# abrdn SICAV I - Global Corporate Sustainable **Bond Fund**



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### I Acc Hedged GBP

## 30 September 2023

### Objective

The Fund aims to achieve a combination of income and growth by investing in corporate bonds (loans to companies) issued worldwide including Emerging Market countries which adhere to the abrdn "Global Corporate Sustainable Bond Investment Approach" (the "Investment Approach"). The Fund aims to outperform the Bloomberg Global Aggregate Corporate Bond (hedged to USD) Index before charges.

### Portfolio securities

- The Fund invests at least 90% in 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 80% in investment grade corporate bonds issued anywhere in the world.
- The Fund may invest up to 20% in sub-investment grade bonds.
- Non-Dollar denominated bonds will typically be hedged back to US Dollars.
- 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
- 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 under "Fund Centre".
- . This approach is expected to reduce the investment universe by a minimum of 15%.
- 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) (%)	-1,79	-1,45	0,53	3,29	-5,33	n/a	n/a
Benchmark (%)	-1,97	-2,00	0,72	3,48	-4,64	n/a	n/a

## Discrete annual returns - year to 30/9

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Fund (net) (%)	3,29	-18,94	1,33	2,02	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Benchmark (%)	3,48	-17,56	1,65	4,98	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

Performance Data: Share I Acc Hedged GBP
Benchmark history: Benchmark – Bloomberg Global Aggregate Corporate Bond (Hedged to GBP) Source: Lipper. Basis: Total Return, NAV to NAV, net of annual charges, gross Income reinvested, (GBP). 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 IG and		
	Aggregate Team		
Fund launch date	24 June 2020		
Share class launch date	24 June 2020		
Management company	abrdn Investments Luxembourg S.A.		
Fund size	USD 131,8m		
Number of holdings	415		
Benchmark	Bloomberg Global Aggregate Corporate Bond (Hedged to GBP)		
Yield to maturity exc derivatives¹	6.18%		
Entry charge (up to) <sup>2</sup>	0,00%		
Annual management charge	0,50%		
Ongoing charge figure <sup>3</sup>	0,62%		
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	GBP		
Sedol	BMFHRL9		
ISIN	LU2177011470		
Bloomberg	ABSRIGH LX		
Citicode	R37S		
Reuters	LP68608254		
Valoren	54865150		
WKN	A2P4ZJ		

## 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.
- 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 Fund's risk constraints, its performance profile is not ordinarily expected to deviate significantly from that of the benchmark over the longer term.

## **Top Ten Holdings**

Bank of America 2.592% 2031	1,1
Societe Generale 1.792% 2027	0,8
Bank of America 2.651% 2032	0,7
Morgan Stanley 4.431% 2030	0,7
At & T 5.4% 2034	0,6
Penske Truck Leasing 1.2% 2025	0,6
Suzano Austria Gmbh 6% 2029	0,6
Haleon Us Capital 3.625% 2032	0,6
Bank of America 4.827% 2026	0,6
Moodys 4.25% 2029	0,6
Assets in top ten holdings	6,9

## Sector (%)

Financials	34,3
Utilities	9,8
Consumer Discretionary	9,7
Telecommunication Services	6,8
Health Care	6,4
Information Technology	6,3
Materials	5,8
Industrials	5,4
Other	14,7
Cash	0,8 ▮

## Country (%)

United States of America	51,8
United Kingdom	12,1
France	7,1 🚾
Germany	5,0 🖿
Switzerland	3,0 ■
Netherlands	2,6 ■
Canada	2,5 ■
Australia	1,9 ■
Other	13,2
Cash	0,8 I

Source : abrdn 30/09/2023

Figures may not always sum to 100 due to rounding.

### Sector (70)

### Credit rating (%)

AAA	0,6 ו
AA	3,4 ■
A	37,4
BBB	55,6
ВВ	1,9 ■
N/R	1,2 I

- (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 high yielding bonds which carry a greater risk of default than those with lower yields.
- (e) 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.
- (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 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.
- (h) 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

Beta <sup>^</sup>	1,06
Fund Volatility <sup>^</sup>	7,19
Index Volatility <sup>^</sup>	6,77
Information Ratio <sup>^</sup>	-0,43
R-Squared <sup>^</sup>	0,99
Sharpe Ratio <sup>^</sup>	-0,73
Tracking Error <sup>^</sup>	0,69
Effective duration (years)	5,86

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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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 30/09/2023 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 0.50% 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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