

# abrdn SICAV II - Total Return Credit Fund

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31 December 2023

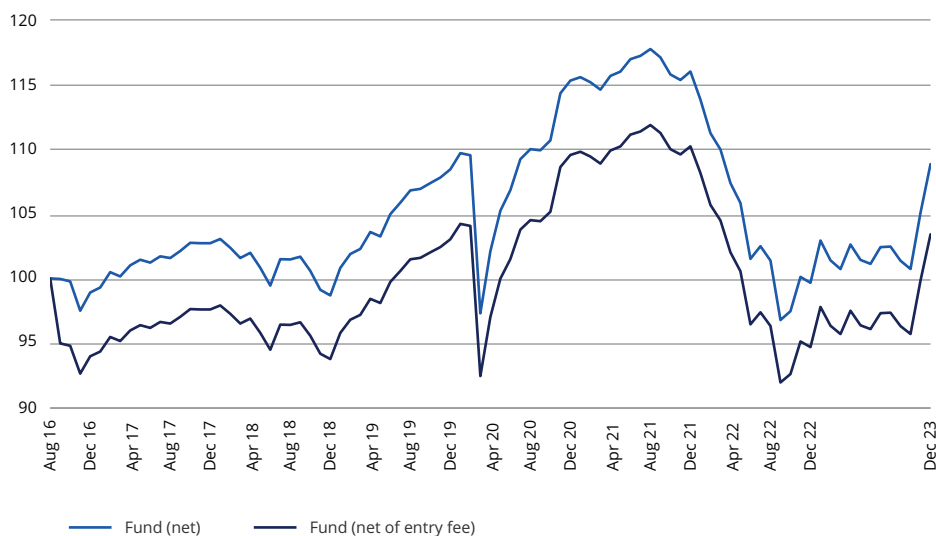
## Objective

The Fund aims to provide a combination of income and growth by investing in debt and debt-related securities that are listed or traded anywhere in the world (including in Emerging Markets).

## Portfolio securities

- The Fund will invest in debt and debt-related securities, including government and corporate bonds, asset backed securities, sub-investment grade bonds and inflation-linked bonds.
- The Fund may also invest in other transferable securities, floating rate notes (FRNs), money market instruments, deposits, cash and near cash, derivatives and collective investment schemes.
- The Fund will not invest more than 20% in asset backed securities.
- Bonds will be of any credit quality. Up to 100% of the Fund may be invested in sub-investment grade bonds.
- Investment in corporate bonds will follow the abrdn "Total Return Credit Promoting ESG Investment Approach" (the "Investment Approach"), which is published at [www.abrdn.com](http://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, Controversial Weapons, Tobacco Manufacturing and Thermal Coal.
- 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.
- Financial derivative instruments, money-market instruments and cash may not adhere to this approach.

## 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 (net) (%)	3,59	7,65	9,71	9,71	-1,77	2,08	n/a
Fund (net of entry fee) (%)	-1,61	2,23	3,74	3,74	-3,58	0,94	n/a

## Discrete annual returns - year to 31/12

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Fund (net) (%)	9,71	-14,14	0,62	6,37	9,95	-3,95	3,81	n/a	n/a	n/a
Fund (net of entry fee) (%)	3,74	-18,41	-4,41	1,02	4,43	-8,74	-1,32	n/a	n/a	n/a

Performance Data: Share Class D Inc Hedged EUR

Source: abrdn. Basis: Total Return, NAV to NAV, net of annual charges, gross income reinvested, (EUR).

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 performance target / performance comparator / 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. This Base Currency Exposure shareclass does not have a benchmark with the equivalent level of currency hedging to the shareclass. Please see the factsheet of the primary shareclass for the performance relative to benchmark.

