

Global Corporate Bond Sustainable and Responsible Investment Fund

Invest for a better future

The Standard Life Global Corporate Bond Sustainable and Responsible Investment Fund invests fully in the Aberdeen Standard SICAV - Global Corporate Bond Sustainable and Responsible Investment Fund.

It seeks to generate long-term growth from capital gains and the reinvestment of income generated by investing predominantly in global investment grade corporate bonds. The fund is actively managed by Aberdeen Standard Investments who may also invest in government bonds, sub-investment grade corporate bonds, debt-related securities, convertible bonds and other bonds (for example, supranational, government-backed and index-linked bonds) issued worldwide. Non-euro denominated assets held in the fund will generally be hedged back to euros.

Investment in all Debt and Debt-Related Securities will follow Aberdeen Standard Investments' "Sustainable and Responsible Investment" process whereby ratings are awarded to both sectors and issuers.

The value of investments within the fund can fall as well as rise and is not guaranteed – you may get back less than you pay in. The Fund and its holdings may use derivatives for the purpose of efficient portfolio management, reduction of risk or to meet its respective investment objective if this is permitted and appropriate. The euro value of overseas assets held in the fund may rise and fall as a result of exchange rate fluctuations.

This fund is currently rated four out of seven on the ESMA risk scale, one being the lowest and seven being the highest. This rating may change if the volatility of the assets in which the fund invests changes.

Why invest in the Standard Life Global Corporate Bond Sustainable and Responsible Investment Fund?

Investing for a better future

This fund aims to invest in bonds from companies that have a lower carbon footprint and lower risks to people and the planet than similar companies in the same industry.

You can align your investments with your values

Sustainable Responsible Investing allows you to show your commitment as a responsible investor. There's no reason why you can't align your values of having a positive impact on the world with aiming to generate a financial return over the long term.

Avoid companies that do not adopt sustainable practices

By investing in companies that are transparent in their sustainable and responsible practices and goals, you're sending a powerful message to companies with no sustainability agenda that their business is not worth investing in.

Warning: If you invest in this fund you may lose some or all of the money you invest

Warning: This investment may be affected by changes in currency exchange rates

Warning: The value of your investment may go down as well as up

Who is this fund suitable for?

Consider this fund if you

- are interested in investing in companies that aim to have a lower carbon footprint than similar companies in their industry and have a positive impact on society and the environment
- can take risk with your capital
- are seeking the potential for long term capital appreciation
- have an investment horizon of at least five years

This fund may not be suitable if you

- don't want to take any risk with your capital
- are not prepared to accept periods of losses due to the volatile nature of corporate bond markets
- have specific ethical or moral investing requirements
- have an investment horizon of less than five years

Why Aberdeen Standard Investments for Socially Responsible Investing?

The scale and resources of Aberdeen Standard Investments mean their investment management team has superior access to the companies that they research – they really get to know a business before deciding to invest in a company.

This helps ensure that the companies that the fund invests in have meaningful socially responsible business practices – for the ultimate benefit of our environment and society.

Manages **€500 billion** of investor money, **€27 billion** in sustainability-driven funds

50 specialists dedicated to sustainable investing

Strong engagement with the companies they invest in so that they can understand the business better and encourage best practice when it comes to sustainable and responsible business practices

Almost **30-year track history** of incorporating ESG criteria into their investment approach

Source: Aberdeen Standard Investments, June 2020.

Assessing sustainable and responsible businesses

Aberdeen Standard Investments use the Ten Principles of the UN Global Compact as part of their assessment when selecting companies to invest in. These principles set out the minimum, fundamental responsibilities for companies and how they operate in areas of human rights, labour, environment and anti-corruption.

This fund will exclude companies that do not comply with The Ten Principles, tobacco manufacturers, and companies having direct involvement in the development and production of controversial weapons.

The Ten Principles are:

Human rights	
Principle 1	Businesses should support and respect the protection of internationally proclaimed human rights; and
Principle 2	make sure that they are not complicit in human rights abuses.
Labour	
Principle 3	Businesses should uphold the freedom of association and the effective recognition of the right to collective bargaining;
Principle 4	the elimination of all forms of forced and compulsory labour;
Principle 5	the effective abolition of child labour; and
Principle 6	the elimination of discrimination in respect of employment and occupation.
Environment	
Principle 7	Businesses should support a precautionary approach to environmental challenges;
Principle 8	undertake initiatives to promote greater environmental responsibility; and
Principle 9	encourage the development and diffusion of environmentally friendly technologies.
Anti-corruption	
Principle 10	Businesses should work against corruption in all its forms, including extortion and bribery.

Source: www.unglobalcompact.org, September 2020.

