

Key Information Document ("KID")

Aberforth Split Level Income Trust plc
Zero Dividend Preference shares



Purpose

This document provides you with key information about this investment product. It is not marketing material. The information is required by law to help you understand the nature, risks, costs, potential gains and losses of this product and to help you compare it with other products.

Product

Product: Aberforth Split Level Income Trust plc - Zero Dividend Preference shares
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Regulator: Financial Conduct Authority
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What is this product?

Type: Aberforth Split Level Income Trust plc (the Company) is an investment trust whose shares are listed on the London Stock Exchange and an Alternative Investment Fund under the Alternative Investment Fund Managers Directive.

Objective and key points: The Company's objective is to provide Ordinary shareholders with a high level of income, together with the potential for income and capital growth, and to provide Zero Dividend Preference (ZDP) shareholders with a pre-determined final capital entitlement of 127.25p on the planned winding up date of **1 July 2024**, by investing in a diversified portfolio of securities issued by small UK quoted companies.

The Company's shares are bought and sold via markets. Typically, at any given time on any given day, the price you pay for a share will be higher than the price at which you could sell it.

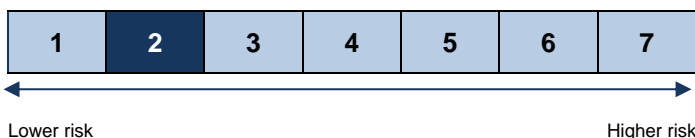
The Company was launched on 3 July 2017 and has a planned winding up date of **1 July 2024**.

The Company's Ordinary shares are geared by the capital entitlement of the ZDP shares. This will magnify any gains or losses made by the assets attributable to the Ordinary shares.

The ZDP shares had a gross redemption yield of 3.5% at launch, based on the issue price of 100p. ZDP shareholders do not receive any dividends.

Intended retail investor: This product is suitable for investors planning to hold an investment for the medium to long-term (until the planned winding up date of **1 July 2024**) and is designed to be used as one component in an investment portfolio – **potential investors in the Company's Zero Dividend Preference shares are advised to consult their professional investment advisers in respect of any investment decision in relation to those shares.**

What are the risks and what could I get in return?




Risk indicator

The summary risk indicator is a guide to the level of risk of this product compared to other products. It shows how likely it is that the product will lose money because of movements in the markets.

We have classified this product as class 2 out of 7, which is a low risk class.

This classifies the potential volatility from future performance at a low level, and poor market conditions are unlikely to impact the capacity for you to receive a positive return on investment. This classification is based on the volatility of the product's share price returns over 5 years.

 The risk indicator assumes you hold your investment until the planned winding up date of **1 July 2024**. The actual risk can vary significantly if you sell your investment within a shorter timeframe and you may get back less. You may not be able to sell your investment easily, or may have to sell at a price that significantly impacts on how much you get back.

Investments in shares of smaller companies are generally considered to carry a higher degree of risk. The performance of shares of smaller companies may be more volatile than the shares of larger companies over short time periods. This product does not include any protection from future market performance so you could lose some or all of your investment.

Factors likely to affect future returns:

The factor most likely to determine the outcome of the investment and have an impact on performance is the application of the product's value investment philosophy, which targets superior long term returns for its clients. This involves the purchase of shares in companies that are selling below their intrinsic value ("value stocks"). Consistent application of investment process does not guarantee superior returns in each and every year, but, there is evidence that it can produce results that meet the investment objective over the long term.

What could affect my return positively?

The Zero Dividend Preference Shares ("ZDP shares") had a gross redemption yield of 3.5% at launch. ZDP shares do not receive any dividends. The Company's ability to meet the ZDP share entitlement is linked to its Net Asset Value. The Company's portfolio can benefit from consistent application of a value investment style, which enhances investment returns: within the NSCI (XIC), this is supported by historical evidence which indicates that value stocks have out-performed growth stocks since the index's inception.

The value cohort of the index is populated by cyclical companies which may benefit the portfolio valuation in certain economic conditions. The Company's investment returns will be determined, over a reasonable time frame, by the underlying progress of its diversified portfolio of investee companies.

What could affect my return negatively?

The market value of ZDP shares may be affected by changes in general interest rates, upward movements may lead to a reduction in the market value of these shares.

