# abrdn SICAV II - Emerging Market Local Currency Debt Fund

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# B Acc GBP

#### 31 May 2024

#### Objective

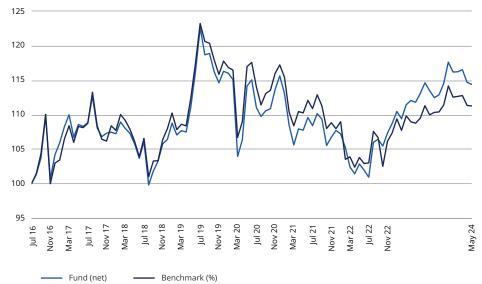
The Fund aims to provide a combination of income and growth by investing in bond securities and Emerging Market currencies

The Fund aims to outperform the IP Morgan GBI-EM Global Diversified Index (USD) benchmark (before charges)

#### Portfolio securities

- The Fund invests at least 70% of its assets in Emerging Market currencies and Emerging Market local currency bonds.
- The Fund may also invest in other bonds (including non-Emerging Market bonds), money market instruments, cash and near cash, derivatives and collective investment schemes
- The Fund may invest up to 20% of its assets in Mainland China bonds.
- Investment in bonds will follow the "Emerging Market Local Currency Debt Promoting ESG Investment Approach". This approach evaluates the Environmental, Social, Governance and Political ("ESGP") characteristics of sovereign issuers, which results in an ESGP score being assigned to each issuer. This score allows countries falling below a threshold to be excluded from the investment universe.
- In addition to the exclusion threshold, a forward-looking Direction of Travel assessment is conducted, allowing exclusions to be overridden where ESGP weaknesses are being adequately addressed by the issuer and this is not reflected in the data.
- For corporate bonds, the abrdn ESG House Score is used to exclude those companies exposed to the highest ESG risks. In addition, abrdn apply a set of company exclusions, which are related to the UN Global Compact, Controversial Weapons, Tobacco Manufacturing and Thermal Coal.
- Green bonds, Social bonds or Sustainable bonds issued by excluded countries or companies excluded by the environmental screens are permitted, where the proceeds of such issues can be confirmed as having a positive environmental or social impact.
- Financial derivative instruments, money-market instruments and cash may not adhere to this approach.

#### Performance



#### Cumulative and annualised performance

	1 month	6 months	Year to date	1 year	3 years (p.a.)	5 years (p.a.)	10 years (p.a.)
Fund (net) (%)	-0.27	-0.11	-2.76	2.31	2.01	0.58	n/a
Benchmark (%)	-0.07	-0.11	-2.54	2.30	0.30	-0.21	n/a

#### Discrete annual returns - year to 31/5

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Fund (net) (%)	2.31	8.71	-4.56	-5.60	2.74	5.04	-2.56	n/a	n/a	n/a
Benchmark (%)	2.30	4.80	-5.87	-5.73	4.04	5.94	-2.01	n/a	n/a	n/a

Performance Data: Share Class B Acc GBP

Benchmark history: Benchmark - JP Morgan GBI-EM Global Diversified (GBP)

Source: abrdn. Basis: Total Return, NAV to NAV, net of annual charges, gross income reinvested, (GBP). Costs may increase or decrease as a result of currency and exchange rate fluctuations. This may impact what you might get back."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 Benchmark / Benchmark / portfolio constraining benchmark. All return data includes investment management fees, operational charges and expenses, and assumes the reinvestment of all distributions. The returns provided do not reflect the initial sales charge and, if included, the performance shown would be lower

Past performance does not predict future returns.

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# Key facts

Fund manager(s)	Global Emerging Market Debt Team
Fund launch date	19 June 2013
Share class launch date	08 July 2016
Management company	abrdn Investments Luxembourg S.A.
Fund size	USD 486.0m
Number of holdings	74
Benchmark	JP Morgan GBI-EM Global Diversified (GBP)
Yield to maturity exc derivatives <sup>1</sup>	8.68%
Entry charge (up to) <sup>2</sup>	5.00%
Annual management charge	0.65%
Ongoing charge figure <sup>3</sup>	0.84%
Minimum initial investment	USD 1,000,000
Fund type	SICAV
Valuation point	13:00 (LUX time)
Base currency	USD
Share class currency	GBP
Sedol	BD3V6Q8
ISIN	LU1438963669
Bloomberg	SLEMBGU LX
Citicode	EA7Z
Valoren	33078047
Domicile	Luxembourg