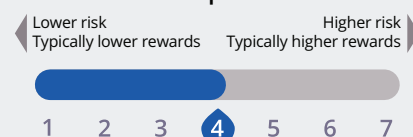
**Past performance does not predict future returns.**



## Key facts

Fund manager(s)	Mark Munro
Fund managers start date	24 September 2014
Fund launch date	24 September 2014
Share class launch date	11 August 2016
Management company	abrdn Investments Luxembourg S.A.
Fund size	USD 47,6m
Number of holdings	106
Yield to maturity exc derivatives <sup>1</sup>	8.45%
Distribution frequency	Monthly
Entry charge (up to) <sup>2</sup>	5,00%
Annual management charge	0,40%
Ongoing charge figure <sup>3</sup>	0,52%
Minimum initial investment	USD 1.000.000
Fund type	SICAV
Valuation point	13:00 (LUX time)
Base currency	USD
Share class currency	EUR
Sedol	BD3H859
ISIN	LU1458495436
Bloomberg	SLTRCDE LX
Citicode	C03U
Valoren	33450810
WKN	A2APMQ
Domicile	Luxembourg

## Risk and reward profile



This indicator reflects the volatility of the fund's share price. See the relevant UCITS Key Investor Information Document (KIID) or PRIIPs Key Information Document (KID) for details

## Key risks

- The value of investments and the income from them can fall and investors may get back less than the amount invested.
- 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.

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Management process

- The Fund is actively managed without reference to a benchmark.
- Through the application of the Investment Approach, the Fund targets a lower carbon intensity than the following comparable investment universe: 50% Bloomberg Global High Yield Corporate Index, 30% Bloomberg Global Aggregate Corporates Total Return Index and 20% JP Morgan CEMBI Broad Diversified Index
- No minimum in Sustainable Investments.
- 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 portfolio's traditional assets are complemented with an allocation to a range of strategies based on advanced derivative techniques with the aim of reducing volatility and generating additional returns. As such, the Fund may have exposure to non-bond market risks and performance may deviate from bonds over short and medium-term periods.
- The Fund will seek to reduce the risk of losses and the expected change (as measured by annual volatility) in the value of the Fund is not ordinarily expected to exceed 8% over the longer term.

Top Ten Holdings

Intu New money notes 11% 2023	2,2
Workspace Groups 2.25% 2028	1,7
Lloyds Banking Group 2.707% 2035	1,7
Taurs 2021-De3 D FRN 2030	1,5
Time Warner Cable 7.3% 2038	1,5
180 Medical 3.875% 2029	1,5
Encore Capital 5.375% 2026	1,5
Nota Do Tesouro Nacional 10% 2033	1,4
South Africa (Govt of) 8.875% 2035	1,4
Barclays 6.375% Perp	1,4
Assets in top ten holdings	15,8

Source : abrdn 31/12/2023  
Figures may not always sum to 100 due to rounding.

- (d) 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.
- (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 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.
- (g) 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.
- (h) Convertible securities are investments that can be changed into another form upon certain triggers. As such, they can exhibit credit, equity and fixed interest risk. Contingent convertible securities (CoCos) are similar to convertible securities but have additional triggers which mean that they are more vulnerable to losses and volatile price movements and hence become less liquid.
- (i) 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.

Risk stats

Fund Volatility (SD)^	6,31
Sharpe Ratio^	-0,15
Effective duration (years)	4,00

Source : abrdn. ^ Three year annualised.

### **Derivative usage**

- The Fund will use derivatives extensively to reduce risk or cost, or to generate additional capital or income and/or to meet its investment objective. Derivatives may provide market exposures to assets different to those in which the fund is primarily invested or which cannot be achieved via conventional assets alone. Usage of derivatives is monitored to ensure that the fund is not exposed to excessive or unintended risks.
- Derivative positions used for hedging or risk mitigation purposes will not ordinarily be expected to adhere to the Investment Approach.
- Where the Fund uses derivatives to take active investment positions, the underlying assets will be evaluated to establish alignment with the approach. The total exposure via derivatives to entities not aligned with the approach will be limited to 3% in aggregate of the Fund's NAV.

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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 31/12/2023 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.

<sup>3</sup>The Ongoing Charge Figure (OCF) is the overall cost shown as a percentage of the value of the assets of the fund. It is made up of the Annual Management Charge (AMC) of 0.40% and other charges. It does not include any initial charges or the cost of buying and selling stocks for the fund. The Ongoing Charges figure can help you compare the annual operating expenses of different funds. There are other applicable costs. The other operating charges figure (OOC) is the total expenses paid by each share class, against its average net asset value. This includes the annual management charge, the other operating expenses and any synthetic element to incorporate the ongoing charges of any underlying qualifying investments. The OOC can fluctuate as underlying costs change. Where underlying costs have changed, the OOC disclosed in the Fund offering Documents will be updated to reflect current changes.

Hedged share classes aim to reduce the effect of exchange rate movements between the Fund base currency and the currency of the share class. 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.

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