## NI CENTRAL INVESTMENT FUND FOR CHARITIES INVESTMENT FUND FACTS 31 DECEMBER 2020

### **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 primary objective of the Fund is to generate income in excess of the benchmark yield and thereafter long-term (>5 years) capital growth in real terms.

## Quick Facts @ 31 December 2020

 Launch Date:
 March 1965

 Share Value:
 1466.16p

 Total Value:
 £50,090,127

Portfolio Manager: Aberdeen Standard Capital

**Total Costs Associated** 

With Management of Fund: 0.61%\*

Dividends distributions: Biannual, June & December

\*Information based on 2019 calendar year and % calculated against 31 December 2019 valuation

4.0
3.0
3.35
3.59
3.24
3.08
2.84

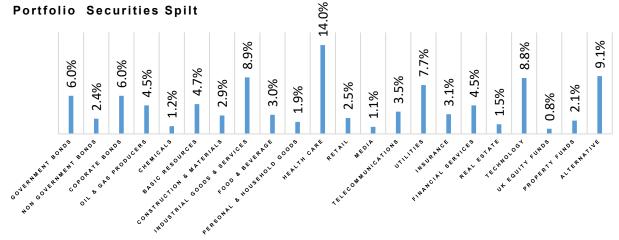
December
0.0

■ Sep-16 ■ Sep-17 ■ Sep-18 ■ Sep-19 ■ Sep-20

Income Yield %

### Percentage return (Gross) against the composite benchmark 20.0 15.0 10.0 5.0 % 0.0 -5.0 -10.0 2020 2016 2017 2018 2019 15.3 -2.8 7.4 Fund 10.6 17.6 **Benchmark** -5.3 17.0 10.0 12.1 4.1

Aberdeen Standard Capital apply a global thematic stock picking strategy, this focus on themes helps them to identify the catalysts for change and capture opportunities when they occur.



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#### Investment Mix (31/12/20) Top 10 investments (31/12/20) Government Gilts 5.8% 1. Taiwan Semiconductor 3.8% 8.0% 2. Rio Tinto Corporate Bonds 8.0% 3. Microsoft 4. Amazon 22.1% UK Equities 37.0% 5. Orsted 6. ASML Holding North America Equities 23.3% 7. Nextera Energy **BHP Group** 8. Europe (ex UK) & Asian Equities 9. Abbivie Inc 22.1% 10. UK Treasury Gilt 22/07/47 23.3% Cash 3.8% Total Investments: 75 - The top 10

37.0%





### **Risk Factors**

Based on the definitions of risk determined by Aberdeen Standard Capital, the portfolio is categorised as being managed with a medium high risk approach.

The NICIFC Statement of Investment Policy can be obtained on the website:

www.communities.ni.gov.uk/articles/northern-ireland-central-investment-fund-charities.

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

### **Fund Manager**

The current Fund manger is Aberdeen Standard Capital. 1George Street, Edinburgh, EH2 2LL. Aberdeen Standard Capital is authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority.

Aberdeen Standard Capital use United Nations Principles of Responsible Investing & UK Stewardship Code in their stock selection strategy.

If you would like further information on the NICIFC you can contact us on

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Investments make up 22.5% of the Fund

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All information (excluding Historic Fund Performance) is sourced from Aberdeen Standard Capital.