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# **AXA Carbon Transition Sterling Buy and Maintain Credit Fund**

A Sub-Fund of AXA Fixed Interest Investment ICVC

Share class: AXA Carbon Transition Sterling Buy and Maintain Credit Fund Z (G) Accumulation GBP (ISIN: GB00B7VXY261) This Sub-Fund is managed by AXA Investment Managers UK Limited, part of the AXA IM Group

## **Objectives and Investment Policy**

#### **Investment Objective**

The aim of the Fund is to: (i) generate an income and capital return (net of fees) over the long term (being a period of five years or more) in line with the sterling denominated investment grade corporate bond market, as represented by the ICE BofA Sterling Non-Gilts Index (the Index); and (ii) contribute to the global transition to net zero by investing in issuers which demonstrate a clear and credible commitment to achieving net zero carbon priseigns by 2050 or are decreasing their carbon emissions intensity to contribute to the global transition to net zero by investing in issuers which demonstrate a clear and credible commitment to achieving net zero carbon emissions by 2050 or are decreasing their carbon emissions intensity to achieve net zero emissions by 2050. The fund manager will seek to keep the weighted average carbon intensity (WACI)[1] of the Fund lower than its Emissions Benchmark. The Fund's Emissions Benchmark has been calculated by the fund manager to ensure that the Fund's investments are on a trajectory to reach net zero carbon emissions by 2050[2]. The initial value of the Emissions Benchmark is calculated as a 30% reduction of the WACI of the ICE BofA Sterling Non-Gilt index (the "Index") as of 31st December 2021. Thereafter, the Emissions benchmark will be reduced by 7% year on year[3]. For more detail on how the WACI is calculated, please refer to the "Responsible Investment" section of the Fund's prospectus. [1] The Weighted Average Carbon Intensity (WACI) of a fund or index is used to show the fund's or the index's exposure to companies' carbon emissions. For the index, this exposure is calculated by summing each holding's Scope 1 and 2 carbon emissions intensity (measured in tons of carbon dioxide emissions per USD 1 million of their revenue) multiplied by its weight in the index. For the fund, the carbon emissions intensity is calculated by summing each holding's carbon emissions intensity is calculated by its weight as a fraction of the total holdings of the fund.

[2] The Emissions Benchmark is not a benchmark or an index in the typical sense (i.e. it is not tracking the performance of a particular group of assets), but is being used as a marker (calculated relative to the ICE BofA Sterling Non-Gilt index).

[3] These percentage targets are in line with the minimum standards for reduction of carbon emissions intensity set by EU climate transition benchmarks (which is a 30 per cent reduction initially, followed by a 7 per cent reduction year on year thereafter). Further, the ACD has chosen the ICE BofA Sterling Non-Gilt index for the purposes of calculating the Emissions Benchmark as this short-dated global corporate bonds index is the closest aligned with investment strategy of the Fund.

#### **Investment Policy**

The Fund seeks to achieve its investment objective by investing: (i) at least 70% of its Net Asset Value in sterling-denominated investment grade corporate bonds (meaning bonds with a credit rating of at least BBB- by Standard & Poor or equivalent rating by Moody's or Fitch or, if unrated, an equivalent rating as deemed by the fund manager) but may also invest in non-sterling denominated investment grade corporate bonds hedged back equivalent rating as deemed by the fund manager) but may also invest in non-sterling denominated investment grade corporate bonds hedged back into sterling. Investment will be made globally, largely in more developed markets, but may also be made in emerging markets; and (ii) at least 70% of its Gross Asset Value in companies which are categorised by the fund manager as either Committed to Align (being companies which have communicated long term goals consistent with achieving global net zero by 2050); Aligning (being companies which have communicated quantified and credible net zero targets); or Aligned to a net zero carbon economy (being companies which are on track to meeting their quantified and credible net zero targets). To assess which category a company falls into, the fund manager will evaluate, through quantitative and qualitative methods, a company's targets and timeframes to align to Net Zero or its commitment to align with the goal of Net Zero emissions by 2050, as well as, among other things, a company's decarbonization strategy, supportive actions, expenditure, governance and performance in relation to the same. The Fund is managed in a way that seeks to limit turnover and therefore avoids unnecessary trading costs. The fund manager also focuses on avoiding downgrades and defaults through its analysis and selection of issuers and bonds and, by diversifying the Fund's portfolio across different corporate sectors, it aims to mitigate the risks associated with any particular sector. The Fund may invest no more than 30% of its Gross Asset Value outside of its sustainability objective in other transferable securities, cash, deposits and money market instruments for liquidity and/or for the purpose of pursuing its financial objective. Any investments falling in this category (save cash) will be screened using our exclusion policies (described below). No

