

# IFSL CAF Alternative Strategies Fund

## Quarterly Factsheet

To 31 March 2022



This document is issued by the discretionary investment management area of abrdn, which has a separate legal entity, abrdn Capital Limited.

### Fund description

The aim of the Fund is to produce a positive return over any 12-month period, in both rising and falling markets after any charges have been taken out of the Fund. This is done through both capital growth, which is profit on investments, and income received by the Fund, which is money paid out of investments, such as dividends from shares and interest from bonds. The Fund aims to outperform the UK Consumer Price Index, over any 3 year period, after any charges have been taken out of the Fund. There is no guarantee that the Fund will achieve its objectives over any time period. Capital is at risk.

### Investment strategy

The Fund will be actively managed, which means the Investment Manager decides which investments to buy and when. It will invest at least 80% in other collective investment schemes, investment trusts and exchange traded funds (collectively "Investment Funds").

Through these Investment Funds, the Fund will be exposed to a broad range of asset types and investment strategies, including: shares, bonds, real assets, such as property or commodities (for example gold and oil), alternative investment strategies such as absolute return funds, which aim to produce a profit over time regardless of what the stock market does and derivatives and other instruments whose performance is linked to the returns of another variable factor, such as an index or exchange rate. These Investment Funds could include those managed by the Authorised Corporate Director or the Investment Manager. The Fund may also invest up to 20% directly in shares and bonds.

The value of investments may fall as well as rise. You may not get back the full amount that you originally invested. Past performance is not a guide to future performance. There is no guarantee about the level of capital or income returns that will be generated.

CAF Financial Solutions Limited (CFSL) is a subsidiary of the Charities Aid Foundation. Investment Fund Services Limited (IFSL) is the Authorised Coporate Director (ACD) for the IFSL CAF Investment Fund. This fund range is promoted by CFSL and managed by the Discretionary Investment Management team at abrdn. Find out more about CAF Financial Solutions Limited (CFSL) full range by visiting [www.cafonline.org/charities/investments](http://www.cafonline.org/charities/investments)

### Key Facts

Fund launch date	12 Mar 2011
Fund launch price	100.00p
Fund size	£19.6m
Minimum investment	£1,000
Minimum top up	£1,000
Ongoing Charges Figure*	
A Class	1.42%
ISIN codes	
A Class Acc	GB00B612CV17
A Class Inc	GB00B5YQ7968
Sedol codes	
A Class Acc	B612CV1
A Class Inc	B5YQ796
Current fund price	
A Class Acc	114.8p
A Class Inc	109.7p

\*OCF as at 31/03/2022.

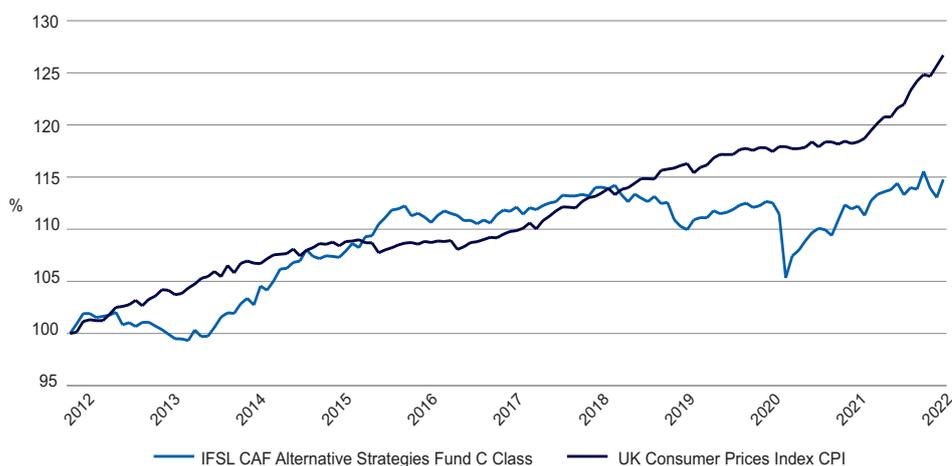
The Ongoing Charge Figure (OCF) is the overall cost shown as a percentage of the value of the assets of the Fund. It is made up of the Annual Management Charge (AMC) shown above and the other expenses taken from the Fund over the last annual reporting period. It does not include any initial charges or 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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## Performance



The performance of the fund\*\* has been calculated using bid to bid basis, based on an Annual Management Charge (AMC) of 1.00%, gross income re-invested and excludes initial charges. The Comparative Index performance is on a Total Return basis.

