

# abrdn UK Sustainable Equity Fund

## SDR Consumer Facing Disclosure

20 February 2025



### Sustainability Disclosure Requirements (SDR) and labelling regime

Sustainable investment labels help investors find products that have a specific sustainability goal. This fund applies all required criteria to make use of the 'Sustainability Focus' investment label. A fund with this label invests mainly in assets that focus on sustainability for people or the planet.

### Information

<b>Manager name</b>	abrdn Fund Managers Limited
<b>Legal entity identifier</b>	549300QTWUY8C2TQBM83

### Sustainability goal

To generate growth over the long term (5 years or more) by investing in UK equities (company shares) that manage adverse environmental impacts and promote societal welfare in one or more of the four thematic areas of – climate change, the environment, labour management, and human rights & stakeholders, through their business operations OR their products and services.

To align with this sustainability objective companies must demonstrate they are positively addressing one or more of the thematic areas, assessed against either the:

(i) revenue derived from or investment budget directed to, products and services that contribute to one or more of the following thematic areas:

- climate change – through renewable energy, or sustainable real estate and infrastructure development; or
- environment – through circular economy practices, sustainable

- food & agriculture, or access to water & sanitation; or
- labour management – through educational and employment initiatives; or
- human rights & stakeholders – through health and social care, or financial inclusion; or

(ii) sustainability of business operations in accordance with the abrdn Operational Sustainability Score. This score takes into account a variety of data inputs related to the four thematic areas of climate change, environment, labour management, and human rights & stakeholders to identify companies that are addressing adverse environmental impacts and promoting societal welfare.

Applying sustainability criteria in the investment process may result in the exclusion of securities within the fund's universe of potential investments and therefore may have a bearing on the fund's return profile.

### Sustainability approach

#### Sustainable characteristics

- At least 70% of the fund's investments will be in Companies with Sustainable Products or Operationally Sustainable Companies and therefore align with the sustainability objective.
- The fund may invest up to 20% in companies that do not align with the sustainability objective provided they do not conflict with it, meaning (i) they pass the exclusionary screening criteria and (ii) their business operations, as assessed by the abrdn Operational Sustainability Score meet the minimum threshold of 40 out of 100. These companies are held with the aim of supporting portfolio diversification and financial return.
- To complement this, we also utilise our active stewardship and engagement activities. Further details can be found in the Prospectus.
- The fund may also invest in other funds (including those managed by abrdn), money-market instruments, cash and derivatives for liquidity and cash flow management purposes. These assets may not adhere to the fund's sustainability objective but will not conflict with the sustainability objective of the fund and pass the exclusionary screening criteria.

#### Companies with sustainable products

- To be assessed as a Company with Sustainable Products at least (i) 20% of the revenues derived from their products or services, or (ii) 20% of their investment budget, must positively contribute to one of the thematic areas of either climate change, the environment, labour management, or human rights and stakeholders.
- abrdn has determined the 20% revenue or investment budget thresholds outlined above to be an absolute measure of sustainability based both on in-depth internal research and alignment to the United Nation's Sustainability Development Goals ("SDGs"). The SDGs are the blueprint to achieve a better and more sustainable future for all. They address the global challenges that the world faces, including those related to poverty, inequality, climate, environmental degradation, prosperity, and peace and justice.
- The theme outcome categorisation of Companies with Sustainable Products is based on the nature of the products and services associated with the revenue or investment budget, and link to the SDGs their contributions align to addressing.

#### Operationally Sustainable Companies

- To be assessed as an Operationally Sustainable Company the company's business operations, as assessed by the abrdn Operational Sustainability Score, must meet the minimum threshold of 60 out of 100.
- The abrdn Operational Sustainability Score is a proprietary scoring system used to assess environmental and social performance of companies' operations. The score is calculated by combining a variety of data inputs within a proprietary framework, where environmental and social factors are weighted according to how relevant they are for each sector. The approach is informed by the Sustainability Accounting Standards Board (SASB) Standards and subject matter experts within the Investments Sustainability Group.
- It is considered that a score of 60 or above on the abrdn Operational Sustainability Score is reflective of companies that effectively manage and address adverse environmental impacts and promote societal welfare and therefore meet the standard for sustainable operations. Within the scoring framework environmental and social factors are grouped into the four thematic areas of climate change, environment, labour management, and human rights & stakeholders.



