



# abrdn SICAV III

(formerly Aberdeen Standard SICAV IV)

Annual Report and Accounts  
For the year ended 30 June 2023

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# Incorporation

abrdn SICAV III (the "Company") (formerly Aberdeen Standard SICAV IV) was incorporated as a société anonyme, qualifying as an open-ended société d'investissement à capital variable on 17 February 2020 for an unlimited period. It is registered under Number 242350 at the Register of Commerce and Companies of Luxembourg where its Articles of Incorporation have been deposited, are available for inspection and where copies thereof may be obtained. The Articles of Incorporation were published in the RESA on 4 March 2020.

As at 30 June 2023, the Company has issued shares in the following Funds registered in Switzerland:

Emerging Markets Bond Fixed Maturity 2024 Fund

Global Bond Fixed Maturity 2025 Fund

The full name of each Fund is constituted by the name of the Company, abrdn SICAV III, followed by a hyphen and then the specific name of the Fund. Throughout the Financial Statements, the Funds are referred to by their short names as indicated above.

No subscriptions can be received on the basis of this document. Subscriptions are only valid if made on the basis of the current prospectus or on the Key Investor Information Document ("KIID"), accompanied by a copy of the latest annual report or of the subsequent interim report if it has been published.

Please see the Notes to the Financial Statements for changes during the year.

## **Statement of Changes in Portfolio**

A statement giving the changes in the Schedule of Investments for the year ended 30 June 2023 can be obtained free of charge from the registered office of the Company.

# Report of the Board of Directors

As at 30 June 2023, the total net assets of abrdn SICAV III (the "Company") stood at USD 108,448,000 for Funds registered in Switzerland.

The Company aims to provide investors with a range of actively-managed fixed maturity Funds which, through their specific investment objectives and individual portfolios, offer investors the opportunity to conveniently build a diversified bond portfolio to meet individuals investment goals.

The overall strategy of the Company and the separate Funds is to seek diversification through investment primarily in transferable securities.

The Board of Directors adheres to the Association of the Luxembourg Fund Industry ("ALFI") code of conduct for Luxembourg investment funds (revised June 2022). The code of conduct sets a framework of high-level principles and best practice recommendations for the governance of Luxembourg investment funds.

The Board of Directors considers that it has been in compliance with the Principles of the Code in all material respects for the year ended 30 June 2023.

**The Board of Directors**

**Luxembourg, September 2023**

# Report of the *réviseur d'entreprises agréé*

To the Shareholders of  
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## Report on the audit of the financial statements

### Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of abrdrn SICAV III and each of its sub-funds ("the Fund"), which comprise the Statement of Net Assets and the Schedule of Investments as at 30 June 2023 and the Statement of Operations and Changes in Net Assets for the year ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of abrdrn SICAV III and each of its sub-funds as at 30 June 2023, and of the results of their operations and changes in their net assets for the year then ended in accordance with Luxembourg legal and regulatory requirements relating to the preparation and presentation of the financial statements.

### Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with the Law of 23 July 2016 on the audit profession ("Law of 23 July 2016") and with International Standards on Auditing ("ISAs") as adopted for Luxembourg by the Commission de Surveillance du Secteur Financier ("CSSF"). Our responsibilities under the Law of 23 July 2016 and ISAs as adopted for Luxembourg by the CSSF are further described in the « Responsibilities of "*réviseur d'entreprises agréé*" for the Audit of the Financial Statements » section of our report. We are also independent of the Fund in accordance with the International Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants, including International Independence Standards, issued by the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants ("IESBA Code") as adopted for Luxembourg by the CSSF together with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements, and have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities under those ethical requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

### Other information

The Board of Directors of the Fund is responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information stated in the annual report but does not include the financial statements and our report of the "*réviseur d'entreprises agréé*" thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report this fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

### Responsibilities of the Board of Directors of the Fund for the financial statements

The Board of Directors of the Fund is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with Luxembourg legal and regulatory requirements relating to the preparation and presentation of the financial statements, and for such internal control as the Board of Directors of the Fund determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the Board of Directors of the Fund is responsible for assessing the Fund's and each of its sub-funds' ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Board of Directors of the Fund either intends to liquidate the Fund or any of its sub-funds or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

### Responsibilities of the "*réviseur d'entreprises agréé*" for the audit of the financial statements

The objectives of our audit are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue a report of the "*réviseur d'entreprises agréé*" that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with the Law of 23 July 2016 and with ISAs as adopted for Luxembourg by the CSSF will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with the Law of 23 July 2016 and with ISAs as adopted for Luxembourg by the CSSF, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

# Report of the *réviseur d'entreprises agréé* (continued)

## Responsibilities of the "*réviseur d'entreprises agréé*" for the audit of the financial statements (continued)

\* Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.

\* Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Fund's internal control.

\* Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the Board of Directors of the Fund.

\* Conclude on the appropriateness of the Board of Directors of the Fund's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Fund's or any of its sub-funds' ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our report of the "*réviseur d'entreprises agréé*" to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our report of the "*réviseur d'entreprises agréé*". However, future events or conditions may cause the Fund or any of its sub-funds to cease to continue as a going concern.

\* Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

**Luxembourg, 6 October 2023**  
**KPMG Audit S.à r.l.**

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# Global Overview

## Global market overview

It was a volatile period for emerging market (EM) assets. The US Federal Reserve (Fed) hiked its policy rate by 75 basis points (bps) in September 2022, while a stronger-than-expected US consumer price index print in October caused markets to price in another 75bps hike at the Fed meeting in November. EM debt rallied in November at the prospect of a Fed pivot, which caused US Treasury yields to markedly decline. The anticipated 75bp hike at the Fed meeting in November then led yields on two-year US Treasuries to reach their highest level since 2007, while the Fed also raised rates by 50bps in December. The sell-off across the Treasury curve in December seemed to be a reaction to the Bank of Japan's (BoJ's) decision to widen the band for yield curve control, implying potential read-across for further global central bank hawkishness given that this was a surprise move from the perpetually dovish BoJ. Meanwhile, China ended the year by reversing its zero-Covid policy and easing quarantine restrictions for international travel.

The new year started on a positive note for EM debt, as US Treasuries had their second strongest month since March 2020. Most of the rally was driven by falling services data and the US consumer price index printing in line with expectations. February saw a marked change in tone for risk assets, defined by escalating tensions between Washington and Beijing and an increase in US Treasury yields as the market again became more concerned about the persistence of inflation. At the Federal Open Market Committee meeting, rates were hiked by 25bps, in line with consensus expectations. Then, stress in the banking system made for an eventful March, as we saw the failure of Silicon Valley Bank and Signature Bank, which was swiftly followed by the rescue of Credit Suisse through a merger with UBS coordinated by the Swiss government. Following that, EMs were somewhat calmer in April. Focus shifted back towards the outlook for US economic growth and the future path of interest rates. A driver of risk sentiment during the month was the concern building as the US moved closer to reaching the debt ceiling, with cross-party consensus needed to raise the ceiling in order to avoid a default. Lastly, June was a better month for EM debt due to stronger economic growth, softer consumer price inflation in the US and corporate earnings remaining durable in the face of recession expectations.

## Outlook

EM sovereign spreads have tightened substantially from the wides reached in the peak of the March banking crisis, back to the tightness last reached in February 2023. However, the absolute yield is higher at 8.3%. Wider concerns about the economic outlook in developed markets could harm EM relative valuations if corporate earnings weaken and spreads move to price in expectations of a recession, however, a lower Fed terminal rate and the end of US growth exceptionalism could still be beneficial for EMs. Softer data coming out of China means that the potential upside risk of a China recovery feels less imminent now, which could present a challenge for those countries that export a large amount of goods to China. The Goldilocks scenario for EMs combines the current rate path for the Fed with the realisation of Fed Chairman Jerome Powell's forecast for a soft landing, resulting in weaker US growth and a weaker US dollar. The two scenarios that could lead to a risk-off environment would be a higher terminal rate due to stickier US inflation or markedly lower bond yields due to financial stability risks.

July 2023

# Performance History

<b>Fund</b>	<b>Base Currency</b>	<b>30.06.23 %</b>	<b>30.06.22 %</b>	<b>30.06.21 %</b>
Emerging Markets Bond Fixed Maturity 2024 Fund-A QInc USD <sup>1</sup> Benchmark: The Fund does not have an official benchmark.	USD	1.74	(13.60)	4.20
Global Bond Fixed Maturity 2025 Fund-X Acc USD <sup>2</sup> Benchmark: The Fund does not have an official benchmark.	USD	2.18	(21.45)	0.60

Fund returns: Source: Lipper, Basis: performance is calculated over the stated period on the share price performance basis, based on the noted share class, net of annual charges and inclusive of reinvested income.

Please remember that past performance is not a guide to future returns. The price of shares and the revenue from them may fall as well as rise. Investors may not get back the amount originally invested.

The performance data does not take account of the commissions and costs incurred on the subscription and redemption of shares.

Performance is calculated at each year- end unless otherwise stated, gross of expenses.

<sup>1</sup> The Fund launched on 26 October 2020. Figures shown for 2021 are from 26 October 2020 to 30 June 2021.

<sup>2</sup> The Fund launched on 19 April 2021. Figures shown for 2021 are from 19 April 2021 to 30 June 2021.



