1969. In addition, companies predominantly reported better first-quarter earnings than expected which helped stock valuation look less stretched, as well as being a positive development itself.

It is therefore no surprise to see that fixed interest markets were flat to marginally down over the quarter with UK Gilts producing a total return of +0.2% over the period and UK credit returning - 0.1%. This compares to a total return from World Equities ex UK of +7.0% and UK Equities of +9.2% with the FTSE 100 Index the driving force within the UK market producing a return of +9.6%.

The return from the portfolio of 6.7% over the last quarter was ahead of the benchmark return of 6.0%.

Risk Factors

Based on the definitions of risk determined by Standard Life Wealth, the portfolio is categorised as being managed with a *higher medium* risk approach.

The value of any investment may go down as well as up, as can the income generated from it.

Fund Manager

The current fund manager is Standard Life Wealth, 1 George Street, Edinburgh EH2 2LL. Standard Life Wealth are regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority.

Standard Life Wealth use United Nations Principles of Responsible Investing & UK Stewardship Code whilst applying a global thematic stock picking strategy. This focus on themes helps to identify the catalysts for change and capture opportunities wherever they occur.

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