

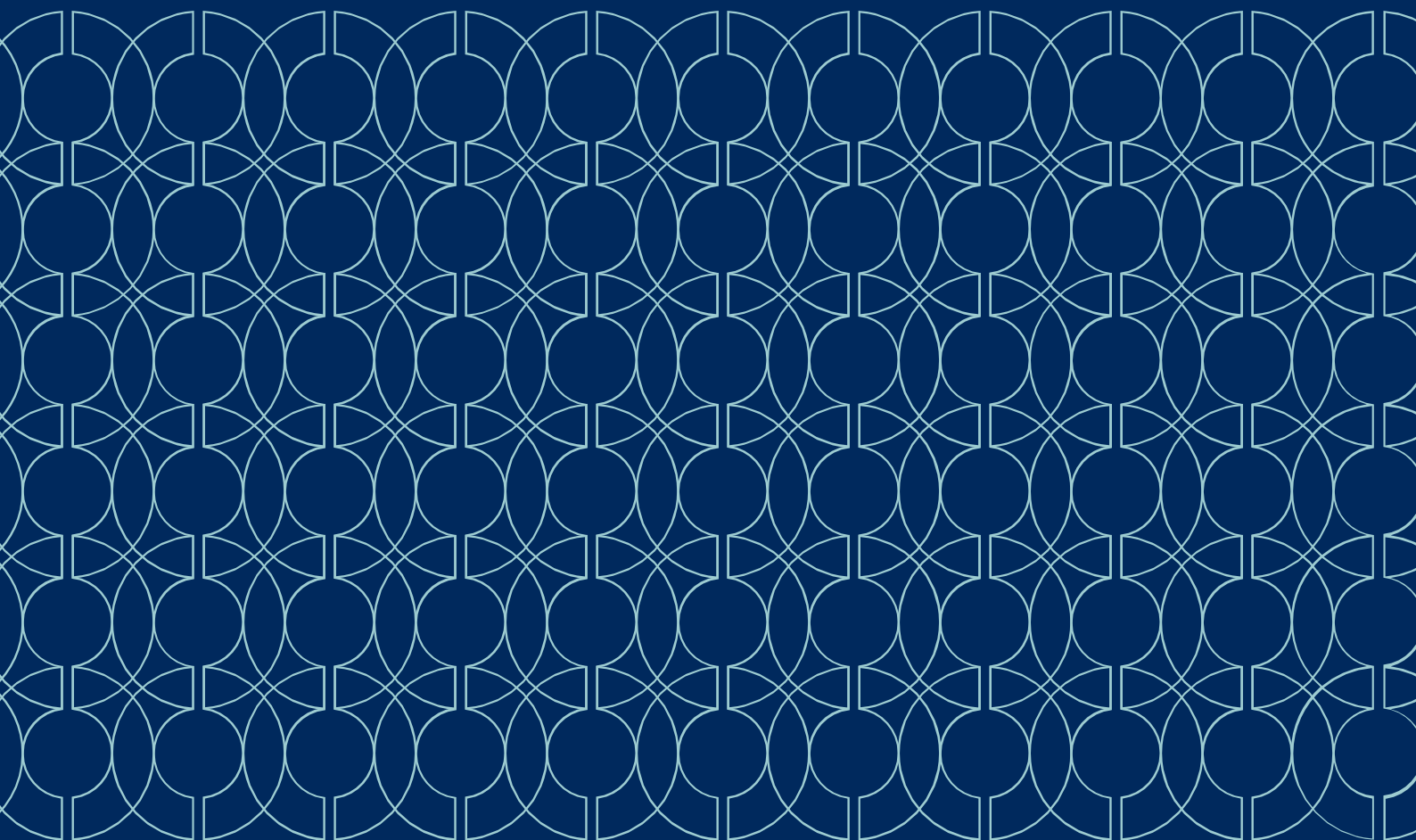
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**The price of Shares in the Company and the income from them may go down as well as up and an Investor may not get back the amount invested.**

**For each Fund that has environmental and/or social characteristics (within the meaning of Article 8 SFDR) or has the objective of sustainable investment (within the meaning of Article 9 SFDR) information about such characteristics or objective is available in the pre-contractual disclosures for each Fund in Appendix IV.**

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# Definitions

## ABCP(s)

asset backed commercial paper(s)

## Accumulation Shares

shares which accumulate their net income so that the income is included in the price of the shares

## Alternative Asset Classes

asset classes including real estate, infrastructure, private equity, commodities, precious metals and Alternative Investment Funds as described in Appendix III, section "Fund Details", paragraph (I)

## Annual Distribution Charge

the cost charged for the distribution of the Funds in this Prospectus, expressed as a percentage of the net assets

## Annual Management Charge

the cost charged for the investment management of the Funds in this Prospectus, expressed as a percentage of the net assets

## Articles

the articles of association of the Company as amended from time to time

## Asia

China, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore, Taiwan, Thailand and other economies in the Asian continent including but not limited to Bangladesh, Brunei, Cambodia, Pakistan, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Bhutan, East Timor, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan and Vietnam

## Asia Pacific

China, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore, Taiwan, Thailand, Australia, New Zealand and other economies in the Asian continent including but not limited to Bangladesh, Brunei, Cambodia, Pakistan, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Bhutan, East Timor, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan and Vietnam

## AUD

Australian Dollar

## Avoided Emissions

emission reductions that occur as a result of the use of a product or service. Avoided emissions represent the emissions savings that are derived as a result of greater efficiencies in terms of impact on the climate within that product or service. The concept of avoided emissions applies across many industries; examples may include products that avoid emissions by including thermal insulation to help

reduce heat loss; teleconferencing services that limit the need for long distance travel; or energy-efficient lightbulbs that consume less electricity.

## Bond Connect

a bond trading link between China and Hong Kong which allows foreign institutional investors to invest in onshore Chinese bonds and other debt instruments traded on the China Interbank Bond Market ("CIBM"), Bond Connect provides foreign institutional investors a more streamlined access to the CIBM

## BRL

Brazilian Real

## Business Day

unless otherwise provided in the Fund's details in Appendix III, a Business Day is a week day other than New Year's Day, Good Friday, Easter Monday, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and the day following Christmas Day

## CHF

Swiss Franc

## China A-Shares

equity securities of Chinese companies listed and traded in RMB on Chinese stock exchanges such as Shenzhen or Shanghai Stock Exchanges

## China B-Shares

equity securities of Chinese companies listed and traded in HKD or USD on Chinese stock exchanges such as Shenzhen or Shanghai Stock Exchanges

## China H-Shares

equity securities of Chinese companies listed and traded in Hong Kong Stock Exchange or other foreign exchanges

## Company

Schroder International Selection Fund

## CSSF

Commission de Surveillance du Secteur Financier (Luxembourg Financial Sector Supervisory Authority)

## CSSF Circular 14/592

the CSSF Circular 14/592 relating to the Guidelines on the European Securities and Markets Authority (ESMA) on ETFs and other UCITS issues

## Dealing Day

unless otherwise provided in the Fund's details in Appendix III, a Dealing Day is a Business Day which does not fall within a period of suspension of calculation of the Net Asset Value per Share of the relevant Fund. The Management Company



may also take into account whether relevant local stock exchanges and / or Regulated Markets are closed for trading and settlement, and may elect to treat such closures as non-Dealing Days for Funds which invest a substantial amount of their portfolio on these closed stock exchanges and/or Regulated Markets. A list of expected non-Dealing Days for the Funds is available from the Management Company on request and is also available on the webpage [www.schroders.com](http://www.schroders.com)

## Depository

J.P. Morgan SE, Luxembourg Branch, acting as depository bank and fund administrator

## Directors or Board of Directors

the board of directors of the Company

## Distributor

a person or entity duly appointed from time to time by the Management Company to distribute or arrange for the distribution of Shares

## Distribution Period

the period from one date on which dividends are paid by the Company to the next. This may be annual or shorter where dividends are paid more regularly

## Distribution Shares

shares which distribute their income

## EEA

European Economic Area

## Eligible Asset

a transferable security of any kind or any other permitted asset as more fully described in Appendix I 1.A

## Eligible State

includes any member state of the European Union ("EU"), any member state of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development ("OECD"), and any other state which the Directors deem appropriate

## EMU

Economic and Monetary Union

## ESG

Environmental, social and governance considerations

## EU

European Union

## EUR

the European currency unit (also referred to as the Euro)

## Exchange Traded Fund

an investment fund listed on a stock exchange which represents a pool of securities, commodities or currencies which typically track the performance of an index. Exchange Traded Funds (ETFs) are traded like shares. Investment in open-ended or closed-ended ETFs will be allowed if they qualify as (i) UCITS or other UCIs or (ii) transferable securities, respectively.

