



Background

The Northern Ireland Central Investment Fund for Charities (NICIFC) was set up in 1965 through the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 1964, with the aim of providing charities with the opportunity to invest all or part of their assets in a centrally pooled fund, administered by the Department for Communities. The Fund is managed by recognised fund managers, with its investment policy and performance reviewed on a quarterly basis by a locally based advisory committee, appointed by the Department.

The NICIFC operates as a discretionary managed fund, with participating Charities allocated a proportionate number of shares based on the size of their investment and the most recent valuation (share price). The Fund invests in fixed-interest securities, UK & foreign equities and selected unitised funds. The allocation between these asset classes is reviewed and adjusted periodically, in line with the Fund's investment policy.

Temporary Suspension of the Fund

The Department is currently conducting a review of the Northern Ireland Central Investment Fund for Charities. The Fund will continue to be managed by the Department and the investment manager (currently Standard Life Wealth) as normal. However, new additions to the Fund have been temporarily suspended.

There will be no change to the process of making withdrawals from the Fund and the bi-annual dividend will continue to be paid as usual.

For those charities that have requested their bi-annual dividends be reinvested this process has been suspended and all payments will be made to their stated bank account.

Fund Information

Aim

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

Income

To achieve an annual income return in excess of the benchmark yield.

Benchmark

The benchmark for the fund is composed as follows:

Fixed Interest	25%
<i>Government Gilts</i>	<i>12.5%</i>
<i>Corporate Bonds</i>	<i>12.5%</i>
FTSE All Share	50%
FTSE World ex UK	20%
LIBID 7 Day	5%

Key Details

Launch Date	1965
Fund Size	£37.64m
Share Price	1224.78p
Dividend Payment Dates	Jun & Dec
Year End	30 Sept
Currency	Sterling
Annual Management Fee	0.4%

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.

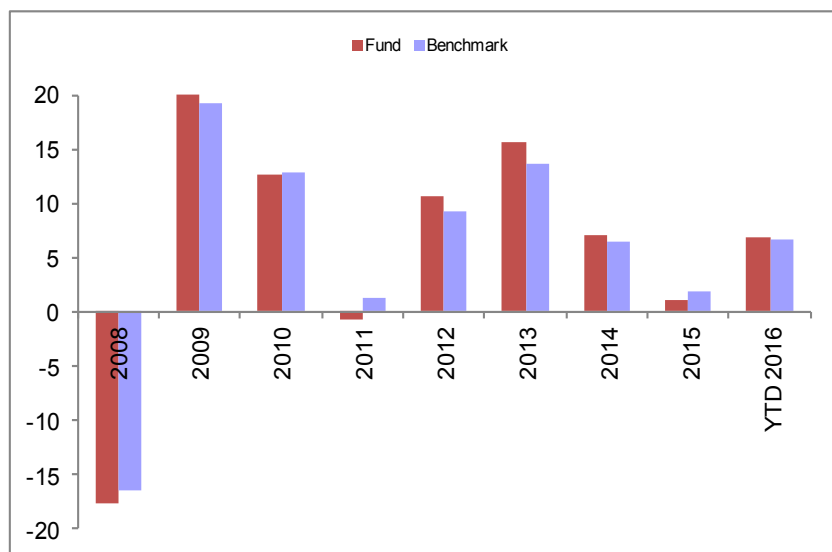
The value of any investment may go down as well as up, as can the income generated from it.

Fund Performance to 30 September 2016

	3 months	3 Years Annualised
NICIFC	6.9%	8.7%
Composite Benchmark	6.6%	8.5%
Dividend Yield (Fund)	3.7%	
Dividend Yield (Target)	2.9%	

Portfolio and benchmark returns for the quarter to 30/09/16 are preliminary estimates provided by Standard Life Wealth and have not been verified externally. They could, therefore, be liable to subsequent adjustment.

