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## **Key Investor Information**

This document provides you with key investor information about this fund. It is not marketing material. The information is required by law to help you understand the nature and the risks of investing in this fund. You are advised to read it so you can make an informed decision about whether to invest.

# Schroder Sustainable Bond Fund

## an Authorised Unit Trust of Schroder Unit Trusts Limited

## Class A Accumulation GBP (GB0007905945)

This fund is managed by Schroder Unit Trusts Limited, which is a member of the Schroders Group.

### Objectives and investment policy

#### Objective:

The fund aims to provide income and capital growth in excess of the ICE BofA Sterling 3-Month Government Bill Index plus 2.5% (after fees have been deducted) over any three to five year period, by investing directly in fixed and floating rate securities issued by governments, government agencies and companies worldwide which meet the investment manager's sustainability criteria.

#### **Investment Policy**

The fund is actively managed and invests at least 80% of its assets directly, in fixed and floating rate securities denominated in sterling (or in other currencies and hedged back into sterling) issued by governments, government agencies, supra-national and corporate issuers worldwide, (including emerging markets and less developed markets), which meet the investment manager's sustainability criteria (please see the Fund Characteristics section of the prospectus for more detail).

The fund maintains a positive absolute sustainability score based on the investment manager's rating system. More details on the investment process used to achieve this can be found in the Fund Characteristics section of the prospectus.

The fund does not directly invest in certain activities, industries or groups of issuers above certain limits listed under "Sustainability Information" on the fund's webpage, accessed via

#### www.schroders.com/en/lu/private-investor/gfc.

The fund invests in companies that have good governance practices, as determined by the investment manager's rating criteria (please see the Fund Characteristics section of the prospectus for more details).

The investment manager may also engage with companies held by the Fund to challenge identified areas of weakness on sustainability issues. More details

on the investment manager's approach to sustainability and its engagement with companies are available on the website

## www.schroders.com/en/uk/private-investor/strategic-capabilities/ sustainability/disclosures

The fund may invest up to 50% of its assets in below investment grade securities as measured by Standard & Poor's or an equivalent credit rating agency, or in unrated securities.

The fund may invest up to 40% of its assets in asset-backed securities, specifically whole business corporate loans, and covered bonds.

The fund may also invest directly or indirectly in securities (including in other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies, collective investment schemes (including Schroder funds) and money market instruments and hold cash.

The fund may use derivatives with the aim of achieving investment gains, reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently (for more information please refer to section 6 of Appendix I of the prospectus). The fund may use leverage and take short positions.

#### **Benchmark**

The fund's performance should be assessed against its target benchmark of the ICE BofA Sterling 3-Month Government Bill Index plus 2.5% and compared against the Investment Association Sterling Strategic Bond sector average return.

#### **Dealing Frequency**

You may redeem your investment upon demand. This fund deals daily.

#### **Distribution Policy**

This unit class accumulates income received from the fund's investments, meaning it is kept in the fund and its value is reflected in the price of the unit class.

## Risk and reward profile

Lower risk

Potentially lower reward

Higher risk

Potentially higher reward

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#### The risk and reward indicator

The risk category is based upon the fund's risk target and there is no guarantee that the fund will achieve it.

The fund's risk category is not guaranteed to remain fixed and may change over time.

A fund in the lowest category does not mean a risk-free investment.

The fund is in this category because it can take higher risks in search of higher rewards and its price may rise and fall accordingly.

#### Risk factors

ABS and MBS risk: The fund may invest in mortgage or asset-backed securities. The underlying borrowers of these securities may not be able to pay back the full amount that they owe, which may result in losses to the fund.

Performance risk: Investment objectives express an intended result but there is no guarantee that such a result will be achieved. Depending on market conditions and the macro economic environment, investment objectives may become more difficult to achieve.

Sustainable Investing Risk: The fund applies sustainability criteria in its selection of investments. This investment focus may limit the fund's exposure to companies, industries or sectors and the fund may forego investment

opportunities that do not align with its sustainability criteria chosen by the investment manager. As investors may differ in their views of what constitutes sustainability, the fund may invest in companies that do not reflect the beliefs or values of any particular investor.

Credit risk: A decline in the financial health of an issuer could cause the value of its bonds to fall or become worthless.

Currency risk: The fund may lose value as a result of movements in foreign exchange rates, otherwise known as currency rates.

Derivatives risk: Derivatives, which are financial instruments deriving their value from an underlying asset, may be used to manage the portfolio efficiently. The fund may also materially invest in derivatives including using short selling and leverage techniques with the aim of making a return. A derivative may not perform as expected, may create losses greater than the cost of the derivative and may result in losses to the fund.

