



Sustainability-related disclosures for abrdn SICAV II - Responsible Global Asset Strategies Fund

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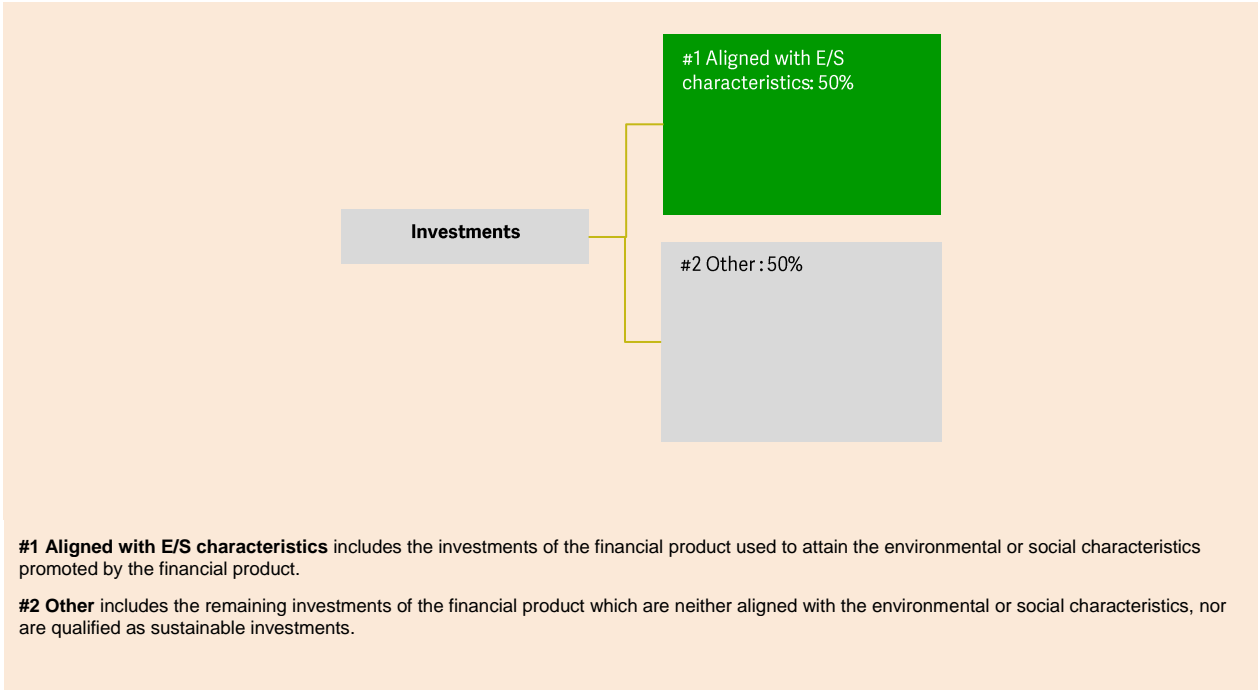
Summary	<p>The Fund is subject to article 8 of the European Union's (EU) 2019/2088 Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation ("SFDR") and thus it promotes environmental or social characteristics but does not have a sustainable investment objective.</p> <p>In line with the SFDR criteria for sustainable 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 0% in Sustainable Investments.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>The Fund aims to provide a positive investment return over the medium to long term (3 to 5 years or more) irrespective of market conditions, while reducing the risk of losses and following the Investment Manager's Responsible Investment Approach. The Fund aims to exceed the return on cash deposits by 5% per annum, evaluated over rolling three year periods (before charges). ESTR has been chosen as a current proxy for the return on cash deposits. Invested capital is at risk and there is no guarantee that the objective will be attained over any time period.</p> <p>Fund uses a combination of traditional assets (such as equities and bonds) and investment strategies based on derivative techniques, resulting in a highly diversified portfolio. The Fund can take long and short positions in markets, securities and groups of securities through derivative contracts. The Fund may also invest in other funds (including those managed by abrdn), money-market instruments, and cash. In selecting securities for the Fund, the Investment Manager applies a Responsible Investment Approach intended to enhance the portfolio with respect to Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) risks.</p> <p>The Fund typically consists of 20 to 30 investment strategies that span markets and are the discretionary choice of the managers using abrdn's established Absolute Return philosophy and approach. In selecting and constructing positions for the Fund, alongside traditional analysis, abrdn use a combination of ESG integration, screening and enhancement criteria to achieve the Fund's sustainable and financial objectives.</p> <p>ESG integration incorporates an assessment of ESG factors into the investment analysis and decision making across all holdings of the Fund. Exclusions via ESG screening criteria mean abrdn avoid investing in activities that present particular risks. The abrdn ESG enhancement criteria mean that the Fund holdings have enhanced ESG characteristics. Combined, these three elements provide investors with a responsible approach to global asset investing.</p> <p>When implementing each investment idea, we consider the characteristics of each security and consider the financial risks associated with ESG issues. This results in the exclusion of firms associated with certain activities.</p> <p>To complement this, we also utilise our active stewardship and engagement activities.</p> <p>The fund has the following binding commitments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• These include the use of the abrdn ESG House Score to identify and exclude those companies exposed to the highest ESG risks.• a reduction in the weighted average carbon intensity for the core global equity allocation compared to passive global equities• promotes good governance including social factors <p>Binary exclusions are also applied to exclude the particular areas of investment related UN Global Compact, Controversial Weapons, Tobacco Production, Thermal Coal and Oil and Gas. These screening criteria apply in a binding manner and on an ongoing basis.</p> <p>Due diligence for each asset held is detailed in the Fund's Investment Approach document, published at www.abrdn.com, under Fund Centre.</p> <p>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</p>
