



NI CENTRAL INVESTMENT FUND FOR CHARITIES

Fund Update June 2023

Fund 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 (currently abrdrn, formerly known as Aberdeen Standard Capital), and its investment policy is guided by a locally based Advisory Committee appointed by the Department.

Fund Aim & Risk Profile

Aim: The primary objective of the Fund is to generate income and thereafter long-term capital growth in real terms. The recommended investment timeframe is 5 years and over. The Fund aims to achieve an annual return of 3.5% (net of fees and charges) above the UK rate of inflation as measured by CPI, over the medium term through a combination of income and capital growth.

Income: The fund aims to distribute an income of 3% per annum to investors.

Risk Profile: Based on the definitions of risk determined by abrdrn, the portfolio is categorised as being managed with a medium high risk approach.

Fund Facts

Launch Date:	March 1965
Share Price:	1435.60 pence
Fund Value:	£56,559,099
Portfolio Manager:	abrdrn
Cost Associated With Management Of the Fund:	0.67%*
Dividend Payment:	Biannual - June & December

*Information based on 2022 calendar year and % calculated against 31 December 2022 valuation.

Performance against Benchmark (%)

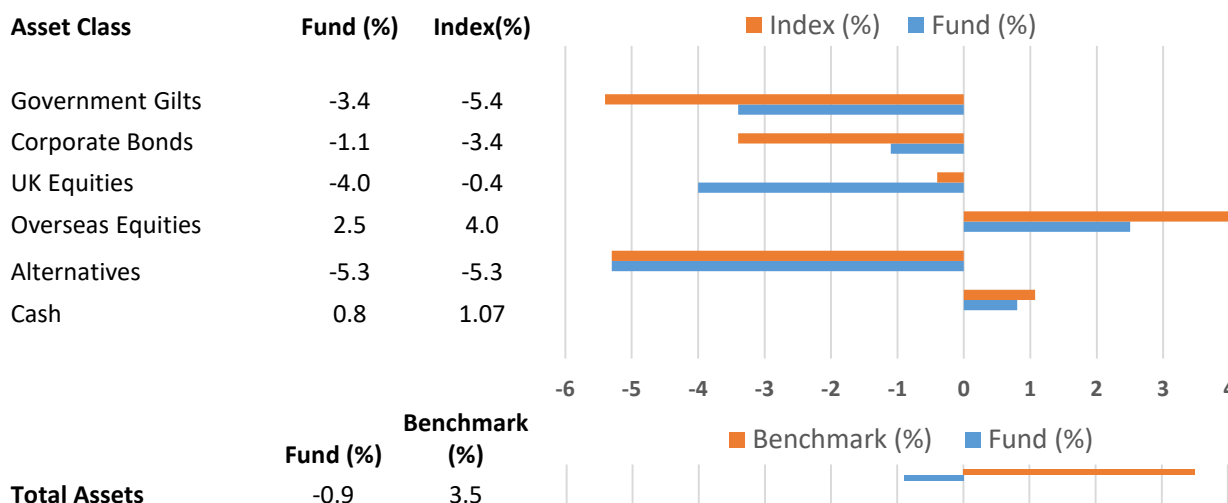
	YTD	Rolling 12 Months	3 Years Annualised	5 Years Annualised
Fund	2.5	2.1	4.5	5.1
Benchmark	5.8	12.3	10.5	7.6
Difference	(3.3)	(10.2)	(6.0)	(2.5)

Discrete Calendar Year Performance (%)

	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
Fund	-9.3	13.8	7.4	17.6	-2.8	10.6
Benchmark	14.0	9.1	4.1	12.1	-5.3	10.0
Difference	(23.3)	4.7	3.3	5.5	2.5	0.6

Current Benchmark UK CPI +3.5% p.a. (from 01/04/2019) prior to this the benchmark was a composite of 12.5% FTSE UK Gilts All Stocks, 12.5% ICE BoAML Stg non-Gilts, 50% FTSE All Share, 20% FTSE World Index Series, 5% UK LIBID 7-day rate. All performance returns are Total Returns unless otherwise specified. Performance figures for the Fund are calculated net of the management fee.

