

	<p>Our managers, through systematic oversight and independently third-party providers, 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.</p> <p>Our ESG data is published on www.abrdn.com under Sustainable Investing, within the Governance and Active Ownership section.</p>
<p>No sustainable investment objective</p>	<p>This financial product promotes environmental or social characteristics, but does not have as its objective sustainable investment.</p>
<p>Environmental or social characteristics of the financial product</p>	<p>The Fund promotes environmental and social characteristics by aiming to invest in issuers that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ~ Avoid severe, lasting or irreparable harm; and ~ Appropriately address adverse impacts on the environment and society; and ~ Support a decent standard of living for their stakeholders <p>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:</p> <p>Environment . reducing energy consumption and greenhouse gas emissions, increasing renewable energy usage/generation, reducing biodiversity/ecological impacts.</p> <p>Social . promoting good labour practices and relations, maximising employee health and safety, supporting diversity in the workforce, and healthy relationships with communities.</p> <p>Benchmark 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 the MSCI Emerging Markets Index (USD) net of fees and expenses.</p>
<p>Investment strategy</p>	<p>The Fund invests in equities of companies listed, incorporated or domiciled in Emerging Market countries or companies that derive a significant proportion of their revenues or profits from Emerging Market countries operations or have a significant proportion of their assets there.</p> <p>The Fund is actively managed. The Fund aims to outperform the MSCI Emerging Markets Index (USD) benchmark before charges. The benchmark is also used as a reference point for portfolio construction and as a basis for setting risk constraints, but does not incorporate any sustainable criteria.</p> <p>In order to achieve its objective, the Fund will take positions whose weightings diverge from the benchmark and may invest in securities which are not included in the benchmark. The investments of the Fund may deviate significantly from the components of and their respective weightings in the benchmark. Due to the nature of the Fund's investment strategy, the Fund may invest in securities that are not included in the benchmark.</p> <p>The Fund promotes environmental and social characteristics but does not have a sustainable investment objective.</p> <p>Investment in all equity and equity-linked securities, including derivatives, and structured securities, and in all other securities, including structured securities, and in all other securities, including structured securities, and in all other securities, including structured securities.</p> <p>Through the application of this approach the Fund has an expected minimum of 10% in Sustainable Investments. Furthermore, the Fund targets an ESG rating that is equal to or better, and a meaningfully lower carbon intensity, than the benchmark.</p> <p>Our ESG data is published on www.abrdn.com under Sustainable Investing, within the Governance and Active Ownership section.</p> <p>Our ESG data is published on www.abrdn.com under Sustainable Investing, within the Governance and Active Ownership section.</p>

	<p>fund specific material, to ensure marketing material and ESG related statements are clear, fair and non-misleading.</p> <p>The 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 disclosures. In this taskforce, Compliance teams from all jurisdictions in which abrdn operates are represented.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Third line abrdn also conducts internal audits including of sustainability rule implementation as part of its internal audit agenda.</p>
<p>Methodologies</p>	<p>The Fund promotes environmental and social characteristics by aiming to invest in issuers that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ~ 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 <p>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:</p> <p>Environment . reducing energy consumption and greenhouse gas emissions, increasing renewable energy usage/generation, reducing biodiversity/ecological impacts.</p> <p>Social . promoting good labour practices and relations, maximising employee health and safety, supporting diversity in the workforce, and healthy relationships with communities.</p> <p>Benchmark 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 not aligned with the Fund's commitments. this Fund considers Principal Adverse Impacts (PAI) on sustainability factors.</p> <p>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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ~ 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) <p>Adverse impacts monitoring</p> <p>Pre investment, abrdn applies a number of norms and activity-based screens related to the above PAIs, including but not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ~ 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).

	<p>In all cases where we apply our own insights or judgment, this follows a rigorous quality assurance and oversight process.</p>
<p>Limitations to methodologies and data</p>	<p>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. We use a range of sources, including third-party data providers, external research and engagement, 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.</p> <p>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 a company announcement may not be 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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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 contribution is material. 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.</p> <p>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.</p>
<p>Due diligence</p>	<p>Our due diligence process is outlined in our www.abrdn.com, under Fund Centre.</p>
<p>Engagement policies</p>	<p>We engage with companies to improve their ESG performance, where we believe we need to catalyse change, we will endeavour to do so through our strong stewardship capabilities.</p> <p>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 management industry. To meet the needs of our clients and key stakeholders, we focus on these core areas:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Our investment process: We integrate and appraise ESG factors in our investment process and seek to generate the best long-term outcomes for our clients, consistent with their risk and asset allocation preferences. 2. Our investment activity: We actively take steps as stewards and seek to deliver long-term, positive outcomes for our clients. 3. Uprate: We actively take steps as stewards and seek to deliver long-term, positive outcomes for our clients. 4. Our corporate influence: We actively support enhancements to policy, regulatory and industry standards to deliver a better future for our clients, the environment and society. 5. Our corporate activity: We gather data to understand and manage the material ESG factors in our own operations to ensure our own impact contributes to positive outcomes for stakeholders. <p>Our engagement process consists of four components:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review: Part of our ongoing due diligence and frequent interactions led by the analyst responsible for oversight of the investment. Respond: Reacting to an event that may impact a single investment or a selection of similar investments. This may include but is not limited to media-related controversies. Enhance: Designed to seek change that, in our view, would enhance the value of our investment. Thematic: Resulting from our focus on a particular ESG theme, such as climate change, diversity and inclusion or modern slavery.

	<p>Our research, which is conducted by the Investment Research Department, will also engage with board members, generally the chair or other non-executive directors. Such meetings further develop our understanding of how the board is fulfilling its responsibilities and give us the opportunity to communicate views constructively, as and when appropriate.</p> <p>Our research also focuses on the delivery of long-term value from the investments we make on behalf of clients. The nature of ESG risks is such that they are ever-present but often require a long-term outlook to fully assess them. Our engagements will often be with board members, both executive and non-executive, but will also include detailed assessment of specific risk mitigation through engagement with relevant experts within a company, including those relating to sustainability.</p> <p>Our research engagements, we select investments which are felt to be materially impacted by sustainability themes identified by our research. These themes may arise in the short term due to particular events or may be long running in nature and impacting many sectors and investments. Engagements relating to a specific theme are likely to occur over multiple planning periods and are often led by our Investments Sustainability Group (ISG) experts.</p> <p>Escalation approach We consider escalation on a case-by-case approach and aim to identify risks early and set measurable milestones with investee companies. We may choose to refer to escalation in certain instances where a company is unresponsive, or in our view, the company is insufficiently responding to a material issue.</p> <p>We have a decision tree that provides potential tools of escalation in the instance when an investee company in our view, has inadequately responded to a material risk. At a minimum, we engage with investments through escalation actions to drive change and achieve outcomes toward objectives. A flexible escalation approach is essential, given certain escalation actions may occur simultaneously or as part of regular due diligence with investments.</p> <p>Please also see our Engagement Policy published on www.abrdn.com under Sustainable Investing.</p>
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