## Financial Indices

means any index compliant with Article 9 of the Grand Ducal Regulation of 8 February 2008 and CSSF Circular 14/592

## Fund

a specific portfolio of assets and liabilities within the Company having its own net asset value and represented by a separate Share Class or Share Classes

## GBP

Great British Pound

## Green Bond Principles

Green Bond Principles are voluntary process guidelines issued by the International Capital Market Association (ICMA) that recommend transparency and disclosure and promote integrity in the development of the Green Bond market by clarifying the approach for the issuance of a Green Bond. The Green Bond Principles are based on four core components: (i) use of proceeds, (ii) process for project evaluation and selection, (iii) management of proceeds, and (iv) reporting, as well as recommendations for the use of external reviews.

## Gross Asset Value

the amount of assets determined on the basis of the value of the assets of the Fund excluding liabilities of the Fund

## HKD

Hong Kong Dollar

## Institutional Investor

an investor, whether established in Luxembourg or elsewhere, within the meaning of article 174(2) of the Law, which means the following:

- Institutional Investors *stricto sensu*, such as banks and other financial sector professionals, insurance and reinsurance companies, other companies, social security institutions and pension funds, sovereign wealth funds and official institutions, all subscribing on their own behalf, and the structures such Institutional Investors put into place for the management of their own assets;
- Credit institutions and other financial sector professionals (including but not limited to discretionary investment managers) investing in their own name but on behalf of Institutional Investors described above, including on the basis of a discretionary management mandate;

- Credit institutions and other financial sector professionals (including but not limited to discretionary investment managers) investing in their own name but on behalf of non institutional clients on the basis of a discretionary management mandate;
- Collective investment undertakings;
- Holding companies and similar entities whose shareholders are Institutional Investors as described in the above paragraphs;
- Holding companies and similar entities whose shareholder(s)/ beneficial owner(s) is/are individual(s) who may reasonably be regarded as sophisticated investor(s) and where the purpose of the holding company is to hold important financial interests/ investments for an individual or a family;
- Holding companies and similar entities which as a result of their structure and activity have a true substance and hold important financial interests / investments.

## Investment Fund(s)

a UCITS or other UCI in which the Funds may invest, as determined in the investment rules described in Appendix I

## Investment Trust(s)

a closed-ended investment company that invests in shares of other companies. An Investment Trust is classified as a transferable security, and thereby qualifies as an eligible investment for a UCITS under the Luxembourg Law, if it is listed on a Regulated Market. Investments in Investment Trusts which are not listed on a Regulated Market, are currently limited to 10% of the Net Asset Value of a Fund under Luxembourg Law (together with any other investments made in accordance with investment restriction 1. A(9) in Appendix I).

## Investor

a subscriber for Shares

## JPY

Japanese Yen

## Law

the law on undertakings for collective investment dated 17 December 2010, as amended from time to time

## Management Company

Schroder Investment Management (Europe) S.A.

## Market Neutral

Sub-Funds following this strategy attempt to exploit market inefficiencies between stocks via pair trades or baskets of stocks. This is achieved by investing similar amounts long and short in related companies. The companies will typically have similar characteristics, such as sector, industry, country or market capitalisation.

## Mark-to-Market

the valuation, in accordance with Article 29(3) of MMFR, of positions at readily available closing prices that are sourced independently, including exchange prices, screen prices, or quotes from several independent reputable brokers

## Mark-to-Model

any valuation, in accordance with Article 29(4) of MMFR, which is benchmarked, extrapolated or otherwise calculated from one or more market inputs

## Money Market Fund Regulation or MMFR

the regulation (EU) 2017/1131 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 June 2017 on Money Market Funds, as it may be amended or supplemented from time to time

## Money Market Fund

an undertaking for collective investment authorised in accordance with the MMFR subject to specific provisions disclosed in Appendix III to this Prospectus

## Money Market Instruments

instruments as defined in Article 2(1)(o) of the UCITS Directive and as referred to in Article 3 of Commission Directive 2007/16/EC which meet the conditions of MMFR

## Money Market Investments

money market instruments as defined under the UCITS Directive, specifically instruments normally dealt on the money market which are liquid and have a value which can be accurately determined at any time

## Net Asset Value

Net Asset Value per Share (as described below) multiplied by the number of Shares

## Net Asset Value per Share

the value per Share of any Share Class determined in accordance with the relevant provisions described under the heading "Calculation of Net Asset Value" as set out in Section 2.4 or, if applicable, under the heading "Specific provisions on the calculation of the Net Asset Value per Share of Funds qualifying as Money Market Funds" in Appendix III

## OTC

over-the-counter

## Nordic

the region of Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden

## Paris Agreement

the Paris Agreement is a legally binding international treaty on climate change. It was adopted by 196 Parties at COP 21 in Paris, on 12 December 2015 and entered into force on 4 November 2016. Its goal is to limit global warming to below 2, preferably to 1.5 degrees Celsius, compared to pre-industrial levels.

## Real Estate Investment Fund or REIT

is an entity that is dedicated to owning, and in most cases, managing real estate. This may include, but is not limited to, real estate in the residential (apartments), commercial (shopping centres, offices) and industrial (factories, warehouses) sectors. Certain REITs may also engage in real estate financing transactions and other real estate development activities. The legal structure of a REIT, its investment restrictions and the regulatory and taxation regimes to which it is subject will differ depending on the jurisdiction in which it is established. Investment in REITs will be allowed if they qualify as transferable securities. A closed-ended REIT, the units of which are listed on a Regulated Market is classified as a transferable security listed on a Regulated Market thereby qualifying as an eligible investment for a UCITS under the Luxembourg Law.

## Reference Currency

the currency in which a Share Class is offered to Investors

## Regulated Market

a market within the meaning of Article 4 (1) (21) of the Directive 2014/65/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 May 2014 on markets in financial instruments or another regulated market, which operates regularly and is recognised and open to the public in an Eligible State

## Regulations

the Law as well as any present or future related Luxembourg laws or implementing regulations, circulars and CSSF's positions

## Reporting Fund

a Fund or a Share Class that complies with UK HMRC's tax regime for offshore funds and therefore has a certain tax status relevant for UK tax paying Shareholders

## RMB

Renminbi, the official currency of the People's Republic of China; is used to denote the Chinese currency traded in the onshore and the offshore markets (primarily in Hong Kong). For clarity purposes, all the references to RMB in the name of a Fund or in its reference currency must be understood as a reference to offshore RMB.

## Schroders

the Management Company's ultimate holding company and its subsidiaries and affiliates worldwide

## Schroder Funds

investment funds managed by a member of the Schroders corporate group

## SFDR

Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 November 2019 on sustainability-related disclosures in the financial services sector

## SGD

Singapore Dollar

## Share

a share of no par value in any one Share Class in the capital of the Company

## Share Class

a class of Shares with a specific fee structure

## Shareholder

a holder of Shares

## Standard Variable Net Asset Value Money Market Fund

a Money Market Fund that (i) invests in Money Market Instruments referred to in Article 10 (1) and (2) of the MMFR, (ii) is subject to the portfolio rules set out in Article 25 of the MMFR and (iii) complies with the specific requirements laid down in Articles 29, 30 and 33 (1) of the MMFR

## Taxonomy

Regulation (EU) 2020/852 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 June 2020 on the establishment of a framework to facilitate sustainable investment

## Transfer Agent

HSBC Continental Europe, Luxembourg, acting as the provider of registrar and transfer agency services

## UCITS

an "undertaking for collective investment in transferable securities" within the meaning of points a) and b) of Article 1 (2) of the UCITS Directive

## UCI

an "undertaking for collective investment" within the meaning of Article 2 (2) of the Law

## UCITS Directive

Directive 2009/65/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 July 2009, as amended, on the coordination of laws, regulations and administrative provisions relating to UCITS

## UCITS Risk Measurement Rules

the rules applying to UCITS in the context of risk measurement and calculation of global exposure, including the ESMA guidelines 10-788, CSSF Regulation 10-4 and CSSF Circular 11/512 and any applicable regulations or guidelines in this context

## UK

United Kingdom

## UN SDGs

United Nations Sustainable Development Goals

## USA or US

the United States of America (including the States and the District of Columbia), its territories, its possessions and any other areas subject to its jurisdiction

## USD

United States Dollar

## Weighted Average Life

the average length of time to legal maturity of all of the underlying assets in a Money Market Fund reflecting the relative holdings in each asset

## Weighted Average Maturity

the average length of time to legal maturity or, if shorter, to the next interest rate reset to a money market rate, of all of the underlying assets in a Money Market Fund reflecting the relative holdings in each asset

**All references herein to time are to Luxembourg Time unless otherwise indicated.**

**Words importing the singular shall, where the context permits, include the plural and vice versa.**

# Board of Directors

## Chairman

- **Richard MOUNTFORD**  
Non-Executive Director  
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## Directors

- **Carla BERGARECHE**  
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Belgium

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Grand Duchy of Luxembourg

## Management Company and Domiciliary Agent

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## Investment Managers

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United Kingdom
- Schroder Investment Management Australia Limited  
Level 20 Angel Place  
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Australia
- Schroder Investment Management North America Inc.  
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United States of America
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Tokyo 100-0005  
Japan
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138 Market Street  
#23-01 CapitaGreen  
Singapore 048946
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German Branch  
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Finnish Branch  
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European Bank & Business Centre  
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Grand Duchy of Luxembourg

## Independent Auditors

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## Principal Legal Adviser

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## Principal Paying Agent

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## Transfer Agent

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# Section 1

## 1. The Company

### 1.1. Structure

The Company is an open-ended investment company organised as a "société anonyme" under the laws of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg and qualifies as a Société d'Investissement à Capital Variable ("SICAV"). The Company operates separate Funds, each of which is represented by one or more Share Classes. The Funds are distinguished by their specific investment policy or any other specific features.

