

# ASI Global Sustainable and Responsible Investment Equity Fund

Class I Acc GBP



30 September 2021

## Objective

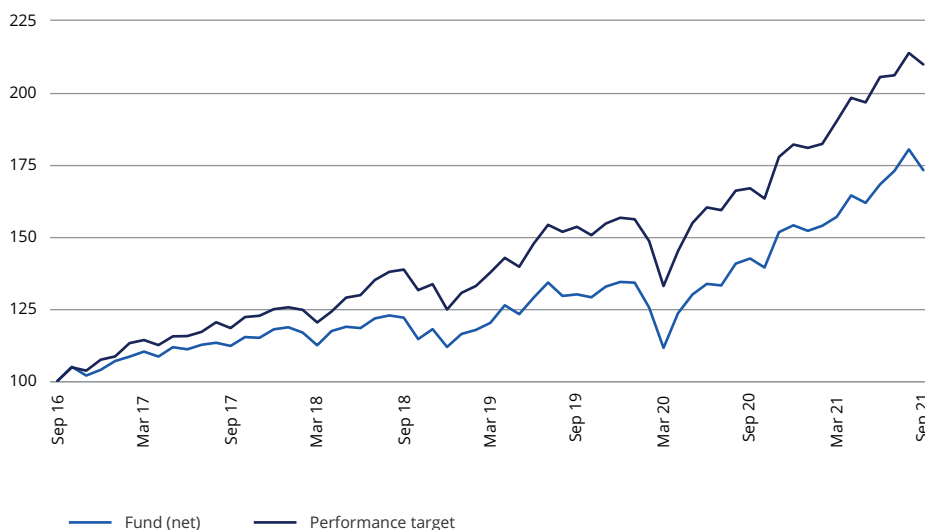
To generate growth over the long term (5 years or more) by investing in global equities (company shares) which adhere to the ASI Sustainable and Responsible Investment Equity Approach.

**Performance Target:** To achieve the return of the MSCI AC World Index plus 3% per annum over rolling three year periods (before charges). The Performance Target is the level of performance that the management team hopes to achieve for the fund. There is however no certainty or promise that they will achieve the Performance Target. The ACD believes this is an appropriate target for the fund based on the investment policy of the fund and the constituents of the index.

## Portfolio securities

- The fund will invest at least 70% in equities and equity related securities of companies listed on global stock exchanges.
- The fund may also invest in other funds (including those managed by Aberdeen Standard Investments), money-market instruments and cash.
- All equity and equity related securities will adhere to the ASI Sustainable and Responsible Investment Equity Approach available on [www.aberdeenstandard.com](http://www.aberdeenstandard.com) under "Responsible Investing".
- The ASI Sustainable and Responsible Investment Equity Approach applies the investment manager's equity investment process, where companies invested in are given an overall quality rating, a component of which is the ESG Quality Rating which enables management teams to identify sustainable leaders and improvers. Leaders are viewed as companies with the best in class ESG credentials or products and services which address global environmental and societal challenges, whilst improvers are typically companies with average governance, ESG management practices and disclosure with potential for improvement.
- An ASI ESG House Score is also used to identify and exclude companies exposed to the highest ESG risks within high and medium risk sectors.
- In addition a set of company exclusions are applied relating to the principles of the UN Global Compact, tobacco manufacturing, thermal coal, gambling, oil & gas and weapons.

## Performance



## Cumulative and annualised performance

	1 month	6 months	Year to date	1 year	3 years (p.a.)	5 years (p.a.)
Fund (net) (%)	-4.00	10.34	12.44	21.53	12.37	11.59
Performance target (%)	-1.85	10.35	15.27	25.75	14.81	15.98

## Discrete annual returns - year to 30/9

	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
Fund (net) (%)	21.53	9.55	6.61	8.73	12.18
Performance target (%)	25.75	8.71	10.71	17.16	18.36

Performance Data: Share Class I Acc.

Benchmark history: Performance comparator/Portfolio constraining benchmark – MSCI AC World from 31/05/2019. FTSE World from 21/05/1999 to 30/05/2019

Source: Lipper. Basis: Total Return, NAV to NAV, UK Net Income Reinvested.

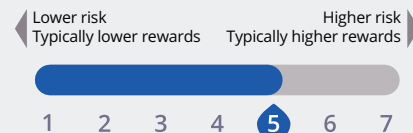
"Fund (Net)" refers to the actual unit price performance of the shareclass shown; "Fund(Gross)" adds back charges such as the annual management charge to present performance on the same basis as the performance target / performance comparator / portfolio constraining benchmark. These figures do not include the initial charge; if this is paid it will reduce performance from that shown.

