

# 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.

**abrdn Strategic Bond Fund, a Sterling denominated sub fund of the abrdn OEIC I, I Acc Shares (ISIN: GB00BWK27Z36). This fund is managed by abrdn Fund Managers Limited.**

## OBJECTIVES AND INVESTMENT POLICY

### Investment Objective

To generate income and some growth over the long term (5 years or more) by investing in government and corporate bonds issued anywhere in the world.

Performance Target: To exceed the IA Sterling Strategic Bond Sector Average return over 1 year (after charges) and be top quartile over rolling three year periods. There is no certainty or promise that the Performance Target will be achieved.

The IA Sterling Strategic Bond Sector (the Sector) is a representative group of funds with flexibility to invest across the fixed income universe.

### Investment Policy

#### Portfolio Securities

- The fund will invest at least 80% in bonds (which are like loans to companies or governments that pay interest) issued anywhere in the world including in emerging markets.
- The fund may invest in both investment grade bonds (typically regarded as having a low default risk) and high yield bonds (that pay a high rate of interest but have a lower credit rating than investment grade bonds).
- At least 80% of the fund's investments will be in sterling or will be subjected to techniques to reduce (hedge) risk related to currency movements on non-sterling investments.
- The fund may also invest in other funds (including those managed by abrdn), cash and assets that can be turned into cash quickly.

### Management Process

- The management team use their discretion (active management) to identify investments based on analysis of global economics along with analysis of an investment's prospects and creditworthiness (debt repayment ability) compared to that of the market.
  - Due to the active nature of the management process, the fund's performance profile may deviate significantly from that of the Sector average over the long term.
- Please Note: The fund's ability to buy and sell bonds and the associated costs can be affected during periods of market stress which could include periods where interest rates move sharply.

### Derivatives and Techniques

- The fund will routinely use derivatives to reduce risk, reduce cost and/or generate additional income or growth consistent with the risk profile of the fund.

- Derivatives are linked to the value of other assets. In other words, they derive their price from one or more underlying asset. They can generate returns when the value of these underlying assets rise (long positions) or fall (short positions).

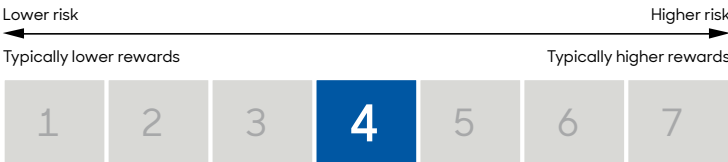
- Derivatives include instruments used to manage expected changes in interest rates, inflation, currencies or creditworthiness of corporations or governments.

Investors in the fund may buy and sell shares on any dealing day (as defined in the Prospectus).

If you invest in income shares, income from investments in the fund will be paid out to you. If you invest in accumulation shares, income will be added to the value of your shares.

Recommendation: the fund may not be appropriate for investors who plan to withdraw their money within five years. Investors should satisfy themselves that their attitude to risk aligns with the risk profile of this fund before investing.

## RISK AND REWARD PROFILE



This indicator reflects the volatility of the fund's share price over the last five years which in turn reflects the volatility of the underlying assets in which the fund invests. Historical data may not be a reliable indication for the future.

The current rating is not guaranteed and may change if the volatility of the assets in which the fund invests changes. The lowest rating does not mean risk free.

The fund is rated as 4 because of the extent to which the following risk factors apply:

- Credit Risk - The fund invests in securities which are subject to the risk that the issuer may default on interest or capital payments.
- Interest Rate Risk - The fund invests in securities which can be subject to price fluctuation for a variety of reasons including changes in interest rates or inflation expectations.
- 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.
- High Yield Credit Risk - The fund invests in high yield bonds which typically carry a greater risk of default than those with lower yields.
- ABS / MBS Risk - Asset and mortgage backed securities are subject to prepayment and extension risk and additional liquidity and default risk compared to other credit securities.
- Convertible Securities Risk - These investments can be changed into

another form upon certain triggers as such they can exhibit risks typically associated with both bonds and equities. Contingent convertible securities (CoCos) are similar to convertible securities but have additional triggers which mean that they are more vulnerable to losses and volatile price movements and hence become less liquid.

- Derivatives Risk - The use of derivatives may involve additional liquidity, credit and counterparty risks and may lead to substantial loss and increased volatility in adverse market conditions. 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.

All investment involves risk. This fund offers no guarantee against loss or that the fund's objective will be attained.

The price of assets and the income from them may go down as well as up and cannot be guaranteed; an investor may receive back less than their original investment.