investments falling in this category will conflict with the Fund's sustainability objective. The Fund may use derivatives for Efficient Portfolio Management. Use may be made of borrowing, cash holdings, hedging and other investment techniques permitted in the applicable FCA rules. When defining the Fund's investment universe, the fund manager will seek to exclude companies which it considers present excessive degrees of environmental, social and governance ("ESG") risk, by applying (i) AXA IM's sector specific investment guidelines[4], which exclude investment in soft commodity derivatives or guidelines[4], which exclude investment in soft commodity derivatives or exposure to certain companies based on their involvement in specific sectors (such as tobacco production, ecosystem protection and deforestation, controversial weapons and climate risks) and (ii) applying the AXA Investment Managers' ESG Standards policy[5], which excludes investment in companies based on: (a) manufacture of white phosphorus weapons; certain criteria relating to human rights and anti-corruption as well as other ESG factors, (b) companies which cause, contribute, or are linked to violations of international pages and standards in a material manner or which are involved. companies which cause, contribute, or are linked to violations of international norms and standards in a material manner or which are involved in incidents and/or events that pose a severe business or reputational risk to the relevant company due to the impact of its involvement on stakeholders or the environment and (c) companies with the lowest ESG score. The fund manager will not invest in companies which are not aligned to Net Zero. The fund manager may invest in companies which have insufficient data to show their net zero alignment where, based on available data, there is not a conflict with the sustainability objective. When selecting issuers in accordance with the objectives, the fund manager will also analyse macroeconomic factors as well as issuers' fundamentals, quality of management and relative value.

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Where the fund manager deems that a company no longer meets the criteria set out in the investment policy, and after unsatisfactory engagement or escalation, the fund manager will divest from such company as soon as practicable, considering the best interests of the Fund's investors and in line with the fund manager's best execution policy.

The fund manager will calculate the Fund's WACI and verify whether it is below the Emissions Benchmark on a monthly basis. If for any reason, the Fund has a higher WACI than the Emissions Benchmark, the fund manager will aim to bring the Fund's WACI back below the Emissions Benchmark as soon as practicable having regard to the best interests of the Fund's investors.

The Fund is actively managed in reference to the Index, which may be used by investors to compare the Fund's financial performance. The Fund seeks to have a WACI that is lower than the Emissions Benchmark, which the fund manager deems an appropriate target by reason of its alignment with internationally recognised climate targets.

[4] All sector specific policies are accessible via the following link: Our Policies and Reports | AXA IM UK (<a href="https://www.axa-im.co.uk/responsible-investing/policies">https://www.axa-im.co.uk/responsible-investing/policies</a>) or available on request.

[5] AXA IM's Responsible Investment policy is accessible via the following link: Our Policies and Reports | AXA IM UK (<a href="https://www.axa-im.co.uk/responsible-investing/policies">https://www.axa-im.co.uk/responsible-investing/policies</a>) or available on request

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Income from investments in the Fund will be rolled up into the value of your shares if you hold accumulation shares.

## **Fund Currency**

The reference currency of the Fund is Sterling.

#### **Investment Horizon**

This Fund may not be suitable for investors who plan to withdraw their contribution within five years.

## **Processing of subscription and redemption orders**

Your orders to buy, sell or transfer shares in the Fund, must be received by the Administrator by 12 noon on any working day to receive that day's Fund price. Also this Fund has another Valuation Point on the last business day of each month and therefore an additional dealing cut off at 4.30pm on that day only. Please note that if your order is placed by an intermediary or Financial Adviser, they may require extra processing time.

The Net Asset Value of this Fund is calculated on a daily basis.

Minimum investment level: £2,000,000 Minimum subsequent investment: £100,000

## **Risk and Reward Profile**

Lower Risk Higher risk Potentially lower reward Potentially higher reward 2 3 4 5 1 6 7

The risk category is calculated using historical performance data and may not be a reliable indicator of the Fund's future risk profile.

The risk category shown is not guaranteed and may shift over time.

The lowest category does not mean risk free.

Why is this Fund in this category?

The capital of the Sub-Fund is not guaranteed. The Sub-Fund is invested in financial markets and uses techniques and instruments which are subject to some levels of variation, which may result in gains or losses.

#### Additional Risks (risks materially relevant to the fund which are not adequately captured by the indicator)

Counterparty Risk: failure by any counterparty to a transaction (e.g. derivatives and securities lending) with the Fund to meet its obligations may adversely affect the value of the Fund. The Fund may receive assets from the counterparty to protect against any such adverse effect but there is a risk that the value of such assets at the time of the failure would be insufficient to cover the loss to the Fund.

Derivatives: derivatives can be more volatile than the underlying asset and may result in greater fluctuations to the Fund's value. In the case of derivatives

not traded on an exchange they may be subject to additional counterparty and liquidity risk.

Interest Rate Risk: fluctuations in interest rates will change the value of bonds, impacting the value of the Fund. Generally, when interest rates rise, the value of the bonds fall and vice versa. The valuation of bonds will also change according to market perceptions of future movements in interest rates.

Liquidity Risk: some investments may trade infrequently and in small volumes. As a result the fund manager may not be able to sell at a preferred time or volume or at a price close to the last quoted valuation. The fund manager may be forced to sell a number of such investments as a result of

a large redemption of shares in the Fund. Depending on market conditions, this could lead to a significant drop in the Fund's value and in extreme circumstances lead the Fund to be unable to meet its redemptions.

