

Sustainability-related disclosures for abrdn SICAV I - Emerging Markets Equity Fund

This document provides you with a summary of sustainability-related information available on our website about this financial product. It is prepared in relation to Article 10 of the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation (EU) 2019/2088. The information disclosed is required by law to help you understand the sustainability characteristics and/or objectives and risks of this financial product.

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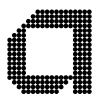
Summary	The Fund is subject to article 8 of the European Union's (EU) 2019/2088 Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation ("SFDR") and thus it promotes environmental or social characteristics but does not have a sustainable investment objective.
	In line with the SFDR criteria for sustainable investments (positive contribution of the economic activity, no significant harm of the investment and good governance by the investee company) abrdn have developed an approach to identifying sustainable investments, the methodology of which is detailed in the Q&A below. The Fund has an expected minimum of 10% in Sustainable Investments.
	The Fund has not set a minimum proportion of investment in Taxonomy aligned economic activities, including Taxonomy-aligned fossil gas or nuclear energy related activities.
	The Fund aims to achieve a combination of growth and income by investing in companies in Emerging Market Countries, which adhere to the abrdn Emerging Markets Promoting ESG Equity Investment Approach. The Fund aims to outperform the MSCI Emerging Markets Index (USD) benchmark before charges.
	The Fund invests at least 70% of its assets in equities and equity related securities of companies listed, incorporated or domiciled in Emerging Market Countries or having significant operations and/or exposure to Emerging Market countries. The Fund may invest up to 30% of its net assets in Mainland China equity and equity-related securities, although only up to 20% through available QFI regime, the Shanghai-Hong Kong and Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect programme or by any other available means. All equity and equity-related securities will follow abrdn's Emerging Markets Promoting ESG Equity Investment Approach.
	This Fund has a financial benchmark that is used for portfolio construction but does not incorporate any sustainable criteria and is not selected for the purpose of attaining these characteristics. This financial benchmark is used as a comparator for Fund performance and as a comparison for the Fund's binding commitments.
	The Fund contains high-quality companies that have been identified through the bottom-up equity research process which takes into consideration both environmental, social and governance (ESG) risks and opportunities.
	 ESG analysis is a key element of our overall equity research process and has three core principles: Informed and constructive engagement helps foster better companies, enhancing the value of our clients' investments. ESG factors are financially material, and impact corporate performance Understanding ESG risks and opportunities alongside other financial metrics allows us to make better investment decisions.
	The Fund uses our proprietary research framework to analyse the foundations of each business to ensure proper context for our investments. This includes the durability of its business model, the attractiveness of its industry, the strength of its financials and the sustainability of its economic moat.
	Within the equity investment process, every company that abrdn invests in is given, via a qualitative assessment, a proprietary overall Quality rating. A key component of this is the ESG Quality rating, which enables the portfolio managers to exclude companies with material ESG risks and positively skew the portfolio towards ESG opportunities and to build well-diversified, risk-adjusted portfolios. To complement the bottom-up research, the portfolio managers also use abrdn's proprietary ESG House Score, which is primarily a quantitative assessment, to identify and exclude those companies exposed to the highest ESG risks.
	To complement this, we also utilise our active stewardship and engagement activities.
	The fund has the following binding commitments: - a carbon intensity target lower than benchmark - targeting an ESG rating better than or equal to benchmark - promotes good governance including social factors