# Statistical Information

	30.06.23	30.06.22	30.06.21	Shares outstanding as at 30.06.23	TER*% as at 30.06.23	GAC*% as at 30.06.23
<b>Emerging Markets Bond Fixed Maturity 2024 Fund</b>						
<b>Fund total net assets (USD '000)</b>	<b>39,056</b>	<b>40,751</b>	<b>74,383</b>			
<b>Net asset value per share in share class currency</b>						
A Acc Hedged EUR	-	-	10.3509	-	-	-
A QInc Hedged EUR	8.3361	8.5693	10.2356	47,738.398	1.40	0.07
A QInc USD	8.5828	8.6092	10.2442	13,491.944	1.36	0.07
K Acc Hedged EUR	8.9610	8.9871	10.4181	1,461,545.019	0.46	0.07
K MIncA USD	8.5699	8.6277	10.2524	1,529,022.388	0.42	0.07
L QInc Hedged EUR	8.3417	8.5733	10.2382	109,861.000	0.80	0.07
L QIncA Hedged SGD	17.0269	17.2226	20.4956	44,730.000	0.80	0.07
L QIncA USD	8.5988	8.6171	10.2489	10,830.192	0.76	0.07
X MIncA Hedged EUR	8.3300	8.5890	10.2442	7,000.000	0.50	0.07
X MIncA Hedged GBP	8.4379	8.6139	10.2472	10,000.000	0.50	0.07
X MIncA USD	8.5721	8.6271	10.2520	404,000.000	0.46	0.07
X QInc Hedged EUR	8.3549	8.5770	10.2405	221,100.498	0.50	0.07
X QInc USD	8.6068	8.6211	10.2513	442,464.290	0.46	0.07
<b>Global Bond Fixed Maturity 2025 Fund</b>						
<b>Fund total net assets (USD '000)</b>	<b>69,392</b>	<b>76,815</b>	<b>110,005</b>			
<b>Net asset value per share in share class currency</b>						
K Acc Hedged EUR	7.7316	7.8039	10.0446	1,210,472.853	0.41	0.07
L QIncA Hedged SGD	7.4622	7.5731	9.9999	10,000.000	0.70	0.07
L QIncA USD	7.5496	7.5787	9.9974	6,658,276.555	0.66	0.07
X Acc USD	8.0711	7.8943	10.0593	58,606.050	0.41	0.07
X QIncA USD	7.5578	7.5800	9.9978	1,109,500.000	0.41	0.07

† Source: abrdn plc.

TERs (Total Expense Ratio) were calculated on the basis of the methodology as per the AMAS (Asset Management Association Switzerland) guidelines. Ongoing charges shown in the Key Investor Information Documents are as per the ESMA (European Securities and Markets Authority) guidelines.

\* General Administration charge. See Note 4.d)

# Statement of Net Assets

As at 30 June 2023

	Emerging Markets Bond Fixed Maturity 2024 Fund USD '000	Global Bond Fixed Maturity 2025 Fund USD '000	Combined USD '000
<b>Assets</b>			
Investments in securities at market value (note 2.b)	38,568	68,382	106,950
Acquisition cost:	44,868	89,570	134,438
Cash and cash equivalents	66	46	112
Interest and dividends receivable, net	439	964	1,403
Other receivables	2	3	5
Unrealised appreciation on:			
Open forward foreign exchange contracts (note 2.f)	218	124	342
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>39,293</b>	<b>69,519</b>	<b>108,812</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Payables resulting from redemptions	102	1	103
Fees payable	30	60	90
Unrealised depreciation on:			
Open forward foreign exchange contracts (note 2.f)	104	58	162
Other payables	1	8	9
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>237</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>364</b>
<b>Net assets at the end of the year</b>	<b>39,056</b>	<b>69,392</b>	<b>108,448</b>

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements.

# Statement of Operations and Changes in Net Assets

For the year ended 30 June 2023

	Emerging Markets Bond Fixed Maturity 2024 Fund USD '000	Global Bond Fixed Maturity 2025 Fund USD '000	Combined USD '000
<b>Net assets at the beginning of the year</b>	<b>40,751</b>	<b>76,815</b>	<b>117,566</b>
<b>Income</b>			
Interest income on bonds, net (note 2.c)	2,002	3,637	5,639
Bank interest (note 2.c)	4	-	4
<b>Total income</b>	<b>2,006</b>	<b>3,637</b>	<b>5,643</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Investment management fees (note 4.a)	129	304	433
Management company fees (note 4.b)	1	1	2
Taxe d'abonnement (note 6.a)	2	8	10
General administration charges (note 4.d)	4	3	7
Bank interest (note 4.f)	9	7	16
Operating, administrative and servicing fees (note 4.d)	53	101	154
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>424</b>	<b>622</b>
<b>Net income/(deficit)</b>	<b>1,908</b>	<b>3,213</b>	<b>5,021</b>
<b>Net realised appreciation/(depreciation) on:</b>			
Investments	(803)	(2,116)	(2,919)
Forward foreign exchange contracts (note 2.f)	(388)	(216)	(604)
Foreign currencies (note 2.d)	39	(57)	(18)
<b>Net realised appreciation/(depreciation) for the year</b>	<b>(1,152)</b>	<b>(2,389)</b>	<b>(3,541)</b>
<b>Net change in unrealised appreciation/(depreciation) on:</b>			
Investments	456	309	765
Forward foreign exchange contracts (note 2.f)	540	321	861
Foreign currencies (note 2.d)	(367)	(155)	(522)
<b>Net change in unrealised appreciation/(depreciation) for the year</b>	<b>629</b>	<b>475</b>	<b>1,104</b>
<b>Increase/(decrease) in net assets as a result of operations</b>	<b>1,285</b>	<b>1,299</b>	<b>2,584</b>
<b>Movements in share capital</b>			
Subscriptions	18	-	18
Redemptions	(2,196)	(7,306)	(9,502)
<b>Increase/(decrease) in net assets as a result of movements in share capital</b>	<b>(2,178)</b>	<b>(7,306)</b>	<b>(9,484)</b>
Dividend distribution (note 5)	(805)	(1,419)	(2,224)
Redemption charges (note 4.g)	3	3	6
<b>Net assets at the end of the year</b>	<b>39,056</b>	<b>69,392</b>	<b>108,448</b>

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements.

# Schedule of Investments as at 30 June 2023

## Emerging Markets Bond Fixed Maturity 2024 Fund

Security	Coupon (%)	Maturity	Nominal/ Quantity	Market Value USD'000	Total Net Assets %
<b>Transferable securities and money market instruments admitted to an official exchange listing 97.08%</b>					
<b>Bonds 90.79%</b>					
<b>Canada 0.50%</b>					
MEGlobal Canada ULC	5.0000	18-May-2025	200,000	196	0.50%
				<b>196</b>	<b>0.50%</b>
<b>Cayman Islands 27.45%</b>					
ABQ Finance Ltd (EMTN)	3.1250	24-Sep-2024	1,033,000	999	2.56%
BOS Funding Ltd (EMTN)	4.0000	18-Sep-2024	1,775,000	1,725	4.42%
Central China Real Estate Ltd	7.2500	13-Aug-2024	350,000	29	0.07%
Dar Al-Arkan Sukuk Co Ltd	6.7500	15-Feb-2025	580,000	573	1.47%
Esic Sukuk Ltd (EMTN)	3.9390	30-Jul-2024	1,574,000	1,530	3.92%
MAF Global Securities Ltd	4.7500	7-May-2024	877,000	870	2.23%
MAR Sukuk Ltd	3.0250	13-Nov-2024	1,691,000	1,638	4.19%
QNB Finance Ltd (EMTN)	3.5000	28-Mar-2024	880,000	866	2.22%
SNB Funding Ltd	2.7500	2-Oct-2024	865,000	832	2.13%
Warba Sukuk Ltd (EMTN)	2.9820	24-Sep-2024	1,714,000	1,659	4.24%
				<b>10,721</b>	<b>27.45%</b>
<b>Colombia 3.69%</b>					
Ecopetrol SA	4.1250	16-Jan-2025	1,239,000	1,192	3.05%
SURA Asset Management SA	4.8750	17-Apr-2024	250,000	248	0.64%
				<b>1,440</b>	<b>3.69%</b>
<b>Cyprus 0.60%</b>					
MHP SE (Zero coupon)		10-May-2024	350,000	235	0.60%
				<b>235</b>	<b>0.60%</b>
<b>Georgia 1.44%</b>					
Georgia Capital JSC	6.1250	9-Mar-2024	570,000	562	1.44%
				<b>562</b>	<b>1.44%</b>
<b>Hong Kong 3.28%</b>					
Hongkong International Qingdao Co Ltd	4.0000	8-Oct-2024	1,320,000	1,281	3.28%
				<b>1,281</b>	<b>3.28%</b>
<b>India 8.69%</b>					
GMR Hyderabad International Airport Ltd	5.3750	10-Apr-2024	770,000	765	1.96%
JSW Steel Ltd	5.9500	18-Apr-2024	540,000	536	1.37%
Power Finance Corp Ltd	3.2500	16-Sep-2024	1,294,000	1,248	3.20%
REC Ltd (GMTN)	3.3750	25-Jul-2024	871,000	845	2.16%
				<b>3,394</b>	<b>8.69%</b>
<b>Luxembourg 1.36%</b>					
Kernel Holding SA	6.5000	17-Oct-2024	280,000	207	0.53%
Puma International Financing SA	5.1250	6-Oct-2024	330,000	325	0.83%
				<b>532</b>	<b>1.36%</b>
<b>Mexico 7.57%</b>					
Banco Santander Mexico SA Institucion de Banca Multiple Grupo Financiero Santand	5.3750	17-Apr-2025	150,000	148	0.38%
Petroleos Mexicanos	6.8750	16-Oct-2025	930,000	897	2.30%
Sixsigma Networks Mexico SA de CV	7.5000	2-May-2025	630,000	565	1.45%
Trust Fibra Uno	5.2500	15-Dec-2024	1,372,000	1,348	3.44%
				<b>2,958</b>	<b>7.57%</b>
<b>Netherlands 3.86%</b>					
Bharti Airtel International Netherlands BV	5.3500	20-May-2024	955,000	949	2.43%
Teva Pharmaceutical Finance Netherlands III BV	6.0000	15-Apr-2024	560,000	557	1.43%
				<b>1,506</b>	<b>3.86%</b>
<b>Philippines 0.89%</b>					
Philippine National Bank (EMTN)	3.2800	27-Sep-2024	360,000	348	0.89%
				<b>348</b>	<b>0.89%</b>

