



26 February 2026

**Updates to the Sustainable Investment assessment criteria :**

- **abrdn Sustainable International Equities Fund**
- **abrdn Sustainable Asian Opportunities Fund**
- **abrdn Emerging Markets Equity Fund**

Collectively referred to as 'Funds'

Aberdeen Investments is committed to reviewing its range of Funds with the aim of ensuring that they continue to meet client and regulatory requirements and expectations. This includes ongoing monitoring of our overall sustainability framework and the Sustainable Investment commitments.

On or around 26 March 2026 the Funds will be making updates to the Sustainable Investment assessment criteria:

**Updates to the Sustainability Framework**

Aberdeen has undertaken a review of the overall framework to assess a company's sustainability and how this is applied to the Funds. As a result, the ESG House Score will be replaced with a new Overall Sustainability Assessment (OSA) from the effective date. Rather than setting a fixed percentage of companies to be excluded (as is currently the case under the ESG House Score), the OSA will no longer use a fixed percentage of companies to be excluded. The OSA will provide a clearer and more comprehensive sustainability profile of the Fund based on the attributes and categorisation of the underlying companies. The OSA will provide an overall view on a company's sustainability based on scoring of its governance, operations, and products and/or services. This broader assessment of sustainability will allow Aberdeen to assess and review the Funds' holdings in a more holistic and transparent manner.

From the Effective Date, the Funds will no longer make a commitment in relation to the ESG House Score against the benchmark in order to ensure, to the extent possible, greater harmonisation across the framework.

**Why are you making these changes?**

These changes will align the Funds with the broader suite of Aberdeen Investments' Sustainable strategies, ensuring consistency across our sustainable fund range.

The Sustainable International Equities Fund and abrdn Sustainable Asian Opportunities Fund ('Sustainable Funds') are managed under the Aberdeen Australian Sustainable Framework built on the framework Aberdeen has developed under the EU Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation.

In response to evolving Sustainable Finance Regulations, our Sustainable funds have required a number of updates. These changes ensure regulatory compliance, and a consistent approach across our product offering.

**What impact will the changes have on portfolios?**

There is no impact to the portfolios as a result of these changes.

**When will the changes take place?**



The changes will take place on or around **26 March 2026**.

**What action do unitholders in the Fund need to take?**

You are not required to take any action as a result of receiving this letter. However, it is important that you understand what the changes mean and how they will affect your investment in the Fund.

**Where can I access more information on the targets and screens being introduced?**

On or around 26 March, full details of targets and screens can be accessed in the product disclosure documents at <https://www.aberdeeninvestments.com/en-au/investor/funds> under the relevant fund and then literature.

**Further information**

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