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	<p>consider Principal Adverse Impact Indicators (PAIs) within our investment process for the Fund, which is detailed in the Q&A below.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</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>To promote the environmental and social characteristics, the Fund applies ESG screening criteria, exclude companies with the highest ESG risks, as identified by abrdn's ESG House Score, and promotes good governance including social factors.</p> <p>The Responsible Global Asset Strategies (RGAS) Fund typically consists of 20 to 30 investment strategies that span markets and are the discretionary choice of our managers using our established Absolute Return philosophy and approach. In selecting and constructing positions for RGAS, alongside traditional analysis, we use a combination of ESG integration, screening and enhancement criteria to achieve the Fund's sustainable and financial objectives.</p> <p>ESG integration incorporates an assessment of ESG factors into the investment analysis and decision making across all holdings of the Fund. Exclusions via ESG screening criteria mean we avoid investing in activities that present particular risks. Our ESG enhancement criteria mean that the Fund holdings have enhanced ESG characteristics. Combined, these three elements provide investors with a responsible approach to global asset investing.</p> <p>The assessment of ESG factors is integrated into every stage of our multi-asset investment process, from research and implementation to asset allocation, risk management and stewardship.</p> <p>Our Multi Asset Solutions team generate insights combining return-potential with sustainable investment themes. Asset allocation decisions and ESG are closely linked, as changes associated with ESG issues can shape our view of the optimal allocation of capital to generate risk-adjusted returns for clients. This can also create the opportunity to direct capital to where ESG challenges are particularly pressing, such as climate change.</p> <p>When implementing each investment idea, we consider the characteristics of each security and consider the financial risks associated with ESG issues. This results in the exclusion of firms associated with certain activities.</p>
<p>Investment strategy</p>	<p>The Fund typically consists of 20 to 30 investment strategies that span markets and are the discretionary choice of the managers using abrdn's established Absolute Return philosophy and approach. In selecting and constructing positions for the Fund, alongside traditional analysis, abrdn use a combination of ESG integration, screening and enhancement criteria to achieve the Fund's sustainable and financial objectives.</p> <p>ESG integration incorporates an assessment of ESG factors into the investment analysis and decision making across all holdings of the Fund. Exclusions via ESG screening criteria mean abrdn avoid investing in activities that present particular risks. The abrdn ESG enhancement criteria mean that the Fund holdings have enhanced ESG characteristics. Combined, these three elements provide investors with a responsible approach to global asset investing.</p> <p>When implementing each investment idea, we consider the characteristics of each security and consider the financial risks associated with ESG issues. This results in the exclusion of firms associated with certain activities.</p> <p>Additionally, abrdn apply a set of company exclusions, which are related to the UN Global Compact, Controversial Weapons, Tobacco Production, Thermal Coal and oil and gas.</p> <p>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 be 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.</p>



	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.
