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Dear (Salutation)

## Fund name, objective and policy changes

Account number: XXXXXX

Your financial adviser: XXXXXX

I am writing to you because you are invested in one or both of the following funds, provided by abrdn Fund Managers Limited.

abrdn Fund Managers Limited will change the name, objective and investment policy of the funds from **20 February 2025**.

You'll see the new fund name on our valuations and statements after this date.

Old fund names	New fund names
abrdn UK Sustainable & Responsible Investment Equity	abrdn UK Sustainable Equity
abrdn Global Sustainable and Responsible Investment Equity	abrdn Global Sustainable Equity

The old and new objectives are overleaf for you to compare.

You may want to speak to your financial adviser about the impact of the change. Please speak to them before making any investment decisions, or if you have any questions about the change.

**If you don't have a financial adviser**, we recommend that you consider the benefits of receiving professional financial advice, which can be especially important when you need to make investment decisions. If you would like to search for an adviser in your area you can start by visiting [quilter.com/financial-advice/find-an-adviser](https://quilter.com/financial-advice/find-an-adviser)

## How this will affect your account

- **The value of your holding** – The changes will not affect the value of your fund holding.
- **Risk profile** – The fund's risk profile will not change.
- The Annual Management Charge (AMC) of the funds will not change.

## Why the funds are changing

The Financial Conduct Authority have issued naming, marketing and labelling regulation under the Sustainability, Disclosure Requirements (SDR). In light of the requirements abrdn are making changes to the funds.

While the funds are primarily focused on investing in companies that have positive sustainability characteristics, the funds currently offer sustainability outcomes while delivering a financial objective. Given the nature of the funds, abrdn have taken the decision to make the objective explicitly sustainability focused while continuing to deliver the existing financial objective alongside.

The funds will be labelled 'Sustainability Focus' under the SDR, abrdn believe this provides the investors with funds which continue to invest sustainably in line with their expectation but with a more clearly defined sustainability objective and greater transparency on how the sustainability objective will be achieved.

Due to the changes and updates to the investment objectives and policies, which are now explicitly sustainability focused, abrdn are also simplifying the names of the funds to remove any ambiguity and more directly reflect the objectives of the funds with the removal of "Responsible Investment", which is no longer relevant for the investment process.

In addition, abrdn are making amendments to the Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) policy of each fund to enhance the information provided on their ESG commitments.

## The next steps

You don't need to take any action unless you would like to choose a new asset from our extensive range. Please speak to your financial adviser before making any investment decisions or if you have any questions about this change.

If you have any questions about this letter, please speak to your financial adviser who will be able to help you. Alternatively, you can call or email us using the details shown and we will be happy to help. Our Customer Service Centre is open 8:30am – 5:30pm, Monday to Friday.

Yours sincerely,



## Callum Earl

Head of Client Services

## Fund objectives

Current fund	New fund
<p><b>abrdn UK Sustainable &amp; Responsible Investment Equity:</b></p> <p>To generate growth over the long term (5 years or more) by investing in UK equities (company shares), which adhere to the abrdn Sustainable and Responsible Investment Equity Approach.</p> <p>Performance Target: To achieve the return of the FTSE All-Share Index plus 3% per annum over rolling five year periods (before charges). The Performance Target is the level of performance that the management team hopes to achieve for the fund. There is however no certainty or promise that they will achieve the Performance Target.</p> <p>The ACD believes this is an appropriate target for the fund based on the investment policy of the fund and the constituents of the index.</p>	<p><b>abrdn UK Sustainable Equity:</b></p> <p>To generate growth over the long term (5 years or more) by investing in UK 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 &amp; stakeholders, through their business operations OR their products and services.</p> <p>To align with this sustainability objective companies must demonstrate they are positively addressing one or more of the thematic areas, assessed against either the:</p> <p>(i) revenue derived from, or investment budget directed to, products and services that contribute to one or more of the following thematic areas:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• climate change - through renewable energy, or sustainable real estate and infrastructure development; or</li> <li>• environment - through circular economy practices, sustainable food &amp; agriculture, or access to water &amp; sanitation; or</li> <li>• labour management - through educational and employment initiatives; or</li> <li>• human rights &amp; stakeholders - through health and social care, or financial inclusions; or</li> </ul> <p>(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 &amp; stakeholders to identify companies that are addressing adverse environmental impacts and promoting societal welfare.</p> <p>Performance Target: To achieve a return in excess of the FTSE All-Share 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 however no certainty or promise that they will achieve the Performance Target. 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.</p> <p>The ACD believes this is an appropriate target for the fund based on the investment policy of the fund and the constituents of the index.</p>
<p><b>abrdn Global Sustainable and Responsible Investment Equity:</b></p> <p>To generate growth over the long term (5 years or more) by investing in global equities (company shares) which adhere to the abrdn Sustainable and Responsible Investment Equity Approach.</p> <p>Performance Target: To achieve the return of the MSCI AC World Index plus 3% per annum over rolling three year periods (before charges). The Performance Target is the level of performance that the management team hopes to achieve for the fund. There is however no certainty or promise that they will achieve the Performance Target.</p> <p>The ACD believes this is an appropriate target for the fund based on the investment policy of the fund and the constituents of the index.</p>	<p><b>abrdn Global Sustainable Equity:</b></p> <p>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 &amp; stakeholders, through their business operations OR their products and services.</p> <p>To align with this sustainability objective companies must demonstrate they are positively addressing one or more of the thematic areas, assessed against either the:</p> <p>(i) revenue derived from, or investment budget directed to, products and services that contribute to one or more of the following thematic areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• climate change - through renewable energy, or sustainable real estate and infrastructure development; or</li> <li>• environment - through circular economy practices, sustainable food &amp; agriculture, or access to water &amp; sanitation; or</li> <li>• labour management - through educational and employment initiatives; or</li> <li>• human rights &amp; stakeholders - through health and social care, or financial inclusions; or</li> </ul> <p>(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</p>

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