This document is issued by the discretionary investment management area of abrdn, which has a separate legal entity, abrdn Capital Limited.

Investment objective
The aim of the Fund is to increase the value of an investment over a minimum of 5 years through a combination of capital growth – which is profit on investments held, and income received by the Fund – which is money paid out of investments, such as dividends from shares and interest from bonds. The Fund also aims to deliver, over any rolling 5 year period, an average of inflation plus 1.5% per annum.

Investment strategy
The Investment Manager seeks returns by investing in companies that are focused on driving and improving ESG change and are also well positioned to grow profit and overall company value.

Assessing ESG performance
- The Fund will seek validation of its ESG credentials using an independent ESG ratings agency to assess the portfolio’s overall ESG score.
- The Fund currently uses MSCI for this assessment and a “high” ESG score should be considered as AA or AAA. MSCI methodology can be found in the useful details section (page 3).

Responsible investing framework
Ethical screening is used to avoid investing in companies that generate more than a defined percentage of revenue from certain activities including, but not limited to:
- Tobacco, Gambling services, Armaments (military weapons, equipment and civilian firearms) – maximum of 5% of revenue.
- Pornography – maximum of 3% of revenue.
- Predatory lending, Cluster munitions and landmines – 0% of revenue.
- Coal, unconventional oil or gas extraction (eg tar sands and shale), or coal power generation – maximum of 5% of revenue.

Performance
The performance of the fund has been calculated using bid to bid basis, based on an Annual Management Charge (AMC) of 0.5%, gross income re-invested. The Comparative Index performance is on a Total Return basis. Source: Morningstar (Fund) and Thomson Reuters DataStream (Performance target and comparator).

*MSCI company ratings are provided to enable comparisons with investments held elsewhere in a standardised format. We conduct our own proprietary research which may lead us to have a view different to that expressed by the MSCI score.

Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future results. The price of shares and the income from them may go down as well as up and cannot be guaranteed; an investor may receive back less than their original investment.

*OCF as at 30/06/2023.

Rated as at 30/06/2023*

Key facts

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<th>Fund Manager(s)</th>
<th>Ben Ward</th>
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Risk and reward profile

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

Securities within the portfolio are not all denominated in sterling.

The investment manager seeks to hedge currency risk for fixed income, but does not generally hedge non-sterling equity exposure.
**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 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.

(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.

(e) The fund invests in equity and equity related securities. These are sensitive to variations in the stock markets which can be volatile and change substantially in short periods of time.

(f) The fund invests in high yielding bonds which carry a greater risk of default than those with lower yields.

(g) 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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**Top ten holdings**

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**Assets in top ten holdings** 18.0
Voting and Engagement in the quarter

abrdn believes that better corporate behaviour will provide better returns over the longer term. We aim to enhance and preserve the value of our clients’ investments through active and engaged ownership of their assets. We consider a broad range of factors that might affect the success of a given company.

We vote on all shareholdings, seeking to represent our clients’ best interests in the decisions we make on their behalfs. Because we believe that strong business ethics and governance will generate positive outcomes, we encourage best-practice standards in our investee companies.

Meetings by meeting type (%)

- Annual: 84.7%
- Special: 7.1%
- Extraordinary Shareholders: 4.1%
- Annual/Special: 3.4%
- Court: 0.3%
- Ordinary Shareholders: 0.2%
- Bondholder: 0.1%
- Proxy Contest: 0.1%

Voting alignment with management

- 14% against
- 86% for

Engagements by sector

- 17.1% Industrials
- 10.1% Information Technology
- 9.8% Real Estate
- 8.2% Health Care
- 6.2% Consumer Staples
- 15.1% Financials
- 9.0% Consumer Discretionary
- 9.6% Materials
- 5.1% Utilities
- 4.4% Communication Services
- 5.6% Energy

Market Commentary

- We are nearing the end of the interest rate hiking cycle. Our expectation is that the Bank of England will continue to raise rates in upcoming meetings but that market expectations of reaching above 6.0% may be too high. In the US we believe the Fed is closer to peak rates. The most likely outcome of monetary policy is a mild recession in developed markets by 2024.

- Risk of earnings downgrades due to macroeconomic conditions will likely drive share prices in the near term although recent strength in the tech sector shows the potential for structural trends to outweigh short-term uncertainty. Fixed income looks increasingly attractive.

- Preference for quality defensive over cyclically exposed equities. Within fixed income we see value in higher quality corporate bonds, while government bonds look increasingly attractive as a ‘safe haven’ asset.

- Our quality, sustainable growth approach maintains our focus on companies underpinned by long-term structural growth themes. We seek to identify businesses that will benefit from shifting trends while avoiding those where change will be detrimental. Experience has taught us that companies that have strong balance sheets and can create value by generating cash flow exceeding their operational requirements tend to generate stronger and more sustainable returns. They are also usually better positioned to reinvest in their businesses and distribute earnings to shareholders. We believe these types of companies merit long-term positions in portfolios regardless of shorter-term sentiment.
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