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BlackRock Sustainable American Income Trust plc

January 2024

Key risk factors

Capital at risk. The value of investments and the income from them can fall as well as rise and are not guaranteed. Investors may not get back the amount originally invested.

The Company invests in a large portion of assets that are denominated in currencies other than sterling; hence changes in the relevant exchange rate will affect the value of the investment.

The Company can use derivatives, predominantly covered call options for investment purposes which may negatively affect the overall value of the Company.

Investors in this Company should understand that capital growth is not the main priority and values may fluctuate and the level of income may vary from time to time and is not guaranteed.

The Company may from time to time utilise gearing. A fuller definition of gearing is given in the glossary.

The information contained in this release was correct as at 31 January 2024. Information on the Company's up to date net asset values can be found on the London Stock Exchange website at: **https://www.londonstockexchange.com/exchange/news/market-news/market-news-home.html**

Company objective

The Company's investment objective is to provide an attractive level of income together with capital appreciation over the long term in a manner consistent with the principles of sustainable investing adopted by the Company.

Fund information (as at 31/01/24)	
Net asset value - capital only:	208.42p
Net asset value - cum income:	209.18p
Share price:	186.50p
Discount to cum income NAV:	10.8%
Net yield:[1]	4.3%
Total assets including current year revenue:	£165.7m
Net gearing:	0.4%
Ordinary shares in issue:[2]	79,208,241
Ongoing charges:[3]	1.03%

The figures shown relate to past performance. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of current or future results and should not be the sole factor of consideration when selecting a product or strategy.

[1] Based on four quarterly dividends of 2.00p per share declared on 22 March 2023, 11 May 2023, 3 August 2023 and 2 November 2023 for the year ended 31 October 2023 and based on the share price as at close of business on 31 January 2024.
[2] Excluding 21,153,064 ordinary shares held in treasury.
[3] The Company's ongoing charges calculated as a percentage of average daily net assets and using the management fee and all other operating expenses excluding finance costs, direct transaction costs, custody transaction charges, VAT recovered, taxation and certain non-recurring items for the year ended 31 October 2023.

Comments from the Portfolio Managers

Please note that the commentary below includes historic information on the Company's NAV performance data and index and share price performance.

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For the one-month period ended 31 January 2024, the Company's NAV increased by 0.8% and the share price fell by 1.8% (all in sterling). The Company's reference index, the Russell 1000 Value Index, returned +0.2% for the period.[1]

The largest contributor to relative performance stemmed from stock selection in industrials; specifically selection decisions in electrical equipment boosted relative performance. Selection decisions in communication services also boosted relative performance, with investment decisions in diversified telecom proving beneficial. Other modest contributors during the period at the sector level included selection decisions in both information technology and consumer discretionary.

The largest detractor from relative performance stemmed from stock selection in consumer staples; notably at the industry level stock selection in consumer staples distribution and retail was costly to relative performance. Selection decisions in energy detracted from relative performance, specifically in oil, gas and consumables. Other modest detractors during the period included stock selection in health care at the sector level and life sciences tools and services at the industry level.

Transactions
During the month, the portfolio's largest purchases included Westinghouse Air Brake Technologies, PG&E and Sensata Tech. The portfolio exited its position in Transunion, First American Financial and Mattel.

Positioning
As of the period end, the Company's largest overweight positions relative to the reference index were in the consumer discretionary, health care and financials sectors. The Company's largest underweight positions relative to the reference index were in the industrials, real estate and utilities sectors.

Source: Unless otherwise stated all data is sourced from BlackRock as at 31 January 2024.

Source: [1] Datastream as at 31 January 2024.

Risk: Reference to the names of each company mentioned in this communication is merely for explaining the investment strategy, and should not be construed as investment advice or investment recommendation of those companies.

Any opinions or forecasts represent an assessment of the market environment at a specific time and is not intended to be a forecast of future events or a guarantee of future results. This information should not be relied upon by the reader as research, investment advice or a recommendation.

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Annual performance to the last quarter end (as at 31 December 2023)

	31/12/22 31/12/23 %	31/12/21 31/12/22 %	31/12/20 31/12/21 %	31/12/19 31/12/20 %	31/12/18 31/12/19 %
Net asset value	4.1	2.9	24.0	-0.8	20.7
Share price	2.3	-0.8	27.8	-8.6	23.9
Reference index[1]	5.2	4.1	26.3	-0.4	21.7

Performance statistics source: BlackRock, Datastream.

[1] The Company's reference index is the Russell 1000 Value Index.