Inflation reduces the buying power of your investment and income.

The value of 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.

## CHARGES

The charges you pay are used to pay the costs of running the fund including 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%

These are the maximum charges that we might take out of your money before it is invested and before we pay out the sale proceeds of your investment. In some cases, you might pay less and you should speak to your financial adviser about this.

### Charges taken from the fund over a year

Ongoing charges	0.60%
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### Charges taken from the fund under certain specific conditions

Performance fee	0.00%
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The entry and exit charges shown are maximum figures. In some cases you might pay less – you can find this out from your financial adviser. The Ongoing Charges figure reflects the amount based on the expenses within the annual report for each financial year. This figure may vary from year to year. It excludes: performance fees (where applicable); portfolio transaction costs, except in the case of an entry/exit charge paid by the fund when buying or selling in another collective investment undertaking.

Where the Fund invests in an open-ended collective investment scheme which is operated or managed by the ACD/the Manager or an associate of the ACD/the Manager, no additional annual management charge will be incurred by the Fund on such an investment.

The annual report for each financial year will include detail on the exact charges made.

The Ongoing Charge figure is as at 31/07/2023.

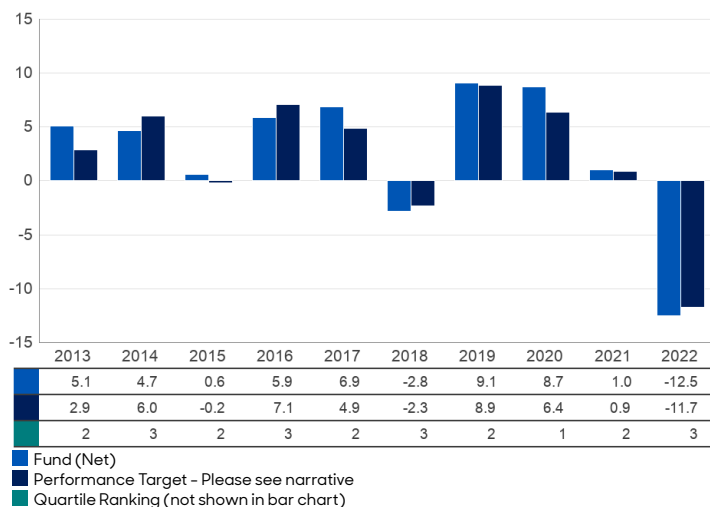
A switching charge may be applied in accordance with the Prospectus. For more information about charges please see Prospectus.

Further information on the charges can be found in the Prospectus.

## PAST PERFORMANCE

abrdn Strategic Bond Fund, I Acc, 31 December 2022

% Returns



Past performance is not a guide to future performance.

Performance is net of charges and does not take into account any entry, exit or switching charges but does take into account the ongoing charge, as shown in the Charges section.

Performance is calculated in GBP.

The fund was launched in 2015. The share/unit class was launched in 2015.

The past performance information for the period prior to 11 September 2015 reflects that of the Aberdeen Investment Funds ICVC III Strategic Bond Fund.

Performance Target – IA Sterling Strategic Bond Sector Average.

## PRACTICAL INFORMATION

This document describes only one share class and other share classes are available. Information on how to buy, sell and switch shares is available by contacting us (see below).

Detailed information about the Fund, including its Prospectus, latest Annual and Half-Yearly reports and current share prices is available at [www.abrdn.com](http://www.abrdn.com). Alternatively, please contact abrdn Fund Managers Limited, PO BOX 12233, Chelmsford, Essex CM99 2EE. Telephone: 0345 113 6966. Email: [customer.services@abrdn.com](mailto:customer.services@abrdn.com).

The documents are available in English only.

abrdn OEIC I offers a range of funds with diversified investment objectives. The Prospectus, Annual and Half-Yearly reports cover all the funds within abrdn OEIC I. In the unlikely event of one fund having debts, the assets of the other funds may not be used to settle these.

The Fund's Authorised Corporate Director is abrdn Fund Managers Limited.

The depositary of the Fund is Citibank UK Limited.

The tax legislation of the United Kingdom may have an impact on your personal tax position.

abrdn Fund Managers 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.

Details of an up-to-date UCITS V Remuneration Policy Statement, including but not limited to, a description of how remuneration and benefits are calculated, and the identities of persons responsible for awarding remuneration and benefits, including the composition of the Remuneration Committee, are available at [www.abrdn.com](http://www.abrdn.com) and a paper copy will be made available free of charge on request to the Authorised Corporate Director.