	Binary exclusions are also applied to exclude the particular areas of investment related to UN Global Compact, Controversial Weapons, Tobacco Manufacturing and Thermal Coal. These screening criteria apply in a binding manner and on an ongoing basis.
	Due diligence for each asset held is detailed in the Fund's Investment Approach document, published at www.abrdn.com, under Fund Centre.
	The Fund's ESG screening and binding commitments determine that Environmental or Social characteristics of holdings are met and are part of the overall portfolio construction. In addition, abrdn consider Principal Adverse Impact Indicators (PAIs) within our investment process for the Fund, which is detailed in the Q&A below.
	Monitoring of the Fund's environmental and social characteristics are carried out on desk by the fund managers, through systematic oversight and independently through abrdn's ESG Governance teams.
	abrdn have selected several internal and external data sources that serve an intended purpose to attain environmental and social characteristics. As part of the onboarding or review process, we have several controls in place to test quality, which includes, but not limited to, coverage, validity checks and consistency. For all data sources, the availability and quality of company disclosed data varies. Smaller companies and emerging market regions are typically more challenging areas, though this has been improving over time.
	For details on the Stewardship and Engagement policies, please see abrdn's Stewardship Report published on www.abrdn.com under Sustainable Investing, within the Governance and Active Ownership section.
No sustainable investment objective	This financial product promotes environmental or social characteristics, but does not have as its objective sustainable investment.
Environmental or social	The Fund promotes environmental and social characteristics by aiming to invest in issuers that:
characteristics of the financial product	 Avoid severe, lasting or irremediable harm; and Appropriately address adverse impacts on the environment and society; and Support a decent standard of living for their stakeholders
	The Fund aims to promote environmental and social characteristics holistically. In doing so, we do not consider all characteristics for all investments, but rather focus on the most relevant characteristics for each investment based on the nature of its activities, areas of operation, and products and services. However, using our proprietary research framework we aim to promote the below characteristics within this fund, however a broader suite of characteristics may also be promoted on an investment-by-investment basis:
	Environment – reducing energy consumption and greenhouse gas emissions, increasing renewable energy usage/generation, reducing biodiversity/ecological impacts.
	Social – promoting good labour practices and relations, maximising employee health and safety, supporting diversity in the workforce, and healthy relationships with communities.
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Investment strategy	The Fund contains high-quality companies that have been identified through the bottom-up equity research process which takes into consideration both environmental, social and governance (ESG) risks and opportunities.
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	We use our proprietary research framework to analyse the foundations of each business to ensure proper context for our investments. This includes the durability of its business model, the attractiveness of its industry, the strength of its financials and the sustainability of its economic moat.
	We also consider the quality of its management team and analyse the environmental, social and governance (ESG) opportunities and risks impacting the business and appraise how well these are managed. We assign a proprietary score to articulate the quality attributes of each company, one of which is the ESG Quality rating. This



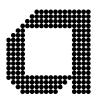
	 environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product. #2 Other includes the remaining investments of the financial product which are neither aligned with the environmental or social characteristics, nor are qualified as sustainable investments. The category #1 Aligned with E/S characteristics covers: The sub-category #1A Sustainable covers sustainable investments with environmental or social objectives. The sub-category #1B Other E/S characteristics covers investments aligned with the environmental or social objectives.
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	#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics: 70% Investments
	safeguards are met by applying certain PAI's, where relevant, to these underlying assets. Within these assets, the Fund commits to a minimum of 10% in Sustainable Investments. The Fund invests a maximum of 30% of assets in the "Other" category, which include cash, money market instruments and derivatives.
Proportion of investments	The investment must further be aligned with OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human rights. Breaches and violations of these international norms are flagged by an event-driven controversy and are captured in the investment process. A minimum of 70% of the Fund's assets are aligned with E/S characteristics. Environmental and social
	For this Fund, the investee company needs to follow good governance practices in particular with respect to sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff and tax compliance. This can be demonstrated by the monitoring of certain PAI indicators, for example corruption, tax compliance and diversity. In addition, by using abrdn's proprietary ESG scores within the investment process abrdn screen out any investments with low governance scores. Our governance scores assess a company's corporate governance and management structure (including remuneration of staff policies) and the quality and behaviour of its leadership and management. A low score will typically by given where there are concerns in relation to financially materially controversies, poor tax compliance or governance concerns, or poor treatment of employees or minority shareholders.
	To further complement the bottom-up research, the portfolio managers also use abrdn's proprietary ESG House Score, which is primarily a quantitative assessment, to identify and exclude those companies exposed to the highest ESG risks. Finally, binary exclusions are applied to exclude the particular areas of investment related to UN Global Compact, Controversial Weapons, Tobacco Manufacturing and Thermal Coal.
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	 The abrdn ESG House Score was designed so that it can be broken down into specific themes and categories. The ESG score comprises of two scores; the Operational score and Governance score. This allows a quick view of a company's relative positioning on its management of ESG issues at a granular level. The Governance score assesses the corporate governance structure and the quality and behaviour of corporate leadership and executive management. The Operational score assesses the ability of the company's leadership team to implement effective environmental and social risk reduction and mitigation strategies in its operations.
	Our proprietary ESG House Score, developed by our central ESG investment team in collaboration with the Quantitative investment team, is used to identify companies with potentially high or poorly managed ESG risks. The score is calculated by combining a variety of data inputs within a proprietary framework in which different ESG factors are weighted according to how material they are for each sector. This allows us to see how companies rank in a global context.
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Monitoring of environmental or social characteristics	First line Our investment teams have the primary responsibility for implementing the investment strategy. Our sustainable investing governance committees support investment desks with regards to the implementation of the framework as well as understanding the regulatory environment.
	Second line Investment Risk abrdn's Investment Risk Department carries out the analysis of risks and their overall contribution to the Fund's risk profile. The RAG status of funds as well as action taken to address moderate/high risks are reported to boards, and relevant committees as required, on a regular basis. The Investment Risk Department also undertakes an annual review of the fund risk profiles to determine the efficacy of the current limits and any potential forward looking trends.
	Compliance abrdn's Compliance function reviews a range of funds' legal and regulatory documents to ensure they comply with regulations. Compliance also reviews marketing communications, including fund and non-fund specific material, to ensure marketing material and ESG related statements are clear, fair and non-misleading.
	abrdn's EMEA Compliance function plays a key role in monitoring ESG related investment limits and adherence to the binding commitments of funds that have environmental or social characteristics (in line with SFDR Article 8) and funds that have sustainable investment objectives (in line with SFDR Article 9).
	Through the ESG Regulatory & Standards Taskforce, Compliance feeds all sustainability-related regulatory developments and new requirements to relevant first line stakeholders to ensure these are duly considered and integrated into abrdn's investment approach and adequately reflected in our disclosures. In this taskforce, Compliance teams from all jurisdictions in which abrdn operates are represented.
	Finally, a dedicated Monitoring & Oversight team operates a risk-based programme to provide assurance to senior management over the effectiveness of controls to ensure regulatory compliance. The outcome of the reviews is reported to the relevant entity boards and other governance forums, including the Risk and Capital Committee, Group Audit Committee and Executive Leadership Team Controls meeting. Assurance activities include both thematic reviews of risk or regulatory topics and focused reviews on specific regulatory or customer outcomes.
	Third line abrdn's Internal Audit function conducts internal audits including of sustainability rule implementation as part of its internal audit agenda.
Methodologies	To promote the environmental and social characteristics, the Fund applies ESG assessment criteria, ESG screening criteria and promotes good governance including social factors.
	We use our proprietary research framework to analyse the foundations of each business to ensure proper context for our investments. This includes the durability of its business model, the attractiveness of its industry, the strength of its financials and the sustainability of its economic moat.
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	This Fund considers Principal Adverse Impacts (PAI) on sustainability factors.
	Principal adverse impacts consideration Yes, the Fund commits to consider the following PAIs in its investment process, this means that there is pre- and post-trade monitoring is in place and that every investment for the Fund is assessed on these factors to determine its appropriateness for the Fund.