The Company constitutes a single legal entity, but the assets of each Fund shall be invested for the exclusive benefit of the Shareholders of the corresponding Fund and the assets of a specific Fund are solely accountable for the liabilities, commitments and obligations of that Fund.

The Directors may at any time resolve to set up new Funds and/or create within each Fund one or more Share Classes and this Prospectus will be updated accordingly. The Directors may also at any time resolve to close a Fund, or one or more Share Classes within a Fund to further subscriptions.

Certain Shares may be listed on the Luxembourg Stock Exchange as well as any other recognised stock exchange.

### 1.2. Investment Objectives and Policies

The exclusive objective of the Company is to place the funds available to it in transferable securities and other permitted assets of any kind, including derivatives, with the purpose of spreading investment risks and affording its Shareholders the results of the management of its portfolios.

The specific investment objective and policy of each Fund is described in Appendix III.

The investments of each Fund shall at any time comply with the restrictions set out in Appendix I or in Appendix III as appropriate. Investors should, prior to any investment being made, take due account of the risks of investments set out in Appendix II or in Appendix III as appropriate.



# Section 2

## 2. Share Dealing

### 2.1. Subscription for Shares

#### How to subscribe

Investors subscribing for Shares for the first time should complete an application form and send it with applicable identification documents by post to the Transfer Agent. Application forms may be accepted by facsimile transmission or other means approved by the Transfer Agent, provided that the original is immediately forwarded by post. If completed application forms and cleared funds are received by the Transfer Agent for any Dealing Day before 13.00, unless otherwise specified in Appendix III, Shares will normally be issued at the relevant Net Asset Value per Share, as defined under "Calculation of Net Asset Value", determined on the Dealing Day (plus any applicable initial charge). For completed applications received after 13.00, Shares will normally be issued at the relevant Net Asset Value per Share on the immediately following Dealing Day (plus any applicable initial charge).

**Each Investor will be given a personal account number which, along with any relevant transaction number, should be quoted on any payment by bank transfer. Any relevant transaction number and the personal account number should be used in all correspondence with the Transfer Agent or any Distributor.**

**Different subscription procedures may apply if applications for Shares are made through Distributors.**

**All applications to subscribe for Shares shall be dealt with on an unknown Net Asset Value basis before the determination of the Net Asset Value per Share for that Dealing Day.**

However, the Directors may permit, if they deem it appropriate, different dealing cut-off times to be determined in justified circumstances, such as distribution to Investors in jurisdictions with a different time zone. Such different dealing cut-off times may either be specifically agreed upon with Distributors or may be published in any supplement to the Prospectus or other marketing document used in the jurisdiction concerned. In such circumstances, the applicable dealing cut-off time applied to Shareholders must always precede the valuation point of the Funds for that Dealing Day.

In respect of the Funds with a dealing cut-off time of 13.00 on the preceding Dealing Day, as specified in Appendix III, if application forms and cleared funds are received before 13.00 on the preceding Dealing Day, Shares will normally be issued at the relevant Net Asset Value per Share, as defined below under "Calculation of Net Asset Value", determined on the immediately following Dealing Day (plus any applicable initial charge). For completed applications received after 13.00 on the preceding Dealing Day, Shares will normally be issued at the relevant Net Asset Value per Share on the second following Dealing Day (plus any applicable initial charge).

Subsequent subscriptions for Shares do not require completion of an additional application form. However, Investors shall provide written instructions as agreed with the Transfer Agent to ensure smooth processing of

subsequent subscriptions. Instructions may also be made by letter, facsimile transmission, in each case duly signed, or such other means approved by the Transfer Agent.

Confirmations of transactions will normally be dispatched on the Business Day following the execution of subscription instructions. Shareholders should promptly check these confirmations to ensure that they are correct in every detail. Investors are advised to refer to the terms and conditions on the application form to inform themselves fully of the terms and conditions to which they are subscribing.

#### How to pay

Payment should be made by electronic bank transfer net of all bank charges (i.e. at the Investor's expense). Further settlement details are available on the application form.

Shares are normally issued once settlement in cleared funds is received. In the case of applications from approved financial intermediaries or other investors authorised by the Management Company, the issue of Shares is conditional upon the receipt of settlement within a previously agreed period not exceeding three Business Days from the relevant Dealing Day unless otherwise specified in Appendix III. Any non-Dealing Days for a Fund falling within the settlement period are excluded from the calculation of the settlement date. If, on the settlement date, banks are not open for business in the country of the currency of settlement, then settlement will be on the next Business Day on which those banks are open. Payment should arrive in the appropriate bank account, as specified in the settlement instructions, at the latest by 17:00 on the settlement date. Payments received after this time may be considered to have settled on the next Business Day on which the bank is open. If timely settlement is not made, an application may lapse and be cancelled at the cost of the applicant or his/her financial intermediary. Failure to make good settlement by the settlement date may result in the Company bringing an action against the defaulting Investor or his/her financial intermediary or deducting any costs or losses incurred by the Company, Management Company or Transfer Agent against any partial settlement made or existing holding of the applicant in the Company. No interest will be payable on any money returnable to the Investor held by the Management Company or Transfer Agent pending confirmation of a transaction. Payments in cash will not be accepted. Third party payments will only be accepted at the Management Company's discretion.

**Different settlement procedures may apply if applications for Shares are made through Distributors.**

#### Currency Exchange Service

Payments to and from the Shareholder should normally be made in the currency of the relevant Share Class. However, if the Shareholder selects a currency other than the currency of the relevant Share Class for any payments to or from the Company, this will be deemed to be a request by the Shareholder to the Management Company acting on behalf of the Company to provide a foreign exchange service (provided by the Transfer Agent on the Management Company's behalf) to the Shareholder in respect of such payment. Details of the charge applied to foreign exchange transactions, which is retained by the Management Company, are available upon request from the Management Company acting on behalf of the Company. The cost of currency conversion and other related expenses will be borne by the



relevant Investor. This currency exchange service will not be available for certain Funds, as indicated in Appendix III. For such Funds, payments to and from the Shareholder shall be made in the currency of the relevant Share Class.

### Price Information

The Net Asset Value per Share of one or more Share Classes is published daily in such newspapers or other electronic services as determined from time to time by the Directors. It may be made available on the Schroder Investment Management (Europe) S.A. webpage [www.schroders.com](http://www.schroders.com), and is available from the registered office of the Company unless otherwise provided for in Appendix III in respect of a Money Market Fund.

Neither the Company nor the Distributors accept responsibility for any error in publication or for non-publication of the Net Asset Value per Share.

### Types of Shares

Shares are issued only in registered form. Registered Shares are in non-certificated form. Fractional entitlements to registered Shares will be rounded to two decimal places (unless otherwise agreed with the Management Company). Shares may also be held and transferred through accounts maintained with clearing systems.

### General

Instructions to subscribe, once given, are irrevocable, except in the case of a suspension or deferral of dealing. The Management Company and/or the Company in their absolute discretion reserve the right to instruct the Transfer Agent to reject any application in whole or in part. If an application is rejected, any subscription money received will be refunded at the cost and risk of the applicant without interest. Prospective applicants should inform themselves as to the relevant legal, tax and exchange control regulations in force in the countries of their respective citizenship, residence or domicile.

The Management Company may have agreements with certain Distributors pursuant to which they agree to act as or appoint nominees for Investors subscribing for Shares through their facilities. In such capacity, the Distributor may effect subscriptions, switches and redemptions of Shares in nominee name on behalf of individual Investors and request the registration of such operations on the register of Shareholders of the Company in nominee name. The Distributor or nominee maintains its own records and provides the Investor with individualised information as to its holdings of Shares. Except where local law or custom proscribes the practice, Investors may invest directly in the Company and not avail themselves of a nominee service. Unless otherwise provided by local law, any Shareholder holding Shares in a nominee account with a Distributor has the right to claim, at any time, direct title to such Shares.

