

# Fund Guide: abrdrn Future Supply Chains UCITS ETF

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## What is the abrdrn Future Supply Chains Fund?

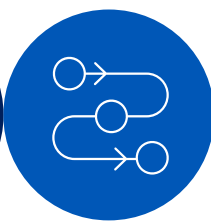
The abrdrn Future Supply Chains UCITS ETF is an actively managed strategy investing in the transformation of global supply chains. It's a high-conviction, balanced portfolio designed to deliver long-term total returns with low correlation to traditional global equities.

## What are supply chains?

Rising geopolitical tensions, intensifying trade wars, and the energy transition are reshaping where goods and services are produced across the globe.

Pandemic disruptions revealed supply chain fragility, while geopolitical risks, protectionism, and decarbonisation requirements have accelerated change. The world is shifting towards localised supply chains, increased security spending, intensified technology competition, reshoring of industries, and a stronger focus on security and infrastructure.

As a result, traditional supply chain models have been challenged, and companies are adapting to meet the growing demands from this change. The reshaping of global supply chains, technologies, and energy systems therefore offers significant investment opportunities.



**"The ongoing transformation of supply chains  
presents an exciting opportunity, with the  
potential to span multiple decades."**

**Jamie Mills O'Brien** Investment Director

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## Capturing the opportunity

We focus on three key drivers and six subthemes shaping supply chains.

### Our three supply chain pillars



#### National security

We like companies that benefit from governments prioritising domestic intellectual property, research and development, and production. This ensures technological independence amid geopolitical tensions.

##### Subthemes

##### Technology independence, cyber and defence

Companies exposed to rising defence, and the race for technological supremacy and cybersecurity.

##### Resource scarcity

Companies manufacturing critical minerals required for technology and defence developments.



#### Resilient supply chains

We invest in companies that are shortening, simplifying, and localising their supply chains. This reduces their vulnerability to disruption caused by events like COVID-19, Brexit, and political trade barriers.

##### Subthemes

##### Trade transformation

Companies operating in sectors such as logistics, reshoring, domestic manufacturing, technology, and energy independence.

##### Robotics and automation

Companies exposed to industrial automation and design, construction, and the operation of robots.



#### Decarbonisation and energy security

We favour companies that are onshoring their energy production and investing in local energy sources and renewables to improve energy efficiency and security. Raw materials are essential components needed for the technology and energy transition.

##### Subthemes

##### Green technology



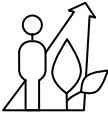

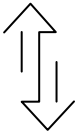

Businesses developing technologies to minimise environmental impact and reduces energy dependence such as solar, wind, battery and EVs.

##### Sustainable infrastructure

Companies working with energy-efficient buildings and electric trains.