# Schedule of Investments as at 30 June 2023 (continued)

## Emerging Markets Bond Fixed Maturity 2024 Fund (continued)

Security	Coupon (%)	Maturity	Nominal/ Quantity	Market Value USD'000	Total Net Assets %
<b>Transferable securities and money market instruments admitted to an official exchange listing 97.08% (continued)</b>					
<b>Bonds 90.79% (continued)</b>					
<b>Saudi Arabia 2.03%</b>					
Saudi Arabian Oil Co	2.8750	16-Apr-2024	812,000	793	2.03%
				<b>793</b>	<b>2.03%</b>
<b>Singapore 7.91%</b>					
BOC Aviation Ltd	3.5000	10-Oct-2024	1,715,000	1,662	4.26%
Medco Platinum Road Pte Ltd	6.7500	30-Jan-2025	550,000	543	1.39%
Vena Energy Capital Pte Ltd (EMTN)	3.1330	26-Feb-2025	942,000	883	2.26%
				<b>3,088</b>	<b>7.91%</b>
<b>Togo 1.32%</b>					
Ecobank Transnational Inc	9.5000	18-Apr-2024	520,000	517	1.32%
				<b>517</b>	<b>1.32%</b>
<b>Turkey 8.27%</b>					
Akbank TAS	5.1250	31-Mar-2025	970,000	912	2.34%
Turk Telekomunikasyon AS	6.8750	28-Feb-2025	900,000	852	2.18%
Türkiye İş Bankası AS	6.1250	25-Apr-2024	570,000	559	1.43%
Türkiye Vakıflar Bankası TAO	8.1250	28-Mar-2024	360,000	359	0.92%
Yapı ve Kredi Bankası AS	8.2500	15-Oct-2024	550,000	546	1.40%
				<b>3,228</b>	<b>8.27%</b>
<b>Ukraine 0.71%</b>					
VF Ukraine PAT via VFU Funding PLC	6.2000	11-Feb-2025	370,000	278	0.71%
				<b>278</b>	<b>0.71%</b>
<b>United Arab Emirates 2.85%</b>					
Abu Dhabi National Energy Co PJSC	3.8750	6-May-2024	410,000	404	1.03%
Oztel Holdings SPC Ltd	5.6250	24-Oct-2023	710,000	709	1.82%
				<b>1,113</b>	<b>2.85%</b>
<b>United States 3.35%</b>					
Sasol Financing USA LLC	5.8750	27-Mar-2024	1,327,000	1,310	3.35%
				<b>1,310</b>	<b>3.35%</b>
<b>Virgin Islands (British) 5.02%</b>					
Huarong Finance 2019 Co Ltd (EMTN)	3.7500	29-May-2024	2,042,000	1,958	5.02%
				<b>1,958</b>	<b>5.02%</b>
<b>Total Bonds</b>				<b>35,458</b>	<b>90.79%</b>
<b>Supranationals, Governments and Local Public Authorities, Debt Instruments 6.29%</b>					
<b>Supranational 5.21%</b>					
African Export-Import Bank (EMTN)	4.1250	20-Jun-2024	1,571,000	1,523	3.91%
Eastern & Southern African Trade & Development Bank (EMTN)	4.8750	23-May-2024	530,000	512	1.30%
				<b>2,035</b>	<b>5.21%</b>
<b>Tunisia 1.08%</b>					
Tunisian Republic	5.7500	30-Jan-2025	632,000	421	1.08%
				<b>421</b>	<b>1.08%</b>
<b>Total Supranationals, Governments and Local Public Authorities, Debt Instruments</b>				<b>2,456</b>	<b>6.29%</b>
<b>Total Transferable securities and money market instruments admitted to an official exchange listing</b>				<b>37,914</b>	<b>97.08%</b>

# Schedule of Investments as at 30 June 2023 (continued)

## Emerging Markets Bond Fixed Maturity 2024 Fund (continued)

Security	Coupon (%)	Maturity	Nominal/ Quantity	Market Value USD '000	Total Net Assets %
<b>Transferable securities and money market instruments dealt in on another regulated market and recently issued transferable securities</b>					
<b>1.24%</b>					
<b>Bonds 1.24%</b>					
<b>Chile 1.24%</b>					
Falabella SA	4.3750	27-Jan-2025	500,000	486	1.24%
				<b>486</b>	<b>1.24%</b>
<b>Total Bonds</b>				<b>486</b>	<b>1.24%</b>
<b>Total Transferable securities and money market instruments dealt in on another regulated market and recently issued transferable securities</b>				<b>486</b>	<b>1.24%</b>
<b>Other transferable securities and money market instruments 0.43%</b>					
<b>Bonds 0.43%</b>					
<b>Cayman Islands 0.36%</b>					
Kaisa Group Holdings Ltd (Zero coupon)		30-Jun-2024	850,000	56	0.14%
Ronshine China Holdings Ltd (Zero coupon)		15-Dec-2023	1,110,000	52	0.13%
Zhenro Properties Group Ltd (Zero coupon)		14-Apr-2024	760,000	32	0.09%
				<b>140</b>	<b>0.36%</b>
<b>Mexico 0.07%</b>					
Unifin Financiera SAB de CV (Zero coupon)		15-Jan-2025	656,000	28	0.07%
				<b>28</b>	<b>0.07%</b>
<b>Russian Federation 0.00%</b>					
MMK International Capital DAC (Zero coupon)		13-Jun-2024	628,000	-	0.00%
				<b>-</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
<b>Total Bonds</b>				<b>168</b>	<b>0.43%</b>
<b>Total Other transferable securities and money market instruments</b>				<b>168</b>	<b>0.43%</b>

## Open Forward Foreign Exchange Contracts

Counterparty	Buy	Sell	Expiration Date	Buy Amount	Sell Amount	Unrealised Appreciation/ (Depreciation) USD '000	Total Net Assets %
Citigroup	USD	EUR	7-Jul-2023	14,229,513	13,109,298	(78)	(0.20)%
Citigroup	USD	EUR	7-Jul-2023	2,007,729	1,849,671	(11)	(0.03)%
Citigroup	SGD	USD	7-Jul-2023	759,740	565,748	(6)	(0.01)%
Citigroup	USD	EUR	7-Jul-2023	996,545	918,092	(5)	(0.01)%
Citigroup	USD	EUR	7-Jul-2023	432,628	398,570	(2)	(0.01)%
Citigroup	USD	GBP	7-Jul-2023	106,745	84,403	(1)	(0.00)%
Citigroup	USD	SGD	7-Jul-2023	560,114	759,740	(1)	(0.00)%
Citigroup	EUR	USD	7-Aug-2023	58,362	63,448	-	0.00%
Citigroup	EUR	USD	7-Jul-2023	58,362	62,953	-	0.00%
Citigroup	USD	EUR	7-Jul-2023	1,111	1,017	-	0.00%
Citigroup	USD	EUR	7-Jul-2023	924	851	-	(0.00)%
Citigroup	USD	EUR	7-Aug-2023	997	917	-	(0.00)%
Citigroup	USD	EUR	7-Jul-2023	2,439	2,248	-	(0.00)%
Citigroup	USD	EUR	7-Jul-2023	2,293	2,102	-	0.00%
Citigroup	USD	EUR	7-Jul-2023	2,877	2,632	-	0.00%
Citigroup	USD	EUR	7-Jul-2023	2,719	2,520	-	(0.00)%
Citigroup	USD	EUR	7-Aug-2023	2,590	2,383	-	(0.00)%
Citigroup	USD	EUR	7-Jul-2023	5,877	5,387	-	0.00%
Citigroup	USD	EUR	7-Jul-2023	6,910	6,412	-	(0.00)%
Citigroup	USD	EUR	7-Jul-2023	45,378	41,941	-	(0.00)%
Citigroup	USD	EUR	7-Jul-2023	63,349	58,362	-	(0.00)%
Citigroup	GBP	USD	7-Aug-2023	84,402	106,773	1	0.00%
Citigroup	GBP	USD	7-Jul-2023	84,403	105,811	1	0.00%
Citigroup	SGD	USD	7-Aug-2023	759,740	560,744	1	0.00%
Citigroup	USD	EUR	7-Jul-2023	98,834	90,193	-	0.00%
Citigroup	EUR	USD	7-Aug-2023	398,570	433,304	2	0.01%
Citigroup	EUR	USD	7-Jul-2023	398,570	429,923	3	0.01%

# Schedule of Investments as at 30 June 2023 (continued)

## Emerging Markets Bond Fixed Maturity 2024 Fund (continued)

### Open Forward Foreign Exchange Contracts (continued)

Counterparty	Buy	Sell	Expiration Date	Buy Amount	Sell Amount	Unrealised Appreciation/ (Depreciation) USD '000	Total Net Assets %
Citigroup	EUR	USD	7-Aug-2023	918,092	998,103	6	0.01%
Citigroup	EUR	USD	7-Jul-2023	918,092	990,313	6	0.02%
Citigroup	EUR	USD	7-Aug-2023	1,849,671	2,010,868	11	0.03%
Citigroup	EUR	USD	7-Jul-2023	1,898,102	2,047,415	13	0.03%
Citigroup	EUR	USD	7-Aug-2023	13,109,298	14,251,760	80	0.20%
Citigroup	EUR	USD	7-Jul-2023	13,216,171	14,255,808	94	0.24%
<b>Unrealised appreciation on open forward foreign exchange contracts</b>						<b>114</b>	<b>0.29%</b>

<b>Total investments</b>						<b>38,682</b>	<b>99.04%</b>
<b>Other net assets</b>						<b>374</b>	<b>0.96%</b>
<b>Total net assets</b>						<b>39,056</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

Currently forward positions are not collateralised.  
The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements.

