

# abrdn Global Sustainable Equity Fund

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## Objective

To generate growth over the long term (5 years or more) by investing in global equities (company shares) that manage adverse environmental impacts and promote societal welfare in one or more of the four thematic areas of climate change, the environment, labour management, and human rights & stakeholders, through their business operations OR their products and services.

To align with this sustainability objective companies must demonstrate they are positively addressing one or more of the thematic areas, assessed against either the:

- (i) revenue from or investment budget directed to, products and services that contribute to: climate change through renewable energy, or sustainable real estate and infrastructure development; or environment through circular economy practices, sustainable food & agriculture, or access to water & sanitation; or labour management through educational and employment initiatives; or
- human rights & stakeholders through health and social care, or financial inclusions; or
- (ii) sustainability of business operations in accordance with the abrdn Operational Sustainability Score. This score takes into account a variety of data inputs related to the four thematic areas of climate change, environment, labour management, and human rights & stakeholders to identify companies that are addressing adverse environmental impacts and promoting societal welfare.

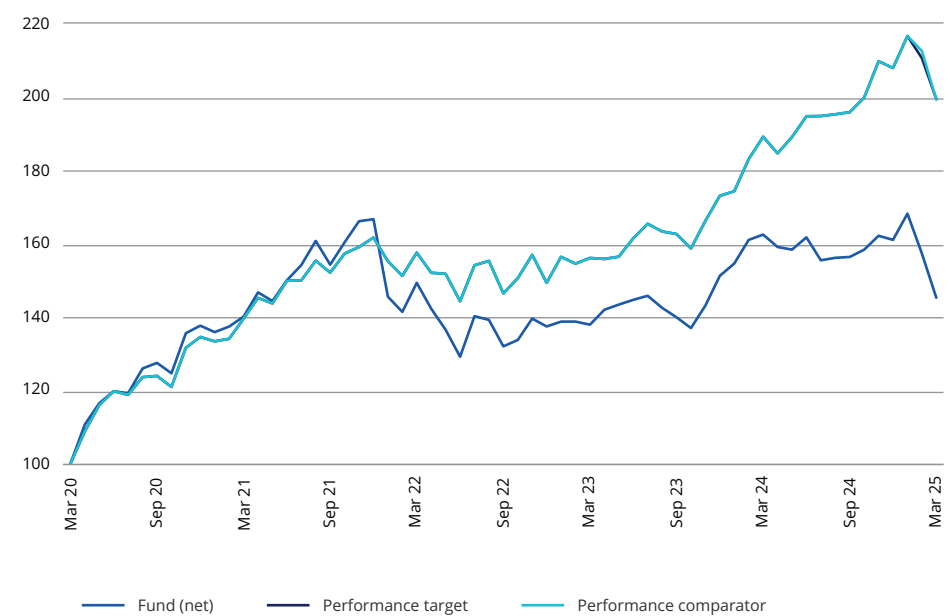
**Performance Target:** To achieve a return in excess of the MSCI AC World Index over rolling five-year periods (after charges). The Performance Target is the level of performance that the management team hopes to achieve for the fund. There is no certainty or promise that the Performance Target will be achieved. Applying sustainability criteria in the investment process may result in the exclusion of securities within the fund's universe of potential investments and therefore may have a bearing on the fund's return profile.

The MSCI AC World Index (the "Index") is a representative index of world stock markets.

## Portfolio securities

- The fund invests at least 70% in global equities.
- Up to 20% of the fund's investments may not align with the sustainability objective provided that they do not conflict with it, assessed against the exclusionary screens and a minimum Operational Sustainability Score of 40.
- abrdn applies a set of company exclusionary screens which are related to UN Global Compact, State Owned Enterprises, Weapons, Tobacco, Gambling, Thermal Coal, Oil & Gas and Electricity Generation.
- More detail on the abrdn Sustainable Investment Equity Approach, including exclusionary screening criteria, can be found in the Prospectus.
- The fund may also invest in other funds (including those managed by abrdn), cash and assets that can be turned into cash quickly.

## Performance



## Cumulative and annualised performance

	1 month	6 months	Year to date	1 year	3 years (p.a.)	5 years (p.a.)
Fund (net) (%)	-7.68	-7.11	-9.80	-10.60	-0.73	7.87
Performance target (%)	-5.30	1.83	-4.07	5.43	8.17	14.81
Performance comparator (%)	-6.25	1.74	-4.15	5.33	8.14	14.78

## Discrete annual returns - year to 31/3

	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021
Fund (net) (%)	-10.60	18.48	-7.64	6.57	40.13
Performance target (%)	5.43	21.18	-0.93	12.89	39.58
Performance comparator (%)	5.33	21.18	-0.93	12.89	39.58

Performance Data: Share Class A Acc.

