

# Key Investor Information



This document provides you with key investor information about this fund. It is not marketing material. The information is required by law to help you understand the nature and the risks of investing in this fund. You are advised to read it so you can make an informed decision about whether to invest.

**Euro Corporate Bond Sustainable and Responsible Investment Fund, a Euro denominated sub fund of the Aberdeen Standard SICAV II, D Acc EUR Shares (ISIN: LU0767911984). This fund is managed by Aberdeen Standard Investments Luxembourg S.A.**

## OBJECTIVES AND INVESTMENT POLICY

### Investment Objective

The Fund aims to achieve a combination of income and growth by investing in corporate bonds (loans to companies) issued in Euros, which follow the Investment Manager's "Sustainable and Responsible Investment Corporate Bond Approach". The Fund aims to outperform the iBoxx Euro Corporates Index (EUR) benchmark before charges.

### Investment Policy

#### Portfolio Securities

- The Fund invests at least 90% in bonds, including corporate bonds and government bonds issued in Euros, including sub-sovereigns, inflation-linked, convertible, asset backed and mortgage backed bonds.
- The Fund invests at least 80% in investment grade bonds denominated in Euros issued by corporations.
- The Fund may invest up to 20% in Sub-Investment Grade bonds.
- Non-Euro denominated bonds will typically be hedged back to Euro.
- In addition we apply a set of company exclusion which are related to the UN Global Compact, Tobacco Manufacturing, Thermal Coal, Unconventional Oil & Gas, Weapons and Weapons Systems. Details of how we apply our exclusion lists are captured within our "Sustainable and Responsible Investment Corporate Bond Approach", which is published at [www.abrdn.com](http://www.abrdn.com) under "Sustainable Investing".
- Financial derivative instruments are exempt from this approach.

### Management Process

- The Fund is actively managed.
- The "Sustainable and Responsible Investment Corporate Bond Approach" applies the fixed investment process, where every company that we invest in is given a Credit ESG Rating, which is used to assess how ESG factors are likely to impact on the company's ability to repay its debt, both now and in the future. To complement this, we use our ESG House Score to identify and exclude companies exposed to the highest ESG risks within high and medium risk sectors.
- Application of this approach is expected to reduce the investment universe by at least 15%.
- Company engagement is part of our investment process and stewardship programme.
- To complement the Investment Approach, we will target a lower carbon footprint compared to the benchmark, as measured by the abrdn Carbon Footprint tool.
- The benchmark is used as a reference point for portfolio construction,

as a basis for setting risk constraints and has no sustainability specific factors.

- In order to achieve its objective, the Fund will take positions whose weightings diverge from the benchmark or invest in securities not included in the benchmark. The investments of the Fund may deviate significantly from the components and their weightings in the benchmark. Due to the Fund's risk constraints, its performance profile is not ordinarily expected to deviate significantly from that of the benchmark over the longer term.

### Derivatives and Techniques

- The Fund will routinely use derivatives to reduce risk or cost, or to generate additional capital or income at proportionate risk (Efficient Portfolio Management) or to meet its investment objective. Derivatives may be used to provide market exposures different to those that could be achieved through investment in assets in which the fund is primarily invested. Usage of derivatives is monitored to ensure that the fund is not exposed to excessive or unintended risks.

Investors in the fund may buy and sell shares on any dealing day (as defined in the Prospectus).

If you invest in income shares, income from investments in the fund will be paid out to you. If you invest in accumulation shares, income will be added to the value of your shares.

Recommendation: the fund may not be appropriate for investors who plan to withdraw their money within five years. Investors should satisfy themselves that their attitude to risk aligns with the risk profile of this fund before investing.

## RISK AND REWARD PROFILE



This indicator reflects the volatility of the fund's share price over the last five years which in turn reflects the volatility of the underlying assets in which the fund invests. Historical data may not be a reliable indication for the future.

The current rating is not guaranteed and may change if the volatility of the assets in which the fund invests changes. The lowest rating does not mean risk free.

The fund is rated as 3 because of the extent to which the following risk factors apply:

- The fund invests in securities which are subject to the risk that the issuer may default on interest or capital payments.
- The fund price can go up or down daily for a variety of reasons including changes in interest rates, inflation expectations or the perceived credit quality of individual countries or securities.
- The fund invests in high yielding bonds which carry a greater risk of default than those with lower yields.
- The fund invests in mortgage and asset-backed securities (which may include collateralised loan, debt or mortgage obligations (respectively CLOs, CDOs or CMOs)). These are subject to prepayment and extension risk and additional liquidity and default risk compared to other credit securities.
- The use of derivatives carries the risk of reduced liquidity, substantial loss and increased volatility in adverse market conditions, such as a failure amongst market participants. The use of derivatives may result

in the fund being leveraged (where market exposure and thus the potential for loss by the fund exceeds the amount it has invested) and in these market conditions the effect of leverage will be to magnify losses.

- Applying ESG and sustainability criteria in the investment process may result in the exclusion of securities within the fund's benchmark or universe of potential investments. The interpretation of ESG and sustainability criteria is subjective meaning that the fund may invest in companies which similar funds do not (and thus perform differently) and which do not align with the personal views of any individual investor.