# Schedule of Investments as at 30 June 2023

## Global Bond Fixed Maturity 2025 Fund

Security	Coupon (%)	Maturity	Nominal/ Quantity	Market Value USD'000	Total Net Assets %
<b>Transferable securities and money market instruments admitted to an official exchange listing 96.30%</b>					
<b>Bonds 86.03%</b>					
<b>Canada 1.63%</b>					
MEGlobal Canada ULC	5.0000	18-May-2025	1,150,000	1,130	1.63%
				<b>1,130</b>	<b>1.63%</b>
<b>Cayman Islands 22.40%</b>					
Aldar Sukuk Ltd	4.7500	29-Sep-2025	952,000	944	1.36%
Baidu Inc	1.7200	9-Apr-2026	771,000	693	1.00%
BOS Funding Ltd (EMTN)	4.0000	18-Sep-2024	3,158,000	3,069	4.42%
Central China Real Estate Ltd	7.2500	13-Aug-2024	917,000	75	0.11%
Country Garden Holdings Co Ltd	5.1250	17-Jan-2025	1,551,000	680	0.98%
Dar Al-Arkan Sukuk Co Ltd	6.7500	15-Feb-2025	354,000	350	0.50%
DIB Sukuk Ltd	2.9500	20-Feb-2025	2,570,000	2,468	3.56%
DP World Salaam*	VAR	PERP	1,106,000	1,096	1.58%
Esic Sukuk Ltd (EMTN)	3.9390	30-Jul-2024	2,340,000	2,274	3.27%
MAF Global Securities Ltd*	VAR	PERP	2,124,000	2,068	2.97%
QNB Finance Ltd (EMTN)	1.3750	26-Jan-2026	2,026,000	1,842	2.65%
				<b>15,559</b>	<b>22.40%</b>
<b>China 4.56%</b>					
Gansu Provincial Highway Aviation Tourism Investment Group Co Ltd	3.2500	3-Nov-2023	3,230,000	3,163	4.56%
				<b>3,163</b>	<b>4.56%</b>
<b>Colombia 5.83%</b>					
Bancolombia SA	3.0000	29-Jan-2025	2,000,000	1,902	2.74%
Ecopetrol SA	4.1250	16-Jan-2025	2,230,000	2,145	3.09%
				<b>4,047</b>	<b>5.83%</b>
<b>Georgia 1.00%</b>					
Georgia Capital JSC	6.1250	9-Mar-2024	350,000	345	0.50%
TBC Bank JSC	5.7500	19-Jun-2024	350,000	346	0.50%
				<b>691</b>	<b>1.00%</b>
<b>Hong Kong 1.00%</b>					
Vanke Real Estate Hong Kong Co Ltd (EMTN)	4.2000	7-Jun-2024	708,000	691	1.00%
				<b>691</b>	<b>1.00%</b>
<b>India 12.60%</b>					
Adani Ports & Special Economic Zone Ltd	3.3750	24-Jul-2024	439,000	419	0.60%
Bharat Petroleum Corp Ltd (EMTN)	4.0000	8-May-2025	1,010,000	974	1.40%
Bharti Airtel Ltd	4.3750	10-Jun-2025	1,490,000	1,448	2.09%
GMR Hyderabad International Airport Ltd	4.7500	2-Feb-2026	2,240,000	2,124	3.06%
JSW Steel Ltd	5.3750	4-Apr-2025	2,198,000	2,156	3.11%
Shriram Finance Ltd	4.4000	13-Mar-2024	1,650,000	1,619	2.34%
				<b>8,740</b>	<b>12.60%</b>
<b>Indonesia 0.85%</b>					
Tower Bersama Infrastructure Tbk PT	4.2500	21-Jan-2025	600,000	587	0.85%
				<b>587</b>	<b>0.85%</b>
<b>Israel 0.70%</b>					
Energean Israel Finance Ltd	4.8750	30-Mar-2026	520,000	484	0.70%
				<b>484</b>	<b>0.70%</b>
<b>Luxembourg 0.57%</b>					
Puma International Financing SA	5.1250	6-Oct-2024	404,000	398	0.57%
				<b>398</b>	<b>0.57%</b>
<b>Mauritius 5.27%</b>					
Greenko Wind Projects Mauritius Ltd	5.5000	6-Apr-2025	1,160,000	1,115	1.61%
HTA Group Ltd	7.0000	18-Dec-2025	800,000	759	1.09%
UPL Corp Ltd*	VAR	PERP	2,160,000	1,781	2.57%
				<b>3,655</b>	<b>5.27%</b>



# Schedule of Investments as at 30 June 2023 (continued)

## Global Bond Fixed Maturity 2025 Fund (continued)

Security	Coupon (%)	Maturity	Nominal/ Quantity	Market Value USD'000	Total Net Assets %
<b>Transferable securities and money market instruments admitted to an official exchange listing 96.30% (continued)</b>					
<b>Bonds 86.03% (continued)</b>					
<b>Mexico 6.96%</b>					
Banco Santander Mexico SA Institucion de Banca Multiple Grupo Financiero Santand	5.3750	17-Apr-2025	1,378,000	1,363	1.96%
Petroleos Mexicanos	4.2500	15-Jan-2025	699,000	660	0.95%
Petroleos Mexicanos	6.8750	16-Oct-2025	1,500,000	1,447	2.09%
Trust Fibra Uno	5.2500	30-Jan-2026	1,400,000	1,360	1.96%
				<b>4,830</b>	<b>6.96%</b>
<b>Netherlands 1.31%</b>					
First Bank of Nigeria Ltd Via FBN Finance Co BV	8.6250	27-Oct-2025	970,000	908	1.31%
				<b>908</b>	<b>1.31%</b>
<b>Nigeria 1.30%</b>					
SEPLAT Energy PLC	7.7500	1-Apr-2026	1,070,000	905	1.30%
				<b>905</b>	<b>1.30%</b>
<b>Saudi Arabia 0.59%</b>					
Saudi Arabian Oil Co	1.6250	24-Nov-2025	445,000	407	0.59%
				<b>407</b>	<b>0.59%</b>
<b>Singapore 10.21%</b>					
BOC Aviation Ltd (GMTN)	2.6250	17-Jan-2025	3,210,000	3,042	4.38%
GLP Pte Ltd (EMTN)	3.8750	4-Jun-2025	1,033,000	715	1.03%
Medco Platinum Road Pte Ltd	6.7500	30-Jan-2025	342,000	338	0.49%
Vena Energy Capital Pte Ltd (EMTN)	3.1330	26-Feb-2025	3,190,000	2,991	4.31%
				<b>7,086</b>	<b>10.21%</b>
<b>Togo 0.80%</b>					
Ecobank Transnational Inc	9.5000	18-Apr-2024	560,000	557	0.80%
				<b>557</b>	<b>0.80%</b>
<b>United States 2.95%</b>					
Kosmos Energy Ltd	7.1250	4-Apr-2026	678,000	596	0.86%
SK Battery America Inc	2.1250	26-Jan-2026	1,650,000	1,449	2.09%
				<b>2,045</b>	<b>2.95%</b>
<b>Virgin Islands (British) 5.50%</b>					
Huarong Finance II Co Ltd (EMTN)	5.5000	16-Jan-2025	3,199,000	3,042	4.37%
New Metro Global Ltd	4.8000	15-Dec-2024	391,000	265	0.39%
RKPF Overseas 2019 A Ltd	5.9000	5-Mar-2025	300,000	197	0.28%
RKPF Overseas 2020 A Ltd	5.2000	12-Jan-2026	582,000	311	0.46%
				<b>3,815</b>	<b>5.50%</b>
<b>Total Bonds</b>				<b>59,698</b>	<b>86.03%</b>
<b>Supranationals, Governments and Local Public Authorities, Debt Instruments 10.27%</b>					
<b>Kenya 0.57%</b>					
Republic of Kenya Government International Bond	6.8750	24-Jun-2024	414,000	395	0.57%
				<b>395</b>	<b>0.57%</b>
<b>Supranational 7.51%</b>					
Africa Finance Corp	3.1250	16-Jun-2025	3,130,000	2,905	4.19%
African Export-Import Bank (EMTN)	4.1250	20-Jun-2024	1,876,000	1,818	2.62%
Eastern & Southern African Trade & Development Bank (EMTN)	4.8750	23-May-2024	504,000	485	0.70%
				<b>5,208</b>	<b>7.51%</b>
<b>Uzbekistan 2.19%</b>					
National Bank of Uzbekistan	4.8500	21-Oct-2025	1,605,000	1,523	2.19%
				<b>1,523</b>	<b>2.19%</b>
<b>Total Supranationals, Governments and Local Public Authorities, Debt Instruments</b>				<b>7,126</b>	<b>10.27%</b>
<b>Total Transferable securities and money market instruments admitted to an official exchange listing</b>				<b>66,824</b>	<b>96.30%</b>

# Schedule of Investments as at 30 June 2023 (continued)

## Global Bond Fixed Maturity 2025 Fund (continued)

Security	Coupon (%)	Maturity	Nominal/ Quantity	Market Value USD'000	Total Net Assets %
<b>Transferable securities and money market instruments dealt in on another regulated market and recently issued transferable securities</b>					
<b>1.53%</b>					
<b>Bonds 1.53%</b>					
<b>Bermuda 1.24%</b>					
Tengizchevroil Finance Co International Ltd	2.6250	15-Aug-2025	944,000	860	1.24%
				<b>860</b>	<b>1.24%</b>
<b>Netherlands 0.29%</b>					
Teva Pharmaceutical Finance Netherlands III BV	7.1250	31-Jan-2025	200,000	202	0.29%
				<b>202</b>	<b>0.29%</b>
<b>Total Bonds</b>				<b>1,062</b>	<b>1.53%</b>
<b>Total Transferable securities and money market instruments dealt in on another regulated market and recently issued transferable securities</b>				<b>1,062</b>	<b>1.53%</b>
<b>Other transferable securities and money market instruments 0.71%</b>					
<b>Bonds 0.71%</b>					
<b>Cayman Islands 0.62%</b>					
CIFI Holdings Group Co Ltd (Zero coupon)		20-Oct-2025	637,000	72	0.10%
Logan Group Co Ltd (Zero coupon)		14-Jan-2025	582,000	59	0.09%
Ronshine China Holdings Ltd (Zero coupon)		15-Dec-2023	1,680,000	79	0.11%
Sunac China Holdings Ltd (Zero coupon)		10-Jan-2025	1,060,000	158	0.23%
Zhenro Properties Group Ltd	7.3500	5-Feb-2025	1,520,000	64	0.09%
				<b>432</b>	<b>0.62%</b>
<b>Mexico 0.09%</b>					
Unifin Financiera SAB de CV (Zero coupon)		12-Feb-2026	1,600,000	64	0.09%
				<b>64</b>	<b>0.09%</b>
<b>Russian Federation 0.00%</b>					
Gazprom PJSC Via Gaz Capital SA	5.1500	11-Feb-2026	2,940,000	-	0.00%
MMK International Capital DAC (Zero coupon)		13-Jun-2024	2,103,000	-	0.00%
Sovcombank Via SovCom Capital DAC (Zero coupon)		26-Jan-2025	1,080,000	-	0.00%
Vnesheconombank Via VEB Finance PLC (Zero coupon)		22-Nov-2025	1,360,000	-	0.00%
				<b>-</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
<b>Total Bonds</b>				<b>496</b>	<b>0.71%</b>
<b>Total Other transferable securities and money market instruments</b>				<b>496</b>	<b>0.71%</b>

