

# abrdn SICAV I - US Dollar Credit Sustainable Bond Fund

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## Objective

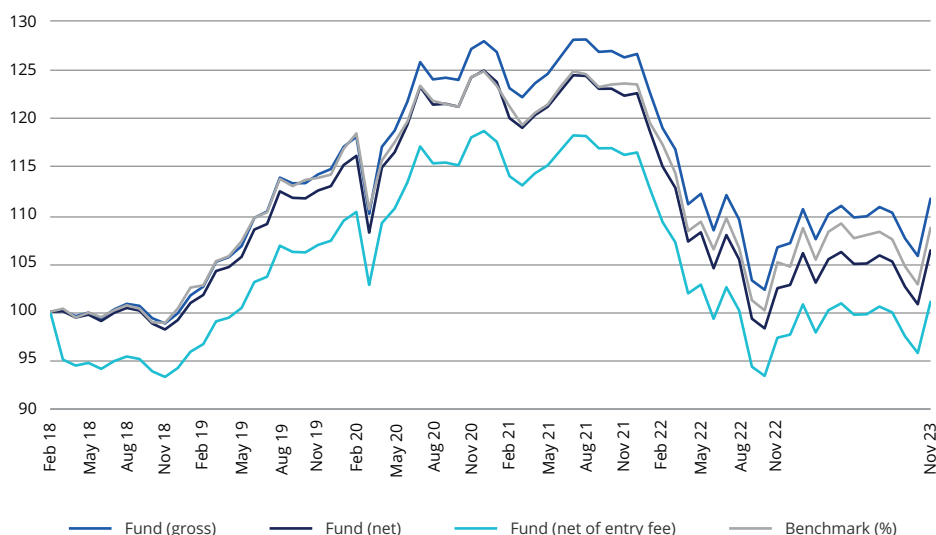
The Fund aims to achieve a combination of income and growth by investing in bonds (which are like loans that can pay a fixed or variable interest rate) issued by companies and priced in USD, which adhere to the abrdn "US Dollar Credit Sustainable Investment Approach" (the "Investment Approach").

The Fund aims to outperform the Bloomberg US Credit Index (USD) before charges.

## Portfolio securities

- The Fund invests at least 90% in USD bonds issued by corporations and governments anywhere in the world, including sub-sovereigns, inflation linked, convertible, asset backed and mortgage backed bonds.
- The Fund invests at least two-thirds in USD bonds issued by companies (including government-owned).
- Bonds will typically have investment grade ratings. Up to 10% of the Fund may be invested in Sub-Investment Grade bonds.
- Investment in bonds will follow the Investment Approach.
- 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.
- Further detail of this overall process is captured within the Investment Approach, which is published at [www.abrdn.com](http://www.abrdn.com) under "Fund Centre".
- 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 (gross) (%)	5,60	1,77	4,29	4,70	-4,24	2,48	n/a
Fund (net) (%)	5,53	1,33	3,47	3,81	-5,04	1,62	n/a
Fund (net of entry fee) (%)	0,25	-3,73	-1,70	-1,38	-6,65	0,58	n/a
Benchmark (%)	5,68	0,99	3,83	3,38	-4,38	1,91	n/a

## Discrete annual returns - year to 30/11

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Fund (gross) (%)	4,70	-15,54	-0,69	11,35	15,60	-2,91	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Fund (net) (%)	3,81	-16,25	-1,52	10,41	14,63	-1,64	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Fund (net of entry fee) (%)	-1,38	-20,44	-6,44	4,89	8,90	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Benchmark (%)	3,38	-14,96	-0,55	9,17	15,18	-2,79	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

Performance Data: Share Class A Sinc USD

Benchmark history: Benchmark - Bloomberg US Credit (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.

Net of Entry Fee is Fund Net after taking into account the maximum initial charge and costs incurred at fund level. The customer level accruing costs (e.g. custody account fees or brokerage fees) and the front-end load are not taken into account and, if included, the performance shown would be lower.

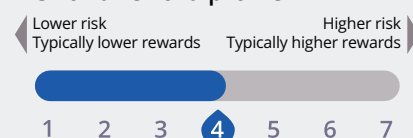
Past performance does not predict future returns.



## Key facts

Fund manager(s)	William Hines
Fund managers start date	01 June 2019
Fund launch date	08 December 2017
Share class launch date	23 February 2018
Management company	abrdn Investments Luxembourg S.A.
Fund size	USD 72,3m
Number of holdings	202
Benchmark	Bloomberg US Credit (USD)
Yield to maturity exc derivatives <sup>1</sup>	5.87%
Distribution frequency	Semi-Annual
Entry charge (up to) <sup>2</sup>	5,00%
Annual management charge	0,80%
Ongoing charge figure <sup>3</sup>	0,96%
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	BDFG810
ISIN	LU1646952637
Bloomberg	AGUCASU LX
Citicode	OQQX
Reuters	LP68468287
Valoren	39832789
WKN	A2JBMV
Domicile	Luxembourg

## Risk and reward profile



This indicator reflects the volatility of the fund's share price over the last five years. See the relevant UCITS Key Investor Information Document (KIID) or PRIIP Key Information Document 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.
- Through the application of the Investment Approach, the Fund has an expected minimum of 15% in Sustainable Investments. It also targets an ESG rating that is equal to or better, and a meaningfully lower carbon intensity, than the benchmark.
- 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 active nature of the management process, the Fund's performance profile may deviate significantly from that of the benchmark over the longer term.

Top Ten Holdings

Royalty Pharma 1.2% 2025	1,6
Daimler Trucks Finan Na 5.15% 2026	1,5
Phillips 66 3.55% 2026	1,5
ABN Amro Bank 6.339% 2027	1,1
Mitsubishi UFJ Fin Grp 0.953% 2025	1,1
John Deere Capital 5.15% 2028	1,1
Wells Fargo 4.54% 2026	1,0
Equinix 1.45% 2026	1,0
Bank of America 0.00% 2025	1,0
Celanese US Holdings LLC 6.35% 2028	1,0
Assets in top ten holdings	11,9

Country (%)

United States of America	73,9
United Kingdom	4,5
Canada	4,1
Germany	3,1
France	2,8
Netherlands	1,8
Japan	1,6
Switzerland	1,4
Other	5,8
Cash	1,1

Source : abrdn 30/11/2023  
Figures may not always sum to 100 due to rounding.

Sector (%)

Financials	32,1
Health Care	12,3
Consumer Discretionary	8,7
Utilities	7,5
Industrials	5,6
Information Technology	5,4
Energy	5,1
Capital Goods	4,6
Other	17,5
Cash	1,1

Credit rating (%)

AAA	0,5
AA	4,4
A	41,5
BBB	52,5
N/R	1,1

- (d) 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.
- (e) 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.
- (f) 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

Alpha^	0,56
Benchmark Volatility (SD)^	7,79
Beta^	1,07
Fund Volatility (SD)^	8,32
Information Ratio^	0,22
R-Squared^	1,00
Sharpe Ratio^	-0,57
Tracking Error^	0,76
Effective duration (years)	6,75

Source : abrdn. ^ Three year annualised.

Derivative usage

- The Fund will routinely 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 incl derivatives 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.

<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 0.80% 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.

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