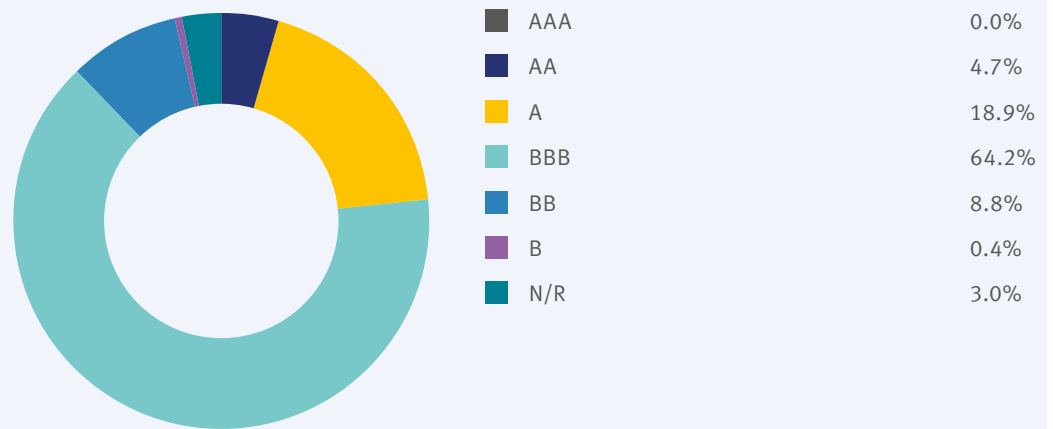
In addition, companies will generally be excluded where they are operating in sectors classified as medium or high risk by Aberdeen Standard Investments, and are awarded a lower than average sustainability rating by their Sustainable and Responsible Investment process in areas of climate change, human rights, environment, labour issues and business ethics.

High risk sector	Medium risk sector	Low risk sector
<p>Examples</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Automobile • Construction materials • Mining • Unconventional oil and gas • Gas and electricity utilities 	<p>Examples</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Banks • Real estate • Food distributors • Healthcare services • Industrial machinery 	<p>Examples</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IT consulting • Advertising • Leisure products • Renewable electricity • Home furnishings

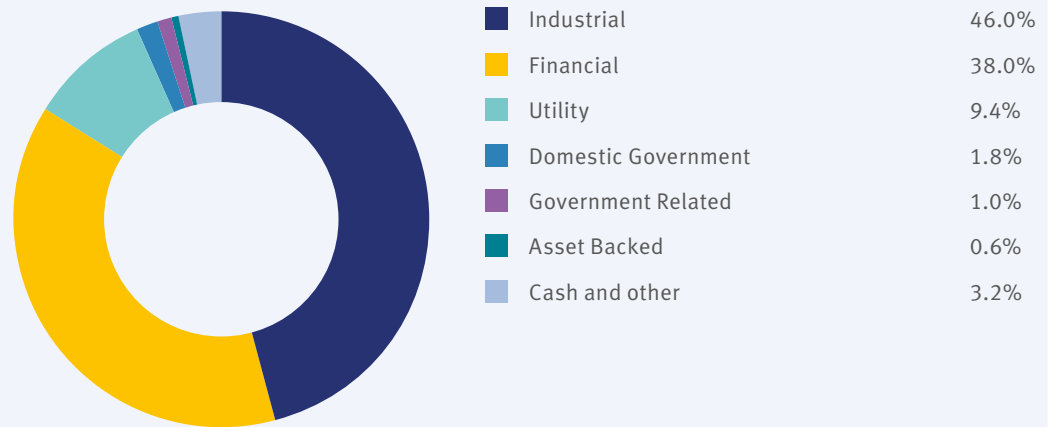
Source: Aberdeen Standard Investments, 30 September 2020.

Underlying fund information as at 30 September 2020

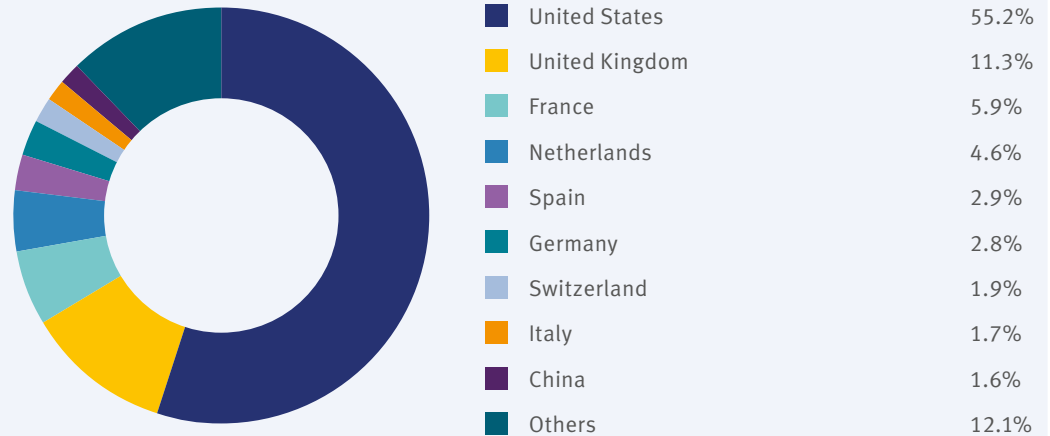
Credit quality allocation



Sector allocation



Country allocation



Top 10 holdings	% of fund
Barclays 4.375% 12/01/26	1.4
Lloyds Bk Corp Mkts 1.75% 11/07/24	1.2
Bank of America Corp 7% 31/07/28	1.2
HSBC Hldgs 4.25% 14/03/24	1.2
Citigroup 3.2% 21/10/26	1.2
JPMorgan Chase & Co 2.522% FRN 22/04/31	1.1
Bank of America 7.75% 14/05/38	1.0
Citigrp 5.875% 30/01/42	1.0
American Tower Corp 3.95% 15/03/29	1.0
Morgan Stanley 4.431% FRN 23/01/30	1.0
Total	11.3

Source: Aberdeen Standard Investments, 30 September 2020

Aberdeen Standard Investments is a brand of the investment businesses of Aberdeen Asset Management and Aberdeen Standard Investments.