## Open Forward Foreign Exchange Contracts

Counterparty	Buy	Sell	Expiration Date	Buy Amount	Sell Amount	Unrealised Appreciation/ (Depreciation) USD'000	Total Net Assets %
Citigroup	USD	EUR	7-Jul-2023	10,282,571	9,473,077	(57)	(0.08)%
Citigroup	EUR	USD	7-Jul-2023	122,226	133,679	-	(0.00)%
Citigroup	SGD	USD	7-Jul-2023	942	705	-	(0.00)%
Citigroup	SGD	USD	7-Jul-2023	74,303	55,330	(1)	(0.00)%
Citigroup	SGD	USD	7-Aug-2023	75,244	55,536	-	0.00%
Citigroup	USD	EUR	7-Jul-2023	305	279	-	0.00%
Citigroup	USD	EUR	7-Jul-2023	1,217	1,112	-	0.00%
Citigroup	USD	EUR	7-Jul-2023	1,081	996	-	(0.00)%
Citigroup	USD	EUR	7-Jul-2023	752	698	-	(0.00)%
Citigroup	USD	EUR	7-Aug-2023	1,145	1,053	-	(0.00)%
Citigroup	USD	EUR	7-Jul-2023	3,227	2,931	-	0.00%
Citigroup	USD	EUR	7-Jul-2023	3,069	2,845	-	(0.00)%
Citigroup	USD	EUR	7-Jul-2023	3,112	2,904	-	(0.00)%
Citigroup	USD	EUR	7-Jul-2023	4,792	4,385	-	0.00%
Citigroup	USD	EUR	7-Jul-2023	5,809	5,325	-	0.00%
Citigroup	USD	EUR	7-Jul-2023	13,711	12,776	-	(0.00)%
Citigroup	USD	SGD	7-Jul-2023	55,473	75,244	-	(0.00)%
Citigroup	EUR	USD	7-Aug-2023	9,473,077	10,298,647	58	0.08%

# Schedule of Investments as at 30 June 2023 (continued)

Global Bond Fixed Maturity 2025 Fund (continued)

## Open Forward Foreign Exchange Contracts (continued)

Counterparty	Buy	Sell	Expiration Date	Buy Amount	Sell Amount	Unrealised Appreciation/ (Depreciation) USD '000	Total Net Assets %
Citigroup	EUR	USD	7-Jul-2023	9,385,101	10,123,371	66	0.10%
<b>Unrealised appreciation on open forward foreign exchange contracts</b>						<b>66</b>	<b>0.10%</b>
<b>Total investments</b>						<b>68,448</b>	<b>98.64%</b>
<b>Other net assets</b>						<b>944</b>	<b>1.36%</b>
<b>Total net assets</b>						<b>69,392</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

\* A perpetual bond is a bond with no maturity date. Perpetual bonds are not redeemable but pay a steady stream of interest.

Currently forward positions are not collateralised.  
The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements.

# Notes to the Financial Statements

## 1. Presentation

### a) Organisation

abrdn SICAV III (the "Company") (formerly Aberdeen Standard SICAV IV) was incorporated under the laws of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg on 17 February 2020 as a société anonyme and qualifies as an open-ended société d'investissement à capital variable (a "SICAV") with UCITS status (an Undertaking for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities as defined in the European Union Directive 2009/65/EC of 13 July 2009, as amended).

The Company is authorised as a UCITS under part I of the law dated 17 December 2010 on undertakings for collective investment, as amended.

As at 30 June 2023, there were 2 separate active sub-funds (the "Funds") registered in Switzerland, providing investors with an opportunity for investment in professionally managed investment funds in order to achieve an optimum return from the capital invested.

### b) Presentation of the financial statements

The accompanying financial statements present the assets and liabilities of the individual Funds and of the Company taken as a whole. The financial information of each individual Fund is expressed in the currency designated in the prospectus for the Funds which is United States Dollars ("USD"). The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, applicable to Undertakings for Collective Investment Funds, and with the format prescribed by the Luxembourg authorities for Luxembourg investment companies.

As the financial statements are produced at a valuation point that is different from the daily dealing Net Asset Values ("NAVs") calculated on 30 June 2023, the NAVs shown throughout the report may differ from those advertised on 30 June 2023 for dealing in the Funds. Those NAVs may include dividend declarations effective for the distribution on 30 June 2023 and certain accounting adjustments relating to the year ended on 30 June 2023.

The Company's financial year starts on 1 July and ends on 30 June of each year.

The financial statements of the Funds have been prepared on a going concern basis.

## 2. Accounting Policies

### a) Accounting convention

These financial statements are prepared in accordance with Luxembourg regulations applicable to Undertakings for Collective Investment Funds. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention modified by the revaluation of investments.

### b) Investment valuation

In determining the value of the assets of the Company, each security and money market instrument listed on a recognised stock exchange or dealt on any other regulated market that operates regularly, is recognised and is open to the public, will be valued at their latest available prices at close of business on 30 June 2023. In the event there should be several such markets, they will be valued on the basis of their latest available prices on the main market for the relevant security.

Securities and money market instruments not listed or traded on a stock exchange or not dealt on another regulated market will be valued at their fair value at which it is expected they may be resold as determined prudently and in good faith by the Board of Directors. Suspended or delisted securities held at 30 June 2023 have been valued at fair value as instructed by the Valuation and Pricing Committee, details of these securities are included in Schedule of Investments.

All other securities and other assets will be valued at fair market value as determined in good faith pursuant to procedures established by the Board of Directors.

In the event that the latest available price does not, in the opinion of the Board of Directors, truly reflect the fair market value of the relevant securities and money market instruments, the value of such securities will be defined by the Board of Directors based on the reasonably foreseeable sales proceeds determined prudently and in good faith.

In accordance with the Company's prospectus, the fair value adjustment mechanism is applicable whenever a triggering event occurs. During the year, no fair value adjustments were applied to any of the Funds.

Mortgage and other asset backed securities are independently priced using appropriate models and certain corporate bonds may be priced using indicative broker quotes.

# Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

## 2. Accounting Policies (continued)

### b) Investment valuation (continued)

The liquidating value of future, forward or option contracts, if any, traded on exchanges or on other regulated markets shall be based upon the last available settlement prices of these contracts on exchanges and regulated markets on which the particular future, forward or option contracts are traded by the Company; provided that if a future, forward or option contract could not be liquidated on the day with respect to which net assets are being determined, the basis for determining the liquidating value of such contract shall be such value as the Board of Directors of the Management Company may deem fair and reasonable.

### c) Investment income

Interest is accrued on a day-to-day basis. In the case of debt securities issued at a discount or premium to maturity value, the total income arising on such securities, taking into account the amortisation of such discount or premium on an effective interest rate basis, is spread over the life of the security.

Interest income on bonds may be received either in cash or as a Payment in Kind ("PIK"). Where a PIK bond settles physically (either because it matures, or it pays interest) the interest income is recognised as the lower of the market value and the nominal value of the settlement.

In the event where there is no physical settlement, the factor change on that holding is recognised as interest income in the Statement of Operations and Changes in Net Assets at the point when the factor change occurs.

Dividends are accounted for on an ex-dividend basis. Interest and dividend income are stated net of irrecoverable withholding taxes, if any.

Securities lending commission is accounted for on an accruals basis.

Bank interest income is accounted for on an accrual basis.

### d) Foreign exchange

The books and records of each Fund are denominated in the base currency of the corresponding Fund. Amounts denominated in other currencies are translated into the base currency on the following basis:

(i) investment valuations and other assets and liabilities initially expressed in other currencies are converted on each business day into the base currency using exchange rates prevailing on each business day; and

(ii) purchases and sales of foreign investments, income and expenses are converted into the base currency using currency exchange rates prevailing on the respective dates of such transactions.

The combined statements correspond to the sum of the statements of each Fund.

Main exchange rates used as at 30 June 2023 are as follows:

1 USD=	0.916590	EUR
1 USD=	0.786565	GBP
1 USD=	1.353350	SGD

### e) Realised gains and losses on investments

A realised investment gain or loss is the difference between the historic average cost of the investment and the sale proceeds. These are converted into the base currency using currency exchange rates prevailing on the respective dates of the sale transactions.

### f) Forward foreign exchange contracts

Unsettled forward foreign exchange contracts are valued using forward foreign exchange rates applicable at the year-end date for the remaining period until maturity. All unrealised gains and losses are recognised in the Statement of Operations and Changes in Net Assets.

The quoted leverage excludes the impact of the foreign exchange forwards used in currency hedged share classes which are held for those shareholders only. It also excludes the temporary impacts that arise when renewing currency forwards and when closing some exchange cleared derivatives. Although the renewal of currency forwards and closure of exchange traded derivatives results in no change or a reduction in market exposure, gross derivative leverage would

# Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

## 2. Accounting Policies (continued)

### f) Forward foreign exchange contracts (continued)

increase because new equal and offsetting derivative contracts are traded to facilitate this efficiently. The offsetting contracts are held to their maturity date, which is less than 5 working days for currency forwards.