Proportion of investments	A minimum of 50% of the Fund's assets are aligned with E/S characteristics. Environmental and social safeguards are met by applying certain PAI's, where relevant, to these underlying assets. The Fund invests a maximum of 50% of assets in the "Other" category, which include cash, money market instruments and derivatives.



Monitoring of environmental or social characteristics	<p>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.</p> <p>Second line Investment Risk abrdrn'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.</p> <p>Compliance abrdrn'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.</p> <p>abrdrn'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 abrdrn's investment approach and adequately reflected in our disclosures. In this taskforce, Compliance teams from all jurisdictions in which abrdrn 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</p>
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	<p>abrdn's Internal Audit function conducts internal audits including of sustainability rule implementation as part of its internal audit agenda.</p>
<p>Methodologies</p>	<p>To promote the environmental and social characteristics, the Fund applies ESG screening criteria, exclude companies with the highest ESG risks, as identified by abrdn's ESG House Score, and promotes good governance including social factors.</p> <p>The Responsible Global Asset Strategies (RGAS) Fund typically consists of 20 to 30 investment strategies that span markets and are the discretionary choice of our managers using our established Absolute Return philosophy and approach. In selecting and constructing positions for RGAS, alongside traditional analysis, we use a combination of ESG integration, screening and enhancement criteria to achieve the Fund's sustainable and financial objectives.</p> <p>ESG integration incorporates an assessment of ESG factors into the investment analysis and decision making across all holdings of the Fund. Exclusions via ESG screening criteria mean we avoid investing in activities that present particular risks. Our ESG enhancement criteria mean that the Fund holdings have enhanced ESG characteristics. Combined, these three elements provide investors with a responsible approach to global asset investing.</p> <p>The assessment of ESG factors is integrated into every stage of our multi-asset investment process, from research and implementation to asset allocation, risk management and stewardship.</p> <p>Our Multi Asset Solutions team generate insights combining return-potential with sustainable investment themes. Asset allocation decisions and ESG are closely linked, as changes associated with ESG issues can shape our view of the optimal allocation of capital to generate risk-adjusted returns for clients. This can also create the opportunity to direct capital to where ESG challenges are particularly pressing, such as climate change.</p> <p>When implementing each investment idea, we consider the characteristics of each security and consider the financial risks associated with ESG issues. This results in the exclusion of firms associated with certain activities.</p> <p>this Fund considers Principal Adverse Impacts (PAI) on sustainability factors.</p> <p>Principal Adverse Impact Indicators are metrics that measure the negative effects on environmental and social matters. abrdn consider PAIs within the investment process for the Fund, this may include considering whether to make an investment, or they may be used as an engagement tool for example where there is no policy in place and this would be beneficial, or where carbon emissions are considered to be high, abrdn may engage to seek the creation of a long-term target and reduction plan. abrdn assess PAIs by using, amongst others, the PAI indicators referred to in the SFDR Delegated Regulation; however, dependent on data availability, quality and relevance to the investments not all SFDR PAI indicators may be considered. Where Funds consider PAIs, information on that consideration will be made available in annual reports.</p>
<p>Data sources and processing</p>	<p>Data Sources</p> <p>We have selected several data sources which serve an intended purpose to attain environmental and social characteristics. abrdn uses a combination of the following approaches:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. a combination of publicly available data sources to identify companies that may fail to meet our screening requirements, our DNSH or PAI assessments. In addition, we use external data to identify green and/or social Bonds, plus to calculate environmental or social revenues through disclosed data or estimates; and 2. using our own insight we overlay the quantitative methodology with a number of internal data sources including proprietary on-desk ESG scoring frameworks, central proprietary ESG scores, economic contribution sector estimates or disclosed data through our own engagement activities or primary research. <p>The EU Regulatory Technical Standards calls 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 3rd party data providers to collect company reported data:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Company direct disclosure: sustainability reports, annual reports, regulatory filings, company websites and direct engagement with company representatives. • Company indirect disclosure: government agency published data, industry and trade associations, and financial data providers. • Direct communication with companies as described above in Company Communication. <p>Where company disclosure is unavailable, we may choose to leverage estimated metrics. These datasets are built based on proprietary methodologies and informed by data from companies, market and industry peers, media, NGOs, multilateral and other credible institutions. Our 3rd party providers use a wide range of information derived from various tools and sources, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Company websites • Company annual reports and regulatory filings • Government financial agencies and disclosures • Financial data providers • Media and periodicals • Non-governmental organization (NGO) reports and websites



