

# Aberdeen Standard SICAV I - European Equity Fund

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## A Acc EUR Minimum Disclosure Document & General Investor report to 31 March 2022

### Objective

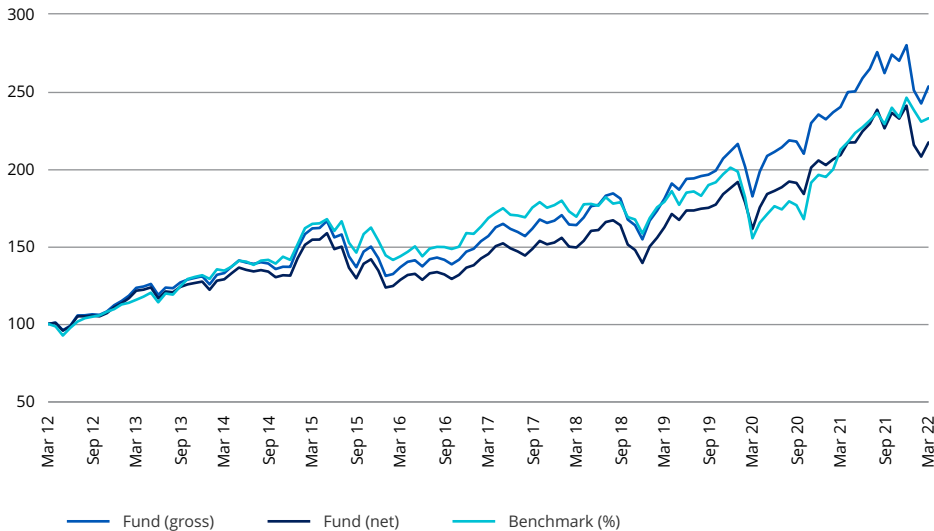
The Fund aims to achieve a combination of growth and income by investing in companies listed on stock markets across Europe, which follow the Investment Manager's Sustainable and Responsible Investment Equity Approach.

The Fund aims to outperform the FTSE World Europe Index (EUR) benchmark before charges.

### Portfolio securities

- The Fund invests at least 90% of the Fund's assets in equities and equity related securities of companies based, or carrying out much of their business in Europe.
- All equity and equity related securities will be consistent with Sustainable and Responsible Investment Equity Approach.
- In addition we apply a set of company exclusion which are related to the UN Global Compact, Tobacco Manufacturing, Norges Bank Investment Management (NBIM), Thermal Coal, Gambling, Oil & Gas and Weapons.
- Details of our Sustainable and Responsible Investment Equity Approach is published at [www.abdn.com](http://www.abdn.com) under "Sustainable Investing".
- Financial derivative instruments are exempt from approach.
- The Fund has adhered to its policy objective.

### Performance



### Cumulative and annualised performance

	1 month	3 months	6 months	Year to date	1 year	3 years (p.a.)	5 years (p.a.)	10 years (p.a.)	Since launch (p.a.)
Fund (gross) (%)	4,54	-9,52	-3,28	-9,52	5,53	11,87	10,08	9,39	6,94
Fund (net) (%)	4,41	-9,87	-4,03	-9,87	3,91	10,16	8,39	7,72	7,07
Benchmark (%)	0,96	-5,40	1,64	-5,40	9,54	9,19	6,69	8,82	n/a
Highest (%)	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	17,21	34,74	34,74	34,74	39,62
Lowest (%)	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	17,21	9,52	-8,67	-8,67	-48,87

### Discrete annual returns - year to 31/3

	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
Fund (gross) (%)	5.53	31.66	0.81	10.44	4.50	14.75	-15.52	21.74	7.73	19.41
Fund (net) (%)	3.91	29.66	-0.74	8.75	2.91	13.00	-16.81	19.88	6.07	17.60
Benchmark (%)	9.54	36.87	-13.18	5.70	0.49	17.23	-12.73	22.48	16.29	15.59

Performance Data: Share Class A Acc EUR

Benchmark history: Benchmark - FTSE World Europe Index (EUR)

Source: Lipper. Basis: Total Return, NAV to NAV, net of annual charges, gross Income reinvested, (EUR).

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.

Highest and lowest returns are those that are achieved during any single calendar year over the period specified.

Performance Chart: The investment performance is for illustrative purposes only. The investment performance is calculated by taking the actual initial fees and all ongoing fees into account for the amount shown and income is reinvested on the reinvestment date.