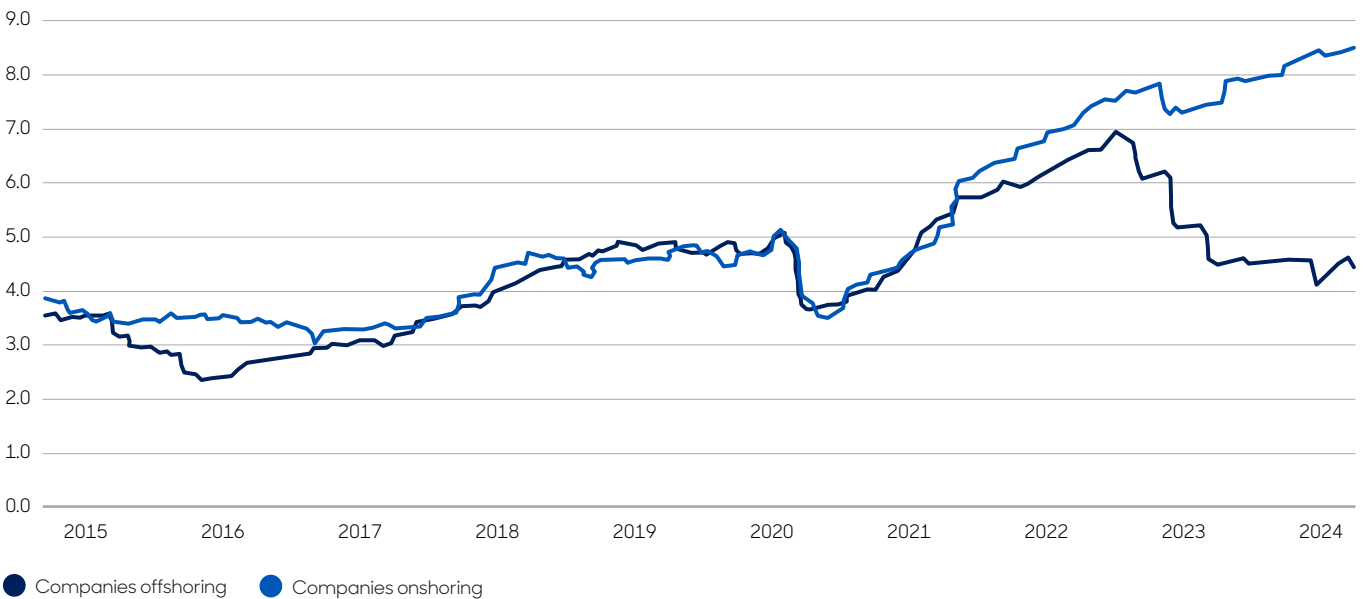
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## Why invest in future supply chains today?

	<b>More insular government policy and increased domestic investment</b> Governments are increasing policies and incentives to encourage domestic manufacturing.		<b>Rising defence and public safety spending</b> Geopolitical tensions and the growing pressure to protect key resources are driving an increase in defence and security spending. This highlights the need for more resilient local supply chains.
	<b>Re-shoring and nearshoring</b> Companies are trying to reduce their dependency on foreign suppliers and improve their supply chain resilience.		<b>Increased energy demand</b> As global energy needs rise, reshoring and investing in renewable and domestic energy sources are transforming the supply chain. This creates opportunities for leading companies.
	<b>Tariffs and trade regulations</b> Tariffs and fiscal policy shifts will likely drive reshoring and domestic investment.		<b>Advancing technology</b> This is helping to build more durable, efficient, and flexible supply chains, which provides investment opportunities.

## Companies reshoring production are better positioned for the future than those that continue to offshore

One-year forward earnings per share



Source: Goldman Sachs, December 2024

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## Investment objective

To generate growth over the long-term (5 years or more) by investing in companies with alignment to the Future Supply Chains theme.

### Risks

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.

### Equity Risk

The Fund invests in equity and equity related securities. These are sensitive to variations in the stock markets which can be volatile and change substantially in short periods of time.

### Concentration Risk

A concentrated portfolio may be more volatile and less liquid than a more broadly diversified one. The Fund's investments are concentrated in a particular country or sector, or closely related group of industries or sectors.

### Emerging Markets Risk

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.

### Small and Mid-Cap Stock Risk

The shares of small and mid-cap companies may be less liquid and more volatile than those of larger companies.

### Variable Interest Entity Risk

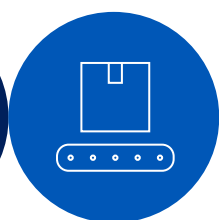
The Fund may invest in companies with Variable Interest Entity (VIE) structures in order to gain exposure to industries with foreign ownership restrictions. There is a risk that investments in these structures may be adversely affected by changes in the legal and regulatory framework.

### China A/Stock Connect Risk

Investing in China A shares involves special considerations and risks, including greater price volatility, a less developed regulatory and legal framework, exchange rate risk/ controls, settlement, tax, quota, liquidity and regulatory risks.