The ZDP shares rank in priority to the capital entitlement of ordinary shares. Having sufficient capital at winding up for repayment of ZDP entitlements is linked to underlying performance of the portfolio and may impact the return.

In view of the cyclical nature of the value cohort of the index, it is likely that concerns about a recession would disproportionately affect the valuations of a portfolio, such as the Company, selected under a value investment philosophy. Concern about recession may lead to a negative return from the portfolio and from the NSCI (XIC).

Adverse market conditions:

The Company was launched on 3 July 2017 and has a planned winding up date of 1 July 2024. This product does not include any protection from future market performance so you could lose some or all of your investment if encashed under adverse market conditions.

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What happens if Aberforth Split Level Income Trust plc is unable to pay out?

As a shareholder of the Company you would not be able to make a claim to the Financial Services Compensation Scheme about the Company in the event that the Company is unable to pay out.

What are the costs?

Costs over time

The Reduction in Yield (RIY) illustrates the impact the total costs you pay may have on your investment return. The total costs take into account one-off, ongoing and incidental costs.

The amounts shown here are the cumulative costs of the product itself, for two different holding periods, and assume you invest 10,000 GBP. The figures are estimates and may change in the future.

The person selling you or advising you about this product may charge you other costs. If so, this person will provide you with information about these costs and show you the impact that all costs will have on your investment over time.

Investment 10,000 GBP	If you cash in after 1 year	If you cash in after 2 years
Total costs	0 GBP	0 GBP
Impact on return (RIY) per year	0%	0%

Composition of costs

The table below shows:

* The impact each year of the different types of costs on the investment return you might get at the end of the recommended holding period.

* What the different cost categories mean.

One-off costs	Entry costs	0.00%	The impact of the costs you pay when entering your investment.
	Exit costs	0.00%	The impact of the costs of exiting your investment.
Ongoing costs	Portfolio transaction costs	0.00%	The impact of the costs of Aberforth buying and selling underlying investments in the product's portfolio.
	Other ongoing costs	0.00%	The impact of the expenses necessarily incurred in the operation of the product. This includes the annual management fee paid to Aberforth and the cost of gearing employed.
Incidental costs	Performance fee	0.00%	There is no performance fee.
	Carried interests	0.00%	There are no carried interests.

How long should I hold it and can I take my money out early?

Recommended minimum holding period: until the planned winding up date

The Company has a planned winding up date of **1 July 2024**. Any investment in this product should be viewed as a medium to long-term investment and therefore you should be prepared to stay invested until the planned winding up date. You may sell your investment before the end of the recommended holding period without penalty/charge.

How can I complain?

As a shareholder of the Company, you do not have a right to complain to the Financial Ombudsman Service (FOS) about the management of the Company. Complaints about the Company, or this KID, should be sent to:

Address: 14 Melville Street, Edinburgh, EH3 7NS
Website: www.aberforth.co.uk/contact-us
E-mail: enquiries@aberforth.co.uk

Other relevant information

The cost, performance and risk calculations included in this KID follow the methodology prescribed by the PRIIPs Regulation, amended to reflect the maximum potential pay-out of the product of 127.25p on 1 July 2024, and are based on information as at 30 June 2022.

As stated in the section "What are the risks and what could I get in return?" above, the scenarios of estimated future performance are based on evidence from the past on how the value of this product has varied and are not an exact indicator or guarantee of future performance. The cost figures shown in the "What are the costs?" section above differ materially from the Ongoing Charges Figure published in the Company's Factsheet, Annual Report and on the Aberforth website. This is because none of the Company's costs are attributed to the Zero Dividend Preference shares. Further information on the Company, including its latest Annual Report, is available at www.aberforth.co.uk.

A detailed list of the risks associated with investing in this product, together with risks relevant to the market in which this Company invests, is available from the Risk Warnings section at www.aberforth.co.uk. Aberforth does not provide investors with investment advice. This document has been issued for information purposes only. It does not contain any investment recommendations or an invitation to invest in the product. Investors should consider seeking advice from an authorised financial adviser prior to making any investment decisions.

Covid-19: in the context of market price risk, please note the circumstances arising from the Covid-19 pandemic and the responses to it. These affect macro-economic activity, the operations of companies around the world and their stock market valuations. The Company's Board and Aberforth continue to monitor market developments.