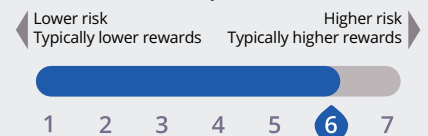
**Past performance does not predict future returns.**



### Key facts

Fund manager(s)	Ben Ritchie & Sanjeet Mangat & Jonathan Allison
Fund managers start date	01 September 2015
Fund launch date	29 January 1993
Share class launch date	29 January 1993
Management company	Aberdeen Standard Investments Luxembourg S.A.
Fund size	EUR 348,0m
Number of holdings	30
Benchmark	FTSE World Europe Index (EUR)
Fund historic yield <sup>1</sup>	0,00%
Entry charge (up to) <sup>2</sup>	5,00%
Annual management charge	1,50%
Ongoing charge figure <sup>3</sup>	1,69%
Minimum initial investment	USD 1 000 or currency equivalent
Fund type	SICAV
Valuation point	13:00 (LUX time)
Base currency	EUR
Share class currency	EUR
Sedol	5621967
ISIN	LU0094541447
Bloomberg	ABEEMAA LX
Citicode	AO77
Reuters	LP60000026
Valoren	445584
WKN	989899
Domicile	Luxembourg

### Risk and reward profile



This indicator reflects the volatility of the fund's share price over the last five years. See Key Investor Information Document (KIID) for details.

### Key risks

- The value of investments and the income from them can fall and investors may get back less than the amount invested.
- 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.

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## Management process

- The Fund is actively managed.
- The Sustainable and Responsible Investment Equity Approach applies our equity investment process, where companies we invest in are given an overall quality rating and a component of this is the ESG quality rating which enables portfolio managers to identify sustainable leaders and improvers. We also use our ASI ESG House Score to identify and exclude companies exposed to the highest ESG risks within high and medium risk sectors.
- Engagement with company management teams is a part of our investment process and ongoing stewardship programme. Our process evaluates the ownership structures, governance and management quality of the companies.
- The Fund will target a lower carbon footprint compared to the benchmark as measured by the ASI Carbon Footprint tool.
- The benchmark is also used as a reference point for portfolio construction and as a basis for setting risk constraints and does not have any sustainability specific factors.
- 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 and sustainable nature of the management process, the Fund's performance profile may deviate significantly from that of the benchmark.

## Top Ten Holdings

ASML Holding NV	7,4
RELX PLC	5,5
Novo Nordisk A/S	5,2
Pernod Ricard SA	5,1
London Stock Exchange Group PLC	4,5
Edenred	4,3
Adyen NV	4,2
Lonza Group AG	4,2
Nestle SA	4,1
Azelis Group NV	3,4
<b>Assets in top ten holdings</b>	<b>47,9</b>

## Country (%)

United Kingdom	20,6	
France	17,3	
Netherlands	13,5	
Switzerland	11,4	
Denmark	11,3	
Germany	11,0	
China	3,3	
Belgium	3,3	
Other	7,5	
Cash	0,8	

Source : abrdn 31/03/2022

Figures may not always sum to 100 due to rounding.

Statement of Changes- As compared to last quarter, there have been changes to the composition by asset allocation & sector breakdown as shown in the table above.

## Asset allocation & Sector breakdown with previous quarter comparison(%)

	Q1	Q4
Information Technology	24,0	22,3
Health Care	15,4	18,7
Financials	15,2	17,1
Consumer Staples	14,1	-
Industrials	13,6	15,4
Consumer Discretionary	5,3	-
Communication Services	5,2	5,0
Materials	3,2	2,4
Other	3,1	-0,1
Cash	0,8	1,6

- (c) Applying ESG and sustainability criteria in the investment process may result in the exclusion of securities within the funds 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.
- (d) The fund invests in emerging market equities and / or bonds. Investing in emerging markets involves a greater risk of loss than investing in more developed markets due to, among other factors, greater political, tax, economic, foreign exchange, liquidity and regulatory risks.
- (e) 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.

## Total expense ratio (TER) analysis

	%
Management fee	1.5
Performance fee	0.0
Operating admin & service fee	0.2
<b>TOTAL TER</b>	<b>1.7</b>

Audit expenses and VAT are included within Operating Admin and Servicing Fees.

## Risk stats

Beta <sup>^</sup>	0,76
Fund Volatility <sup>^</sup>	14,58
Information Ratio <sup>^</sup>	0,25
R-Squared <sup>^</sup>	0,74
Sharpe Ratio <sup>^</sup>	0,83
Tracking Error <sup>^</sup>	8,39

Source : abrdn. <sup>^</sup> Three year annualised.

## Derivative usage

- The Fund may utilise financial derivative instruments for hedging and/or investment purposes, or to manage foreign exchange risks. The use of derivatives for investment purposes is expected to be very limited, mainly in those cases where there are significant inflows into the Fund so that cash can be invested while the investment in equity and equity related securities is maintained.

<sup>1</sup>The Historic Yield as at 28/02/2022 reflects distributions declared over the past twelve months as a percentage of the mid-market share price, as at the date shown. It does not include any preliminary charge and investors may be subject to tax on their distributions.

<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 1.50% 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.

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#### **Glossary Summary**

**Annualised performance:** Annualised performance show longer term performance rescaled to a 1 year period. Annualised performance is the average return per year over the period. Actual annual figures are available to the investor on request.

**NAV:**The net asset value represents the assets of a Fund less its liabilities.