Performance Attribution for Quarter





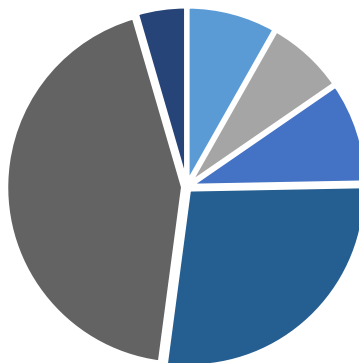
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Top 10 Holdings

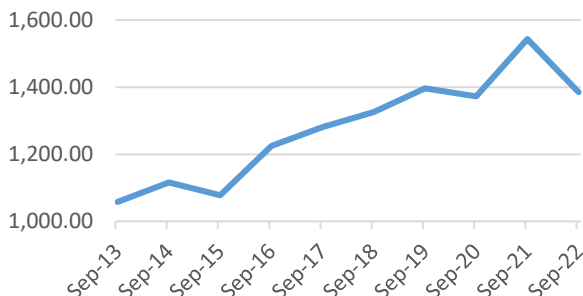
1. Abrdn Offshore Fixed Interest
2. Shell
3. Microsoft
4. AstraZeneca
5. UK Gov Gilts 0.75%
6. ASML
7. UK Gov Gilts 0.25%
8. BP
9. Taiwan Semiconductor
10. Accenture

Total Holdings: 66 – the top 10 holdings make up 32.3% of the Fund.

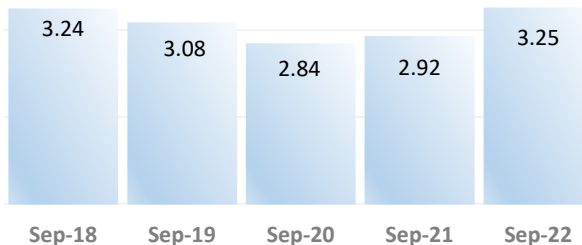
Investment Mix



Share Price Trend (Pence)



Income Yield Trend (%)



Market Commentary

At the beginning of the year our outlook for the global economy was one of caution. It was expected that the inflationary backdrop and rising interest rates would create recessionary pressures but there was the potential for economic growth in China to pick up following the relaxation of Covid restrictions. Within the portfolio, abrdn remained positive on companies with strong financial characteristics, pricing power and visibility on future demand patterns, all of which can provide resilience against an uncertain economic backdrop.

Looking back, now that we are halfway through the year, global equity markets have, in the main, been resilient in the face of rising interest rates, sticky inflation and the Spring banking turmoil following the collapse of SVB and merger of Credit Suisse into UBS. Central banks have continued to raise interest rates, and with inflation remaining stubbornly high, expectations of where rates will peak have risen. A rising interest rate environment is not positive, in the short term, for returns from fixed income or other investments which are sensitive to changes in interest rates, such as infrastructure related alternative investments. Nevertheless, it presents opportunities to establish longer term positions and therefore abrdn have recently been taking the opportunity to invest some of the cash held within portfolio by selectively increasing exposure to fixed income. The potential longer-term returns are at attractive levels which have not been seen for many years.

Abrdn still believe that the most likely economic outcome is a recession, especially within the UK. This viewpoint is not unique and there remains a focus on the implications of rising housing costs (both rental and mortgage rates), continued cost of living pressures from high food inflation to utility bills, productivity losses arising from strikes and the headwinds faced by the younger generations aiming for future success. This has led onto where abrdn see investment opportunities, how to benefit from the rise of Alternative Intelligence (AI) and the benefits of being able to invest globally.

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All data as at 30 June 2023

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