## 3. Share Class Information

### a) General

Within each Fund, the Company is entitled to create different share classes. These are distinguished by their distribution policy or by any other criteria stipulated by the Directors. Please refer to the prospectus for further details. For a list of current live share classes please visit [abrdn.com](http://abrdn.com).

The Funds are valued at 1:00 pm Luxembourg time on each dealing day.

### b) Swing pricing adjustment

The Board of Directors current policy is to impose a swing pricing adjustment to the NAV of each class of shares in the Funds in the following circumstances (but generally only where a redemption charge has not been applied – please refer to "Redemption charges" under 4.g) below):

- if the net redemptions on a particular dealing day exceed 5% of the NAV of the Fund or any lower thresholds (i.e. from 0% up to 5%) (the "Swing Threshold") applicable to the Fund as determined by the Board of Directors, the NAV for subscriptions and redemptions is adjusted downwards by the applicable swing factor (the "Swing Factor"); or

- if the net subscriptions on a particular dealing day exceed 5% of the NAV of the Fund or any lower Swing Threshold applicable to the Fund as determined by the Board of Directors, the NAV for subscriptions and redemptions is adjusted upwards by the applicable Swing Factor.

If charged, the swing pricing adjustment is paid into the Funds and becomes part of the assets of the Funds.

The year-end NAV calculated and disclosed in the financial statements is one calculated for financial reporting purposes only, reflecting the closing market prices. As such it is different than the one applied for dealing which reflects market prices at 1:00pm Luxembourg time on dealing day. The year-end NAV calculated and disclosed in the financial statements for reporting purposes was not subject to any swing pricing adjustment.

### c) Equalisation on the subscription and redemption of Shares

Equalisation is operated in connection with the subscription and redemption of shares. It represents the income element included in the price for the subscription and redemption of shares.

## 4. Expenses

### a) Investment management fees

The Management Company collects investment management fees calculated on the NAV of the Funds, accrued daily.

Where a Fund invests in an open-ended collective investment scheme which is operated or managed by the Investment Manager or an associate of the Investment Manager, no additional annual management charge is incurred by the Fund on such an investment.

Investment management fees are used to pay the Investment Manager, the Sub-Investment Managers, the principal distributor, and any appointed sub-distributor.

The following management fee rates were applicable as at 30 June 2023:

Fund	Class of Shares (%)		
	Class A	Class L	Classes K and X
Emerging Markets Bond Fixed Maturity 2024 Fund	1.20	0.60	0.30
Global Bond Fixed Maturity 2025 Fund	1.00	0.50	0.25

# Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

## 4. Expenses (continued)

### b) Management company fees

The Company pays an annual charge to the Management Company up to a maximum of 0.05% of the NAV of each Fund. For the purpose of the calculation, the value of each Fund (and the value attributable to each share class) is taken as at the NAV per share on the previous dealing day, taking into account any subscriptions and/or redemptions on that day. The Management Company charge shall be accrued daily and payable monthly in arrears. The current Management Company charge is an annual rate of 2.5 basis points (0.025%).

The Management Company charge shall be used to pay the Management Company for the services it provides to the Company (in particular the performance of its monitoring role) and shall include reimbursement for any additional regulatory capital costs incurred by the Management Company by reason of its appointment per annum.

### c) Transaction fees and charges

Transaction costs may arise on the acquisition and disposal of investments and these costs may include fees and commissions paid to agents, advisors, brokers, and dealers. These are included in "Net realised appreciation/ (depreciation) on Investments" in the Statement of Operations and Changes in Net Assets.

Dealing commission is usually paid for transactions in securities and derivatives over an exchange (e.g., equities). Transaction costs may not be separately identifiable for transactions that do not occur over an exchange as the costs may be included in the transaction price (e.g., bonds and money market instruments).

During the year ended 30 June 2023 there were no transaction costs incurred.

### d) General administration charge ("GAC")

A general administration charge ("GAC") rate of 0.07% came into effect from 5 June 2023. Prior to this date, the operating, administrative and servicing expenses ("OASE") model was in operation as explained below.

The operating expenses incurred by the Company are generally paid out of the assets of the relevant Fund. To seek to minimise the variability of these expenses, for a number of these operating expenses, a fixed rate charge of up to a maximum of 0.10% is charged to each share class (the GAC).

The level of the effective GAC below this maximum level may vary at the Board of Directors' discretion, as agreed with the Management Company, and different rates may apply across the Funds and share classes. The Board of Directors may amend the maximum fixed level of the GAC applicable to each share class at any time at its discretion upon prior notice to the relevant shareholders.

The effective GAC is calculated in the same way as the investment management fee set out in 4.a) above.

The effective GAC is disclosed as part of the other operating charges of a share class in the relevant KIID and in the interim and annual reports of the Company.

Full details of the GAC, and the expenses that are included within the charges, can be found within the prospectus of the Company.

An Operating, Administrative and Servicing Expenses ("OASE") model was applicable for the period 1 July 2022 to 4 June 2023. The ordinary operating expenses incurred by abrdn SICAV III (formerly Aberdeen Standard SICAV IV) are generally be paid out of the assets of the relevant Fund. To seek to protect the Shareholders from fluctuations in these expenses they were fixed at a maximum level of 0.20% of the NAV in respect of all Share and except Hedged Share Classes, of which a fee of up to 0.04% may be charged in addition by the Investment Manager for providing currency exposure services. The Operating, Administrative and Servicing Expenses are fixed in the sense that the Management Company, or another abrdn plc Group company as elected by the Management Company, will bear the excess in actual ordinary operating expenses to any such OASEs charged to the Share Classes. Conversely, the Management Company, or another abrdn plc Group company as elected by the Management Company, will be entitled to retain any amount of OASEs charged to the Share Classes exceeding the actual ordinary operating expenses incurred by the respective Share Classes, including any cost savings. The level of effective Operating, Administrative and Servicing Expenses below these maximum levels could vary at the Board of Directors' discretion, as agreed with the Management Company, and different rates may apply across the Funds and Share Classes. The Board of Directors may amend the maximum fixed level of the OASEs applicable to each Share Class at any time at its discretion upon prior notice to the relevant Shareholders.

### e) Depositary fees

The depositary fee is calculated at a rate determined by the territory or country in which the Fund assets are invested. Currently, the rate is 0.0004 of the net asset value of the relevant Fund annually.

# Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

## 4. Expenses (continued)

### f) Bank interest

Bank interest expenses arise if there are negative interest rates on deposits and also owing to overdrafts that may arise from time to time.

### g) Redemption charge

The following redemption charges apply in respect of the Funds (subject to the provision that only a redemption charge or a swing pricing adjustment will be applied, please see \* below) which is retained for the benefit of the Fund.

The proceeds of any redemption of shares in the Fund by a shareholder is reduced in accordance with the following percentage scale. This represents a reducing redemption charge liability for shareholders and is calculated in the manner which results in the lowest possible charge on the assumption that the first shares acquired by the shareholder are the first shares sold by that shareholder. The scale is as follows:

Years to Maturity Date	Redemption charge as a percentage of relevant share price (maximum)
5 or above	2.50%
4	2.00%
3	1.50%
2	1.00%
1	1.00%

\* Please note that if the sum of:

(a) any dealing charges (which shall include any commission and/or other costs); and/or

(b) any bid/offer spread that is applied (as per the "swing pricing adjustment" provisions set out in the Prospectus) is greater than the redemption charge that would be applied as per the table above, then, in general, the redemption charge will not be payable and instead, a swing pricing adjustment will be made. The Board of Directors retains the discretion to apply the swing pricing adjustment rather than the redemption charge, if felt appropriate.

## 5. Dividends

The Directors declared monthly dividends for the Fund as listed below, for the year ended 30 June 2023 to all shareholders on record on the last day of the relevant month.

### Emerging Markets Bond Fixed Maturity 2024 Fund

Date	K MIncA USD	X MIncA Hedged EUR	X MIncA Hedged GBP	X MIncA USD
July 2022	0.026930	0.022600	0.025361	0.026648
August 2022	0.026930	0.019640	0.030822	0.026486
September 2022	0.026930	0.022672	0.028764	0.026640
October 2022	0.026930	0.020792	0.023677	0.026659
November 2022	0.026930	0.019678	0.026680	0.023839
December 2022	0.026930	0.018891	0.025506	0.026649
January 2023	0.026930	0.016721	0.022862	0.026520
February 2023	0.026930	0.022791	0.026992	0.026647
March 2023	0.026930	0.018604	0.023850	0.026622
April 2023	0.026930	0.020708	0.024855	0.026679
May 2023	0.026930	0.023742	0.026706	0.026705
June 2023 <sup>1</sup>	0.026931	0.027050	0.025723	0.026738

The Directors declared quarterly dividends for the Fund as listed below, for the year ended 30 June 2023 to all shareholders on record on the last day of the relevant quarter.



# Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

## 5. Dividends (continued)

### Emerging Markets Bond Fixed Maturity 2024 Fund

Date	A QInc Hedged EUR	A QInc USD	L QInc Hedged EUR	L QIncA Hedged SGD	L QIncA USD	X QInc Hedged EUR	X QInc USD
September 2022	0.041530	0.055200	0.056435	0.146910	0.069180	0.063930	0.076145
December 2022	0.041777	0.062681	0.052638	0.138111	0.074987	0.058059	0.081171
March 2023	0.043910	0.067713	0.060014	0.167374	0.084671	0.068107	0.093097
June 2023 <sup>1</sup>	0.047953	0.057967	0.057738	0.121569	0.068190	0.064686	0.073289

### Global Bond Fixed Maturity 2025 Fund

Date	L QIncA Hedged SGD	L QIncA USD	X QIncA USD
September 2022	0.044755	0.042300	0.045938
December 2022	0.066229	0.066500	0.069731
March 2023	0.070696	0.066500	0.071551
June 2023 <sup>1</sup>	0.056078	0.066582	0.073247

<sup>1</sup>This dividend was declared on 1 July 2023 and recorded in that day's NAV, in line with the provisions of the prospectus.