	<p>Data Quality assurance process Third Party Data Sources We ensure that our third party data sources follow a rigorous quality assurance process. Data accuracy and company profiles are peer-reviewed before final inclusion into datasets. Additionally, our third party data providers have an escalation method to allow for cases that require further interpretation or an update to the relevant methodology.</p> <p>As part of our onboarding or review process, we have several controls in place to test quality, which includes, but not limited to, coverage, validity checks and consistency. Our company's Data Governance Framework and Data Management operating models include the application of toolkits which profile data, capture full lineage and apply quality rules to monitor data that is critical to our investment processes. These services are further complimented by the existence of data owners and stewards across the business.</p> <p>For each external data source, we retain records of the proportion of data that are estimated (ie not available in company reports), and we seek to minimise this with disclosed data where possible.</p> <p>Qualitative Assessment Process In all cases where we apply a qualitative overlay or insight, this analysis is followed by a rigorous quality assurance and oversight process.</p> <p>Data Quality For both 3rd party and qualitative assessments, the percentage of disclosed data varies from holding to holding on a case by case basis depending on company size and the region it is located in. For example, a large European company will typically be required to disclose data due to regulation and there will be limited or zero estimates used in our methodology. However, where there is limited disclosed data for example within smaller companies, it is possible that the majority of the sustainable investment value is derived from estimates. In most cases, there is a blend of disclosed data and estimated data used in the methodology, typically with more disclosed data in relation to Environmental Characteristics, and more estimated data in relation to Social Characteristics. We use several data providers and the available actual and estimated data varies depending on the providers but the average estimated data is around 20%.</p>
<p>Limitations to methodologies and data</p>	<p>We recognise that relying solely on quantitative disclosed data can be a limitation due to the difficulties obtaining consistent data from companies, and also as in some regions there are no regulatory requirements to disclose such data. As such, we also leverage our investment research and insights to supplement our assessments, with estimated data or assessments. However, this may differ from data that is subsequently disclosed in company reports or via engagements.</p> <p>The EU Taxonomy focusses on the underlying economic activity that is aligned with an environmental (or in future social) objective. The EU taxonomy relies on demonstrable aligned revenue, opex or capex to demonstrate compliance. As a result, abrdn have aligned our method of calculating SFDR sustainable investments with this approach as we believe it is closer to the likely future direction of regulation.</p>
<p>Due diligence</p>	<p>Due diligence for each asset held is detailed in the Fund's Investment Approach document, published at www.abrdn.com, under Fund Centre.</p>
<p>Engagement policies</p>	<p>Active Ownership In our view, good governance and stewardship are vital to safeguard the way in which a company is managed and to ensure that it operates responsibly in relation to its customer, employees, shareholders, and the wider community. abrdn also believe that markets and companies which adopt best practices in corporate governance and risk management – including the management of environmental and social risks – are more likely to deliver sustainable, long-term investment performance. As owners of companies, the process of stewardship is a natural part of our investment approach as we seek to benefit from their long-term success on our clients' behalf. Our fund managers and analysts regularly meet with the management and non-executive directors of companies in which we invest.</p> <p>ESG Engagement Engagement with company management teams is key and a standard part of our equity investment process and ongoing stewardship programme. It provides us with a more holistic view of a company, including current and future ESG risks that the firm needs to manage and opportunities from which it may benefit. It also provides the opportunity for us to discuss areas of concern, share best practice and drive positive change. Priorities for engagement are established by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The use of the ESG House Score, in combination with • Bottom-up research insights from investment teams across asset classes, and • Areas of thematic focus from our company level stewardship activities. <p>Please also see our Stewardship Report published on www.abrdn.com under Sustainable Investing.</p>
<p>Designated reference benchmark</p>	<p>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</p>