Cumulative performance (as at 31/01/24)

Sterling	1M%	3M%	6M%	1Y%	3Y%	5Y%
Net asset value	0.8	9.2	4.0	0.6	35.9	55.2
Share price	-1.8	8.3	-0.2	-3.1	29.1	37.0
Reference index[1]	0.2	8.3	3.6	2.6	40.5	61.0

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[1] The Company's reference index is the Russell 1000 Value Index.

Index performance returns do not reflect any management fees, transaction costs or expenses. Indices are unmanaged and one cannot invest directly in an index.

The above Net Asset Value (NAV) performance statistics are based on a NAV including income with any dividends reinvested on the ex-dividend date, net of ongoing charges and any applicable performance fee. Share price performance figures are calculated on a mid market basis in sterling terms with income reinvested on the ex-dividend date. The performance of the Company's portfolio, or NAV performance, is not the same as share price performance and shareholders may not realise returns which are the same as NAV performance.

A fuller definition of ongoing charges, which includes the annual management fee, is given in the glossary. Details of the management fee are given in the key company details section. The Company does not have a performance fee.

Performance statistics source: BlackRock, Datastream.

The latest performance data can be found on the BlackRock website at blackrock.com/uk/brsa.

Sector allocations (as at 31/01/24)	% of total assets
Financials	20.1
Health Care	18.1
Information Technology	13.2
Consumer Discretionary	10.7
Industrials	9.6
Energy	7.7
Consumer Staples	6.8
Communication Services	5.0
Materials	4.1
Utilities	3.3
Real Estate	1.7
Net Current Liabilities	-0.3
Total	**100.0**

Allocations are as at the date shown and do not necessarily represent current or future portfolio holdings.

Country allocations (as at 31/01/24)	% of total assets
United States	89.5
United Kingdom	4.1
France	2.2
Australia	1.7
Switzerland	1.0
Japan	0.9
Canada	0.9
Net Current Liabilities	–0.3
Total	**100.0**

Allocations are as of date shown and do not necessarily represent current or future portfolio holdings.

Ten largest investments (as at 31/01/2024)	Country of risk	% total assets
Citigroup	United States	3.3
Verizon Communications	United States	3.1
Cisco Systems	United States	2.8
American International	United States	2.8
Kraft Heinz	United States	2.7
Willis Towers Watson	United States	2.6
Shell	United Kingdom	2.6
Sony	United States	2.6
Cardinal Health	United States	2.5
Baxter International	United States	2.3

Holdings are as at the date shown and do not necessarily represent current or future portfolio holdings. This information should not be relied upon by the reader as research, investment advice or a recommendation.

Risk: The specific companies identified and described opposite do not represent all of the companies purchased or sold, and no assumptions should be made that the companies identified and discussed were or will be profitable. This should not be construed as investment advice or investment recommendation of those companies.

A full disclosure of portfolio investments for the Company as at 31 December 2023 has been made available on the Company's website at the link given below: https://www.blackrock.com/uk/individual/literature/policies/blackrock-sustainable-american-portfolio-disclosure.pdf

Key company details

Fund characteristics:	
Launch date	24 October 2012
Dealing currencies	Sterling
Association of Investment Companies (AIC) sector	North America
Reference Index	Russell 1000 Value Index
Traded	London Stock Exchange
Management:	
Alternative Investment Fund Manager (with effect from 2 July 2014)	BlackRock Fund Managers Limited
Portfolio managers	Tony DeSpirito, David Zhao and Lisa Yang
Annual Management fee	0.70% per annum of the Company's net assets (the annual management fee forms part of the ongoing charges as disclosed in the Fund Information section)

Financial calendar:	
Year end	31 October
Results announced	June (half yearly) January (final)
Annual General Meeting	March
Dividends paid	(Quarterly) April/July/October/January

Fund codes:	
ISIN	GB00B7W0XJ61
Sedol	B7W0XJ6
Bloomberg	BRSA LN
Reuters	BRSA.L
Ticker	BRSA/LON

NMPI status

The Company currently conducts its affairs so that its securities can be recommended by Independent Financial Advisers to ordinary retail investors in accordance with the Financial Conduct Authority's (FCA) rules in relation to Non-Mainstream Pooled Investments (NMPI) and intends to continue to do so for the foreseeable future. The securities are excluded from the FCA's restrictions which apply to non-mainstream pooled investments because they are shares in an investment trust.

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GLOSSARY OF TERMS

DELTA
Delta is one of four major risk measures used by option traders and investors. Delta measures the sensitivity of the option price to changes in the price of the underlying asset (i.e. stock). For example, if a stock option has a delta value of 0.80, this means that if the underlying stock increases in price by $1 per share, the option on it will rise in value by $0.80, all else being equal.

