# **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.



# **Aegon Sustainable Diversified Growth Fund**

# a sub-fund of Aegon Asset Management UK ICVC

# Sterling Class B - Accumulation shares (ISIN: GB00B625LX43)

This fund is managed by Aegon Asset Management UK plc (the authorised corporate director ("ACD")).

### **Objectives and investment policy**

**Objective:** The investment objective is to deliver a total return (capital growth plus income gross of fees) that exceeds the UK consumer prices index by at least 3% per annum over any 5 year period. By investing in the Fund, capital is at risk. There is no guarantee that the Fund will deliver positive returns over this, or any, time period.

**Policy:** The Fund is a flexible multi-asset fund that invests across a range of asset classes on a global basis, taking into account factors such as global economic trends and growth opportunities. As a result, at any one time the Fund may be diversified across asset classes, sectors, currencies or geographies in various proportions.

At least 80% of the Fund will usually consist of equities, corporate bonds and government and public securities and derivatives, with some flexibility to hold high levels of cash to meet the investment objective. All of the Fund's investments are subject to the ACD's sustainability criteria relevant for each asset class. The ACD will, firstly, apply an exclusionary screen to exclude investments which the ACD considers have a negative impact on society and/or the environment. The ACD then, through applying a detailed analysis, focusses on the equities and bonds of companies which are aligned with, or are expected to contribute to, one of the ACD's sustainability themes. The analysis for government securities will permit investment in governments showing, in the ACD's view, significant progress towards achieving the UN's Sustainable Development Goals. The ACD will use a combination of external third party research and internal analysis in the application of its sustainability criteria.

To the extent not fully invested in the main asset classes above, the Fund may invest in other transferable securities, collective investment schemes (up to 10% of Net Asset Value and including schemes managed by the ACD or its affiliates), money market instruments, cash and near-cash. It is intended that investment in any other collective investment schemes will be predominately in approved money market instruments.

Through these investments, the Fund may obtain an indirect exposure to property, commodities and other alternative investments, such as companies that specialise in aircraft leasing, infrastructure and renewable energy.

Derivatives may be used for investment purposes, for example exposure to assets may be gained through the use of derivatives (including long and short positions for the purposes of adjusting risk exposures). Derivatives may also be used for efficient portfolio management (including hedging to reduce currency risk).

The Fund may invest in assets denominated in any currency. Non-Sterling exposure will typically be hedged back to Sterling to reduce currency risk but the Fund is permitted to take active non-Sterling exposure.

A substantial proportion of the Scheme Property of the Fund may consist of cash, near cash and/or deposits.

The Fund is actively managed and can invest in companies of any market

# **Risk and reward profile**



The risk/reward profile shows the risk of investing in the Fund, based on the rate at which its value has changed in the past. This Fund has the above risk/reward rating because the price of shares and bonds can be affected by political or economic events, changes in exchange rates and changes in interest rates.

The Fund's category is not guaranteed and may change over time. It is calculated using historical data, which may not be a reliable indication for the future. Category 1 does not mean 'risk free'.

The following risks which are not, or are not fully, reflected in the risk/reward profile are also relevant to the Fund:

**Credit:** An issuer of bonds may be unable to make payments due to the Fund (known as a default). The value of bonds may fall as default becomes more likely. Both default and expected default may cause the Fund's value to fall. High yield bonds generally offer higher returns because of their higher default risk and investment grade bonds generally offer lower returns because of their lower default risk.

**Liquidity:** The Fund's value may fall if some investments, especially in smaller companies or high yield bonds, become more difficult to trade or value due to market conditions or a lack of supply and demand.

capitalization (small, medium or large) and in any industry sector.

Through diversification, the Fund also looks to achieve lower volatility (i.e. changes in value) than global equities.

Further details on the sustainability criteria to be applied are available on the website

www.aegon.com/responsible-business/responsible-investment/responsible-investment-policy and the Prospectus.

#### Other information

You can buy, sell or exchange the Fund's shares on any business day (see 'Dealing Day' in the Prospectus Definitions for more information).

Income the Fund receives will be reinvested and automatically reflected in the value of your shares.

#### Target benchmark: UK Consumer Prices Index (CPI) plus 3%

UK CPI is selected as a commonly accepted measure of UK inflation. We consider that exceeding CPI by at least 3% over 5 years is an attractive return and therefore an appropriate target benchmark in relation to which the Fund is managed. Comparison of the Fund's performance against the above target benchmark will allow investors to determine whether and to what extent the Fund has delivered returns in excess of inflation. Any comparison of the Fund's performance against this benchmark should be performed over a 5 year period to provide the most useful medium term comparison.

Targeting this benchmark is not intended to be a guarantee of the performance of the Fund, which may not be the same as this Benchmark or in line with the target. The ACD keeps the benchmark indices used under review and may change benchmarks as required in line with the FCA Handbook. As the Fund is a multi-asset fund, there is no one benchmark or index used by the ACD which fully represents a comparison of the performance of the Fund as a whole. The ACD may use different benchmarks for comparison purposes according to the asset classes generally held by the Fund at the relevant time or for the relevant period. Investors may request further information on these asset level benchmarks but the ACD does not use them to compare performance of the Fund as a whole. The ACD may also use the MSCI World Index to measure the Fund's volatility against global equities. This is undertaken only for reference and comparison. The ACD does not use the Index as a target and Fund's portfolio is not constrained by the Index. It is expected that the Fund will be held as part of a diversified portfolio which may include other assets such as bonds, equities, property and cash.