## 6. Taxation

### a) *Taxe d'abonnement*

Under legislation and regulations prevailing in Luxembourg, the Funds are subject to the "*taxe d'abonnement*" (subscription tax) at the rate of 0.05% per annum, except for the share classes which benefit from a reduced tax rate of 0.01% being the classes of shares dedicated to institutional investors. The tax is payable quarterly on the basis of the value of the net assets of the Funds at the end of the relevant calendar quarter. For Funds with investment in Funds already subject to *taxe d'abonnement* there are exemptions available. For more information, please refer to the Prospectus.

### b) *Provision for foreign taxes*

Capital gains, dividends and interest on securities received from other countries may be subject to withholding or capital gains taxes imposed by such countries. It is the Company's policy to provide for any potential liability to foreign capital gains and income taxes.

## 7. Soft commission/commission sharing

The Investment Manager did not enter any soft commission / commission sharing arrangements with brokers during the financial year in relation to the Company. Neither the Investment Manager nor any of its connected persons have, or are entitled to, retain any cash rebates from any broker or dealer in consideration of directing transactions on behalf of the Funds to that broker or dealer. In any such cases rebates received shall be held for the accounts of the relevant Funds.

## 8. Directors' interests and remuneration

None of the Directors were materially interested in any contracts of significance subsisting with the Company either during the year or at 30 June 2023.

The collective remuneration of the Board of Directors charged to the Company amounts to USD 41,734 for the year ended 30 June 2023.

# Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

## 9. Transactions with connected persons

Transactions with connected persons outlined in the previous note (4.a) have been entered into in the ordinary course of business and on normal commercial terms.

## 10. Overdraft facility

The Company has an intra-day uncommitted unsecured credit line facility with Bank of America to finance short-term timing differences arising from subscriptions and redemptions. Any liability arising on this account will be recoverable from subscribers to the Company and is therefore not reflected in the financial statements of the Company.

## 11. Significant events during the reporting year

### 1. Name change

Previous SICAV name	New SICAV name
Aberdeen Standard SICAV IV	abrdr SICAV III

### 2. Ukraine conflict

On 24 February 2022, Russia launched a military offensive against Ukraine resulting in widespread sanctions on Russia and heightened security and cyber threats. Market disruptions associated with the geopolitical event has had a global impact, and uncertainty exists as to the implications. Such disruptions can adversely affect the assets of fund and fund performance.

Whilst the impact of the conflict was captured within the global market prices at 30 June 2023, the year-end for abrdr SICAV III, the outlook for many capital markets remains volatile and the NAVs of certain Funds have fluctuated since the year-end. The Management Company has delegated various tasks to abrdr's Investor Protection Committee ("IPC"). The IPC is responsible for ensuring the fair treatment of investors.

The IPC undertakes daily reviews of the following:

- Market liquidity across each asset class and Fund.
- Asset class bid-offer spread monitoring.
- Review of Fund level dilution rate appropriateness.
- Review of daily subscriptions/redemptions to anticipate any potential concerns to meet redemption proceeds.
- Any requirement to gate or defer redemptions.
- Any requirement to suspend a Fund (s).
- Any fair value price adjustments at a Fund level.

abrdr's Valuation and Pricing Committee ("VPC") also continue to review the valuation of assets and the recoverability of income from those assets making appropriate adjustments were necessary. The VPC is made up of a wide range of specialists across abrdr with a wide range of experience in asset pricing. The Management Company has also evaluated, and will continue to evaluate, the operational resilience of all service providers. The Company's key suppliers do not have operations pertaining to the Company in Ukraine or Russia.

The VPC has analysed Russian securities and has decided to write down the Russian securities disclosed in the portfolio statements of each Fund to zero

Where Russian, Belarusian and Ukrainian assets have been written down to zero, abrdr do not earn a management fee on such assets. As at 30 June 2023, no abrdr SICAV III Fund has been suspended and based on the Manager's assessment of the factors noted, above, has adequate financial resources to continue in operation.

Valuation of Russian Investments as at year-end

# Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

## 11. Significant events during the reporting year (continued)

### 2. Ukraine conflict (continued)

As at 30 June 2023, the securities issued by Russian companies are valued at 'nil' in the portfolio statements of the respective Funds exposed to such securities. This nil value may not reflect the intrinsic value of those companies but rather reflect the fact that those securities are not tradable as of 30 June 2023.

### 3. Directors changes

Mr Martin J Gilbert resigned as a Director of the Board of Directors, effective from 14 November 2022.

Mr Christopher G Little resigned as a Director of the Board of Directors, effective from 2 March 2023.

### 4. Prospectus changes

-A new visa stamped prospectus was issued in December 2022.

-Rebranded entity changes were made including changes in the names of the Management Company and Investment Managers.

-Updated references to Swiss Representative and Paying Agent.

-Updated website addresses.

### 5. Depositary and Administrator changes

Effective 5 June 2023 the Company changed Depositary and Administrator from BNP Paribas Securities Services, Luxembourg Branch to Citibank Europe plc, Luxembourg Branch.

## 12. Subsequent events

There is no significant event to be reported after the year ended 30 June 2023.

# Management and Administration

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# Management and Administration (continued)

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Sub-Investment Manager or Investment Advisor	<b>abrln Asia Limited</b> 21 Church Street #01-01 Capital Square Two Singapore 049480 Singapore	
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# General Information

Further information on abrdn SICAV III can be obtained from:

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You can find further information about the Company, all available funds within the Company and share classes at [www.abrdn.com](http://www.abrdn.com). The Prospectus, the Key Investor Information Document (KIID) or Key Information Document (KID), the articles of incorporation and the latest annual (30 June) and half-yearly (31 December) report and accounts may be obtained from the Transfer Agent or the local paying agents, representatives and information agents. Please refer to the prospectus for the contact address of the addresses of the local paying agents, representatives and information agents.

## **Additional Information for investors in Switzerland**

### **1. Representative**

The representative in Switzerland is BNP Paribas, Paris, Zurich Branch, Selnaustrasse 16, 8002 Zurich, Switzerland.

### **2. Paying agent**

The paying agent in Switzerland is BNP Paribas, Paris, Zurich Branch, Selnaustrasse 16, 8002 Zurich, Switzerland.

### **3. Place where the relevant documents may be obtained**

The constitution documents, Prospectus, KID's, articles of association, the annual and interim reports and a schedule of purchases and sales for the Funds can be obtained free of charge from the representative's Zurich branch.

### **4. Publications**

Publications in respect of abrdn SICAV III are published on the electronic platform of fundinfo AG Zurich ([www.fundinfo.com](http://www.fundinfo.com)). The subscription and redemption prices or the NAV with indication of "excluding commissions" are published on a daily basis on [www.fundinfo.com](http://www.fundinfo.com).

### **5. Payment of retrocessions and rebates**

In connection with distribution in Switzerland, abrdn Investments Luxembourg S.A. or its affiliates may pay retrocessions in order to cover the distribution and procurement activities of shares. These activities include but are not limited to the organisation of road shows, the attendance of events and fairs, the production of marketing material and the training of distribution collaborators. The recipients of the retrocessions must ensure transparent disclosure and inform investors, unsolicited and free of charge, about the amount of remuneration they may receive for distribution. On request, the recipients of retrocessions must disclose the amounts they actually receive for distributing the funds of the investors concerned. Retrocessions are not deemed to be rebates even if they are ultimately passed on, in full or in part, to the investors. Rebates may also be paid directly to the investors in order to reduce the fees and cost attributed to the fund, as long as they:

- are paid from fees which have been charged to the assets of the Sub-fund and not in addition;
- are paid on the basis of objective criteria;
- are paid to all investors fulfilling the objective criteria in the same amount and at the same time.

Rebates can only be paid if the following preconditions are fulfilled:

- The minimum investment in a collective investment scheme or in a range of collective investment schemes;
- The amount of fees resulting from the investment;
- The expected duration of the investment;
- The readiness of the investor to support the launch of the Fund.

At the request of the relevant investor receiving such rebate, abrdn Investments Luxembourg S.A. or its affiliates must disclose the amount free of charge.

### **6. Place of performance and jurisdiction**

The place of performance and jurisdiction for the Shares distributed in or from Switzerland is at the registered office of the representative.

# Appendix 1: Securities Financing Transactions (Unaudited)

The Company did not engage during the year ended 30 June 2023 in Securities Financing Transactions (SFTs) (as defined in Article 3 of Regulation (EU) 2015/2365, SFTs include repurchase transactions, securities or commodities lending and securities or commodities borrowing, buy-sell back transactions or sell-buy back transactions and margin lending transactions).

# Appendix 2: Remuneration Policy (Unaudited)

## Undertakings for Collective Investment Transferable Securities V Directive (UCITS V)

### Remuneration Disclosure UCITS V Fund Annual Report and Accounts

#### Remuneration Policy

The abrdn plc Remuneration Policy applies with effect from 1 January 2022. The purpose of the abrdn plc Remuneration Policy (the "Policy") is to document clearly the remuneration policies, practices and procedures of abrdn as approved by the abrdn plc Remuneration Committee (the "Committee"). The Policy is available on request.

The Policy applies to employees of the abrdn group of companies ("Group" or "abrdn") including UCITS V Management Companies ("ManCos") and the UCITS V funds that the ManCo manages.

#### Remuneration Principles

abrdn applies Group wide principles for remuneration policies, procedures and practices ensuring that:

- Remuneration within the Group is simple, transparent and fair.
- Our Policy supports our long-term strategy by reinforcing a performance-driven culture. It aligns the interests of our employees, shareholders and, importantly, our clients/customers.
- Our remuneration structure recognises the different challenges and priorities of roles and Vectors and Functions across the organisation as appropriate.
- Remuneration policies, procedures and practices promote good conduct, including sound and effective risk management and do not encourage risk taking that exceeds the level of tolerated risk appetite.
- Remuneration extends beyond the provision of fixed and variable pay, with a focus on the retirement provision and the wellbeing needs of our employees, as part of our remuneration philosophy.