BlackRock Sustainable American Income Trust plc portfolio invests in stocks and also utilises an option overwriting strategy (i.e. writing and selling covered call options) to enhance the portfolio's income. Therefore, the delta of the portfolio (stocks and options securities combined) measures the portfolio's price sensitivity to changes in the price of the portfolio's underlying equity securities, all else being equal.

DISCOUNT/PREMIUM
Investment trust shares frequently trade at a discount or premium to the NAV. This occurs when the share price is less than (a discount) or more than (a premium) to the NAV. The discount or premium is the difference between the share price (based on mid-market share prices) and the NAV, expressed as a percentage of the NAV.

Discounts and premiums are mainly the consequence of supply and demand for the shares on the stock market.

GEARING
Investment companies can borrow to purchase additional investments. This is called 'gearing'. It allows investment companies to take advantage of a long-term view on a sector or to take advantage of a favourable situation or a particularly attractive stock without having to sell existing investments.

Gearing works by magnifying the company's performance. If a company 'gears up' and then markets rise and the returns on the investments outstrip the costs of borrowing, the overall returns to investors will be even greater. But if markets fall and the performance of the assets in the portfolio is poor, then losses suffered by the investor will also be magnified.

NET YIELD
The net yield is calculated using total dividends declared in the last 12 months (as at date of this factsheet) as a percentage of the month end share price.

NAV (Net Asset Value)
A company's undiluted NAV is its available shareholders' funds divided by the number of shares in issue (excluding treasury shares), before making any adjustment for any potentially dilutive securities which the Company may have in issue, such as subscription shares, convertible bonds or treasury shares. A diluted NAV is calculated on the assumption that holders of any convertibles have converted, subscription shares have been exercised and treasury shares are re-issued at the mid-market price, to the extent that the NAV per share is higher than the price of each of these shares or securities and that they are 'in the money'. The aim is to ensure that shareholders have a full understanding of the potential impact on the Company's NAV if these instruments had been exercised on a particular date.

ONGOING CHARGES RATIO
Ongoing charges (%) =

$$\frac{\text{Annualised ongoing charges}}{\text{Average undiluted net asset value in the period}}$$

Ongoing charges are those expenses of a type which are likely to recur in the foreseeable future, whether charged to capital or revenue, and which relate to the operation of the investment company as a collective fund, excluding the costs of acquisition/disposal of investments, financing charges and gains/losses arising on investments. Ongoing charges are based on costs incurred in the year as being the best estimate of future costs and include the annual management fee.

OPTIONS
An option is a contract that offers the buyer the right, but not the obligation, to buy (call) or sell (put) a security or other financial asset at an agreed-upon price (the strike price) during a certain period of time or on a specific date (exercise date) for a fee (the premium). The sale of call or put options on stocks that are believed to be overpriced or underpriced, based on the assumption that the options will not be exercised, is referred to as an 'options overwriting' strategy. The seller of the option collects a premium but if the option subsequently expires without being exercised, there will be no down side for the seller. However, if the stock rises above the exercise price the holder of the option is likely to exercise the option and this strategy can reduce returns in a rising market.

The Company may write options to generate income and for efficient portfolio management. Risk is mitigated by ensuring that any call options are covered (meaning that call options are only written in respect of stocks already owned within the Company's portfolio such that, if the options are exercised, the Company does not need to purchase stock externally at fluctuating market prices to meet its obligations under the options contract). Any use of derivatives for efficient portfolio management and options for investment purposes will be made on the basis of the same principles of risk spreading and diversification that apply to the Company's direct investments.

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Risk Warnings

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Past performance is not a reliable indicator of current or future results and should not be the sole factor of consideration when selecting a product or strategy.

Changes in the rates of exchange between currencies may cause the value of investments to diminish or increase. Fluctuation may be particularly marked in the case of a higher volatility fund and the value of an investment may fall suddenly and substantially. Levels and basis of taxation may change from time to time.

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Trust specific risks

Exchange rate risk. The return of your investment may increase or decrease as a result of currency fluctuations.

Risk to capital through derivative use. The fund may use derivatives to aim to generate more income. This may reduce the potential for capital growth.

Capital Growth/Income variation. Investors in this Fund should understand that capital growth is not a priority and values may fluctuate and the level of income may vary from time to time and is not guaranteed.

Derivative Risk. The Fund uses derivatives as part of its investment strategy. Compared to a fund which only invests in traditional instruments such as stocks and bonds, derivatives are potentially subject to a higher level of risk.

Gearing Risk. Investment strategies, such as borrowing, used by the Trust can result in even larger losses suffered when the value of the underlying investments fall.

Counterparty Risk. The insolvency of any institutions providing services such as safekeeping of assets or acting as counterparty to derivatives or other instruments, may expose the Fund to financial loss.

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