**Counterparty:** Investments such as derivatives are made using financial contracts with third parties. Those third parties may fail to meet their obligations to the Fund due to events beyond our control. The Fund's value could fall because of: (i) loss of monies owed by the counterparty; and/or (ii) the cost of replacement financial contracts.

**Other markets:** The Fund may invest in countries which have less developed political, economic and legal systems and which provide fewer investor protections. Difficulties in buying, selling, safekeeping or valuing investments in such countries may reduce the value of the Fund.

**Concentration risk:** The Fund may invest more than 35% of its value in securities issued by a single Government or other Public issuer. Holding a limited number of underlying investments means a change in the value of any one investment has more impact on the Fund's value. This increases potential gain but also potential loss.

**Derivatives:** The value of derivatives depends on the performance of an underlying asset. Small changes in the price of that asset can cause larger changes in the value of the derivative. This increases potential gain but also potential loss.

**Foreign Exchange Risk:** The Fund's portfolio of investments may be denominated in a range of currencies which differ from the Fund's base currency. Fluctuations in these currencies may increase the risk of losses to the Fund where hedging is not used or is incomplete or unsuccessful.

**Interest Rate Risk:** Bond values are affected by changes in interest rates. When interest rates rise, the value of the Fund is likely to fall.

Full details of risks are disclosed in the section 'Risk Factors' in the Prospectus.



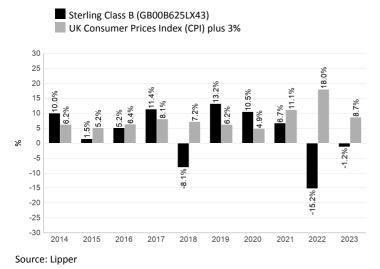
## Charges

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 growth of your investment.

One-off charges taken before or after you invest		
Entry charge	0.00%	
Exit charge	0.00%	
This is the maximum that might be taken out of your money before it is invested / before the proceeds of your investment are paid out.		

Charges taken from the fund over a year			
Ongoing charges	0.52%		
Charges taken from the fund under certain specific conditions			
Performance fee	None		

# Past performance



The entry and exit charges shown are the maximum figures, and in some cases you may pay less. You can find out specific charges which apply to your investment by contacting your financial adviser, distributor, or by contacting us using the details given in the Practical Information section.

The ongoing charge is based on expenses for the year to 31 December 2023. This figure may vary from year to year. It excludes any portfolio transaction costs (except in the case of an entry/exit charge paid by the Fund when buying and selling shares in another fund).

Switches or Conversion: 1st 4 in any calendar year are free, and subject to a charge of 1.5% on each transaction thereafter.

More detailed information on charges can be found in the 'Fees and Expenses' section of the Prospectus.

Past performance is not a guide to future performance. Fund launch date: 30 July 2010 Share class launch date: 30 July 2010

Performance is calculated in GBP.

The past performance calculation does not take into account the entry and exit charges but does take into account the ongoing charge, as shown in the 'Charges' section. The Fund does not track the Benchmark exactly. Fund performance may be better or worse than that of the Benchmark.

Prior to 1st April 2023 the investment objective was to deliver a total return (capital growth plus income) that exceeds the UK retail prices Index by at least 4% per annum over any 5 year period. Prior to November 2013 the investment objective was to maximise total return and out perform the FTSE Index linked guilts over 5 years (total return) index (the "FTSE INDEX"). Performance is shown against the relevant index in each year and against composite indices in 2013 and 2023.

Note: On 1st April 2021 the name of the Fund changed from Aegon Diversified Growth Fund to Aegon Sustainable Diversified Growth Fund. Prior to September 2020, the Fund was named Kames Diversified Growth Fund. Source: Lipper

#### **Practical information**

Aegon Asset Management UK ICVC is a UK UCITS scheme structured as an umbrella company with various sub-funds, with segregated liability between sub-funds. This document describes one sub-fund of the UK UCITS; the Prospectus and the Report and Accounts are prepared for the entire UK UCITS.

You can exchange your holdings into another share class of the Fund, or another sub-fund of the UK UCITS, at any time. More detailed information on exchanging can be found in the 'Buying, Redeeming, Switching and Conversion of Shares' section of the Prospectus.

The assets and liabilities of the Fund are segregated by law. Accordingly, the assets of this Fund belong exclusively to it and may not be used to meet the liabilities of, or claims against, any other fund within the Aegon Asset Management UK ICVC. Any liability incurred on behalf of, or attributable to, the Fund shall be discharged solely out of the assets of the Fund.

The depositary is Citibank UK Ltd.

The prices of shares will be published daily on our website (www.aegonam.com).

Further information about the Fund and copies of the Prospectus and the latest Annual and Semi-Annual Report and Accounts can be obtained, free of charge, on our website (www.aegonam.com). These documents are available in English.

You should be aware that tax legislation in the UK (where the Fund is authorised) may have an impact on your personal tax position.

Aegon Asset Management UK plc 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.

Details of the up to date remuneration policy of Aegon Asset Management UK plc ("the Company"), including but not limited to a description of how remuneration and benefits are calculated and the identity of persons responsible for awarding the remuneration and benefits, are available at www.aegonam.com. A paper copy will be available free of charge upon request at the registered office of the Company.