Credit Risk: the risk that an issuer of bonds will default on its obligations to pay income or repay capital, resulting in a decrease in Fund value. The value of a bond (and, subsequently, the Fund) is also affected by changes in market perceptions of the risk of future default. Investment grade issuers are regarded as less likely to default than issuers of high yield bonds.

Further explanation of the risks associated with an investment in this Fund can be found in the prospectus.

## **Charges**

The charges you pay are used to pay the cost of running the Fund, including the costs of marketing and distributing it. These charges reduce the potential growth of your investment.

#### One-off charges taken before or after you invest

Ongoing Charges	0.15%
Charges taken from the fund over a year	
This is the maximum that might be taken out of your money before it is invested.	
Exit charge	none
Entry charge	none

Charges taken from the fund under certain specific conditions

The entry and exit charges shown are maximum figures. In some cases, you might pay less - you can find this out from your Financial Adviser.

The ongoing charges figure is based on expenses for the previous twelve month period. This figure may vary from year to year. It excludes:

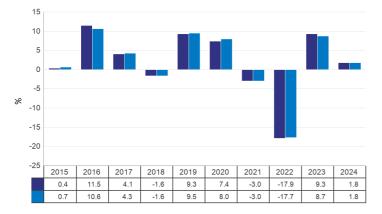
- Performance fees
- Portfolio transaction costs, except in the case of an entry/exit charge paid by the Fund when buying or selling units in another collective investment undertaking.

For more information about charges, please refer to AXA IM website: <a href="https://www.axa-im.co.uk/important-information/fund-charges-and-costs">https://www.axa-im.co.uk/important-information/fund-charges-and-costs</a> as well as the Fees and Expenses section of the prospectus which is available at <a href="https://funds.axa-im.com">https://funds.axa-im.com</a>.

#### **Past Performance**

Performance fee

- AXA Carbon Transition Sterling Buy and Maintain Credit Fund Z
  (G)
  Accumulation GBP (ISIN : GB00B7VXY261)
- ICE BofA Sterling Non-Gilts Index



Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future results.

Past performance is shown after the deduction of ongoing charges. Any entry/exit fees are excluded from the calculation.

The Sub-Fund was launched on 17/09/2012 and the share class in 2012. Past performance has been calculated in Sterling and is expressed as a percentage change of the Fund's Net Asset Value at each year end. The Fund's constraint benchmark is ICE BofA Sterling Non-Gilts Index.

As of 07/08/2019, the constraint benchmark of the Fund is the ICE BofAML Sterling Non-Gilt index.

### **Practical Information**

## Depositary:

HSBC Bank Plc Registered Office 8 Canada Square London, E14 5HQ

## **Further information:**

More detailed information on this Fund, such as the prospectus as well as the latest annual and semi-annual report, can be obtained free of charge from the Fund's Management Company, the Administrator, the Fund's distributors, online at <a href="https://www.axa-im.co.uk">https://www.axa-im.co.uk</a>, or by calling 0345 777 F511. These decuments are available in Fadish

5511. These documents are available in English. More share classes are available for this Sub-Fund. For more details about other share classes, please refer to the prospectus, which is available at <a href="https://funds.axa-im.com/">https://funds.axa-im.com/</a>.

Details of the up to date remuneration policy of the Management Company are published online at <a href="https://www.axa-im.com/important-information/remuneration-policy.">www.axa-im.com/important-information/remuneration-policy.</a> This includes the description of how remuneration and benefits are awarded for employees, and information on the remuneration committee. The Management Company provides a paper copy free of charge upon request. A glossary of some of the terms used in this document can be found online at <a href="https://retail.axa-im.co.uk/glossary">https://retail.axa-im.co.uk/glossary</a>

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Each Sub-Fund corresponds to a distinct part of the assets and liabilities of the UCITS. As a consequence, the assets of each Sub-Fund are segregated from the assets of the other Sub-Funds and exclusively available to satisfy the rights of investors in relation to that Sub-Fund and the right of creditors

whose claims have arisen in connection with the creation, the operation or the liquidation of that Sub-Fund.

## **Net Asset Value Publication:**

The Net Asset Value per share is available at <a href="https://www.axa-im.co.uk">https://www.axa-im.co.uk</a> and at the registered office of the Fund's Management Company.

#### Tax Legislation:

The Fund is subject to the tax laws and regulations of the United Kingdom. Depending on your own country of residence this might have an impact on your investments. For further details, you should consult a tax adviser.

## Liability Statement:

AXA Investment Managers UK Limited may be held liable solely on the basis of any statement contained in this document that is misleading, inaccurate or inconsistent with the relevant parts of the prospectus for the Fund.

#### **Switching between Funds:**

Shareholders may apply for their shares to be converted into shares of another Fund, provided that the conditions for accessing the target share class are fulfilled. Investment would be at the Net Asset Value of the target fund, calculated at the applicable Valuation Point following receipt of the conversion request.

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The redemption and subscription costs connected with the conversion may be charged to the shareholder as indicated in the prospectus.

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