Aberdeen Standard SICAV III - Emerging Market Debt Sustainable and Responsible Investment Fund

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Objective

The Fund aims to provide long-term total return by investing in emerging market government bonds, which follow the Investment Manager's Sustainable and Responsible Emerging Market Government Bond Investment Approach.

The Fund aims to outperform the JP Morgan EMBI Global Diversified Index (USD) benchmark before charges.

Portfolio securities

- The Fund invests at least 90% of its NAV in Emerging Market investment grade and sub-investment grade government bonds including supranational, government-backed, government owned and index-linked bonds (public bonds).
- The Fund invests at least 70% of its NAV in bonds issued in USD.
- The Sub-Fund's portfolio will typically be hedged back to the Base Currency.
- Investment in bond and bond-related securities will follow abrdn's "Sustainable and Responsible Emerging Market Government Bond Investment Approach", which is published at www.abrdn.com under "Responsible Investing".
- Financial derivative instruments are exempt from 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) (%)	3.32	2.40	-5.80	-5.17	-1.42	n/a	n/a
Benchmark (%)	0.44	-0.08	-8.15	-7.04	-2.33	n/a	n/a

Discrete annual returns - year to 31/8

	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
Fund (net) (%)	-5.17	7.14	-5.71	n/a						
Benchmark (%)	-7.04	5.97	-5.40	n/a						

Performance Data: Share Class D Acc EUR

Benchmark history: Benchmark – JP Morgan EMBI Global Diversified (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 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	08 April 2019
Share class launch date	15 April 2019
Management company	Aberdeen Standard Investments Luxembourg S.A.
Fund size	USD 9.2m
Number of holdings	51
Benchmark	JP Morgan EMBI Global Diversified (EUR)
Yield to maturity exc derivatives	6.24%
Entry charge (up to) ¹	5.00%
Annual management charge	0.65%
Ongoing charge figure ²	0.89%
Minimum initial investment	USD 1,000,000
Fund type	SICAV
Valuation point	13:00 (LUX time)
Base currency	USD
Share class currency	EUR
Sedol	BHND5J8
ISIN	LU1971931156
Bloomberg	SEDDAEU LX
Citicode	Q710
Valoren	47256891
Domicile	Luxembourg

Risk and reward profile

Lower	risk ally lowe	r rewar	ds Typ	Higher risk Typically higher rewards			
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	

This indicator reflects the volatility of the fund's share price over the last five years. See Key Investor Information Document (KIID) 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.
- (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.

Management process

- The Fund is actively managed.
- The Fund's investment approach incorporates Environmental, Social, Governance and Political (ESGP) factors when looking at sovereign issuers. ESGP filtering excludes countries falling below a threshold for a number of indicators under the Governance and Political pillars. We may also exclude a sovereign issuer based on other criteria, including corruption, human rights issues or labour practices. In addition to the filters, we conduct a Direction of Travel assessment. This allows us to override the filter-based exclusion if we believe ESGP weaknesses are being addressed. As such, the fund can invest in bonds issued by excluded countries under frameworks approved by an independent party. Exposure to such countries is limited to 20% of the portfolio.
- The benchmark is used as a reference point for portfolio construction, as a basis for setting risk constraints and doesn't have any sustainability specific factors.
- 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 and sustainable 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

Qatar (Govt of) 3.75% 2030	7.0
Mongolia (Govt of) 8.75% 2024	5.0
Senegal (Govt of) 4.75% 2028	3.1
Mexican (Govt of) 4.5% 2029	2.8
Malaysia Wakala Sukuk 0.000001% 2031	2.6
Oman (Govt of) 7.375% 2032	2.6
Dubai DOF Sukuk 5% 2029	2.6
Indonesia (Govt of) 4.55% 2026	2.5
Pertamina Persero 6% 2042	2.4
Oman (Govt of) 4.875% 2030	2.4
Assets in top ten holdings	33.0

Source: abrdn 31/08/2022

Figures may not always sum to 100 due to rounding.

Country (%)

Qatar	6.4
Mexico	6.2
Dominican Republic	5.0
Oman	4.6 ■
Mongolia	4.5 ■
Indonesia	4.5 ■
Uzbekistan	3.8 ■
Chile	3.8 ■
Other	53.2
Cash	8.0

- (e) The fund invests in high yielding bonds which carry a greater risk of default than those with lower yields.
- (f) 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.
- (g) Applying ESG and sustainability criteria in the investment process may result in the exclusion of securities within the funds 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

Effective duration (years)

6.71

Source : abrdn. ^ Three year annualised.

Derivative usage

- 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.

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¹These 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.

²The 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 0.65% 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.

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