Important things to consider

All investment involves risk. This Fund offers no guarantee against loss or that the Fund's objective will be attained. This is not a guaranteed or capital protected product. There are risks to your capital should you choose to invest in this fund.

Past performance is not a reliable guide to future performance and future performance is not guaranteed.

The value of investments within the Fund and the income from them can fall as well as rise and is not guaranteed – an investor may get back less than they paid in.

The Fund may use derivatives for the purpose of efficient portfolio management, reduction of risk or to meet its respective investment objective.

The value of overseas assets held in the Fund may rise and fall as a result of exchange rate fluctuations.

The Fund could lose money if an entity (counterparty) with which it does business becomes unwilling or unable to honour its obligations to the Fund.

In extreme market conditions, some securities may become hard to value or sell at a desired price. This could affect the Fund's ability to meet redemptions in a timely manner.

The Fund could lose money as the result of a failure or delay in operational processes and systems including but not limited to third party providers failing or going into administration.

Inflation reduces the buying power of your investment and income.

Investors in the Fund may buy and sell units on any normal business day.

You should also be aware of the following risk factors

Fixed income (bonds)

The Fund invests in securities which are subject to the risk that the issuer may default on interest or capital payments.

Bonds are affected by changes in interest rates, inflation and any decline in creditworthiness of the bond issuer. While the Fund invests predominantly in investment grade corporate bonds there is always a risk that the bond issuers may not be able to pay the income as promised or could fail to repay the capital amount used to purchase the bond. Where a bond market has a low number of buyers and/or sellers, it can be hard to sell particular bonds at an anticipated price and/or in a timely manner.

The Fund invests in high yielding bonds which carry a greater risk of default than those with lower yields.

The Fund invests in mortgage and asset-backed securities (which may include collateralised loan, debt or mortgage obligations (respectively Collateralized Loan Obligations (CLOs), Collateralized Debt Obligations (CDOs) or Collateralized Mortgage Obligations (CMOs)). These are subject to prepayment and extension risk and additional liquidity and default risk compared to other credit securities.

The Fund invests in convertible securities and contingent convertible securities (CoCos). Convertible securities are investments that can be changed into another form upon certain triggers. As such, they can exhibit credit, equity and fixed interest risk. Contingent convertible securities (CoCos) are similar to convertible securities but have additional triggers which mean that they are more vulnerable to volatile price movements, can become less liquid and can result in substantial/and or total losses of the bond value.

The Fund invests in emerging markets bonds which tend to be more volatile than mature markets and the value of investments could move sharply up or down. Emerging markets or less developed countries may face more political, economic or structural challenges than developed economies.

Use of derivatives

The Fund may use investment techniques (including Derivatives) to seek to protect and enhance the value of the Fund and to manage the Fund's risks. Derivatives, such as futures, options and swaps, are linked to the rise and fall of other assets. In other words, they "derive" their price from another asset. They can generate returns when share prices and/or indices fall.

Investing in 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 economic 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.

Financial derivative instruments used by the Fund may be on indices which may provide exposure to companies that do not meet the Sustainable and Responsible Investment process or the other stock selection criteria of the Fund.

The Fund does not make extensive use of derivatives.

Switching your funds, transferring or cashing in

You may be one of many investors in a fund. Sometimes in exceptional circumstances:

- we may change the pricing basis of a fund to reflect cashflows in and out. If it's a property based fund, due to the high transaction charges associated with the assets, this can result in a significant movement of the fund price
- we may also wait before we carry out your request to switch your funds, transfer or cash in your policy. This delay could be up to a month. But for some funds, the delay could be longer, for example, if it's a property based fund, it may be up to 12 months because property and land can take longer to sell

If we have to delay switching, transferring or cashing in, we'll use the fund prices on the day the transaction takes place – these prices could be very different from the prices on the day you made the request.

These are processes which aim to maintain fairness between those remaining invested and those leaving a fund.

At certain times, and when you cash in your policy, there's likely to be tax payable, depending on the policy type you invested in, and your personal circumstances.

A decision to invest in this product should not be based solely on information provided in this document. Please talk to your financial adviser for more information or if you need an explanation of the terms used.

For more information on our funds, please visit www.standardlife.ie/funds

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Call us on (01) 639 7000

**Talk to your financial adviser. They'll give you the information you need.
Also, you can call us or visit our website.**

We're open Monday to Friday, 9am to 5.30pm. Calls may be monitored and/or recorded to protect both you and us and help with our training. Call charges will vary.

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