### Derivatives Risk

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**"The abrdn Future Supply Chains UCITS ETF brings together our key capabilities to identify the winning companies of the supply chain transformation."**

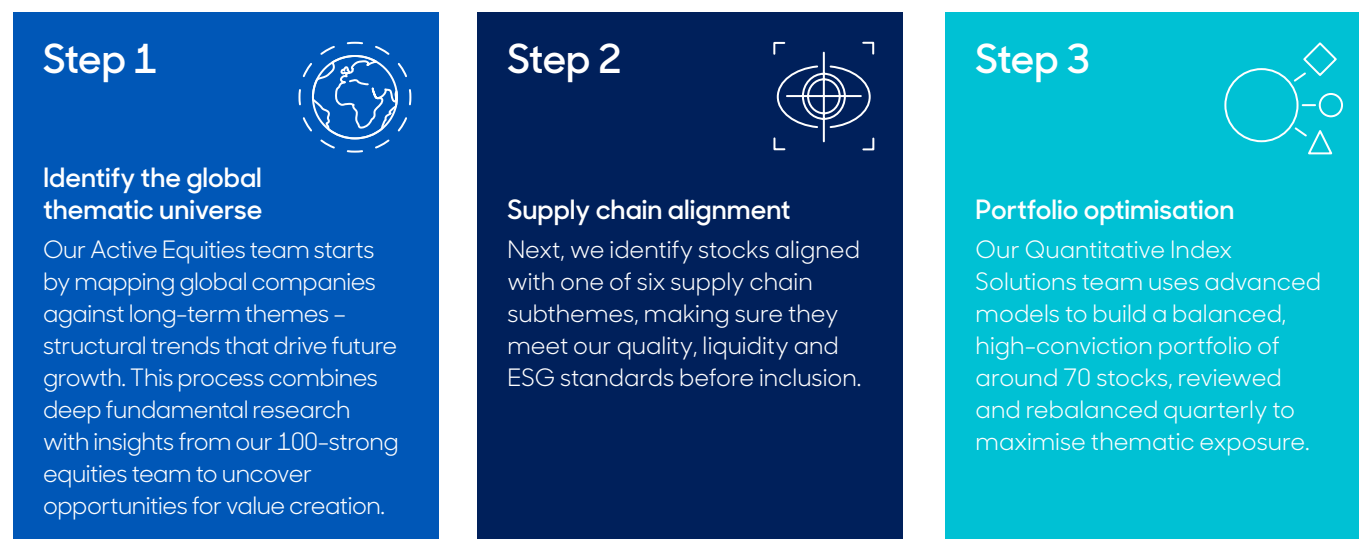
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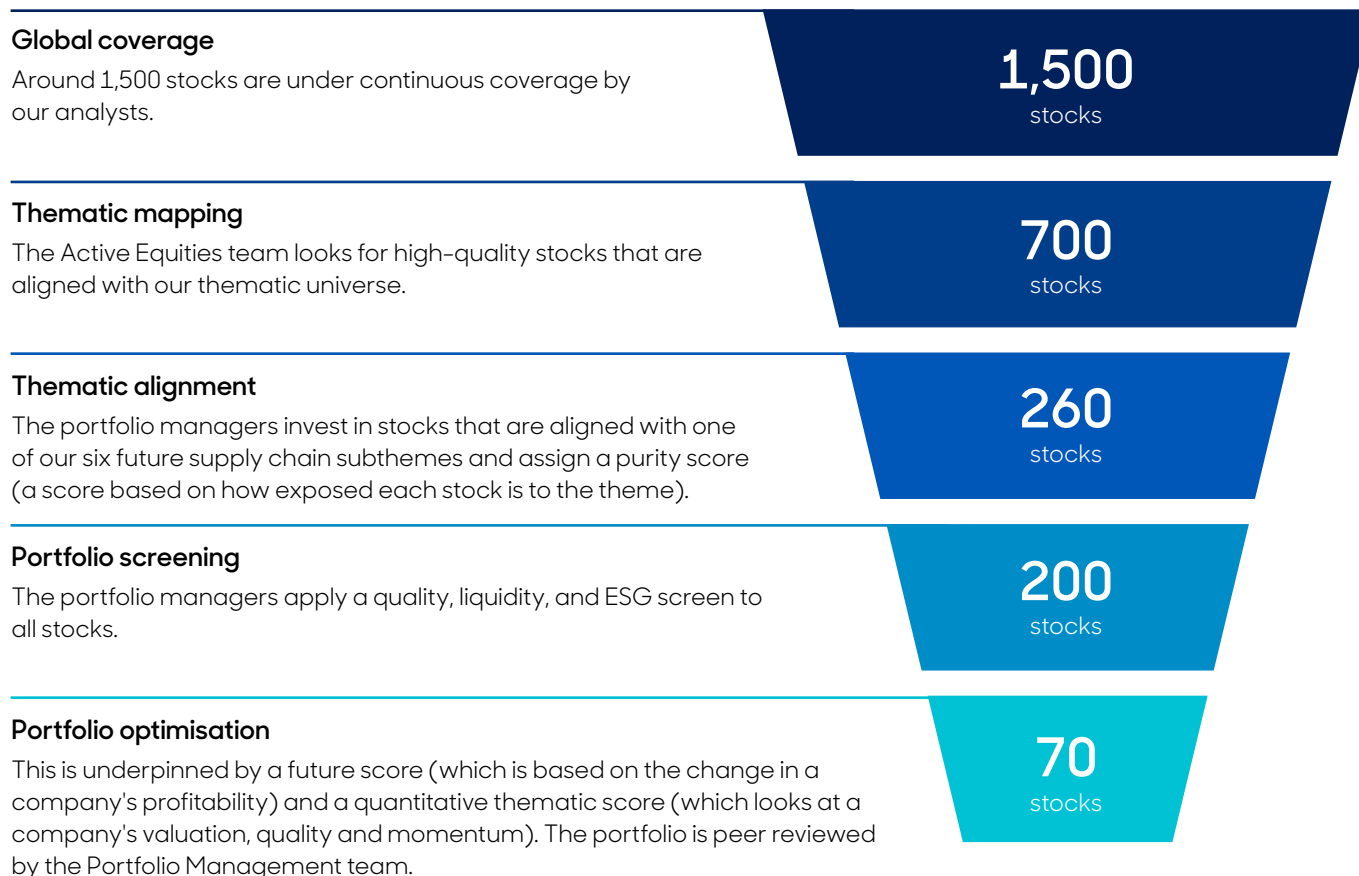
## Robust and repeatable rules-based investment process

