



## Sustainability-related disclosures for Aberdeen Standard European Long Income Real Estate Fund

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<p><b>Summary</b></p>	<p>The Fund aims to provide a secure and sustainable income stream over the long term by investing in a diversified portfolio of real estate assets located predominantly in Eurozone countries generating consistent inflation-linked income whilst mitigating capital value volatility through strategic portfolio construction and asset selection.</p> <p>The objective is to build a portfolio with ultra-defensive characteristics that will be resilient in uncertain market environments with the following characteristics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A target income distribution of 3%-4% per annum (inflation-linked) over rolling five-year periods;</li> <li>• Capital preservation: volatility of capital values reduced by 50% compared with a more conventional core/core plus portfolio;</li> <li>• A diversified portfolio of European real estate assets with long duration, stable, high quality, contractual income streams</li> </ul> <p>The fund invests in direct real estate.</p> <p>The Company 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>The fund promotes environmental and social characteristics with the principal objective of supporting the fund's investment objective. Given the nature of direct investments in the physical built environment this can capture a wide range of topics depending on the characteristics of the asset and its location.</p> <p>Environmental and social characteristics such as these are promoted for new investments, relevant development projects and as part of asset management activities for standing assets.</p> <p>Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) characteristics of assets are considered by the fund in its investment and asset management process. Internal control mechanisms are the governance structures in place to monitor those Environmental and Social characteristics. An ESG data platform is in place which captures landlord energy, emissions, water and waste data enabling the monitoring of performance by all parties on an ongoing basis.</p> <p>The approach we have in place, as described above, is considered to be appropriate to support investment decision making. Data challenges are recognised and our approach is designed to address them. We do not believe they materially affect how E/S characteristics are promoted by the product.</p> <p>A standard approach is used for ESG due diligence and for presentation of the investments to the Investment Committee. This also allows for the identification of cost-effective environmental improvements to future proof the value of assets, and ensures the associated costs are integrated into asset budgets. Each acquisition is carefully screened to understand material sustainability risks and how they should be managed or reduced during ownership. A pro-active approach is taken to engaging with stakeholders, including suppliers and occupiers, as part of the investment and asset management process.</p> <p>No reference benchmark has been designated for the purpose of attaining the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the Fund.</p>
<p><b>No sustainable investment objective</b></p>	<p>This financial product promotes environmental or social characteristics, but does not have as its objective sustainable investment.</p>
<p><b>Environmental or social characteristics of the financial product</b></p>	<p>The fund promotes environmental and social characteristics that are relevant to the real estate assets it invests in with the principal objective of supporting the fund's investment objective. Given the nature of direct investments in the physical built environment this can capture a wide range of topics depending on the characteristics of the asset and its location.</p> <p>In particular, environmental and social characteristics of assets promoted by the fund include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Reductions in greenhouse gas emissions to support the decarbonization of the built environment.</li> <li>- Energy efficiency and on-site renewable energy generation</li> <li>- Water efficiency</li> <li>- Resource efficiency and best practice waste management including recycling and recovery</li> </ul>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Social factors such as respect for human rights and anti-corruption and anti-bribery matters in relation to major suppliers and tenants.</li> <li>- The mitigation and management of flood risk and future physical climate risk</li> <li>- The mitigation and management of contamination risk</li> <li>- When undertaking development and refurbishment works principles of sustainable design and construction are promoted</li> </ul> <p>Environmental and social characteristics such as these are promoted for new investments, relevant development projects and as part of asset management activities for standing assets.</p> <p>No reference benchmark has been designated for the purpose of attaining the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the Fund.</p>
<p><b>Investment strategy</b></p>	<p>The Fund aims to provide a secure and sustainable income stream over the long term by investing in a diversified portfolio of real estate assets located predominantly in Eurozone countries generating consistent inflation-linked income whilst mitigating capital value volatility through strategic portfolio construction and asset selection.</p> <p>The objective is to build a portfolio with ultra-defensive characteristics that will be resilient in uncertain market environments with the following characteristics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A target income distribution of 3%-4% per annum (inflation-linked) over rolling five-year periods;</li> <li>• Capital preservation: volatility of capital values reduced by 50% compared with a more conventional core/core plus portfolio;</li> <li>• A diversified portfolio of European real estate assets with long duration, stable, high quality, contractual income streams</li> </ul> <p>The ESG characteristics promoted by the Fund are met through improvements in building operation and energy efficiency, improved buildings certifications, improved scoring against external peers group comparators and improved ESG performance scores on abrdn's proprietary tools such as abrdn's "ESG Impact Dial".</p> <p>The ESG Impact Dial groups material sustainability indicators into four main categories:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Environment &amp; Climate,</li> <li>(ii) Demographics;</li> <li>(iii) Governance &amp; Engagement; and</li> <li>(iv) Technology &amp; Infrastructure.</li> </ol> <p>This approach allows the identification and promotion of material ESG risks and opportunities relevant to the Fund investment strategy, sector and geography. The Fund will make efforts to review opportunities to enhance positive benefits to society and minimise negative societal impacts associated with its activities. For more detail, please see the "Portfolio Manager's Sustainable and Responsible Investment Real Estate approach" section.</p>
<p><b>Proportion of investments</b></p>	<p>The investment strategy of the fund applies to and captures all assets it holds. Applicable environmental and social characteristics are considered and promoted for all assets and the intention is that all assets contribute to the attainment of characteristics promoted by the fund (i.e. 1B in the below chart).</p>
<div style="background-color: #f9e79f; padding: 10px;"> <pre> graph LR     Investments --&gt; N1["#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics 100%"]     Investments --&gt; N2["#2 Other : n/a"]     N1 --&gt; N1B["#1B Other E/S characteristics : 100%"]     </pre> <p><b>#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics</b> includes the investments of the financial product used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product.</p> <p><b>#2 Other</b> includes the remaining investments of the financial product which are neither aligned with the environmental or social characteristics, nor are qualified as sustainable investments.</p> <p>- The sub-category <b>#1B Other E/S characteristics</b> covers investments aligned with the environmental or social characteristics that do not qualify as sustainable investments.</p> </div>	
<p><b>Monitoring of environmental or social characteristics</b></p>	<p>Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) characteristics of assets are considered by the fund in its investment and asset management process. Internal control mechanisms are the governance structures in place to monitor those Environmental and Social characteristics which comprises of the Investment</p>



