

Sustainability Disclosure Requirements (SDR) and labelling regime

Sustainable investment labels help investors find products that have a specific sustainability goal. The fund does not have a UK sustainable investment label under SDR. This is because the fund has a financial objective to deliver growth over the long-term. While the fund itself does not have material sustainability characteristics or a sustainability objective, it does consider sustainability characteristics of companies as part of its investment policy.

Fund objective

To generate growth over the long term (5 years or more) by investing in European equities (company shares) which adhere to the abrdn Europe ex UK Ethical Equity Investment Approach.

Sustainability approach

The ethical assessment criteria:

Sustainable characteristics

The fund targets to exclude at least 20% of the fund’s benchmark investable universe, through a combination of internal assessment and the use of negative screening criteria to avoid investing in certain industries and activities that our customers are concerned with.

ESG quality rating

We utilise Aberdeen’s equity investment process, where companies invested in are given overall quality rating, which includes the assessment of its business model, the industry they operate in and their financial strength.

We also consider the quality of its management team and analyse ESG opportunities and risks impacting the business and appraise how well these are managed to identify ESG leaders and avoid ESG laggards. ESG leaders are viewed as companies with the best-in-class ESG credentials or products and services which address global environmental and societal challenges, whilst ESG laggards are typically companies with financially material controversies, severe governance concerns, and/or poor treatment of minority shareholders. We assign a proprietary rating (1 indicates best in class and 5 indicates laggard) to articulate the quality attributes of each company.

Companies eligible for inclusion in the fund must have an ESG Quality rating of 3 or better.

Negative screening criteria

The fund applies a set of company exclusions which are related but not limited to fossil fuels, animal testing, weaponry, pornography, gambling, tobacco and alcohol. Please refer to the prospectus for full details on the screening criteria applied for this fund.

ESG house score

The ESG House Score is an analytical tool developed by our investments sustainability group in collaboration with the quantitative investment team. The score is calculated by combining a variety of data inputs within a proprietary framework, combining our underlying governance and operational scores.

The Aberdeen ESG House Score global universe is segregated into seven equal groups. The fund will invest at least 70% of its net asset value in those companies that pass the negative screens (outlined in more detail above) and are in one of the top two groups. This corresponds to companies scoring in the top 29% (2/7).

To complement this, we also utilise our active stewardship and engagement activities.

Sustainable characteristics

Disinvestment from companies is required if:

- It becomes in breach of any of the negative screens; or
- Less than 70% of the net asset value is invested in companies that are in the top 29% (2/7) of the Aberdeen ESG House Score global universe; or
- The ESG Quality rating falls below 3

Should the review of a security result in it being deemed non-compliant, the intention would be exit as soon as is practicably possible, but generally no longer than 3 months, allowing for market conditions.

Information

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Sustainability metrics

The ethical assessment criteria, which includes consideration of the sustainability characteristics of companies, covers three key areas monitored and measured on an ongoing bases. The below charts represent the significance of the negative screening on the benchmark investment universe, and how the composition of the fund is broken down by the relevant metrics in each of these areas.

