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Reasons Why



European Corporate Bond Sustainable and Responsible Investment Fund

01 Implementing a sustainable and responsible investment approach



Our approach focuses on whether companies meet recognised sustainability standards, seeking improvement through active engagement. This approach maintains the delivery of compelling outperformance.

02 Security selection tailored to the overall environment

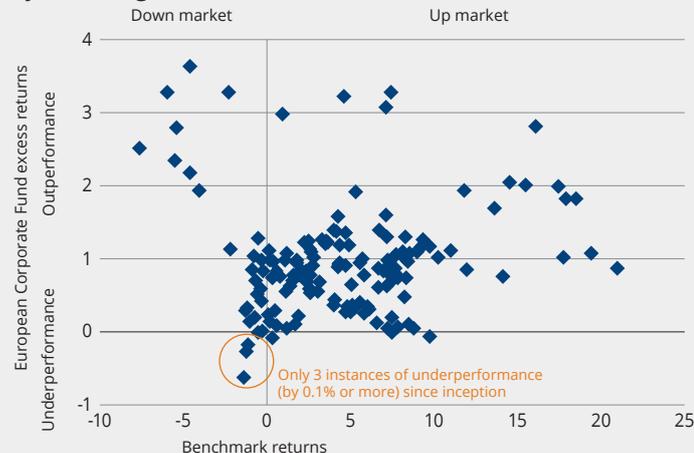


Our managers focus on bottom-up credit selection. We aim to add value predominantly from idiosyncratic credit risk while adjusting the overall risk and themes within the portfolio through a careful assessment of macroeconomic and political drivers. This approach enables us to outperform consistently across different market environments.

03 Consistent outperformance

As a result of the sustainable and responsible investment approach, companies that fail to meet our minimum environmental, social and governance (ESG) standards are excluded. However, through portfolio construction methods, the outperformance generated by the European Corporate Bond SRI Fund is comparable to our traditional European Corporate Bond Fund.

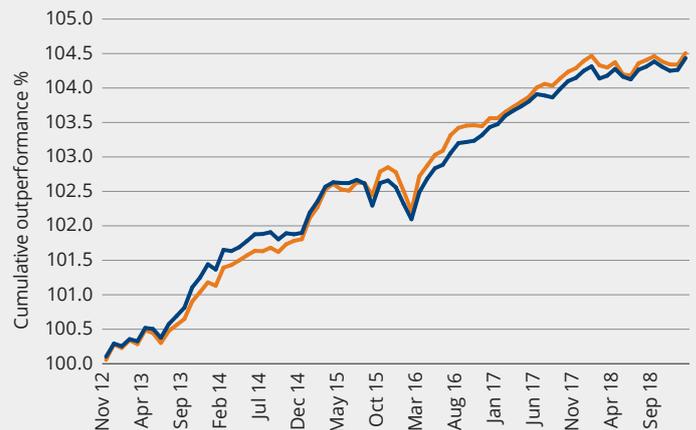
1 year rolling returns



Source: Aberdeen Standard Investments, gross performance, 31 October 2003 to 31 December 2018. Performance is shown gross of fees and does not reflect investment management fees. Had such fees been deducted, returns would have been lower.

Past performance is not a guide to future results.

Cumulative outperformance



Legend: European Corporate Bond Fund (blue line), European Corporate SRI Bond Fund (orange line). Source: Aberdeen Standard Investments, 31 January 2019.

Exclusion Criteria	% of benchmark	Number of Issuers
Controversial Weapons	0.45%	5
Fails UN Global Compact	3.55%	6
Tobacco Manufacture	0.96%	4
Lowest SRI Rating	1.09%	14
Total Exclusion	6.05%	29

European Corporate Bond SRI Fund

04 Deeply-resourced global credit team



We offer an on-the-ground resource based across the UK, US and Pan-Asia. This is integrated through a global research platform enabling localised research to be accessible across the globe.

05 Team-based ethos – Team responsibility; individual accountability



Our portfolio management and research functions are integrated; this facilitates the pooling of investment insight and expertise. We have forged strong relationships with ASI's broader investment teams, including Equity, Macroeconomics, and Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG).

06 Embedded ESG approach



We strongly believe that considering ESG factors alongside traditional bottom-up company fundamentals and macroeconomic considerations adds value. It provides valuable information to build a complete picture of the risks and opportunities a company might be facting – not only today, but also on a forward-looking basis.

Discrete Annual Returns (%)

Name	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
IBOXX Euro Corporate All Maturities TR	7.83	-1.20	4.29	1.49	0.80
SLI European Corporate Bond Sustainable and Responsible Investment D A EUR	8.03	-1.96	4.86	1.69	0.31

*Returns shown are year to 28/02 (29/02 for 2016).

Performance Data: Share Class D Acc EUR. Source: FE Analytics, Discrete Annual returns, net of fees, in EUR.

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Key Facts

Fund type	SICAV Fund
Domicile	Luxembourg
Launch date	17 Oct 2012
Base currency	EUR
Current fund size	€885.2m
ISIN code (Institutional Acc)	LU0767911984 (D Acc)
Initial sales charge	5.00%
Yield to Maturity	1.6

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