High yield bond risk: High yield bonds (normally lower rated or unrated) generally carry greater market, credit and liquidity risk meaning greater uncertainty of returns.

Interest rate risk: The fund may lose value as a direct result of interest rate changes.

Liquidity risk: In difficult market conditions, the fund may not be able to sell a security for full value or at all. This could affect performance and could cause the fund to defer or suspend redemptions of its shares, meaning investors may not be able to have immediate access to their holdings.

Operational risk: Operational processes, including those related to the safekeeping of assets, may fail. This may result in losses to the fund.

## Charges

Exit charge

One-off charges taken before or after you invest	
Entry charge	None

This is the maximum that might be taken out of your money before it is invested or before the proceeds of your investment are paid out.

#### Charges taken from the fund over a year

Ongoing charges

0.60%

None

Charges taken from the fund under certain specific conditions

#### Performance fee

report for each financial year will include details on the exact charges made including any discounts None

Please see the prospectus for more details about the charges.

### Past performance



Performance achieved between 2009 and 2017 was achieved in circumstances that no longer apply. The fund's objectives and benchmark were changed on 20 September 2017

Please note that the fund's objective and benchmark were changed on 28 June 2021. The past performance in the above table is based on the fund's objective and benchmark (Target benchmark: 3 month GBP LIBOR plus 1%) in place prior to this date. From 28 June 2021 to 21 February 2022, this table will show past performance based on the benchmarks (Target benchmark: ICE BofA Sterling 3-Month Government Bill Index plus 1%). Going forward, this table will show past performance from this date based on the new objective and benchmarks (Target benchmark: ICE BofA Sterling 3-Month Government Bill Index plus 2.5%. Comparator benchmark: Investment Association Strategic Bond sector average return).

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ICE BofA Sterling 3-Month Government Bill Index plus 2.5%

Investment Association Strategic Bond sector average return

3 month LIBOR +1%

ICE BofA Sterling 3-Month Government Bill Index plus 1%

Past performance is not a guide to future performance and may not be repeated. The value of investments may go down as well as up and you may not get back the amount you originally invested.

The charges you pay are used to pay the costs of running the fund, including the costs of marketing and distributing it. These charges reduce the potential

The entry and exit charges shown are maximum figures and in some cases

you might pay less. You can find out the actual entry and exit charges from

The ongoing charges figure is based on the last year's expenses for the year ending December 2023 and may vary from year to year. The ongoing charge

classes depending on the size of the fund) but certain additional expenses may

figure excludes portfolio transaction costs. The charges are mostly, if not exclusively, the Schroders Annual Charge (as may be discounted for retail unit

be charged as set out in the prospectus. The Schroders Annual Charge (without any discount) for this unit class of the fund is 0.60%. The fund's annual

The chart shows performance in British pound after the ongoing charges and the portfolio transaction costs have been paid.

The fund was launched on 05/09/2003.

growth of your investment.

your financial advisor.

The shareclass was launched on 05/09/2003.

#### Practical information

Trustee: J. P. Morgan Europe Ltd.

Further Information: You can get further information about this fund, including the prospectus, latest annual report, any subsequent half-yearly reports and the latest price of units from www.schroders.com/ukinvestor and from Schroders, PO Box 1402, Sunderland, SR43 4AF, England, telephone 0800 182 2399. They are in English, free of charge.

Tax Legislation: The fund is subject to UK tax legislation which may have an impact on your personal tax position.

Liability: Schroder Unit Trusts Ltd 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 fund's prospectus.

Switches: Subject to conditions, you may apply to switch your investment into another unit class within this fund or in another Schroder fund. Please see the prospectus for more details.

Remuneration Policy: A summary of Schroders' remuneration policy and related disclosures is at www.schroders.com/remuneration-disclosures. A paper copy is available free of charge upon request.

The policy includes a description of how remuneration and benefits are calculated & the identities of persons responsible for awarding the remuneration and benefits.

Glossary: You can find an explanation of some of the terms used in this document at www.schroders.com/ukinvestor/glossary.

Benchmark: The target benchmark has been selected because it is representative of the type of investments in which the Fund is likely to invest, and it is, therefore, an appropriate target in relation to the return that the fund aims to provide. The comparator benchmarks have been selected because the Investment Manager and the Manager believe that these benchmarks are a suitable comparison for performance purposes given the fund's investment objective and policy.