# **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 Sustainable Bond Fund, a Euro denominated sub fund of the abrdn SICAV II, D Acc EUR Shares (ISIN: LU0767911984). This fund is managed by abrdn 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 adhere to the abrdn "Euro Corporate Sustainable Bond Investment Approach" (the "Investment Approach").

The Fund aims to outperform the Markit iBoxx Euro Corporates Index (EUR) before charges.

## **Investment Policy**

#### Portfolio Securities

- The Fund invests at least 90% in Euro denominated bonds.
- The Fund invests at least 80% in Euro denominated investment grade corporate bonds.
- The Fund may invest up to 20% in sub-investment grade bonds.
- Non-Euro denominated bonds will typically be hedged back to Euro.
- Investment in bonds will follow the Investment Approach, which is published at www.abrdn.com under "Fund Centre".
- This approach utilises abrdn's fixed income investment process, which enables portfolio managers to qualitatively 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 research, the abrdn ESG House Score is used to quantitatively identify and exclude those companies exposed to the highest ESG risks. In addition, abrdn apply a set of company exclusions, which are related to the UN Global Compact, State Owned Enterprises (SOE), Weapons, Tobacco, Thermal Coal, Oil & Gas and Electricity Generation.
- Green bonds, Social bonds or Sustainable bonds issued by companies otherwise excluded by the environmental screens are permitted, where the proceeds of such issues can be confirmed as having a positive environmental impact.
- This approach is expected to reduce the investment universe by a minimum of 15%.
- Financial derivative instruments, money market instruments and cash may not adhere to this approach.

## **Management Process**

- The Fund is actively managed.
- The Fund commits to having a minimum of 40% in Sustainable Investments and targets an ESG rating that is equal to or better than the benchmark. It also sets a carbon intensity target against a base-line level of the benchmark carbon intensity as of 31 December 2019 as follows:

at least 25% lower by 31 December 2025 at least 55% lower by 31 December 2030

- Engagement with external company management teams is used to evaluate the ownership structures, governance and management quality of those companies, in order to inform portfolio construction. As part of this, up to 5% of asset may be invested in companies in high carbon emitting sectors, which are seen as having ambitious and credible targets to decarbonise their operations, in order to support their transition to ultimately comply with the environmental screens.
- The benchmark is used as a reference point for portfolio construction and as a basis for setting risk constraints, but does not incorporate any sustainable criteria.
- In order to achieve its objective, the Fund will take positions whose weightings diverge from the benchmark or invest in securities which are 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.

This fund is subject to Article 8 of the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation ("SFDR").

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 4 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.

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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

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

## Charges taken from the fund over a year

Ongoing charges	0.67%
Charges taken from the fund under certain specific conditions	
Performance fee	0.00%

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.

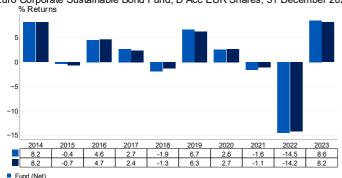
The Ongoing Charges figure is an estimate based on the last year's expenses and may vary from year to year. It excludes the costs of buying or selling assets for the Fund. An estimate is used in order to provide the figure that will most likely be charged. The ongoing charges figure is at 01/06/2024.

A switching charge may be applied in accordance with the Prospectus. For more information about charges please see Prospectus.

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## PAST PERFORMANCE

Euro Corporate Sustainable Bond Fund, D Acc EUR Shares, 31 December 2023 % Returns



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 on 2012.

Benchmark - Markit iBoxx Euro Corporates Index (EUR)

## PRACTICAL INFORMATION

This document describes only one share class; other share classes are available. The facility to switch into another share class within this fund or any other fund, is subject to the availability, compliance with any eligibility requirements and/or other specific conditions or restrictions attached to this fund or any other fund within abrdn SICAV II. Please see the prospectus for more details.

For further information about the abrdn 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 where documents may be obtained free of charge

Further information can also be obtained from abrdn Investments Luxembourg S.A., 35a, Avenue J.F. Kennedy, L-1855 Luxembourg. Telephone: (+352) 46 40 10 820 Email: asi\_luxembourgcs@statestreet.com.

The Prospectus, Annual and Interim reports cover all the funds within abrdn SICAV II. Although abrdn 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 Citibank Europe PLC, Luxembourg Branch.

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

abrdn 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 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 abrdn 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 30/09/2024.