# abrdn SICAV I - Frontier Markets 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, 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



Fund (net)
 Fund (net of entry fee)

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) (%)	3,73	16,45	6,71	25,31	1,55	2,81	n/a	
Fund (net of entry fee) (%)	3,73	16,45	6,71	25,31	1,55	2,81	n/a	
Discrete annual returns - year to 31/3								

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Fund (net) (%)	25,31	-11,09	-6,01	20,52	-8,99	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Fund (net of entry fee) (%)	25,31	-11,09	-6,01	20,52	-8,99	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

Performance Data: Share Class I Acc Hedged EUR

Source: Lipper. 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 (Nety" 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. 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.

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.

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# Key facts

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Fund manager(s)	Global Emerging Market Debt Team
Fund launch date	25 September 2013
Share class launch date	30 January 2019
Management company	abrdn Investments Luxembourg S.A.
Fund size	USD 418,5m
Number of holdings	87
Yield to maturity exc derivatives <sup>1</sup>	10.88%
Entry charge (up to) <sup>2</sup>	0,00%
Annual management charge	1,00%
Ongoing charge figure <sup>3</sup>	1,12%
Minimum initial investment	USD 1.000.000 or currency equivalent
Fund type	SICAV
Valuation point	13:00 (LUX time)
Base currency	USD
Share class currency	EUR
Sedol	BDFY5G8
ISIN	LU1919971157
Bloomberg	AFMIAHE LX
Citicode	PY7O
Reuters	LP68531989
Valoren	45875326
WKN	A2PA8S
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

- (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.
- (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.

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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**

# Credit rating (%)

Zambia (Govt of) 8.97% 2027	4,5
Egypt (Govt of) 8.875% 2050	4,2
Mozambique International 5% 2031	4,1
Iraq (Govt of) 5.8% 2028	3,5
Gabon (Govt of) 6.625% 2031	3,1
El Salvador (Govt of) International 7.65% 2035	3,1
Cameroon (Govt of) 5.95% 2032	3,0
Ghana (Govt of) 8.125% 2032	2,8
Egypt (Govt of) 0% 2024	2,7
Domanican Republic (Govt of) 12.75% 2029	2,5
Assets in top ten holdings	33,5

N/R	2,9 🗖
C or below	12,8
сс	1,1 🛛
ссс	2,6 🗖
В	39,0
BB	11,0
BBB	7,0

# Country (%)

Egypt	7,5 📩
Kenya	7,1
Ghana	6,4
Nigeria	6,4 📖
Zambia	6,1 🔳
Angola	5,5 🔳
El Salvador	5,2 🔳
United Kingdom	4,2 🔳
Other	49,8
Cash	1,7 🔳

# Composition by asset (%)

Government	83,8
Financials	7,3 🗖
Quasi Sovereign	2,7
Telecommunication Services	2,6
Energy	1,3 I
Materials	0,4
Other	0,1
Cash	1,7 🛛

# Currency (%)

USD	70,6
EUR	8,0 💻
LKR	1,0 1
PYG	0,9 1
UAH	0,1
DOP	3,3 🔳
EGP	2,9 🔳
KZT	2,9 🔳
NGN	2,3 🛛
KES	2,1 🛛
UZS	2,1 🛛
UGX	2,0 🛛
ZMW	1,8 🛛

Source : abrdn 31/03/2024

Figures may not always sum to 100 due to rounding.

- (d) Emerging markets are countries
- generally considered to be relatively less developed or industrialized, and investments in emerging markets countries are subject to a magnification of the risks that apply to foreign investments. These risks are greater for securities of companies in emerging market countries because the countries may have less stable governments, more volatile currencies and less established markets.
- (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^	3,34
Benchmark Volatility (SD)^	13,17
Beta^	0,87
Fund Volatility (SD)^	12,00
Information Ratio <sup>^</sup>	0,89
R-Squared <sup>^</sup>	0,92
Sharpe Ratio <sup>^</sup>	0,34
Tracking Error <sup>^</sup>	3,79
Effective duration (years)	3,62

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. A summary of investor rights can be found in English on our website - www.abrdn.com/corporate/legal. To help you understand this fund and for a full explanation of risks and the overall risk profile of this fund and the shareclasses within it, please refer to the Key Investor Information Documents available in the local language, and Prospectus available in English, which are available on our website www.abrdn.com. The Prospectus also contains a glossary of key terms used in this document. The Fund Management company may terminate arrangements for marketing the fund under the Cross-border Distribution Directive denotification process.

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 31/03/2024 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 1.00% 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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