

abrdn UK Real Estate Fund

Monthly Factsheet August 2024



Objective

To generate income and some growth over the long term (5 years or more) by investing in UK commercial property. It is intended that the sub-fund will be a PAIF at all times and, as such, its investment objective is to carry on property investment business and to manage cash raised for investment in the property investment business.

Performance Target: To exceed the return of the IA UK Direct Property Sector Average return (after charges) over rolling three year periods. The Performance Target is the level of performance that the management team hopes to achieve for the sub-fund. There is however no certainty or promise that they will achieve the Performance Target.

The ACD believes this is an appropriate target for the sub-fund based on the investment policy of the sub-fund and the constituents of the sector.

Portfolio securities

- The sub-fund will invest at least 70% in a diversified portfolio of UK freehold and leasehold commercial property selected from across the retail, office, industrial and other sectors.
- The sub-fund may also invest indirectly in commercial property through investment vehicles such as quoted and unquoted property companies or funds (including those managed by abrdn).
- The fund may also invest in short term government bonds such as gilts, money-market instruments and cash.

Discrete annual returns (%) - year ended 31/08

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Fund Retail Acc shareclass	-6.29	6.34	9.12	-12.86	-4.15
Fund Institutional Acc shareclass	-5.89	6.71	9.52	-12.49	-3.81
Fund Platform One Acc shareclass	-5.92	6.71	9.44	-12.54	-3.83
Performance Target ^A	-2.49	4.50	8.75	-10.75	-0.23

Past performance (%)

	1m	3m	6m	1y	3y p.a.	5y p.a.
Fund Retail Acc shareclass	0.68	-0.38	-0.29	-4.15	-3.04	-1.91
Fund Institutional Acc shareclass	0.74	-0.28	-0.09	-3.81	-2.68	-1.53
Fund Platform One Acc shareclass	0.72	-0.28	-0.18	-3.83	-2.72	-1.57
Performance Target ^A	0.36	0.76	1.60	-0.23	-1.18	-0.36

^aBenchmark includes both master and feeder funds in the IA UK Direct Property Peer group. Source: abrdn (Fund) and Morningstar (Target)

Past performance is not a guide to future results.

Top five property holdings

Name	£ of property*	Sub-sector
Birmingham, Solar Park	£25m - 50m	Industrial
Sutton, iO Centre & Tradeway	£25m - 50m	Industrial
Peterborough, Axis Park	£25m - 50m	Industrial
Edinburgh, George IV Bridge	£25m - 50m	Other Commercial
London, 1 America Street &	£25m - 50m	Office

Source: abrdn, August 2024

^B The Ongoing Charge Figure (OCF) is an estimate as at April 2022 and may vary from year to year. It excludes the cost of buying and selling assets for the fund. An estimate is used in order to provide the figure that will most likely be charged. It does not include any initial charges or the cost of buying and selling stocks for the fund. The Ongoing Charge Figure can help you compare the annual operating expenses of different funds.

CMSCI UK Daily Traded APUTs and PAIFs in the UK Quarterly Universe Property Index (unfrozen) from

01/01/2019. Prior MSCI UK Quarterly Balanced Monthly Index Funds Quarterly Property Index (Únfrozen)

^a Historic Distribution Yield - this represents the income generated by the assets in which the fund has been invested over the last twelve months, expressed as a % of the fund's value for Institutional Acc Shareclass. Please note that this income stream may be subject to taxes and charges.

^b The Average Lease Length is the weighted average (by estimated rental value, "ERV") of all contracted

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F The vacancy rate represents the sum of all assets within the fund's portfolio which do not generate rental income. It is expressed as a percentage of the total portfolio estimated rental value, ERV, which is the sum of rental income that the portfolio would be expected to achieve if all assets were to be re-let in current market conditions. Benchmark is MSCI UK Daily Traded APUTs and PAIFs Quarterly Property Index.