\*\* IFSL CAF Alternative Strategies Fund A, B and C Class

Under abrdn management from 01.04.21

Source: Morningstar (Fund) and Thomson Reuters DataStream (Comparative Index)

Note: Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future returns.

## Calendar year performance

	2021 (%)	2020 (%)	2019 (%)	2018 (%)	2017 (%)
IFSL CAF Alternative Strategies Fund A Acc Class	2.85	-0.27	2.45	-3.44	1.62
IFSL CAF Alternative Strategies Fund A Inc Class	2.85	-0.27	2.45	-3.44	1.62
UK Consumer Prices Index CPI	5.39	0.55	1.30	2.10	2.97

Source: Morningstar (Fund) and Thomson Reuters DataStream (Comparative Index)

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## Cumulative performance

	Quarter (%)	YTD (%)	1 Year (%)	3 Years (% p.a.)	5 Years (% p.a.)
IFSL CAF Alternative Strategies Fund A Acc Class	-0.67	-0.67	3.10	1.09	0.40
IFSL CAF Alternative Strategies Fund A Inc Class	-0.67	-0.67	3.10	1.09	0.40
UK Consumer Prices Index CPI	1.49	1.49	6.72	2.94	2.64

Source: Morningstar (Fund) and Thomson Reuters DataStream (Comparative Index)

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**Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future results.** 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.

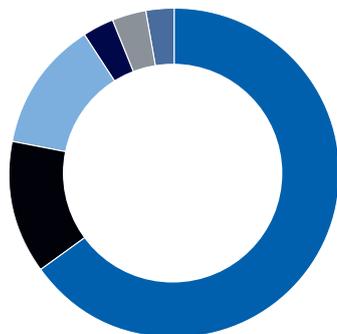
## Key Risks

- The Fund will be exposed to stock markets and market conditions can change rapidly.
- Prices can move irrationally and be affected unpredictably by diverse factors, including political and economic events.
- The Fund will have significant exposure to bonds, the prices of which will be impacted by diverse factors, including changes in interest rates, inflation expectations and perceived credit quality.
- Fluctuations in interest rates may affect the value of your investment. When interest rates increase this is likely to result in a fall in the capital value of fixed interest securities, such as bonds and convertibles.
- Changes in exchange rates may affect the value of your investment.
- In certain market conditions some assets may be less predictable than usual. This may make it harder to sell at a desired price and/or in a timely manner.
- In extreme market conditions redemptions in the underlying funds or the Fund itself may be deferred or suspended.
- The Fund may invest a large part of its assets in other funds for which investment decisions are made independently of the Fund. If these perform poorly, the value of your investment is likely to be adversely affected. Investment in other funds may also lead to duplication of fees and commissions.
- The Fund's investments may be subject to counterparty risk, which is the risk that a party to a transaction will fail to meet its obligations. Some or all of these obligations may arise as a result of The Fund holding investments where returns are linked to financial contracts, known as derivatives.
- The Fund may enter into various financial contracts (known as derivatives) in an attempt to protect the value of the Fund's assets or to reduce the costs of investing, although this may not be achieved.
- Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future returns. Capital is at risk.

A more detailed description of the risks that apply to this Fund can be found in the Fund's prospectus.



## Asset allocation (%)



Absolute Return Funds	65.13
Renewables	13.11
Infrastructure	12.79
REITs	3.13
Asset Finance	3.11
Cash	2.73

### 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.

## Top five holdings

Stocks	Fund (%)
TM Fulcrum UCITS Funds - TM Fulcrum Diversified Core Absolute Return Fund Class C GBP Accum.Shs	8.69
Nordea 1 SICAV - GBP Diversified Return Fund -AI-Base Currency-Distribution	7.75
SLI GARS Fund Inst S Acc	7.55
ASI Dynamic Multi Asset Growth Institutional Fixed Acc	7.51
BLACKROCK ABS RETURN BD-D AC	7.42

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