	<p>Committee on acquisition, the Investment Strategy Committee on the Fund Strategic Plan which includes a review of asset and fund level ESG performance. The indicators used to measure attainment and inform decisions vary depending on the nature of the asset, information availability and stage in the investment lifecycle (i.e., pre-acquisition, due diligence, operation, development etc.).</p> <p>An ESG data platform is in place which captures landlord energy, emissions, water and waste data. It is accessible by internal asset and fund managers as well as suppliers, enabling the monitoring of performance by all parties on an ongoing basis. The abrdrn Impact Dial is an internally developed tool which is also available to support funds to determine the baseline ESG performance of their portfolio and allows them to set aspirations for the future that can be tracked.</p>
<b>Methodologies</b>	<p>As noted in the Monitoring of environmental or social characteristics section, data is collected from a range of sources to inform investment decision-making at each stage in the investment lifecycle including due diligence, refurbishment and development. At each stage, the aim is to identify risks and opportunities related to E/S characteristics of the asset and, where possible, to quantify these so they can be considered as part of the investment and asset management decisions. The range of topics considered will evolve over time to reflect the evolution of policy, market expectations and environmental and social factors.</p>
<b>Data sources and processing</b>	<p>Data covering landlord-managed energy, emissions, water and waste is collected directly from assets by our suppliers. This is stored on our ESG data platform and analysed/ processed as necessary for relevant reporting requirements. Data relating to other indicators including flood risk, land contamination and energy performance certifications are collected during due diligence from a range of sources including public datasets and consultant outputs. These indicators are updated periodically on internal data systems. The proportion of data that is estimated in relation to these indicators is limited. However, estimates are sometimes made in relation to tenant-procured energy in order to establish whole-building performance and Scope 3 emissions.</p>
<b>Limitations to methodologies and data</b>	<p>The approach we have in place, as described above, is considered to be appropriate to support investment decision making. There are well-known challenges in the real estate sector including obtaining energy, water and waste data from tenants. The degree of control that the fund has to affect E/S outcomes also varies depending on the type of asset and nature of lease. However, these issues are recognised and our approach is designed to address them. We do not believe they materially affect how E/S characteristics are promoted by the product.</p>
<b>Due diligence</b>	<p>A standard approach is used for ESG due diligence and for presentation of the investments to the Independent Investment Committee. abrdrn's approach to acquisition due diligence is regularly reviewed and updated to ensure that it covers material topics.</p> <p>abrdrn's approach to acquisition due diligence includes a standard set of services and consultant briefs to identify ESG risks and opportunities. Typically this includes an assessment of flood risk, contamination risk, alignment with regulatory requirements and identification of decarbonisation opportunities. This also allows for the identification of cost-effective environmental improvements to future proof the value of assets, and ensures the associated costs are integrated into asset budgets. Each acquisition is carefully screened to understand material sustainability risks and how they should be managed or reduced during ownership.</p> <p>The Investment Committee paper and pre-completion form both include mandatory sections on ESG risks and opportunities.</p>
<b>Engagement policies</b>	<p>The fund invests in direct real estate. A pro-active approach is taken to engaging with stakeholders, including suppliers and occupiers, as part of the investment and asset management process.</p>
<b>Designated reference benchmark</b>	<p>No reference benchmark has been designated for the purpose of attaining the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the Fund.</p>