The Management Company draws however the Investors' attention to the fact that any Investor will only be able to fully exercise his Shareholder rights directly against the Company, if the Investor is registered himself and his own name in the Shareholders' register. In cases where an Investor invests in the Company through a Distributor or a nominee investing into the Company in his own name but on behalf of the Investor, it may not always be possible for the Investor to exercise certain Shareholder rights directly against the Company. Investors are advised to take advice on their rights.

### Subscriptions in Kind

The Board of Directors may from time to time accept subscriptions for Shares against contribution in kind of securities or other assets which could be acquired by the relevant Fund pursuant to its investment policy and restrictions. Any such subscriptions in kind will be made at the Net Asset Value of the assets contributed calculated in accordance with the rules set out in Section 2.4 or, if applicable, under the heading "Specific provisions relating to the calculation of the Net Asset Value per Share" in Appendix III: Additional Information for Money Market Funds hereafter and will be the subject of an independent auditor's report drawn up in accordance with the requirements of Luxembourg law and will be at the subscriber's expense.

Should the Company not receive good title on the assets contributed this may result in the Company bringing an action against the defaulting Investor or his/her financial intermediary or deducting any costs or losses incurred by the Company or Management Company against any existing holding of the applicant in the Company.

### Anti-Money Laundering Procedures

Pursuant to international norms and Luxembourg laws and regulations (comprising but not limited to the law of 12 November 2004 relating to the fight against money laundering and terrorism financing, as amended, and the Grand-Ducal Regulation of 1st February 2010 providing details on certain provisions of the amended law of 12 November 2004 and the amended CSSF Regulation 12/02 of 14 December 2012 on the fight against money laundering and terrorist financing) obligations have been imposed on all professionals in the financial sector to prevent money laundering and terrorism financing.

As a result of such provisions, the Management Company, acting on behalf of the Company, has delegated the performance of due diligence and ongoing due diligence, in accordance with Luxembourg laws and regulations. To fulfil this requirement, the Transfer Agent (on behalf of the Management Company) has established a procedure to identify all the Company's Investors. The Transfer Agent (on behalf of the Management Company) may request any information and supporting documentation it deems necessary, including information about beneficial ownership, source of funds and origin of wealth. In any case, the Management Company and/or Transfer Agent may require, at any time, additional documentation to comply with applicable legal and regulatory requirements.

In case of delay or failure by an Investor to provide the documents required, an application for subscription or, if applicable, any other transaction may not be accepted and in the case of an application for redemption, redemption proceeds may be withheld. Neither the Company nor the Management Company nor the Transfer Agent have any liability for delays or failure to process deals as a result of the Investor providing no or only incomplete information and/or documentation.

In case of a subscription by an intermediary and/or nominee acting on behalf of an Investor, enhanced customer due diligence measures for this intermediary and/or nominee will be applied in accordance with the amended law of 12 November 2004 and the amended CSSF Regulation 12/02 of 14 December 2012. In this context, Investors must inform without delay the Transfer Agent when the person(s) designated as beneficial owner(s) change and in general,

ensure at all times that each piece of information and each document provided to the Transfer Agent or intermediary and/or nominee remains accurate and up-to-date.

The Management Company shall ensure that due diligence measures on the Company's investments are applied on a risk-based approach in accordance with Luxembourg applicable laws and regulations.

#### **Statement for the purposes of the UK Offshore Funds (Tax) Regulations 2009**

In accordance with the requirements laid out in Chapter 6 of the UK Offshore Funds (Tax) Regulations 2009 (SI 2009/3001) the Directors hereby state that:

#### **Equivalence Condition**

The Company complies with the requirements of the UCITS Directive.

#### **Genuine Diversity of Ownership Condition**

Interests in the Funds are widely available, and the Management Company undertakes that they will be marketed and made available sufficiently widely and in a manner appropriate to reach the intended categories of Investor who meet the broad requirements for investment in any given Share Class, and are not intended to be limited to particular investors or narrowly-defined groups of investor. Please refer to Section 3 under "Share Classes" in Appendix III for details of the minimum levels of investment and/or investor categories that are specified as eligible to acquire particular Share Classes.

Provided that a person meets the broad requirements for investment in any given Share Class, he/she may obtain information on and acquire the relevant Shares in the Company, subject to the paragraphs immediately following.

#### **Investment Restrictions applying to US Investors**

The Company has not been and will not be registered under the United States Investment Company Act of 1940 as amended (the "Investment Company Act"). The Shares of the Company have not been and will not be registered under the United States Securities Act of 1933 as amended (the "Securities Act") or under the securities laws of any state of the US and such Shares may be offered, sold or otherwise transferred only in compliance with the Securities Act and such state or other securities laws. The Shares of the Company may not be offered or sold to or for the account, of any US Person. For these purposes, US Person shall mean any person defined as a US person under Regulation S of the Securities Act.

If you are in any doubt as to your status, you should consult your financial or other professional adviser.

#### **Investment restrictions applying to Canadian Investors**

The Shares of the Company will not be publicly offered in Canada. Any offering of Shares of the Company in Canada will be made only by way of private placement: (i) pursuant to a Canadian offering memorandum containing certain prescribed disclosure, (ii) on a basis which is exempt from the requirement that the Company prepare and file a prospectus with the relevant Canadian securities regulatory authorities and pursuant to applicable requirements in the relevant Canadian jurisdictions, and (iii) to persons or entities that are "accredited investors" (as such term is defined in National Instrument 45-106 Prospectus and Registration Exemptions) and, if required, "permitted clients" (as such

term is defined in National Instrument 31-103 Registration Requirements, Exemptions and Ongoing Registrant Obligations).

The Management Company is not registered in any capacity in any jurisdiction in Canada and may rely on one or more exemptions from various registration requirements in certain Canadian jurisdictions. In addition to being an "accredited investor", a Canadian-resident Investor may also be required to be a "permitted client". If a Canadian-resident Investor, or an Investor that has become a Canadian-resident after purchasing Shares of the Company, is required to be a "permitted client" and does not qualify, or no longer qualifies, as a "permitted client", the Investor will not be able to purchase any additional Shares of the Company and may be required to redeem its outstanding Shares.

#### **Investment restrictions applying to Dubai International Financial Centre (DIFC) and United Arab Emirates (UAE) Investors**

This Prospectus relates to Funds which have not been, and are not being, publicly offered, sold, promoted or advertised in the UAE (including the DIFC and the Abu Dhabi Global Market (ADGM)) other than in compliance with the laws and regulations of the UAE (and the DIFC and the ADGM) governing the issue, offering and sale of the Funds. Further, this Prospectus does not constitute a public offer of securities to retail investors in the UAE (including the DIFC and the ADGM) and is not intended to be such a public offer. This Prospectus relates to Funds which are not subject to any form of regulation or approval by the Dubai Financial Services Authority ("DFSA") or the Securities and Commodities Authority (the "SCA") of the UAE. The DFSA and the SCA have ~~has~~ no responsibility for reviewing or verifying any ~~the~~ Prospectus or other documents in connection with these Funds. Accordingly, the DFSA has not approved this Prospectus or any other associated documents nor taken any steps to verify the information set out in this Prospectus, and has no responsibility for it. Any approval of the SCA to the offering, sale, promotion or advertisement in the UAE of certain Funds does not represent a recommendation to purchase or invest in the Funds. The SCA has not verified this Prospectus or other documents in connection with the Funds and the SCA may not be held liable for the accuracy or completeness of the information in the Prospectus. The ~~Units~~ Units (Shares) to which this Prospectus relates may be illiquid and/or subject to restrictions on their resale. Prospective purchasers should conduct their own due diligence on the ~~Units~~ Units (Shares). If you do not understand the contents of this document you should consult an authorized financial adviser.

#### **Investment Restrictions applying to Hong Kong Investors**

Unless otherwise disclosed in this Prospectus or other supplementary documents thereto, this Prospectus contains information on Funds that are not authorised by the Securities & Futures Commission of Hong Kong (the "SFC") pursuant to Section 104 of the Securities and Futures Ordinance ("SFO").

No offer shall be made to the public of Hong Kong in respect of the unauthorised Funds. Such unauthorised Funds may only be offered or sold in Hong Kong to persons who are "professional investors" as defined in the SFO (and any rules made under the SFO) or in other circumstances which do not otherwise contravene the SFO.

In addition, this Prospectus may only be distributed, circulated or issued to persons who are “professional investors” under the SFO (and any rules made thereunder) or as otherwise permitted under the Hong Kong laws.

## 2.2. Redemption and Switching of Shares

### Redemption Procedure

Redemption instructions accepted by the Transfer Agent for any Dealing Day before 13.00, unless otherwise specified in Appendix III, or such other time at the Directors' discretion, will normally be executed at the relevant Net Asset Value per Share calculated on the Dealing Day (less any applicable redemption charge). Instructions accepted by the Transfer Agent after 13.00 will normally be executed on the following Dealing Day.