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### Minimum thresholds

- abrdn applies a set of company exclusionary screens which are related to UN Global Compact, State Owned Enterprises, Weapons, Tobacco, Gambling, Thermal Coal, Oil & Gas and Electricity Generation. If a company is caught by any of these exclusions, it will not be held by the fund.
- It is considered that a score below 40 on the abrdn Operational Sustainability Score is reflective of companies carrying notable environmental and/or social risk without an appropriate approach to addressing these risks. These would therefore be considered in conflict with the sustainability objective and would not be eligible investments.
- More detail on the abrdn Sustainable Equity Investment Approach, including sustainability and exclusionary screening criteria, can be found in the Prospectus.

### Divestment approach

Disinvestment from companies is required if:

- they become in breach of any of the negative screens; or
- they have abrdn Operational Sustainability Score of less than 40; or
- less than 70% of the net asset value is invested in companies that align with the Sustainability Objective; or
- more than 20% of the net asset value is invested in companies with an abrdn Operational Sustainability Score of 40 or above but that do not align with the Sustainability Objective.

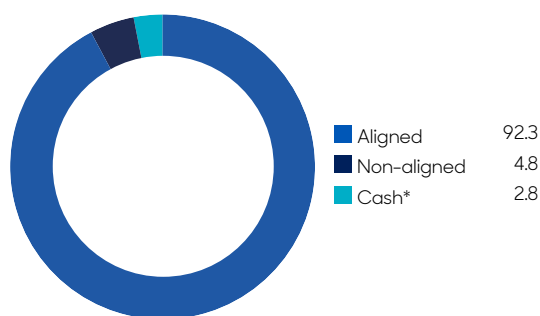
Should the review of a security result in it being deemed non-compliant, the intention would be to exit as soon as is practicably possible, but generally never longer than 3 months, allowing for market conditions.

## Sustainability metrics

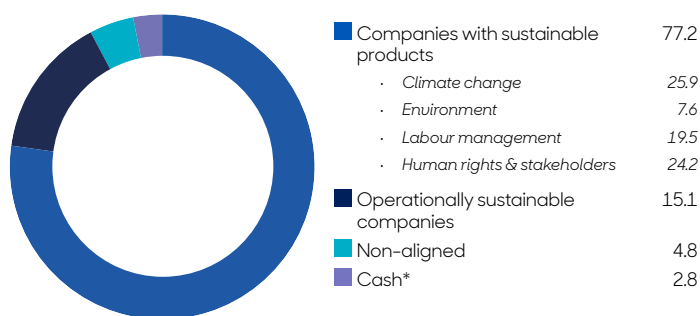
The fund's Sustainable Equity Investment Approach criteria assess companies against the fund's sustainability objective. The below charts represent the proportion of the fund's assets that are aligned and not aligned to this objective. It further breaks down fund by:

- the thematic focus areas for products and services;
- the aggregate weight that is specifically meeting the standard through business operations; and
- the aggregate weight in companies that do not currently meet either standard but do not conflict with the objective.

### Sustainability objective alignment (%)



### Sustainability alignment breakdown (%)



\*Cash includes assets that can be turned into cash quickly.

Source: abrdn. The data shown within the metrics is accurate as at 31/01/2025. Figures may not always sum to 100 due to rounding.

## Further details

For more information on the Sustainability disclosure and labelling regime, please see:

<https://www.fca.org.uk/consumers/sustainable-investment-labels-greenwashing>

The value of investments can go down as well as up, and you could get back less than the amount originally invested. Past performance is not a guide to future returns and future returns are not guaranteed.

To help you understand this fund, including costs and charges, 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 and Prospectus which are available on our website ([abrdn funds](#)) along with copies of the annual and semi-annual reports. The Prospectus also contains a glossary of key terms used in this document.

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