**Past performance is not a guide to future returns and future returns are not guaranteed.**

## Key facts

Fund manager(s)	Ella-Kara Brown, Joanna McIntyre & Sarah Norris
Fund launch date	01 May 1999
Share class launch date	01 May 1999
Authorised corporate director (ACD)	Aberdeen Standard Fund Managers Limited
Fund size	£178.3m
Number of holdings	38
Performance target	MSCI AC World +3.00%
Performance comparator/ Portfolio constraining benchmark	MSCI AC World
Fund historic yield <sup>1</sup>	0.00%
Entry charge (up to) <sup>2</sup>	0.00%
Annual management charge	0.75%
Ongoing charge figure <sup>3</sup>	0.87%
Minimum initial investment	GBP 1,000,000
Fund type	OEIC
Valuation point	12:00 (UK time)
Base currency	GBP
Sedol	0683393
ISIN	GB0006833932
Bloomberg	MUREWCA LN
Citicode	MJ42
Reuters	LP60010600
Domicile	United Kingdom

## 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.

## Key risks

- The value of investments and the income from them can fall and investors may get back less than the amount invested.
- 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.
- 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.

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Management process

- The management team use their discretion (active management) to maintain a diverse asset mix at country, sector and stock level.
- Engagement with external company management teams is part of the investment process and ongoing stewardship programme which evaluates ownership structures, governance and management quality of those companies.
- Through the application of our ASI Sustainable and Responsible Investment Equity Approach, the fund is expected to have a lower carbon footprint compared to the MSCI AC World Index.
- In seeking to achieve the performance target, the MSCI AC World Index is used as a reference point for portfolio construction and as a basis for setting risk constraints. The expected variation (tracking error) between the returns of the fund and the index is not ordinarily expected to exceed 12%. Due to the active and sustainable and responsible nature of the management process, the fund will not invest in a material number of stocks and sectors in the MSCI AC World Index. This means the fund's performance profile may deviate significantly from that of the MSCI AC World Index.

Top ten holdings (%)

Microsoft Corp	4.5
LOreal SA	3.6
Autodesk Inc	3.3
Visa Inc	3.2
Croda International PLC	3.1
Intuit Inc	3.1
lululemon athletica Inc	3.1
CSL Ltd	3.0
NVIDIA Corp	3.0
PepsiCo Inc	2.9
Assets in top ten holdings	32.8

Country (%)

United States	43.9
United Kingdom	10.1
Australia	8.0
Netherlands	5.1
France	3.6
India	2.8
Germany	2.8
New Zealand	2.5
Other	19.7
Cash	1.5

Source : abrdn 30/09/2021

Figures may not always sum to 100 due to rounding.

Sector (%)

Consumer Goods	22.7
Technology	22.6
Industrials	17.5
Health Care	12.9
Financials	10.4
Basic Materials	5.6
Utilities	2.5
Other	4.3
Cash	1.5

- (d) The fund may invest in companies with Variable Interest Entity (VIE) structures in order to gain exposure to industries with foreign ownership restrictions. There is a risk that investments in these structures may be adversely affected by changes in the legal and regulatory framework.
- (e) Investing in China A shares involves special considerations and risks, including greater price volatility, a less developed regulatory and legal framework, exchange rate risk/controls, settlement, tax, quota, liquidity and regulatory risks.
- (f) 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.
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Risk stats

Beta^	0.99
Fund Volatility^	14.42
Index Volatility^	14.18
Information Ratio^	0.61
R-Squared^	0.94
Sharpe Ratio^	0.99
Tracking Error^	3.49

Source : abrdn. ^ Three year annualised.

Ratings

Morningstar	★★
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Derivative usage

- The fund may use derivatives to reduce risk, reduce cost and/or generate additional income or growth consistent with the risk profile of the fund (often referred to as Efficient Portfolio Management).
- Derivative usage in the fund is expected to be very limited. Where derivatives are used, this would mainly be in response to significant inflows into the fund so that in these instances, cash can be invested while maintaining the fund's existing allocations to company shares.
- Derivatives are exempt from the ASI Sustainable and Responsible Investment Equity Approach.

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To help you understand this fund 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 [www.abrdn.com](http://www.abrdn.com) The Prospectus also contains a glossary of key terms used in this document.

<sup>1</sup>The Historic Yield as at 31/08/2021 reflects distributions declared over the past twelve months as a percentage of the mid-market share price, as at the date shown. It does not include any preliminary charge and investors may be subject to tax on their distributions.

<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 0.75% 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.

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