In respect of the Funds with a dealing cut-off time of 13.00 on the preceding Dealing Day, as specified in Appendix III, redemption instructions received before 13.00 on the preceding Dealing Day will normally be executed at the relevant Net Asset Value per Share calculated on the immediately following Dealing Day (less any applicable redemption charge). Redemption requests received after 13.00 on the preceding Dealing Day will normally be executed on the second following Dealing Day.

Execution of a redemption instruction can only be granted if the related registered holding level allows for it. In cases where dealing is suspended in a Fund from which a redemption has been requested, the processing of the redemption will be held over until the next Dealing Day where dealing is no longer suspended.

Instructions to redeem Shares may be given to the Transfer Agent by completing the form requesting redemption of Shares or by letter, facsimile transmission or other means approved by the Transfer Agent where the account reference and full details of the redemption must be provided. All instructions must be signed by the registered Shareholders, except where sole signatory authority has been chosen in the case of a joint account holding or where a representative has been appointed following receipt of a completed power of attorney.

### Redemption Proceeds

#### **Different settlement procedures may apply if instructions to redeem Shares are communicated via Distributors.**

Redemption proceeds are normally paid by bank transfer or electronic transfer, within three Business Days from the relevant Dealing Day unless otherwise specified in Appendix III and will be instructed to be made at no cost to the Shareholder, provided the Company is in receipt of all documents required. Any non-Dealing Days for a Fund falling within the settlement period are excluded from the calculation of the settlement date. If, on the settlement date, banks are not open for business in the country of the currency of settlement, then settlement will be on the next Business Day on which those banks are open. The Company, Management Company or Transfer Agent are not responsible for any delays or charges incurred at any receiving bank or settlement system, nor are they responsible for delays in settlement which may occur due to the timeline for local processing of payments within some countries or by certain banks. Redemption proceeds will normally be paid in the currency of the relevant Share Class (for the avoidance of doubt, in respect of the BRL Hedged Share Class this would be the relevant Fund Currency (and not BRL)). However, at the request of the Shareholder, a currency exchange service for redemptions is provided to the Shareholder by the

Transfer Agent acting on behalf of the Management Company. Details of the charge applied to foreign exchange transactions, which is retained by the Management Company, are available upon request from the Management Company acting on behalf of the Company. The cost of currency conversion and other related expenses will be borne by the relevant Investor. This currency exchange service will not be available for certain Funds, as indicated in Appendix III. For such Funds, redemption proceeds shall be paid in the currency of the relevant Share Class.

If, in exceptional circumstances and for whatever reason, redemption proceeds cannot be paid within three Business Days (or otherwise specified in Appendix III) from the relevant Dealing Day, for example when the liquidity of the relevant Fund does not permit, then payment will be made as soon as reasonably practicable thereafter (not exceeding, however, thirty calendar days) at the Net Asset Value per Share calculated on the relevant Dealing Day.

### Redemptions in Kind

The Directors may from time to time permit redemptions in kind. Any such redemption in kind will be valued in accordance with the requirements of Luxembourg law. In case of a redemption in kind, Shareholders will have to bear costs incurred by the redemption in kind (mainly costs resulting from drawing-up of the independent auditor's report) unless the Company considers that the redemption in kind is in its own interest or made to protect its own interests. Requests for redemptions in kind may only be accepted if the total Net Asset Value of the Shares to be redeemed in a Fund is at least EUR 10,000,000 or an equivalent amount in another currency, unless otherwise determined from time to time by the Directors.

### Switching Procedure

A switch transaction is a transaction by which the holding of a Shareholder into a Share Class (the "Original Class") is converted into another Share Class (the "New Class") either within the same Fund or in different Funds within the Company.

Acceptance by the Transfer Agent of switching instructions will be subject to the availability of the New Class and to the compliance with any eligibility requirements and/or other specific conditions attached to the New Class (such as minimum subscription and holding amounts). The switching procedure is processed as a redemption from the Original Class followed by a subscription into the New Class.

If the Original and New Classes involved in a switch transaction have the dealing cut-off time at 13.00 and the same Dealing Days, switching instructions accepted by the Transfer Agent before 13.00, or such other time at the Directors' discretion, will normally be executed on the Dealing Day associated with the receipt of the instruction and will normally be executed based on the relevant Net Asset Values per Share of both Share Classes calculated for that Dealing Day (less any applicable switching charge).

In respect of the Funds with dealing cut-off at 13.00 on the preceding Dealing Day, as specified in Appendix III, switching instructions must be received before 13.00 in order to be dealt with at the relevant Net Asset Value per Share the following Dealing Day. Switching instructions received after 13.00 will be dealt with on the second following Dealing Day. Similarly if switching is requested into those Funds, the prior notice will be taken into account for the processing of the Share Class subscription.



However, the following rules will apply if the settlement period in the New Class is shorter than that of the Original Class and/or if the Original and New Classes are subject to different Dealing Days, or dealing cut-off times, or different day or time of the Net Asset Value per Share availability; or if the Original and New Classes are subject to different Fund holidays or different currency holidays during the settlement cycle:

- (A) the redemption will be dealt with on the Dealing Day relating to the receipt of the switching instruction with the Net Asset Value per Share of the Original Class calculated for that Dealing Day, and
- (B) the subscription will be executed at the next earliest Dealing Day applicable for the New Class with the Net Asset Value per Share of the New Class calculated for that Dealing Day, and
- (C) the subscription may be further deferred to a later Dealing Day so that the settlement date for the subscription will always match or follow the settlement date for the redemption (if possible both settlement periods will be matched), and
- (D) where the redemption is settled before the subscription, the redemption proceeds will remain on the Company's collection account and interest accrued will be for the benefit of the Company.

In cases where dealing is suspended in a Fund from or to which a switch has been requested, the processing of the switch will be held over until the next Dealing Day where dealings are no longer suspended. The switching procedures described above will continue to apply.

Instructions to switch Shares may be given to the Transfer Agent by completing the switch form or by letter, facsimile transmission or other means approved by the Transfer Agent where the account reference and the number of Shares to be switched between named Share Classes and Funds must be provided. All instructions must be signed by the registered Shareholders, except where sole signatory authority has been chosen in the case of a joint account holding or where a representative has been appointed following receipt of a completed power of attorney.

Instructions to switch Shares between Share Classes denominated in different currencies will be accepted. A currency exchange service for such switches is provided by the Transfer Agent acting on behalf of the Company. Details of the charge applied to foreign exchange transactions, which is retained by the Management Company, are available upon request from the Management Company acting on behalf of the Company. The cost of currency conversion and other related expenses will be borne by the relevant Investor. This currency exchange service will not be available for certain Funds, as indicated in Appendix III.

The Directors may, at their discretion, allow certain selected Distributors to make a charge for switching which shall not exceed 1% of the value of the Share being requested to be switched.

The same principles may apply if Investors instruct switches between Investment Funds belonging to different legal structures within Schroders' fund ranges.

Shareholders should seek advice from their local tax advisers to be informed on the local tax consequences of such transactions.

## General

**Different redemption and switching procedures may apply if instructions to switch or redeem Shares are communicated via Distributors.**

**All instructions to redeem or switch Shares shall be dealt with on an unknown Net Asset Value basis before the determination of the Net Asset Value per Share for that Dealing Day.**

**Instructions to make payments to third parties will only be accepted at the Management Company's discretion.**

The value of Shares held by any Shareholder in any one Share Class after any switch or redemption should generally exceed the minimum investment set forth under "Share Classes" in Appendix III for each Share Class.

Unless waived by the Management Company, if, as a result of any switch or redemption request, the amount invested by any Shareholder in a Share Class in any one Fund falls below the minimum holding for that Share Class, it will be treated as an instruction to redeem or switch, as appropriate, the Shareholder's total holding in the relevant Share Class.

The Directors may permit, if they deem it appropriate, different dealing cut-off times to be determined in justified circumstances, such as distribution to Investors in jurisdictions with a different time zone. Such different dealing cut-off times may either be specifically agreed upon with Distributors or may be published in any supplement to the Prospectus or other marketing document used in the jurisdiction concerned. In such circumstances, the applicable dealing cut-off time applied to Shareholders must always precede the dealing cut-off time referred to in this Prospectus.

Confirmations of transactions will normally be dispatched by the Transfer Agent on the next Business Day after Shares are switched or redeemed. Shareholders should promptly check these confirmations to ensure that they are correct in every detail.

Switching or redemption requests will be considered binding and irrevocable by the Management Company and will, at the discretion of the Management Company, only be executed where the relevant Shares have been duly issued.