We use a blend of active and quantitative investment capabilities to identify the most exciting opportunities across the supply chains theme.

Our Active Equities team identifies the most appealing stocks aligned to the theme, while our experienced Quantitative Index Solutions team is responsible for portfolio optimisation. The result is a balanced, high-conviction portfolio with a focused thematic exposure.



## Investment process in detail



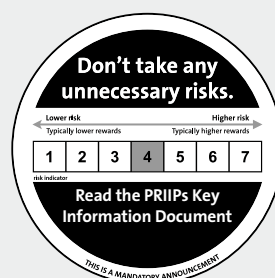
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## Key facts

<b>Investment objective</b>	To generate growth over the long term (five years or more), by investing primarily in companies aligned with the future supply chains theme.
<b>Performance comparator</b>	MSCI ACWI Index Net Total Return (USD) (reference only)*
<b>Fund structure</b>	Exchange-traded fund
<b>Ticker</b>	ASCH (Xetra EUR), ASCI (Xetra USD), ASCC (SIX CHF), ASCH (LSE GBX)
<b>Rebalancing</b>	Quarterly
<b>SFDR classification</b>	Article 6
<b>Base currency</b>	USD
<b>TER</b>	0.60%
<b>Registered for distribution in:</b>	Austria, Belgium, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy**, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Switzerland and United Kingdom

\*For comparison purposes, investors can compare the fund's long-term performance with the MSCI ACWI Index Net Total Return (USD) (the "Index"), as indicative of the performance of the future supply chains theme against global equities. The fund doesn't aim to outperform the index and it's not used for portfolio construction or risk management purposes.

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