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Dealing information

Minimum initial Investment Retail shareclass Institutional shareclass Platform One shareclass Valuation point Settlement terms

Accounting period end dates
Ex-dividend dates
Payment dates

tes First day of each month
15 Feb (final) and Last
day of each month. Jan
no payment (interim)

(interim)

£500

T+3

£1,000,000

£1,000,000

12:00 UK Time

31 Dec (final) and 30 Jun

Ongoing charges figure (OCF) $^{\rm B}$

Retail shareclass: 1.30% Institutional shareclass: 0.83% Platform One shareclass: 0.88%

Annual management charge (AMC) Retail shareclass: 1.30%

Institutional shareclass: 0.75% Platform One shareclass: 0.75%

Retail Acc Shareclass

 Sedol
 BJFL152

 ISIN
 GB00BJFL1522

 Bloomberg
 BRUKPRA LN

 Lipper
 60098626

Retail Inc Shareclass

 Sedol
 BJFL163

 ISIN
 GB00BJFL1639

 Bloomberg
 BRUKPRI LN

 Lipper
 60098625

Institutional Acc Shareclass

 Sedol
 BJZ2TG2

 ISIN
 GB00BJZ2TG29

 Bloomberg
 IGUKPIA LN

 Lipper
 68151106

Institutional Inc Shareclass

 Sedol
 BJZ2V33

 ISIN
 GB00BJZ2V336

 Bloomberg
 IGUKPII LN

 Lipper
 68151107

Platform One Acc Shareclass

 Sedol
 BYPHP53

 ISIN
 GB00BYPHP536

 Bloomberg
 SLIUP1A

 Lipper
 68367077

Platform One Inc Shareclass

 Sedol
 BYPHP64

 ISIN
 GB00BYPHP643

 Bloomberg
 SLIUP1I

 Lipper
 68367078

Performance Target/Performance Comparator Portfolio Constraining

Benchmark C

IA UK Direct Property Sector Average

MSCI UK Daily Traded APUTs and PAIFs in the UK Quarterly Property

Index

£719,795,105

 No. of holdings
 30

 Fund Launch date
 22 Dec 2004

 Historic Distribution Yield Days
 4.58% (Fund)

Average Unexpired Lease Length ^E Benchmark

Property Fund NAV

6.1 Years

 Benchmark
 6.4 Years

 % Vacancy Rate F
 6.03%

 Benchmark
 9.07%

Management process

- The management team use market research and their discretion (active management) to identify investments that are expected to benefit from changes in property prices and property improvements. They will maintain a diverse asset mix at sector level.
-In seeking to achieve the Performance Target, the MSCI UK Daily Traded APUTs and PAIFs in the UK Quarterly Universe Property Index is used as a reference point for portfolio construction and as a basis for setting risk constraints. Due to the fund's risk constraints, the intention is that the fund's performance profile will not deviate significantly from that of the MSCI UK Daily Traded APUTs and PAIFs in the UK Quarterly Universe Property Index over the longer term.
- Please note: Selling property can be a lengthy process so investors in the sub-fund should be aware that, in certain circumstances, they may not be able to sell their investment when they want to.

Top five tenants (consolidated)

Name	% of total income
Radisson Hotel Edinburgh Limited	7.83
Tesco Stores Limited	6.63
T P Bennett LLP	4.80
Technip UK Limited	3.34
British Telecommunications plc	3.03

Source: abrdn, August 2024

Asset allocation



^{*}The unencumbered cash figure includes cash or cash equivalents plus any short term assets and liabilities within the fund less any future committed capital expenditures.

Source: abrdn, August 2024.

Property portfolio: regional analysis

Region	Portfolio %
Central London	0.00
Rest of London	19.24
South East	15.75
South West	0.50
Eastern	16.89
East Midlands	0.89
West Midlands	9.08
Yorks/Humber	0.00
North West	7.76
North East	7.18
Scotland	21.09
Wales	1.63

Source: abrdn, August 2024. Totals may not sum due to rounding.

Property portfolio: sector analysis

Sector	Portfolio %
Retail	16.19
Retail Warehouses	3.85
Standard Retail - South East	1.96
Standard Retail - Rest of UK	5.84
Shopping Centres	4.54
Offices	25.32
Office - Rest of UK	17.14
Office - Rest of South East	8.18
Office - West End & Mid Town	0.00
Industrial	46.29
Industrial - South East	32.86
Industrial - Rest of UK	13.43
Other	12.20

Source: abrdn, August 2024. Totals may not sum due to rounding.

Market review

According to the MSCI UK Monthly Index for August, the all property total return increased to 0.6% from 0.4% in the previous month, resulting in a 3-month total return of 1.7%. Annual all-property returns further increased to 1.9% in August, up from 1.4% in July.