### 2.3. Restrictions on Subscriptions and Switches into Certain Funds or Share Classes

A Fund or Share Class may be closed to new subscriptions or switches in (but not to redemptions or switches out) if, in the opinion of the Management Company, the closure is necessary to protect the interests of existing Shareholders or to enable the efficient management of the Fund or Share Class. Without limiting the circumstances where the closure may be appropriate, the circumstances could be where the Fund or a Share Class has reached a size such that the capacity of the market has been reached or that it becomes difficult to manage in an optimal manner, and/or where to permit further inflows would be detrimental to the performance of the Fund or the Share Class. Notwithstanding the above, the Management Company may, at its discretion, allow the continuation of subscriptions from regular savings schemes on the basis that these types of flows present no challenge with respect to capacity. Any Fund or Share Class may be closed to new subscriptions or switches in without notice to Shareholders. Once closed, a Fund, or Share Class, will not be re-opened until, in the opinion of the Management Company, the circumstances which required closure no

longer prevail. A Fund or Share Class may be re-opened to new subscriptions or switches in without notice to Shareholders.

Investors should contact the Management Company or check the webpage [www.schroders.com](http://www.schroders.com) for the current status of the relevant Funds or Share Classes and for subscription opportunities that may occur (if any).

Capacity Restricted Dealing ("CRD") may be implemented for Funds (or Share Classes) which are closed to new subscriptions or switches in. Any investor who wants to invest in a Fund (or a Share Class) for which CRD is in effect (except as stated below) must submit an expression of interest ("EOI") form to the Management Company, which can be found on the webpage: <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/funds-and-strategies/fund-administration/capacity-restricted-dealing/>. Investors who have submitted a valid EOI form will be placed on a waiting list and contacted by the Management Company should capacity become available. Investors will be contacted by the Management Company in the order in which EOIs were accepted. However, where capacity is offered to the Fund for a limited time period, only Investors who are able to subscribe within the relevant timeframe, as specified in their EOI, will be contacted in the order in which EOIs were accepted. The EOI form contains a maximum subscription limit which Investors may not exceed, a minimum subscription amount and a timeframe required by Investors to complete the subscription process.

The Management Company reserves the right to reject or scale back subscriptions if the total subscription amount is in excess of the limit stated in the terms and conditions of the EOI form. If an Investor does not wish to invest the amount stated in the EOI or is not able to invest within the specified timeframe, the Management Company reserves the right to reject the subscription, extend the period for subscription or to contact other investor(s) in the order in which EOIs were accepted. Investors who have not submitted an EOI form will not (while CRD remains in effect) be permitted to invest in the Funds or Share Classes should capacity become available. Investors should contact the Management Company or check the webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/funds-and-strategies/fund-administration/capacity-restricted-dealing/> for more detail on how the CRD facility will operate and for the list of closed Funds (or Share Classes) for which CRD is in effect. The normal eligibility requirements will apply to any applications made under the CRD process.

The Management Company may accept a subscription in a Fund (or any Share Class) which is closed to new subscriptions or switches in, and in relation to which CRD may or may not be in effect, where (i) the Investment Manager of such Fund (or Share Class) informs the Management Company that investment capacity has become available, or (ii) where such applicant gave the Management Company a commitment to invest in the Fund (or Share Class) prior to CRD coming into effect in respect of that Fund (or Share Class). Such subscriptions may be made by any investor, whether or not they are also on the CRD waiting list referred to above.

## 2.4. Calculation of Net Asset Value

### Calculation of the Net Asset Value per Share

(A) The Net Asset Value per Share of each Share Class will be calculated on each Dealing Day in the currency of the relevant Share Class (for the avoidance of doubt, in respect of the BRL Hedged Share Class this would be the relevant Fund Currency (and not BRL)). It will be

calculated by dividing the Net Asset Value attributable to each Share Class, being the proportionate value of its assets less its liabilities, by the number of Shares of such Share Class then in issue. The resulting sum shall be rounded to the nearest four decimal places.

- (B) The Directors reserve the right to allow the Net Asset Value per Share of each Share Class to be calculated more frequently than once daily or to otherwise alter dealing arrangements on a permanent or a temporary basis, for example, where the Directors consider that a material change to the market value of the investments in one or more Funds so demands. The Prospectus will be amended, following any such permanent alteration, and Shareholders will be informed accordingly.
- (C) In valuing total assets, the following rules will apply unless otherwise provided for in Appendix III in respect of a Money Market Fund:
- (1) The value of any cash in hand or on deposit, bills and demand notes and accounts receivable, prepaid expenses, cash dividends and interest declared or accrued as aforesaid and not yet received shall be deemed to be the full amount thereof, unless in any case the same is unlikely to be paid or received in full, in which case the value thereof shall be arrived at after making such discount as the Company may consider appropriate in such case to reflect the true value thereof.
  - (2) The value of such securities, derivatives and assets will be determined on the basis of the last available price on the stock exchange or any other Regulated Market on which these securities or assets are traded or admitted for trading. Where such securities or other assets are quoted or dealt in one or by more than one stock exchange or any other Regulated Market, the Directors shall make regulations for the order of priority in which stock exchanges or other Regulated Markets shall be used for the provisions of prices of securities or assets.
  - (3) If a security is not traded or admitted on any official stock exchange or any Regulated Market, or in the case of securities so traded or admitted the last available price of which does not reflect their true value, the Directors are required to proceed on the basis of their expected sales price, which shall be valued with prudence and in good faith.
  - (4) The derivatives which are not listed on any official stock exchange or traded on any other recognised market are subject to reliable and verifiable valuation on a daily basis and can be sold, liquidated or closed by an offsetting transaction at any time at their fair value at the Company's initiative. The reference to fair value shall be understood as a reference to the amount for which an asset could be exchanged, or a liability be settled, between knowledgeable, willing parties in an arm's length transaction. The reference to reliable and verifiable valuation shall be understood as a reference to a valuation, which does not rely only on market quotations of the counterparty and which fulfils the following criteria:
    - (i) The basis of the valuation is either a reliable market value of the instrument, or, if such value is not available, pricing model using an adequately-recognised methodology.

(II) Verification of the valuation is carried out by one of the following:

- (a) an appropriate third party which is independent from the counterparty of the OTC derivative, at an adequate frequency and in such a way that the Company is able to check it;
- (b) a unit within the Company which is independent from the department in charge of managing the assets and which is adequately equipped for such purpose.

- (5) Units or shares in UCIs shall be valued on the basis of their last available Net Asset Value as reported by such undertakings.
- (6) Liquid assets and Money Market Instruments will usually be valued on a mark to market basis.
- (7) If any of the aforesaid valuation principles do not reflect the valuation method commonly used in specific markets or if any such valuation principles do not seem accurate for the purpose of determining the value of the Company's assets, the Directors may fix different valuation principles in good faith on either a permanent or temporary basis (as appropriate) and in accordance with generally accepted valuation principles and procedures.
- (8) Any assets or liabilities in currencies other than the Fund Currency (as defined in Appendix III) will be converted using the relevant spot rate quoted by a bank or other recognised financial institution.

(D) If on any Dealing Day the aggregate transactions in Shares of a Fund result in a net increase or decrease of Shares which exceeds a threshold set by the Directors from time to time for that Fund (relating to the cost of market dealing for that Fund), the Net Asset Value of the Fund will be adjusted, to the extent allowed by applicable law, by an amount which reflects both the estimated fiscal charges and dealing costs that may be incurred by the Fund and the estimated bid/offer spread of the assets in which the Fund invests. The adjustment will be an addition when the net movement results in an increase of all Shares of the Fund and a deduction when it results in a decrease. Please see "Dilution" and "Dilution Adjustment" below for more details.

## Dilution

The Funds are single priced and may suffer a reduction in value as a result of the transaction costs incurred in the purchase and sale of their underlying investments and the spread between the buying and selling prices of such investments caused by subscriptions, redemptions and/or switches in and out of the Fund. This is known as "dilution". In order to counter this and to protect Shareholders' interests, the Management Company will apply "swing pricing" as part of its daily valuation policy to the extent allowed by applicable law. This will mean that in certain circumstances the Management Company will make adjustments in the calculations of the Net Asset Values per Share, to counter the impact of dealing and other costs to be incurred by the Funds in liquidating or purchasing investments on occasions when these are deemed to be significant. The calculation of such adjustments may take into account any provision for the impact of estimated market spreads (bid/offer spread of underlying securities), duties

(for example transaction taxes) and charges (for example settlement costs or dealing commission) and other dealing costs related to the acquisition or disposal of investments.

## Dilution Adjustment

In the usual course of business the application of a dilution adjustment will be triggered mechanically and on a consistent basis.

Schroders' Group Pricing Committee provides recommendations to the Management Company on the appropriate level of dilution adjustment and level of threshold that should trigger the application of swing pricing in a Fund. The Management Company remains ultimately responsible for such pricing arrangements.