Long-term Total Percentage Return (Gross)



Year	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	YTD 2016
NICIFC	-17.8	20.1	12.6	-0.7	10.7	15.6	7.0	1.0	6.9
Benchmark	-16.5	19.3	12.9	1.2	9.3	13.6	6.4	1.8	6.6

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Investment Factsheet as at 30 September 2016



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Fund Manager

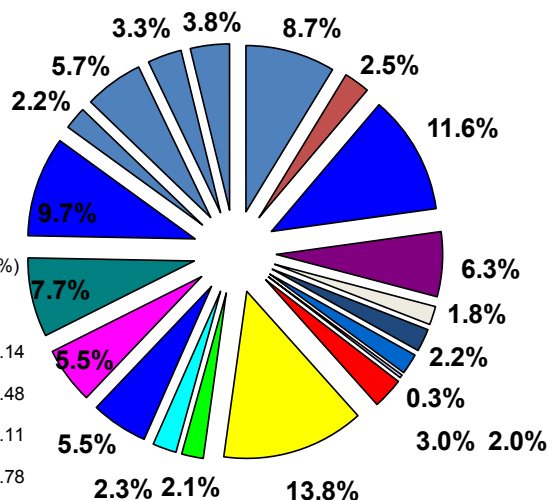
The current fund manager is Standard Life Wealth. 1 George Street, Edinburgh EH2 2LL. Standard Life Wealth are regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority.

Standard Life Wealth applies a global thematic stock picking strategy. This focus on themes helps to identify the catalysts for change and capture opportunities wherever they occur.

NICIFC Fund Composition

Ethical Restriction: No direct investment permitted in tobacco stocks

Sector Allocation as a % of Total Market Value



- British Government Bonds 8.7
- Overseas Govt Index Linked Bonds 2.5
- GBP Bonds 11.6
- Oil & Gas 6.3
- Chemicals 1.8
- Basic Materials 2.2
- Industrials 2.0
- Automobiles & Parts 0.3
- Food & Beverages 3.0
- Health Care 13.8
- Retail 2.1
- Media 2.3
- Telecommunications 5.5
- Utilities 5.5
- Financials 7.7
- Technology 9.7
- Unitised Investments Equities 2.2
- Alternative 5.7
- Property & Alternative 3.3
- Cash 3.8

Historic Fund Information

As at 30 Sept	Share Price (p)	Annual Dividend (p)	Yield (%)
2010	942.75	39.00	4.14
2011	893.25	40.00	4.48
2012	973.84	40.00	4.11
2013	1057.62	40.00	3.78
2014	1116.58	40.00	3.48
2015	1078.25	43.00	3.99
2016	1224.78	41.00	3.35
Shares in issue as at 31/06/2016			3,120,706
Shares in issue as at 30/09/2016			3,069,936

Source: Standard Life Wealth 30 September 2016

Portfolio Commentary

The third quarter proved another strong period for global equity markets with the decline in sovereign bond yields across the world following the UK referendum outcome, providing a monetary easing effect equivalent to a cut in interest rates. The FTSE All Share finished the quarter with an impressive 7.8% return, only to be outdone by the FTSE World ex UK (£) which was up 8.4%. The weakness of sterling continues to be a theme with further downward pressure likely given that politicians are struggling to provide any clarity on the post Brexit landscape and the current account deficit looks to be worsening rather than improving.

Bond markets also performed positively over the period as sovereign bond yields declined across the world and the FTA Government All Stocks Index moved to 2.3% higher. Any hint of monetary policy tightening dissipated with the Bank of England cutting rates to a new record low of 0.25% and providing a number of other measures to calm markets. With a similar monetary easing bias from countries across Europe and Australia and New Zealand we saw the 10-year UK Government Gilt yield falling below 1% for the first time in history; investors could be forgiven for questioning how much further bonds can realistically rally from here.

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All information (excluding Historic Fund Performance) is sourced from Standard Life Wealth Ltd.

All data as at 30 September 2016.