

# abrdn UK Ethical Equity Fund

Retail Acc GBP



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## Objective

To generate growth over the long term (5 years or more) by investing in UK equities (company shares) which adhere to the abrdn UK Ethical Equity Investment Approach.

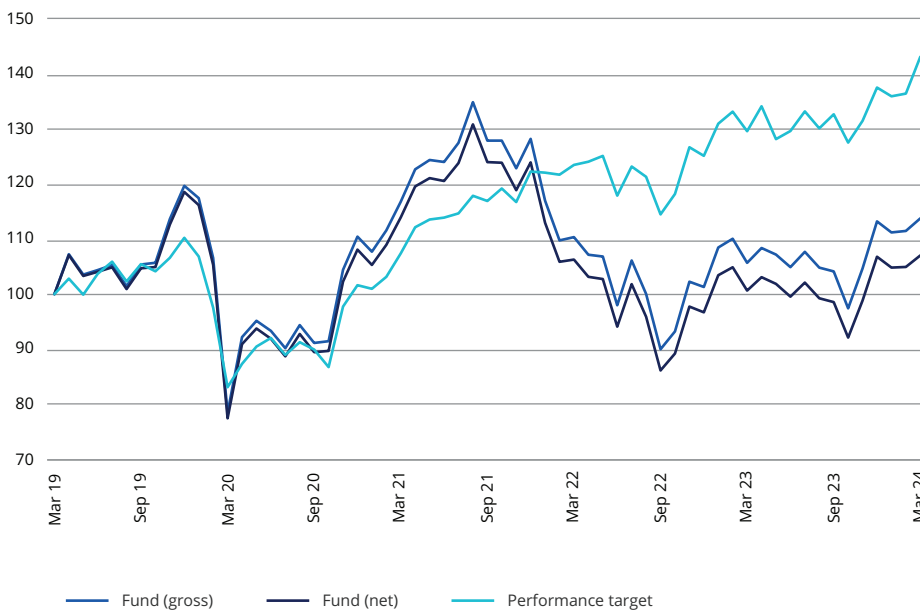
**Performance Target:** To achieve the return of the FTSE All-Share Index, plus 2% per annum over rolling five year periods (before charges). There is no certainty or promise that the Performance Target will be achieved.

The FTSE All-Share Index (the "Index") is a representative index of the UK stock market.

## Portfolio securities

- The fund will invest at least 70% in UK equities that are considered to have preferred Environmental, Social and Governance ("ESG") characteristics in a global context based on analysis of a variety of data inputs. This analysis covers areas such as human rights, labour rights, environmental safeguards and combating bribery and corruption.
- The fund will invest in companies that adhere to the assessment criteria as set out in the abrdn UK Ethical Equity Investment Approach (the "Investment Approach") available on [www.abrdn.com](http://www.abrdn.com) under "Fund Centre".
- The fund may also invest in other funds (including those managed by abrdn), cash and assets that can be turned into cash quickly.
- As part of the Investment Approach, the fund applies a set of company exclusions which are related but not limited to animal testing, weaponry, pornography, gambling, tobacco and alcohol.

## Performance



## Cumulative and annualised performance

	1 month	6 months	Year to date	1 year	3 years (p.a.)	5 years (p.a.)
Fund (gross) (%)	2.05	9.25	0.48	7.65	-0.87	2.62
Fund (net) (%)	1.99	8.60	0.22	6.35	-2.06	1.38
Performance target (%)	4.90	7.87	4.06	10.43	10.05	7.44

## Discrete annual returns - year to 31/3

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
Fund (gross) (%)	7.65	-4.22	-5.51	48.92	-21.56
Fund (net) (%)	6.35	-5.30	-6.73	47.19	-22.55
Performance target (%)	10.43	4.96	14.97	29.27	-16.91

Performance Data: Share Class Retail Acc GBP.