The need to make a dilution adjustment will depend upon the net value of subscriptions, switches and redemptions received by a Fund for each Dealing Day. The Management Company therefore reserves the right to make a dilution adjustment where a Fund experiences a net cash movement which exceeds a certain threshold.

The Management Company may also make a discretionary dilution adjustment if, in its opinion, it is in the interest of Shareholders to do so.

The dilution adjustment is applied to all subscriptions, redemptions and/or switches in and out of a Fund on any given Dealing Day once the total level of such dealing in the Fund on that Dealing Day has exceeded the applicable threshold referred to above.

Where a dilution adjustment is made, it will increase the Net Asset Value per Share when there are net inflows into the Fund and decrease the Net Asset Value per Share when there are net outflows. The Net Asset Value per Share of each Share Class in the Fund will be calculated separately but any dilution adjustment will, in percentage terms, affect the Net Asset Value per Share of each Share Class identically.

As dilution is related to the inflows and outflows of money from the Fund it is not possible to accurately predict whether dilution will occur at any future point in time. It is also not possible to accurately predict how frequently the Management Company will need to make such dilution adjustments.

Swing pricing may vary from Fund to Fund and in normal market conditions is not expected to exceed 2% of the unadjusted Net Asset Value per Share of the relevant Fund on any Dealing Day. However, under unusual or exceptional market conditions (such as significant market volatility, market disruption or significant economic contraction, a terrorist attack or war (or other hostilities), a pandemic or other health crisis, or a natural disaster), the Management Company may decide, on a temporary basis, to adjust the Net Asset Value of a Fund by more than 2% when such a decision is justified as being in the best interests of the shareholders. Any such decision to adjust the Net Asset Value by more than 2% will be published on the following webpage: [www.schroders.com](http://www.schroders.com)

The Company currently applies dilution to all of its Funds.

## General

The Directors are authorised to apply other appropriate valuation principles to the assets of the Funds and/or the assets of a given Share Class if the aforesaid valuation methods appear impossible or inappropriate due to extraordinary circumstances or events.

## 2.5. Suspensions or Deferrals

- (A) If the aggregate value of switch or redemption instructions on any one Dealing Day is more than 10% of the total value of Shares in issue of any Fund the Directors may declare that the redemption of part or all Shares in excess of 10% for which a redemption or switch has been requested will be deferred until the next Dealing Day. Such deferred instructions will be valued at the Net Asset Value per Share prevailing on that Dealing Day. On such Dealing Day, deferred requests will be dealt with in priority to later requests and in the order that requests were initially received by the Transfer Agent.
- (B) The Company reserves the right to extend the period of payment of redemption proceeds to such period, not exceeding thirty calendar days, as shall be necessary to repatriate proceeds of the sale of investments in the event of impediments due to exchange control regulations or similar constraints in the markets in which a substantial part of the assets of a Fund are invested or in exceptional circumstances where the liquidity of a Fund is not sufficient to meet the redemption requests.
- (C) The Company may suspend or defer the calculation of the Net Asset Value per Share of any Share Class in any Fund and the issue and redemption of any Shares in such Fund, as well as the right to switch Shares of any Share Class in any Fund into Shares of a different Share Class of the same Fund or any other Fund:
- (1) during any period when any of the principal stock exchanges or any other Regulated Market on which any substantial portion of the Company's investments of the relevant Fund for the time being are quoted, is closed, or during which dealings are restricted or suspended; or
  - (2) during any period when the determination of the net asset value per share of and/or the redemptions in the underlying Investment Funds representing a material part of the assets of the relevant Fund is suspended; or
  - (3) during the existence of any state of affairs which constitutes an emergency as a result of which disposal or valuation of investments of the relevant Fund by the Company is impracticable; or
  - (4) during any breakdown in the means of communication normally employed in determining the price or value of any of the Company's investments or the current prices or values on any market or stock exchange; or
  - (5) during any period when the Company is unable to repatriate funds for the purpose of making payments on the redemption of such Shares or during which any transfer of funds involved in the realisation or acquisition of investments or payments due on redemption of such Shares cannot in the opinion of the Directors be effected at normal rates of exchange; or
  - (6) if the Company or a Fund is being or may be wound-up on or following the date on which notice is given of the meeting of Shareholders at which a resolution to wind up the Company or the Fund is proposed; or
  - (7) if the Directors have determined that there has been a material change in the valuations of a substantial proportion of the investments of the Company
- attributable to a particular Fund in the preparation or use of a valuation or the carrying out of a later or subsequent valuation; or
- (8) during any other circumstance or circumstances where a failure to do so might result in the Company or its Shareholders incurring any liability to taxation or suffering other pecuniary disadvantages or any other detriment, which the Company or its Shareholders might so otherwise have suffered; or
  - (9) during any period where circumstances exist that would justify the suspension for the protection of shareholders in accordance with the law.
- (D) The suspension of the calculation of the Net Asset Value per Share of any Fund or Share Class shall not affect the valuation of other Funds or Share Classes, unless these Funds or Share Classes are also affected.
- (E) During a period of suspension or deferral, a Shareholder may withdraw his request in respect of any Shares not redeemed or switched, by notice in writing received by the Transfer Agent before the end of such period.
- (F) Moreover, in accordance with the provisions on mergers of the Law, the Company may temporarily suspend the subscription, the redemption or the repurchase of its Shares, provided that any such suspension is justified for the protection of shareholders.
- Shareholders will be informed of any suspension or deferral as appropriate.

### Market Timing and Frequent Trading Policy

The Company does not knowingly allow dealing activity which is associated with market timing or frequent trading practices, as such practices may adversely affect the interests of all Shareholders.

For the purposes of this section, market timing is held to mean subscriptions into, switches between or redemptions of Shares from the various Share Classes (whether such acts are performed singly or severally at any time by one or several persons) that seek or could reasonably be considered to appear to seek profits through arbitrage or market timing opportunities. Frequent trading is held to mean subscriptions into, switches between or redemptions of Shares from the various Share Classes (whether such acts are performed singly or severally at any time by one or several persons) that by virtue of their frequency or size cause any Fund's operational expenses to increase to an extent that could reasonably be considered detrimental to the interests of the Fund's other Shareholders.

Accordingly, the Directors may, whenever they deem it appropriate, cause the Management Company to implement either one, or both, of the following measures:

- The Management Company may combine Shares which are under common ownership or control for the purposes of ascertaining whether an individual or a group of individuals can be deemed to be involved in market timing practices. Accordingly, the Directors and/or Management Company reserve the right to cause the Transfer Agent to reject any application for switching and/or subscription of Shares from Investors whom the former considers market timers or frequent traders.
- If a Fund is primarily invested in markets which are closed for business at the time the Fund is valued, the Directors may, during periods of market volatility, and by



derogation from the provisions above, under "Calculation of Net Asset Value", cause the Management Company to allow for the Net Asset Value per Share to be adjusted to reflect more accurately the fair value of the Fund's investments at the point of valuation.

The Company uses an independent agent to provide the fair valuation analysis. The adjustment of the Net Asset Value per Share of a Fund so as to reflect the fair value of the portfolio as at the point of valuation is an automated process. Adjustment factors are applied daily at an individual asset level to independently sourced market prices. The adjustment process covers all equity markets that are closed at the relevant Valuation Point and all Funds that have exposure to these markets are fair value priced. In applying fair value pricing, the Company is seeking to ensure that consistent prices are applied across all relevant Funds. Fixed income and other asset classes are currently not subject to fair value pricing.

Where an adjustment is made as per the foregoing, it will be applied consistently to all Share Classes in the same Fund.



# Section 3

## 3. General Information

### 3.1. Administration Details, Charges and Expenses

#### Directors

Each of the Directors is entitled to remuneration for his services at a rate determined by the Company in the general meeting from time to time. In addition, each Director may be paid reasonable expenses incurred while attending meetings of the Board of Directors or general meetings of the Company. Directors who are also directors/employees of the Management Company and/or any Schroders' company will waive their Directors' remuneration. External Directors will be remunerated for their services.

#### Management Company

The Directors have appointed Schroder Investment Management (Europe) S.A. as its management company to perform investment management, administration and marketing functions as described in Annex II of the Law.

The Management Company has been permitted by the Company to delegate certain administrative, distribution and management functions to specialised service providers. In that context, the Management Company has delegated certain administration functions to J.P. Morgan SE, Luxembourg Branch, HSBC Continental Europe, Luxembourg and HSBC Bank Plc, and may delegate certain marketing functions to entities which form part of the Schroders group. The Management Company has also delegated certain management functions to the Investment Managers as more fully described below.

The Management Company will monitor on a continued basis the activities of the third parties to which it has delegated functions. The agreements entered between the Management Company and the relevant third parties provide that the Management Company can give at any time further instructions to such third parties, and that it can withdraw their mandate with immediate effect if this is in the interest of the Shareholders. The Management Company's liability towards the Company is not affected by the fact that it has delegated certain functions to third parties.