All investment involves risk. This fund offers no guarantee against loss or that the fund's objective will be attained.

The price of assets and the income from them may go down as well as up and cannot be guaranteed; an investor may receive back less than their original investment.

Inflation reduces the buying power of your investment and income. The value of assets held in the fund may rise and fall as a result of exchange rate fluctuations.

The fund could lose money if an entity (counterparty) with which it does business becomes unwilling or unable to honour its obligations to the fund.

In extreme market conditions some securities may become hard to value or sell at a desired price. This could affect the fund's ability to meet redemptions in a timely manner.

The fund could lose money as the result of a failure or delay in operational processes and systems including but not limited to third party providers failing or going into administration.

Where the share class is described as "hedged", currency hedging techniques are used which will reduce, but not eliminate, exchange rate risk. In particular, the currency being hedged is not necessarily related to the currencies within the fund. Such techniques also give rise to additional risks and costs.

## CHARGES

The charges you pay are used to pay the costs of running the fund including marketing and distributing it. These charges reduce the potential growth of your investment.

### One-off charges taken before or after you invest

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| Entry charge | 5.00% |
| Exit charge  | 0.00% |

These are the maximum charges that we might take out of your money before it is invested and before we pay out the sale proceeds of your investment. In some cases, you might pay less and you should speak to your financial adviser about this.

### Charges taken from the fund over a year

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| Ongoing charges | 0.60% |
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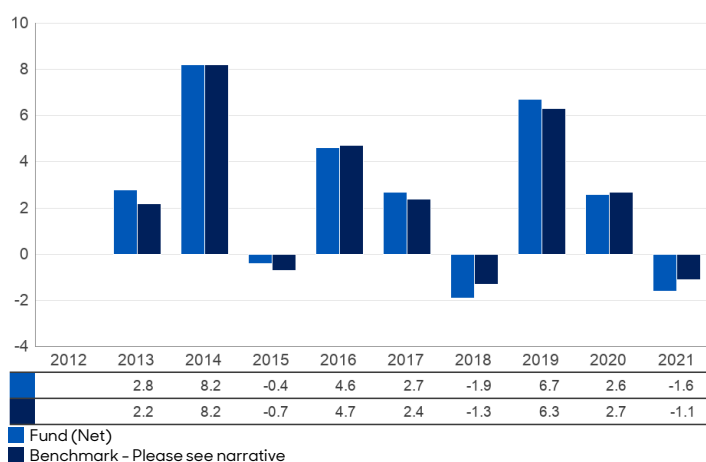
### Charges taken from the fund under certain specific conditions

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| Performance fee | 0.00% |
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## PAST PERFORMANCE

Euro Corporate Bond Sustainable and Responsible Investment Fund, D Acc EUR Shares, 31 December 2021

% Returns



The entry and exit charges shown are maximum figures. In some cases you might pay less – you can find this out from your financial adviser. The ongoing charges figure is at 31/12/2020. It excludes: performance fees (where applicable); portfolio transaction costs, except in the case of an entry/exit charge paid by the fund when buying or selling in another collective investment undertaking. A switching charge may be applied in accordance with the Prospectus. For more information about charges, please see the Prospectus which is available at [www.abrdn.com](http://www.abrdn.com).

Past performance is not a guide to future performance. Performance is net of charges and does not take into account any entry, exit or switching charges but does take into account the ongoing charge, as shown in the Charges section. Performance is calculated in EUR. The fund was launched in 2012. The share/unit class was launched in 2012. Benchmark – Markit iBoxx Euro Corporates Index (EUR).

## PRACTICAL INFORMATION

This document describes only one share class; other share classes are available.

Investors may switch their investment into another subfund of Aberdeen Standard SICAV II. Please refer to the Fund's Prospectus for further details.

For further information about the Aberdeen Standard SICAV II including the prospectus\*, annual report and accounts, half-yearly reports\*\*, the latest share prices, or other practical information, please visit [www.abrdn.com](http://www.abrdn.com) where documents may be obtained free of charge.

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The Prospectus, Annual and Interim reports cover all the funds within Aberdeen Standard SICAV II. Although Aberdeen Standard SICAV II is a single legal entity, the rights of investors in this Fund are limited to the assets of this Fund.

The Fund's Custodian and Administrator is The Bank of New York Mellon SA/NV, Luxembourg Branch.

The tax legislation of Luxembourg may have an impact on your personal tax position.

ASI Lux may be held liable solely on the basis of any statement contained in this document that is misleading, inaccurate or inconsistent with the relevant parts of the Prospectus\* for the Fund.

Details of an up-to-date UCITS V remuneration policy statement, including but not limited to, a description of how remuneration and benefits are calculated, and the identities of persons responsible for awarding remuneration and benefits, including the composition of the Remuneration Committee, are available at [www.abrdn.com](http://www.abrdn.com) and a paper copy will be made available free of charge on request to the Management Company.

\*Available in English, French, German & Italian, \*\*Available in German & English.

The Aberdeen Standard SICAV II is authorised in Luxembourg and regulated by the Commission de Surveillance du Secteur Financier (CSSF) pursuant to the 2010 UCITS Law. This key investor information is accurate as at 18/02/2022.

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