Benchmark history: Performance target - FTSE All Share +2.00%

Source: abrdn (Fund & Benchmark) and Morningstar (Sector). Basis: Total Return, NAV to NAV, UK Net/Gross Income

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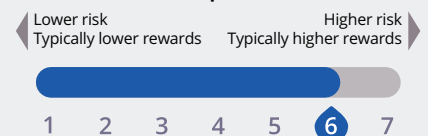
"Fund (Net)" refers to the actual unit price performance of the shareclass shown; "Fund(Gross)" adds back charges such as the annual management charge to present performance on the same basis as the performance target / performance comparator / portfolio constraining benchmark. These figures do not include 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)	Rebecca Maclean & Ian Hewett
Fund managers start date	01 February 2018
Fund launch date	16 February 1998
Share class launch date	20 September 1998
Authorised corporate director (ACD)	abrdn Fund Managers Limited
Fund size	£178.6m
Number of holdings	52
Performance target	FTSE All Share +2.00%
Fund historic yield <sup>1</sup>	2.39%
Distribution frequency	Annual
Entry charge (up to) <sup>2</sup>	4.00%
Annual management charge	1.30%
Ongoing charge figure <sup>3</sup>	1.31%
Minimum initial investment	GBP 500
Fund type	OEIC
Valuation point	12:00 (UK time)
Base currency	GBP
Sedol	433101
ISIN	GB0004331012
Bloomberg	STLUKEA LN
Citicode	STET
Domicile	United Kingdom

## Risk and reward profile



This indicator reflects the volatility of the fund's share price. See the relevant UCITS Key Investor Information Document (KIID) or PRIIPs Key Information Document (KID) 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.
- Equity Risk - 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.
- ESG Investment Risk - Applying ESG and sustainability criteria in the investment process may result in the exclusion of securities within the fund's benchmark or universe of potential investments. The interpretation of ESG and sustainability criteria is subjective meaning that the fund may invest in assets which similar funds do not (and thus perform differently) and which may not align with the personal views of any individual investor.

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## Management process

- The management team use their discretion (active management) to maintain a diverse asset mix at sector and stock level.
- Their primary focus is on stock selection using research techniques to select companies where the management team have a different view than that of the market, and which align with their views regarding future economic and business conditions.
- Through the application of the Investment Approach the fund is expected to have a lower carbon footprint than the Index.
- Due to the ethical nature of the management process, there are a material number of companies and sectors in the Index that the fund is unable to invest, which means the fund's performance profile may deviate significantly from that of the Index.

## Top Ten Holdings

RELX PLC	4.8
NatWest Group PLC	3.7
Sirius Real Estate Ltd	3.5
SSE PLC	3.3
Softcat PLC	3.3
Ashtead Group PLC	3.2
Kainos Group PLC	3.1
Genuit Group PLC	3.1
Lloyds Banking Group PLC	3.0
London Stock Exchange Group PLC	2.9
<b>Assets in top ten holdings</b>	<b>33.9</b>

Source : abrdn 31/03/2024

Figures may not always sum to 100 due to rounding.

## Sector (%)

Financials	26.6
Industrials	24.2
Information Technology	14.5
Consumer Discretionary	10.4
Utilities	6.8
Real Estate	5.3
Communication Services	4.9
Materials	3.8
Other	2.9
Cash	0.5

- (d) Concentration Risk - A concentrated portfolio (whether by number of holdings, geographic location or sector) may be more volatile and less liquid than a diversified one.
- (e) Derivatives Risk - The use of derivatives may involve additional liquidity, credit and counterparty risks. In some cases the risk of loss from derivatives may be increased where a small change in the value of the underlying investment may have a larger impact on the value of the derivative.

## Risk stats

Alpha <sup>^</sup>	-9.48
Benchmark Volatility (SD) <sup>^</sup>	10.70
Beta <sup>^</sup>	1.43
Fund Volatility (SD) <sup>^</sup>	17.41
Information Ratio <sup>^</sup>	-0.79
R-Squared <sup>^</sup>	0.77
Sharpe Ratio <sup>^</sup>	-0.12
Tracking Error <sup>^</sup>	9.49

Source : abrdn. <sup>^</sup> Three year annualised.

## Derivative usage

- Derivatives are linked to the value of other assets. In other words, they derive their price from one or more underlying asset.
- 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 equities.

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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 29/02/2024 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 1.30% 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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