# abrdn SICAV I - Frontier Markets Bond Fund



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X Acc USD

#### 30 November 2023

## Objective

The Fund aims to achieve a combination of income and growth by investing in bonds (which are like loans that can pay a fixed or variable interest rate) issued by companies, governments or other bodies, in Frontier Market countries.

#### Portfolio securities

- The Fund invests at least two-thirds of its assets in bonds issued by companies, governments or other bodies, in Frontier Market countries.
- Frontier Market Countries include the constituents of the MSCI Frontier Markets series of indices or FTSE Frontier Markets series of indices or JP Morgan Frontier Markets series of indices, or any country classified by the World Bank as a low income country. In addition, there are a number of countries that exhibit similar characteristics to the countries on these indices, which the manager regards as suitable for investment by the Fund.
- Bonds will be of any credit quality and typically in the currencies of the countries where they are issued. Up to 100% of the Fund may be invested in sub-investment grade bonds.

## Performance



# Cumulative and annualised performance

	1 month	6 months	Year to date	1 year	3 years (p.a.)	5 years (p.a.)	10 years (p.a.)
Fund (gross) (%)	4,15	12,57	15,39	15,51	1,28	5,16	n/a
Fund (net) (%)	4,06	11,99	14,29	14,32	0,24	4,09	n/a

# Discrete annual returns - year to 30/11

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Fund (gross) (%)	15,51	-13,90	4,45	5,40	17,46	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Fund (net) (%)	14,32	-14,78	3,38	4,32	16,30	-5,00	15,80	10,12	-2,20	n/a

Performance Data: Share Class X Acc USD Source: Lipper. Basis: Total Return, NAV to NAV, net of annual charges, gross Income reinvested, (USD). Costs may increase or decrease as a result of currency and exchange rate fluctuations. This may impact what you might get

back. "Fund (Net)" refers to the actual unit price performance of the shareclass shown; "Fund(Gross)" adds back charges such as the annual management charge to present performance on the same basis as the Benchmark / Benchmark / portfolio constraining benchmark. All return data includes investment management fees, operational charges and expenses, and assumes the reinvestment of all distributions. The returns provided do not reflect the initial sales charge and, if included, the performance shown would be lower.

Past performance does not predict future returns.

Key facts	
Fund manager(s)	Global Emerging Market Debt Team
Fund launch date	25 September 2013
Share class launch date	05 February 2014
Management company	abrdn Investments Luxembourg S.A.
Fund size	USD 332,3m
Number of holdings	84
Yield to maturity exc derivatives <sup>1</sup>	15.07%
Entry charge (up to) <sup>2</sup>	0,00%
Annual management charge	1,00%
Ongoing charge figure <sup>3</sup>	1,16%
Minimum initial investment	USD 1.000 or currency equivalent
Fund type	SICAV
Valuation point	13:00 (LUX time)
Base currency	USD
Share class currency	USD
Sedol	BHZK9G2
ISIN	LU1011993638
Bloomberg	AFMEX2A LX
Citicode	FG5K
Reuters	LP68246818
Valoren	23592358

## Risk and reward profile

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# Key risks

- (a) The value of investments and the income from them can fall and investors may get back less than the amount invested.
- (b) The fund invests in securities which are subject to the risk that the issuer may default on interest or capital payments.

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### Management process

- The Fund is actively managed.
- The Fund does not aim to outperform any benchmark and there is no benchmark used as a reference for portfolio construction.
- The NEXGEM Index (USD) is used as a basis for setting risk constraints. The Investment Manager seeks to reduce the risk of significant changes in the value of the Fund compared to the Index.
   The potential change in value of the Fund (as measured by expected volatility) is not ordinarily expected to exceed 150% of the potential change in value of the Index over the longer term.
- abrdn integrate environmental, social and governance (ESG) considerations within the investment process. Details of the Fixed Income ESG Integration Approach are published at www.abrdn.com under "Sustainable Investing".

## **Top Ten Holdings**

Zambia (Govt of) 8.97% 2027	4,6
Mozambique International 5% 2031	4,0
Angolan (Govt of) 8.25% 2028	3,8
Cameroon (Govt of) 5.95% 2032	3,2
Domanican Republic (Govt of) 12.75% 2029	3,1
Iraq (Govt of) 5.8% 2028	3,1
Gabon (Govt of) 6.625% 2031	3,0
Ghana (Govt of) 8.125% 2032	2,9
El Salvador (Govt of) International 7.65% 2035	2,7
Uzbekistan (Govt of) 14% 2024	2,4
Assets in top ten holdings	32,8

## Credit rating (%)

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BBB	3,3 ■
ВВ	9,8
В	50,1
B or below	34,3
N/R	2,6 ■

#### Country (%)

Nigeria	9,9
Ghana	6,4
Kenya	6,4
Zambia	5,4 💻
Angola	5,1 🔳
El Salvador	<b>4,7</b> ■
Gabon	4,3 ■
Mozambique	3,9 ■
Other	52,8
Cash	1,2 ▮

## Composition by asset (%)

Government	84,0
Financials	5,8 ■
Quasi Sovereign	3,7 ■
Telecommunication Services	3,1 ■
Energy	2,0 ■
Materials	0,5
Other	-0,3
Cash	1,2 I

## Currency (%)

USD	75,3
EUR	10,5
DOP	3,2 ■
UZS	2,4 ■
ZMW	2,3 ■
UGX	2,1 •
JMD	2,0 ▮
LKR	1,1 1
KZT	1,0 ι
UAH	0,1

Source : abrdn 30/11/2023

Figures may not always sum to 100 due to rounding.

- (c) 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.
- (d) The fund invests in emerging market equities and / or bonds. Investing in emerging markets involves a greater risk of loss than investing in more developed markets due to, among other factors, greater political, tax, economic, foreign exchange, liquidity and regulatory risks.
- (e) The fund invests in high yielding bonds which carry a greater risk of default than those with lower yields.
- (f) The fund invests in mortgage and assetbacked 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.
- (g) 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.

#### Risk stats

Alpha <sup>^</sup>	2,68
Benchmark Volatility (SD) <sup>^</sup>	13,23
Beta <sup>^</sup>	0,87
Fund Volatility (SD) <sup>^</sup>	12,00
Information Ratio <sup>^</sup>	0,73
R-Squared <sup>^</sup>	0,92
Sharpe Ratio <sup>^</sup>	0,19
Tracking Error <sup>^</sup>	3,80
Effective duration (years)	3,76

Source : abrdn. ^ Three year annualised.

#### Derivative usage

- The Fund may use investment techniques (including Derivatives) to seek to protect and enhance the value of the Fund and to manage the Fund's risks. Derivatives, such as futures, options and swaps, are linked to the rise and fall of other assets. In other words, they 'derive' their price from another asset. They can generate returns when share prices and/or indices fall.

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. This Fund concerns the acquisition of units or shares in a fund, and not in a given underlying asset such as a building or shares of a company.

<sup>1</sup>Yield to Maturity as at 30/11/2023 is the yield that would be realised on a bond or other debt instrument if the security was held until the maturity date.

<sup>2</sup>These are the maximum charges that we might take out of your money before it is invested. In some cases, the charges may be less and you should speak to your financial advisor about this.

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