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	 PAI 1: GHG emissions (scope 1 and 2) PAI 10: Violations of the UN Global Compact (UNGC) principles and Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises PAI 14: Exposure to controversial weapons (anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, chemical weapons and biological weapons)
	Adverse impacts monitoring Pre investment, abrdn applies a number of norms and activity-based screens related to the above PAIs, including but not limited to:
	• UNGC: The Fund uses norms-based screens and controversy filters to exclude companies that may be in breach of international norms described in the OECD guidelines for multinational enterprises and the UN guiding principles on business and human rights, as well as state owned entities in countries which violate norms.
	• Controversial Weapons: The Fund excludes companies with business activities related to controversial weapons (cluster munitions, anti-personnel landmines, nuclear weapons, chemical and biological weapons, white phosphorus, non-detectable fragments, incendiary devices, depleted uranium ammunition or blinding lasers).
	 Thermal Coal Extraction: The Fund excludes companies with exposure to the fossil fuels sector based on percentage of revenue from thermal coal extraction.
	abrdn apply a fund specific set of company exclusions, more detail on these and the overall process is captured within the Investment Approach, which is published at www.abrdn.com under "Fund Centre".
	Post-investment the above PAI indicators are monitored in the following way:
	o Company carbon intensity and GHG emissions is monitored via our Climate tools and risk analysis o On an on-going basis the investment universe is scanned for companies that may be in breach of international norms described in the OECD guidelines for multinational enterprises and the UN guiding principles on business and human rights.
	Post-investment we also undertake the following activities in relation to additional PAI's:
	 o Dependent on data availability, quality and relevance to the investments the consideration of additional PAI indicators will be on a case-by-case basis. o abrdn monitors PAI indicators via our ESG integration investment process using a combination of our proprietary house score and 3rd party data feeds. o Governance indicators are monitored via our proprietary governance scores and risk framework, including consideration of sound management structures, and remuneration.
	Adverse impact mitigation
	o PAI indicators that fail a defined pre-investment screen are excluded from the investment universe and cannot be held by the fund. o PAI indicators that are monitored post investment which fail a specific binary test or are considered above typical are flagged for review and may be selected for company engagement. These adverse indicators may be used as a tool for engagement, for example where there is no policy in place and this would be beneficial abrdn may engage with the issuer or company to develop one, or where carbon emissions are considered to be high, abrdn may engage to seek the creation of a long-term target and reduction plan.
Data sources and processing	Data Sources We have selected several data sources to support our sustainability indicators, Sustainable Investment calculations and PAI commitments. We use a combination of publicly available information, third-party data and ratings providers, proprietary ESG scoring, primary research and directly obtained information through engagement with companies.
	The Regulatory Technical Standards (RTS) under the EU Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation call on financial market participants to source sustainability data in various ways, including research providers, internal analysis, commissioned studies, publicly available information, and direct engagement with companies.
	 The following sources are used by abrdn and our third-party data providers to collect company data and form a view on sustainability products and practices: Company direct disclosure, including but not limited to: sustainability reports, annual reports, regulatory filings, investor updates, company websites and direct engagement with company representatives. Indirect information sources, including but not limited to: government agency published data, industry and trade associations, non-governmental organization (NGO) reports and websites, trade union reports, media and periodicals, and financial data providers.