Total remuneration delivered is affordable for the Group.

#### Remuneration Framework

Employee remuneration is composed principally of fixed and variable elements of reward as follows:

- a) Fixed reward (fixed remuneration: salary and cash allowances, if appropriate); and Benefits (including pension).
- b) Variable reward (bonus, a proportion of which may be subject to retention or deferral depending on role and regulatory requirements; and senior employees may also be awarded a long-term incentive award).

Appropriate ratios of fixed: variable remuneration will be set to as to ensure that:

- a) Fixed and variable components of total remuneration are appropriately balanced and
- b) The fixed component is a sufficiently high proportion of total remuneration to allow abrdn to operate a fully flexible policy on variable remuneration components, including having the ability to award no variable remuneration component in certain circumstances where either individual and/or Group performance does not support such award.

Base salary	Base salary provides a core reward for undertaking the role and depending on the role, geographical or business market variances or other indicators, additional fixed cash allowances may make up a portion of fixed remuneration. Periodic reviews take into account the employee's role, scope of responsibilities, skills and experience, salary benchmarks (where available) and, where relevant, any local legislative or regulatory requirements.
Benefits (including retirement benefit where appropriate)	Benefits are made up of core benefits which are provided to all employees; and extra voluntary benefits that may be chosen by certain employees which may require contribution through salary sacrifice or other arrangements. Retirement benefits are managed in line with the relevant legislative requirements and governance structures. In certain, very limited circumstances, a cash allowance may be offered in lieu of a retirement arrangement.



## Appendix 2: Remuneration Policy (Unaudited)

Annual Awards	Performance	Bonus	<p>Employees who have been employed during a performance year (1 January to 31 December) may be eligible to be considered for an annual bonus in respect of that year.</p> <p>Annual bonuses are based upon Group, Vector, Function, Team and Individual performance (with individual performance assessed against agreed goals and behaviours). The variable remuneration pool for all eligible employees, including Identified Staff or Material Risk Takers ("MRTs"), is determined initially by reference to profitability and other quantitative and qualitative financial and non-financial factors including risk considerations (on an ex-post and ex-ante basis). In reaching its final funding decision, the Committee exercises its judgement to ensure that the outcome reflects holistic Company performance considerations.</p> <p>abrdrn Investments Luxembourg S.A. has specific obligations to act in the best interests of the UCITS funds it manages and its investors. Accordingly, the performance of the underlying funds and the interests of investors (including, where relevant, investment risk) are also taken into account as appropriate. The Risk and Capital Committee and the Audit Committee formally advise the Committee as part of this process.</p> <p>The overall bonus pool is allocated to vectors and functions based on absolute and relative performance for each vector and function, and their alignment with strategic priorities and risk considerations. Allocation by region and subdivision/team is determined on a discretionary basis by the vector, regional and functional heads based on the absolute and relative performance of the constituent teams and alignment with strategic priorities.</p> <p>Individual annual bonus awards are determined at the end of the 12-month performance period with performance assessed against financial and nonfinancial individual objectives, including behaviour and conduct. Individual awards for Identified Staff are reviewed and approved by the Committee (with some individual award approvals delegated, as appropriate, to the Group's Compensation Committee, over which the Committee retains oversight). In carrying out these approvals, the Committee seeks to ensure that outcomes are fair in the context of overall Group performance measures and adjusted, where appropriate, reflect input from the Risk and Capital Committee and the Audit Committee. Variable remuneration awards are subject to deferral for a period of up to three years. A retention period may also be applied as required by the relevant regulatory requirements. Deferral rates and periods comply, at a minimum, with regulatory requirements and may exceed these. In addition to the application of ex-ante adjustments described above, variable remuneration is subject to ex-post adjustment (malus / clawback arrangements).</p>
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## Appendix 2: Remuneration Policy (Unaudited)

Other elements of remuneration – selected employees	<p>The following remuneration arrangements may be awarded in certain very limited circumstances:</p> <p>Carried Interest Plans – These arrangements are designed to reward performance in roles where a carried interest plan is appropriate. Selected employees are granted carried interest shares in private market funds established by the Group.</p> <p>Buy-Out Awards/Guaranteed Bonuses – These are intended to facilitate/support the recruitment of new employees. Buy-outs are not awarded, paid or provided unless they are in the context of hiring new employees. Guaranteed bonuses are not awarded, paid or provided unless they are exceptional and in the context of hiring new employees and limited to the first year of service. These awards are only made where such a payment or award is permitted under any relevant remuneration regulations and are designed to compensate for actual or expected remuneration foregone from previous employers by virtue of their recruitment.</p> <p>Retention and Special Performance Awards / LTIP – Supports retention and/or the delivery of specific performance outcomes. The Company may determine that it is appropriate to grant an exceptional award in limited circumstances. Awards are structured to deliver specific retention and/or performance outcomes. Retention and/or special performance awards comply with all relevant regulatory requirements.</p> <p>Severance Pay – Payment made to support an employee whose role is considered to be redundant. Severance payments comply with any legislative and regulatory requirements and any payments are inclusive of any statutory entitlement. In the event of severance, the treatment of any individual elements of an employee’s remuneration is governed, as appropriate, by relevant plan or scheme rules.</p>
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### Control Function

The Group ensures that, as appropriate, senior employees engaged in a control function are independent from the business units they oversee and have appropriate authority to undertake their roles and duties. These include, but are not necessarily limited to, Risk, Compliance and Internal Audit function roles. Senior employees engaged in a control function are remunerated in a way that ensures they are independent from the business areas they oversee, have appropriate authority, and have their remuneration directly overseen by the Remuneration Committee.

### Conflicts of Interest

The Remuneration Policy is designed to avoid conflicts of interest between the Group and its clients and is designed to adhere to local legislation, regulations or other provisions. In circumstances or jurisdictions where there is any conflict between the Policy and local legislation, regulations or other provisions then the latter prevail. Where the Committee receives input from members of management on the remuneration arrangements in operation across the Group this never relates to their own remuneration.

### Personal Investment Strategies

The Company adheres to the regulatory principles and industry best practice on the use of personal hedging strategies which act in restricting the risk alignment embedded in employee remuneration arrangements.

### UCITS V Identified Staff/MRTs

The 'Identified Staff' or MRTs of abrIn Investments Luxembourg S.A. are those employees who could have a material impact on the risk profile of abrIn Investments Luxembourg S.A. or the UCITS V Funds it manages. This broadly includes senior management, decision makers and control functions. For the purposes of this disclosure, 'Identified Staff' includes employees of entities to which activities have been delegated.

### Quantitative remuneration disclosure

The table below provides an overview of the following:

- Aggregate total remuneration paid by abrIn Investments Luxembourg S.A. to its entire staff; and
- Aggregate total remuneration paid by abrIn Investments Luxembourg S.A. to its UCITS V 'Identified Staff'.

Amounts shown reflect payments made during the financial reporting period in question. The reporting period runs from 1 January 2022 to 31 December 2022 inclusive.

## Appendix 2: Remuneration Policy (Unaudited)

	Headcount	Total Remuneration GBP'000
<b>abrdr Investments Luxembourg S.A. staff<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>1,410</b>	<b>196,535</b>
of which		
Fixed remuneration		153,988
Variable remuneration		42,547
<b>abrdr Investments Luxembourg S.A. 'Identified Staff'<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>93</b>	<b>55,664</b>
of which		
Senior Management <sup>3</sup>	45	35,277
Other 'Identified Staff'	48	20,387

<sup>1</sup>As there are a number of individuals indirectly and directly employed by abrdr Investments Luxembourg S.A. this figure represents an apportioned amount of abrdr's total remuneration fixed and variable pay, apportioned to the Management Company on an AUM basis, plus any carried interest paid. The Headcount figure provided reflects the number of beneficiaries calculated on a Full Time Equivalent basis

<sup>2</sup>The Identified Staff disclosure relates to UCITS MRTs and represents total compensation of those staff of the Management Company who are fully or partly involved in the activities of the Management Company.

<sup>3</sup>Senior management are defined in this table as Management Company Directors and members of the abrdr plc Board, together with its Executive Committee, Investment Management Committee.

# Appendix 3: Risk Management (Unaudited)

The market risk measurement and monitoring of the Funds is carried out using either the Commitment approach or the Value at Risk (VaR) approach.

Funds which do not make significant use of financial derivative instruments and/or limit their use of financial derivative instruments to efficient portfolio management or hedging strategies are monitored using the Commitment approach.

Funds which utilise financial derivative instruments for efficient portfolio management purposes and/or for investment purposes in pursuing their investment objective (in addition to those used for hedging purposes) are monitored using either the relative or absolute VaR approach.

## Risk Type

The Management Company uses the Commitment approach and the VaR approach for the abrdn SICAV III Funds as detailed below.

### Commitment approach

The Commitment approach is based on the positions of financial derivative instruments, converted into their corresponding underlying equivalents as per ESMA Guidelines 10-788 – BOX 2.

Netting and Hedging might be considered for financial derivative and their underlying assets. The sum of these underlying equivalents must not exceed the net asset value of the Fund.

The global risk on derivatives has been determined according to the commitment approach during the reporting year.

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#### Global Exposure: Commitment Approach

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##### Fund Name

Emerging Markets Bond Fixed Maturity 2024 Fund

Global Bond Fixed Maturity 2025 Fund

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# Appendix 4: Sustainability Related Disclosures (Unaudited)

<b>Fund</b>	<b>SFDR Classification (as at 30 Jun 2023)</b>
Emerging Markets Bond Fixed Maturity 2024 Fund	Article 6
Global Bond Fixed Maturity 2025 Fund	Article 6

The above Article 6 Funds do not promote environmental or social characteristics and have no sustainable investment objectives. The investments underlying these financial products do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. These sub-funds also do not consider principle adverse impacts.

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