The retail sector was the best performing sector, with a total return of 0.7%, up from 0.5% in the previous month. Retail Warehouses and Shopping Centres both delivered total returns of 0.8%, while Standard Retail in the South East and Rest of UK delivered 0.5%.

Total return for the Industrial sector was 0.6%. Rest of UK Industrial continues to outperform South East Industrial, with monthly total returns of 0.9% compared to 0.5%. Similarly, over 12 months, Rest of UK Industrial delivered 6.2% annual total return, ahead of South East Industrial at 5.2%

Office returns continue to lag behind the other main sectors. Monthly total return for Rest of UK Offices was 0.6%, slightly ahead of South East Offices at 0.5%. West End & Mid Town Offices returned 0.3% while City Offices were the worst performing segment in the index at 0.2%

.Fund performance

The Institutional Acc shares returned investors 0.74% over the month, 0.38% ahead of the IA UK Direct Property Benchmark. Over the past 3 years the Fund has returned -2.68%, 1.5% behind the IA UK Direct Property benchmark.

Fund management activity

The Fund sold two assets during the month. Learnington Shopping Park, Learnington Spa, was sold for £57.6m and Masthead Industrial Estate, Dartford, was sold for £39.5m. Recent asset management activity includes a lease renewal with Mears Group at Axis Park, Peterborough, where the tenant extended two leases for an additional 10 years of term at a combined initial passing rent of £150,000 per annum (an uplift of c.30%). At Ascent Park, Harlow, Carpets 4 Less also extended their lease for an additional 10 years of term, at an initial passing rent of £106,000 per annum (an uplift of c.35%).

Outlook and Fund positioning

UK real estate seems to be pointing in a much more positive direction than this time last year. Improved economic and political certainty has filtered into the market, resulting in slowing declines in capital values. We have seen investors hold back over the first half of 2024. This is expected to shift into a more positive light as the rate-cutting cycle takes hold and as real estate returns look more attractive on a risk-adjusted basis.

We expect UK real estate to perform well over the forecast period, although bifurcation within sectors will remain a factor. We expect the industrial and living sectors to outperform all property, particularly over the next year. In a notable shift over recent months, offices are now projected to stay in positive territory, owing to strong rental growth. In fact, rental growth will remain a central growth story across real estate sectors, especially given the low levels of construction projected over the forecast period.

Certain lenders are acknowledging the upside potential here, as we are seeing increased activity by UK clearing banks for all asset classes outside of offices. As the ratecuting cycle bites, margins are expected to become more competitive among non-bank lenders. This should provide a much-needed boost to liquidity.

The over-arching Fund strategy remains focused on reducing risk within the property portfolio, whilst also retaining an enhanced exposure to liquid assets. We continue to favour sectors with thematics aligned to our House View.

Important Information

The following risk factors should be carefully considered before making an investment decision:

- The value of investments and the income from them can fall and investors may get back less than the amount invested.
- The abrdn UK Real Estate Fund invests in assets that may at times be hard to sell. This means that there may be occasions when you experience a delay or receive less than you might otherwise expect when selling your investment. For more information on risks, see the prospectus and key investor information document.
- The use of derivatives carries the risk of reduced liquidity, substantial loss and increased volatility in adverse market conditions, such as a failure amongst market participants. The use of derivatives may result in the fund being leveraged (where market exposure and thus the potential for loss by the fund exceeds the amount it has invested) and in these market conditions the effect of leverage will be to magnify losses. The fund does not make extensive use of derivatives.
- Commercial property is less liquid than other asset classes such as bonds or equities. Selling property can be a lengthy process so investors in the fund should be aware that they may not be able to sell their investment when they want to.
- Commercial property transaction charges are higher than those which apply in other asset classes. Investors should be aware that a high volume of transactions would have a material impact on fund returns.
- Property valuation is a matter of judgment by an independent valuer and is therefore a matter of the valuer's opinion rather than fact.
- The fund employs a single swinging pricing methodology to protect against the dilution impact of transaction costs. Due to the high transaction charges associated with the fund's assets, a change in the pricing basis will result in a significant movement in the fund's published price.

To help you understand this fund and for a full explanation of risks and the overall risk profile of this fund and the share classes within it, please refer to the Key Investor Information Documents and Prospectus which are available on our website www.abrdn.com. The Prospectus also contains a glossary of key terms used in this document.

The fund's Authorised Corporate Director is abrdn Fund Managers Limited.

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