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.

## **AXA Framlington UK Sustainable Equity Fund**

Unit class : AXA Framlington UK Sustainable Equity Fund R Income GBP (ISIN: GB0003509766) This Fund is managed by AXA Investment Managers UK Limited, part of the AXA IM Group

## **Objective and Investment Policy**

#### **Investment Objective**

The aim of this Fund is to: (i) provide long-term capital growth over a period of 5 years or more and (ii) invest in companies which have leading or improving environmental, social and governance (ESG) practices, in line with the selection criteria described in the investment policy.

#### **Investment Policy**

The Fund has at least 70% of its investments in shares of companies domiciled, incorporated or having significant business in the UK which the fund manager believes will provide above-average returns (relative to their industry peers). The Fund invests at least 80% of its assets in large and medium-sized companies.

The fund manager invests in companies that either demonstrate leadership on sustainability issues (such as promoting better social outcomes, increasing the amount of renewable energy and using the planet's resources more sustainably and increased digitalisation) through strong ESG practices (leaders) or that have shown a clear commitment to improve their ESG practices (companies in transition). More than 50% of the Fund's investments will be in "leaders". The fund manager will also analyse a company's financial status, quality of its management, expected profitability and prospects for growth when selecting shares.

Further, in selecting investments, the fund manager will take into account the issuer's ESG score as one factor within its broader analysis of the issuer to identify those issuers which are expected to generate long-term capital growth and which have leading or improving ESG practices. The fund manager will only consider the lowest scoring companies for the Fund in exceptional circumstances. ESG scores are obtained from our selected external provider (s), as detailed in the "Responsible Investment" section of the Prospectus. To avoid investing in issuers which present excessive degrees of ESG risk, the fund manager applies AXA IM Group's sector specific investment guidelines relating to responsible investment to the Fund. Such guidelines exclude investment in soft commodity derivatives or exposure to certain companies based on their involvement in specific sectors (such as unsustainable palm oil production, controversial weapons and climate risks). The fund manager also applies the AXA Investment Managers' ESG Standards policy. This policy excludes investment in companies based on: their contribution to climate change; tobacco production; manufacture of white phosphorus weapons; certain criteria relating to human rights; anti-corruption and other environmental, social and governance (ESG) factors. The AXA Investment Managers' ESG Standards policy and AXA IM Group's sector specific investment guidelines are subject to change and the latest copies are accessible via the links provided in the "Responsible Investment" section of the Prospectus and are available from the fund manager on request.

The fund manager will look to engage on sustainability issues and identified areas of weakness with a selection of investee companies. The fund manager will focus on companies where the continued enhancement of sustainability practices is expected to help support the robust, long-term profitability of such companies. More details on the fund manager's approach to sustainability and its engagement with companies are available on the website: <a href="https://www.axa-im.co.uk/">https://www.axa-im.co.uk/</a> under the heading "Responsible Investing".

If the fund manager deems that an investment no longer meets the criteria set out in this investment policy or its expectations in terms of that investment's prospects for achieving the Fund's objective or, in the case of a company, becomes unresponsive to the fund manager's engagement efforts, the fund manager will disinvest as soon as practicable having regard to the best interests of the Fund's investors and in accordance with its best execution policy.

The Fund may also invest in other transferable securities, cash, deposits, units in collective investment schemes (including those that are managed by the fund manager or its associates) and money market instruments. 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.

The fund manager has full discretion to select investments for the Fund in line with the above investment policy and in doing so may take into consideration the FTSE All Share index. The FTSE All Share index is designed to measure the performance of all eligible companies listed on the London Stock Exchange. This index best represents the types of companies in which the Fund predominantly invests.

This Fund is actively managed in reference to the FTSE All Share index, which may be used by investors to compare the Fund's financial performance. The fund manager currently does not consider any available benchmarks as a suitable performance comparator for investors to compare the Fund's performance against its sustainability objective.

#### Income

Income from investments in the Fund may be paid out to you directly if you hold income units.

**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 units in the Fund must be received by the Administrator by 12 noon on any working day, to receive that days Fund price. 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 initial investment: £1,000

Minimum subsequent investment: £100

## **Risk and Reward Profile**

Lower Risk Higher risk	
Potentially lower reward Potentially higher reward	
1 2 3 4 5 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 Fund is not guaranteed. The Fund is invested in financial markets and uses techniques and instruments which may be subject to sudden and significant variation, which may result in substantial 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.

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.

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

## Charges

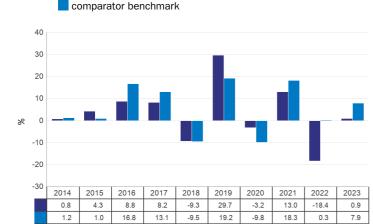
The charges you pay are used to pay the cost of running the fund, including the costs of marketing and distributing it. These charges reduce the potential growth of your investment.

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

Entry charge	none	
Exit charge	none	
This is the maximum that might be taken out of your money before it is invested.		
Charges taken from the fund over a year		
Ongoing charges	1.58%	
Charges taken from the fund under certain specific conditions		
Performance fee	none	

## **Past performance**

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## **Practical information**

#### Trustee:

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://funds.axaim.com">https://funds.axaim.com</a>, or by calling 0345 777 5511. These documents are available in English.

More unit classes are available for this Fund. For more details about other unit 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 <u>https://www.axa-im.com/important-information/re-muneration-policy</u>. 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>.

#### **Net Asset Value Publication:**

The Net Asset Value per unit is available at  $\underline{https://www.axa-im.co.uk}$  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.



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

The entry and exit charges shown are maximum figures. In some cases, you

The ongoing charges figure is based on expenses for the previous twelve

might pay less - you can find this out from your Financial Adviser.

 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: <u>https://www.axa-im.co.uk/important-information/fund-charges-and-costs</u> as well as the Fees and Expenses section of the prospectus which is available at <u>https://funds.axa-im.com</u>.

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 21/12/1992 and the share class in 1992. 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.

Prior to 07/08/2019 the comparator benchmark was the 100% FTSE All Share Total Return Gross (FTPTTALL). As of 07/08/2019, the comparator benchmark of the Fund is the FTSE All Share index.

#### Switching between Funds:

Unitholders may apply for their units to be converted into units of another Fund, provided that the conditions for accessing the target units 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. The redemption and subscription costs connected with the conversion may be charged to the shareholder as indicated in the prospectus. For more details about how to switch Fund, please refer to the section in the

For more details about how to switch Fund, please refer to the section in the Fund's prospectus entitled "Can I switch or convert units and what are the implications?", which is available at <a href="https://funds.axa-im.com">https://funds.axa-im.com</a>.

This Fund is authorised in the United Kingdom and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA). AXA Investment Managers UK Limited is authorised in the United Kingdom and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA). This key investor information is accurate as at 19/02/2024.