#### Risk and reward profile



This indicator reflects the volatility of the fund's share price over the last five years. See the relevant UCITS Key Investor Information Document (KIID) or PRIIP Key Information Document 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) The fund invests in securities which are subject to the risk that the issuer may default on interest or capital payments.
- The fund price can go up or down daily for a variety of reasons including changes in interest rates, inflation expectations or the perceived credit quality of individual countries or securities.
- (d) Emerging markets are countries generally considered to be relatively less developed or industrialized, and investments in emerging markets countries are subject to a magnification of the risks that apply to foreign investments. These risks are greater for securities of companies in emerging market countries because the countries may have less stable governments, more volatile currencies and less established markets.

#### **Investor Service**

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# Management process

The Fund is actively managed.

- Through the application of the Emerging Market Local Currency Debt Promoting ESG Investment Approach (the "Investment Approach"), the Fund has an expected minimum of 5% in Sustainable Investments. Engagement with issuers is a part of abrdn's investment process and ongoing stewardship programme. As part
- of this, up to 5% of asset may be invested in companies in high carbon emitting sectors, which are seen as having ambitious and credible targets to decarbonise their operations, in order to support their transition to ultimately comply with the environmental screens. Further detail of the Investment Approach is published at www.abrdn.com under "Fund Centre". The benchmark is used as a reference point for portfolio construction and as a basis for setting risk constraints.
- In order to achieve its objective, the Fund will take positions whose weightings diverge from the benchmark or invest in securities which are not included in the benchmark. The investments of the Fund may deviate
- significantly from the components and their weightings in the benchmark. Due to the active nature of the management process, the Fund's performance profile may deviate significantly from that of the benchmark over the longer term.

# **Top Ten Holdings**

#### Composition by asset (%)

Nota Do Tesouro Nacional 10% 2031	6.4		
Colombia (Govt of) 7% 2031	4.0	Government	95.9
Brazil (Govt of) 10% 2025	3.6		
South Africa (Govt Of) 8.25% 2032	3.5	Supranational	1.2 I
Peru (Govt of) 7.3% 2033	3.4		
Hungary (Govt of) 7% 2035	3.2	Quasi Sovereign	0.9 I
Nota Do Tesouro Nacional 10% 2033	3.0		
Mexico (Govt of) 5.75% 2026	2.9	Other	0.1
China (Govt of) 3.02% 2031	2.8		
Indonesia (Govt of) 7% 2030	2.4	Cash 1.9	1.9
Assets in top ten holdings	35.2		

# Country (%)

Brazil	13.1
Indonesia	12.9
Mexico	10.1
South Africa	8.6
Peru	6.2
Malaysia	6.1
China	5.9
Colombia	5.8
Other	29.5
Cash	1.9 ■

Source : abrdn 31/05/2024

Figures may not always sum to 100 due to rounding.

- (e) The fund invests in high yielding bonds which carry a greater risk of default than those with lower yields.
- Investing via Bond Connect involves special (f) considerations and risks, including without limitation a less developed regulatory and legal framework, operational, title 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.
- (h) 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 companies which similar funds do not (and thus perform differently) and which do not align with the personal views of any individual investor.

# **Risk stats**

Effective duration (years)

5.70

Source : abrdn. ^ Three year annualised.

#### Derivative usage

- The fund will routinely use derivatives to reduce risk or cost, or to generate additional capital or income at proportionate risk (Efficient Portfolio Management) or to meet its investment objective. Derivatives may be used to provide market exposures different to those that could be achieved through investment in assets in which the fund is primarily invested. Usage of derivatives is monitored to ensure that the fund is not exposed to excessive or unintended risks.

. This Fund concerns the acquisition of units or shares in a fund, and not in a given underlying asset such as a building or shares of a company.

<sup>1</sup>Yield to Maturity as at 31/05/2024 is the yield that would be realised on a bond or other debt instrument if the security was held until the maturity date. <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 0.65% 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. There are other applicable costs. The other operating charges figure (OOC) is the total expenses paid by each share class, against its average net asset value. This includes the annual management charge, the other operating expenses and any synthetic element to incorporate the ongoing charges of any underlying qualifying investments. The OOC can fluctuate as underlying costs change. Where underlying costs have changed, the OOC disclosed in the Fund offering Documents will be updated to reflect current changes.

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