

# abrdn Ethical Corporate Bond Fund

## Annual Sustainability Product Report

Reporting period: 02 December 2024 – 31 December 2025

Report date: 31 December 2025

### Sustainability Disclosure Requirements (SDR) and labelling regime

The Fund does not have a UK sustainable investment label under SDR. This is because the Fund has a financial objective to deliver growth of income and capital over the long term. While the Fund has sustainability characteristics it does not have a specific sustainability objective. Sustainable investing labels are intended to help investors find products that have a specific sustainability goal.

### Information

Manager name	abrdn Fund Managers Limited
Legal entity identifier	549300K8H8PF81I79V14

### Fund objective

To generate income and some growth over the long term (5 years or more) by investing in Sterling-denominated investment grade corporate bonds which adhere to the abrdn Ethical Corporate Bond Investment Approach.

### Purpose of the report

The Sustainability Product report provides information on sustainability-related financial disclosures of the product in line with the requirements of the FCA's Sustainability Disclosure Requirements (SDR).

Specifically, it provides an annual update on the product's sustainability approach and key sustainability metrics within the reporting period. It is aligned to a calendar year end period to be consistent with existing climate related disclosures (TCFD) and to allow sustainability metrics (including climate-related metrics) to be easily comparable over time. The start date of the reporting period reflects when the product was first used sustainability-related terms under the FCA's SDR rules.

The Manager has separately published a TCFD Product Report which forms part of this overall Sustainability Product report, with respect to climate-related disclosures. The TCFD Product Report is accessible within the Fund Centre on our website – [www.aberdeeninvestments.com](http://www.aberdeeninvestments.com)

### Sustainability approach

The ethical assessment criteria:

#### Sustainable characteristics

The fund targets to exclude at least 20% of the fund's benchmark investable universe, through a combination of internal assessment and the use of negative screening criteria to avoid investing in certain industries and activities that our customers are concerned with.

#### Negative screening criteria

The fund applies a set of company exclusions which are related but not limited to fossil fuels, animal testing, weaponry, pornography, gambling, tobacco and alcohol. Please refer to the prospectus for full details on the screening criteria applied for this fund.

#### ESG risk rating

Our assessment criteria also incorporates the insights from our on-desk ESG Risk Rating, which is a proprietary tool designed to help focus the knowledge and expertise of credit analysts in a systematic way. Our credit analysts apply an ESG Risk Rating of Low, Medium, High (Low is better) to each debt issuer. This is credit profile-specific and represents how impactful we believe ESG risks are likely to be to the credit quality of the issuer now and in the future.

The key areas of focus are the materiality of the inherent environmental and social risks of the sector of operation (e.g. extraction, water usage, cyber security) and how specific companies manage these risks, combined with the quality and sustainability of its corporate governance. This materiality assessment is combined with a judgement on the timeframe over which these ESG risks may have an impact.

The fund excludes debt issuers with a "High" ESG Risk Rating.

#### ESG house score

The ESG House Score is an analytical tool developed by our investments sustainability group in collaboration with the quantitative investment team. The score is calculated by combining a variety of data inputs within a proprietary framework, combining our underlying governance and operational scores.

The Aberdeen ESG House Score global universe is segregated into seven equal groups. The fund will invest at least 70% of its net asset value in those companies that pass the negative screens (outlined in more detail above) and are in one of the top two groups. This corresponds to companies scoring in the top 29% (2/7).

To complement this, we also utilise our active stewardship and engagement activities



### Sustainable characteristics

Disinvestment from companies is required if:

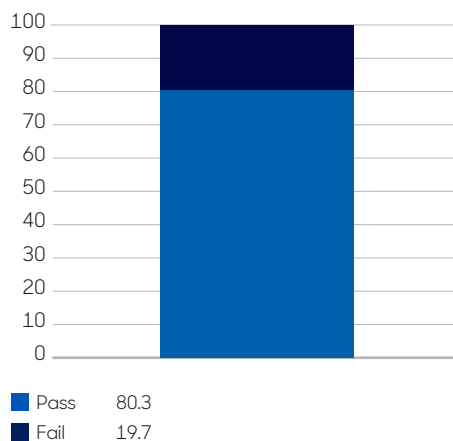
- They become in breach of any of the negative screens; or
- Less than 70% of the fund's net asset value is invested in companies that are in the top 29% (2/7) of the Aberdeen ESG House Score global universe; or
- Their ESG Risk Rating moves to "High".

Should the review of a security result in it being deemed non-compliant, the intention would be exit as soon as is practicably possible, but generally no longer than 3 months, allowing for market conditions.

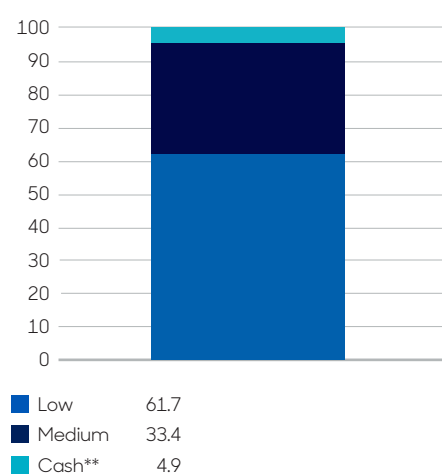
### Sustainability metrics

The ethical assessment criteria, which includes consideration of the sustainability characteristics of companies, covers three key areas monitored and is measured on an ongoing basis. The below charts represent the significance of the negative screening on the benchmark investment universe, and how the composition of the fund is broken down by the relevant metrics in each of these areas, as at the end of the reporting period. Unless otherwise specified, year end data is accurate as at 31 December 2025.

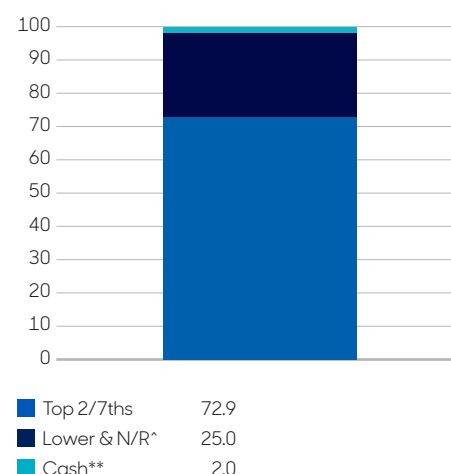
#### Negative screening - impact on comparator index\* (%)



#### Fund exposure by ESG risk rating (%)



#### Fund exposure by ESG house score (%)



\*Markit iBoxx Sterling Collateralized & Corporates Index

\*\*Cash includes assets that can be turned into cash quickly.

^N/R is not rated

Source: Aberdeen Investments. The data shown within the metrics is accurate as at 31/12/2025. Figures may not always sum to 100 due to rounding.



## Further details

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The Sustainability entity report for aFML can be found in the Document Library under Sustainability-related disclosures on our website: [www.aberdeeninvestments.com](http://www.aberdeeninvestments.com)

For more information on the Sustainability disclosure and labelling regime, please see: <https://www.fca.org.uk/consumers/sustainable-investment-labels-greenwashing>

The value of investments can go down as well as up, and you could get back less than the amount originally invested. Past performance is not a guide to future returns and future returns are not guaranteed.

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