Benchmark history: Performance comparator - MSCI AC World Index

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

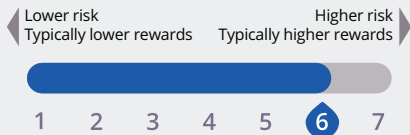
"Fund (Net)" refers to the actual unit price performance of the shareclass shown; "Fund(Gross)" adds back charges such as the annual management charge to present performance on the same basis as the performance target / performance comparator / portfolio constraining benchmark. These figures do not include 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)	Kurt Cruickshank, Jamie Mills-O'Brien, Roseanna Ivory
Fund managers start date	01 September 2024
Fund launch date	01 May 1999
Share class launch date	01 May 1999
Authorised corporate director (ACD)	abrdn Fund Managers Limited
Fund size	£127.2m
Number of holdings	41
Performance target/ Performance comparator	MSCI AC World Index
Fund historic yield <sup>1</sup>	0.00%
Distribution frequency	Semi-Annual
Entry charge (up to) <sup>2</sup>	0.00%
Annual management charge	1.20%
Ongoing charge figure <sup>3</sup>	1.29%
Minimum initial investment	GBP 500
Fund type	OEIC
Valuation point	12:00 (UK time)
Base currency	GBP
Sedol	683371
ISIN	GB0006833718
Bloomberg	MUREWAA LN
Citicode	MJ40
Reuters	LP60010598
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

- (a) The value of investments and the income from them can fall and investors may get back less than the amount invested.
- (b) 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.
- (c) 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 country, sector and company level.
- Their primary focus is on selecting companies using research techniques to select individual holdings. The research process is focused on finding attractive high-quality companies that can be held for the long term through the assessment of their business, the industry they operate in, their financial strength, the capability of their management team, and sustainability characteristics.
- For a company to meet the fund's sustainability objective, either:
  - 1) at least 20% of their revenues or investment budget must be related to products or services that that positively contribute to either climate change, the environment, labour management, or human rights and stakeholders (as outlined above) ("Companies with Sustainable Products"); or
  - 2) the company's business operations, as assessed by the abrdn Operational Sustainability Score, must meet the minimum threshold of 60 out of 100 ("Operationally Sustainable Companies").
- The threshold for Companies with Sustainable Products is reflective of companies demonstrating strategic intent and the threshold for Operationally Sustainable Companies is reflective of companies that effectively manage and address adverse environmental impacts and promote societal welfare.
- Due to the active and sustainable nature of management process the fund's performance profile may deviate significantly from that of the Index.

Top Ten Holdings

Microsoft Corp	6.6
Mastercard Inc	4.3
Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co Ltd	4.2
Eli Lilly & Co	4.0
NVIDIA Corp	3.3
Alphabet Inc	3.1
LOreal SA	3.1
TJX Cos Inc/The	3.0
HDFC Bank Ltd	2.9
Procter & Gamble Co/The	2.9
Assets in top ten holdings	37.4

Country (%)

United States of America	59.9
France	5.7
Netherlands	4.7
Taiwan, Republic of China	4.2
Japan	2.9
India	2.9
United Kingdom	2.5
China	2.4
Other	13.3
Cash	1.6

Source : abrdn 31/03/2025  
Figures may not always sum to 100 due to rounding.

Sector (%)

Equities	98.4
Cash	1.6

- (d) Emerging Markets Risk - The fund may invest in emerging markets, where political, economic, legal and regulatory systems are less developed. As a result, investing in emerging markets may involve higher volatility and a greater risk of loss than investing in developed markets. In particular, where the fund invests in Variable Interest Entity (VIE) structures to gain exposure to industries with foreign ownership restrictions or invests in Chinese assets via Stock Connect / Bond Connect, there are additional operational risks, which are outlined in the prospectus.
- (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.
- (f) 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.
- (g) 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.

Risk stats

Alpha^	-6.12
Benchmark Volatility (SD)^	10.70
Beta^	1.05
Fund Volatility (SD)^	12.29
Information Ratio^	-1.26
R-Squared^	0.84
Sharpe Ratio^	0.14
Tracking Error^	4.94

Source : abrdn. ^ 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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<sup>1</sup>The Historic Yield as at 28/02/2025 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 1.20% 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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