	averages or provided by credible third parties. These datasets are built based on proprietary methodologies using the data sources mentioned above.
	Data Quality assurance process Third Party Data Sources We work with several third-party ESG data providers and use their data points both as inputs into derived applications of the several third-party ESG data providers and use their data points both as inputs into derived
	analytics, such as internal ESG house scores, as well as in raw format, for example in screening. As part of our onboarding process, we ensure that these providers have appropriate quality assurance in place. On an ongoing basis we have both qualitative governance and challenge processes as well as quantitative checks to understand quality of data, data inputs and gaps where appropriate.
	Our third-party providers regularly review their data collection and assessment methodologies. They also have an internal escalation process to allow for cases that require further interpretation or an update to the relevant methodology. At abrdn, we expect our third-party data providers to engage with us as appropriate, providing a timely response to queries and any concerns raised about the day-to-day use of their data and assessments within our investment processes.
	Qualitative Assessment Process In all cases where we apply our own insights or judgment, this follows a rigorous quality assurance and oversight process.
Limitations to methodologies and data	For all data sources, the availability and quality of company disclosed data varies, typically in line with company size and the regional domicile. Smaller companies and emerging market regions are typically more challenging areas, though this has been improving over time. In some regions, corporate sustainability disclosure regulations are coming into force, which improves the information available to us, though this may not cover the full range of ESG issues and data required to form a complete view of a company's sustainability products and practices. For many companies, a blend of direct and indirect sources, estimated data, and internal insights from our research and engagement are used to form a view. Across our third-party data providers, estimated data is around 20-40%, depending on the particular data point.
	In cases where judgement is required, for example within third-party or proprietary ESG scoring, there may be instances where we reach an incorrect conclusion. For example, a media allegation or controversy may arise, highlighting that a company's remedial action on an identified ESG challenge is not as advanced as we expected. In such instances, we will investigate the issue and take appropriate action within our funds as soon as possible. Once the immediate issue is addressed, we will consider how we can improve our approach or methodologies to avoid similar issues in the future.
	Economic contributions to environmental and social objectives, which form a key component of the SFDR definition of Sustainable Investments, are not defined within the SFDR. As a result, there are varying interpretations and methodologies in use across the investment industry. The percentage of Sustainable Investments reported in funds cannot be meaningfully compared across financial market participants.
	Within our Sustainable Investment calculations, abrdn uses the six environmental objectives of the EU Taxonomy to inform contributions to environmental objectives and the 17 Sustainable Development Goals to inform contributions social objectives. We use both quantitative and qualitative information to arrive at these figures, both of which require a degree of interpretation or judgement on whether the economic contribution should be considered 'Sustainable' under the SFDR definition. We rely on third-party data providers to form an initial view, and any internal insights we apply follow a robust, independent oversight process, with the rationale for our conclusions clearly documented.
	Within our screening processes, we rely on third-party data providers to identify companies that do not meet our criteria, based on the parameters and scope of the exclusions that we define for our funds. If we receive information from other sources (e.g., NGO or media reports) that is inconsistent with these screening results, we will investigate this to confirm whether a company is appropriate for the fund as soon as possible. Our portfolio managers also sense check the results of the screening for their funds and highlight any inconsistencies or unexpected results that we may wish to query with our provider.
Due diligence	Due diligence for each asset held is detailed in the Fund's Investment Approach document, published at www.abrdn.com, under Fund Centre.
Engagement policies	We believe it's our duty to be active and engaged owners of the assets in which we invest. Our aim is to both enhance and preserve the value of our clients' investments by considering a broad range of factors that impact on the long-term success of the company. Through our engagement we seek to improve the financial resilience and performance of investments, sharing insights from our ownership experiences across geographies and asset classes. Where we believe we need to catalyse change, we will endeavour to do so through our strong stewardship capabilities.
	As a global investor, with a focus on sustainability, we leverage our scale and market position to raise standards in both the companies and industries in which we invest and help drive best practice across the asset

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