The Management Company is entitled to receive the customary charges for its services as administration agent, coordinator, domiciliary agent, global distributor, principal paying agent and registrar and transfer agent. These fees accrue on each Business Day at an annual rate of up to 0.25% by reference to the Net Asset Value of the relevant Fund and are paid monthly in arrears. As these fees are a fixed percentage of the Net Asset Value of a fund it will not vary with the cost of providing the relevant services. As such the Management Company could make a profit (or loss) on the provision of those services, which will fluctuate over time on a Fund by Fund basis. These fees are subject from time to time to review by the Management Company and the Company. The Management Company is also entitled to reimbursement of all reasonable out-of-pocket expenses properly incurred in carrying out its duties. The Management Company may at its discretion part pay or pay in full any costs or expenses incurred by the Company with a view to limiting the overall costs and expenses borne by Investors in the Company, or a particular Fund or Share Class.

Schroder Investment Management (Europe) S.A. was incorporated as a "Société Anonyme" in Luxembourg on 23 August 1991 and has an issued and fully paid up share capital of EUR 14,628,830.98. Schroder Investment Management (Europe) S.A. has been authorised as a management company under chapter 15 of the Law and, as such, provides collective portfolio management services to UCIs.

The Management Company is also acting as a management company for six other Luxembourg domiciled *Sociétés d'Investissement à Capital Variable*: Schroder GAIA, Schroders Capital Semi-Liquid, Schroders Capital, Schroder Alternative Solutions, Schroder Matching Plus and Schroder Special Situations Fund.

The directors of the Management Company are:

- Graham Staples (Chairman), Head of Group Governance and Corporate Secretariat, Schroder Investment Management Limited
- Finbarr Browne, Chief Executive Officer and Conducting Officer, Schroder Investment Management (Europe) S.A.
- Peter Arnold, Chief Operating Officer, Schroders Capital Management (Switzerland) AG, Central 2, 8001 Zurich, Switzerland
- Vanessa Grueneklee, Head of Luxembourg Client Service and Branch Oversight and Conducting Officer, Schroder Investment Management (Europe) S.A.
- John Hennessey, Chief Operating Officer for Distribution, Schroder Investment Management Limited
- Peter Hilborne, Chief Operating Officer for Operations, Schroder Investment Management Limited
- Mike Sommer, Head of Risk EMEA and Conducting Officer, Schroder Investment Management (Europe) S.A.
- Gavin Ralston, Non-Executive Director

The Management Company has established remuneration policies for those categories of staff, including senior management, risk takers, control functions, and any employees receiving total remuneration that takes them into the same remuneration bracket as senior management and risk takers whose professional activities have a material impact on the risk profiles of the Management Company or the Company, that:

- are consistent with and promote sound and effective risk management and do not encourage risk taking which is inconsistent with the risk profiles and rules of the Company or with its Articles;
- are in line with the business strategy, objective, values and interests of the Management Company, the Company and its Investors and includes measures to avoid conflicts of interest;
- include an assessment of performance set in a multi-year framework appropriate to the holding period recommended to the investors of the Fund in order to ensure that the assessment process is based on the longer-term performance of the Fund and its investment risks; and

- appropriately balance fixed and variable components of total remuneration.

Schroders has an established Remuneration Committee consisting of independent non-executive directors of Schroders plc. The Remuneration Committee met five times during 2017. Their responsibilities include recommending to the board of Schroders plc the Schroders group policy on directors' remuneration, overseeing the remuneration governance framework and ensuring that remuneration arrangements are consistent with effective risk management. The role and activities of the Remuneration Committee and their use of advisors are further detailed in the Remuneration Report and the Remuneration Committee's Terms of Reference (both available on the Schroders group webpage).

The Management Company delegates responsibility for determining remuneration policy to the Remuneration Committee of Schroders plc. The Management Company defines the objectives of each UCITS fund it manages and monitors adherence to those objectives and conflict management. The Remuneration Committee receives reports from the Management Company regarding each fund's objectives, risk limits and conflicts register and the performance against those measures. The Remuneration Committee receives reports on risk, legal and compliance matters from the heads of those areas in its consideration of compensation proposals, which provides an opportunity for any material concerns to be escalated.

A summary of the up-to-date remuneration policy of the Management Company, including, but not limited to, a description of how remuneration and benefits are calculated, the identity of the persons responsible for awarding the remuneration and benefits, including the composition of the Remuneration Committee, are available at <https://www.schroders.com/en/global/individual/corporate-transparency/disclosures/remuneration-disclosures/>. A paper copy is available free of charge upon request at the registered office of the Management Company.

### Transfer Agent, Registrar and Principal Paying Agent

With effect from 1 July 2019, the Management Company has delegated the transfer agency, registrar and principal paying agent functions to HSBC Continental Europe, Luxembourg (the Transfer Agent). Fees, expenses and out-of-pocket expenses relating to the services performed by the Transfer Agent are borne by the Management Company.

### Investment Managers

The Investment Managers may on a discretionary basis acquire and dispose of securities of the Funds for which they have been appointed as investment manager, subject to and in accordance with instructions received from the Management Company and/or the Company from time to time, and in accordance with stated investment objectives and restrictions. The Investment Managers are entitled to receive as remuneration for their services investment management fees (referred to as an Annual Management Charge), whose percentage is disclosed for each Fund in Appendix III. Such fees are calculated and accrued on each Dealing Day (each Business Day in the case of the Fund European Small & Mid-Cap Value) by reference to the Net Asset Values of the Funds and paid monthly in arrears. In the performance of their duties, Investment Managers may seek, at their own expense, advice from investment advisers.

The Management Company (specifically Schroder Investment Management (Europe) S.A. – German Branch and Schroder Investment Management (Europe) S.A. – Finnish Branch) acts as the Investment Manager in respect of certain Funds as

indicated in Appendix III and may on a discretionary basis acquire and dispose of securities of the Fund in accordance with the stated investment objective and restrictions. In this capacity, the Management Company is entitled to receive as remuneration for their services investment management fees (referred to as an Annual Management Charge) for these Funds, whose percentage is disclosed in Appendix III. Such fees are calculated and accrued on each Dealing Day by reference to the Net Asset Value of the Fund, or the Net Asset Value per Share as may be appropriate and paid monthly in arrears. All references to the Investment Manager in this Prospectus therefore includes the Management Company in respect of these Funds only and such references shall be construed accordingly unless the context otherwise requires.

### Sub-Investment Managers

Each Investment Manager may appoint one or more other Schroders group companies, at its own expense and responsibility, to manage all or part of the assets of a Fund or to provide recommendations or advice on any part of the investment portfolio (each a "Sub-Investment Manager"). Any such appointment of a Sub-Investment Manager may also be subject to approval and/or registration with local regulators.

Any Sub-Investment Manager appointed by an Investment Manager in accordance with the preceding paragraph may, in turn, appoint another Schroders group entity to manage all or part of a Fund's assets, subject to the prior written consent of the Investment Manager.

The Schroders group entities which may act as Sub-Investment Managers are those eligible to act as Investment Managers and are listed at the beginning of this Prospectus.

The list of Investment Managers and Sub-Investment Managers for each Fund is available at <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/professional/funds-and-strategies/fund-administration/sub-delegations/> and <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/funds-and-strategies/fund-administration/sub-delegations/>

The Sub-Investment Managers provide their investment management services (i) under the supervision of the Management Company and the Investment Manager, (ii) in accordance with instructions received from and investment allocation criteria laid down by the Management Company and/or the Investment Manager from time to time, and (iii) in compliance with the investment objectives and policies of the relevant Fund.

### Redemption charge

The Company may introduce a redemption charge based on the Net Asset Value per Share of the relevant Share Classes of the relevant Fund in favour of the Fund. At the time of this Prospectus, there are no Funds to which such a redemption charge is applicable.

### Performance Fees

For the purposes of this section only (Performance Fees), the following terms shall have the following meanings unless the context otherwise requires:

- Gross Asset Value: the amount of assets calculated net of all liabilities and costs and before deduction of the performance fee to be paid for the relevant performance period
- Gross Asset Value Performance: the variation in percentage terms of the Gross Asset Value during the performance period

- High Water Mark: the Gross Asset Value per Share at the end of the previous performance period in respect of which a performance fee was paid or payable
- Net Asset Value: the amount of assets calculated net of all liabilities and costs and after deduction of the performance fees
- Target Gross Asset Value: the hypothetical Gross Asset Value per Share assuming a performance based on the relevant benchmark

In consideration of the services provided by the respective Investment Managers in relation to the Funds, the Investment Managers are entitled to receive a performance fee, in addition to the Annual Management Charge, whose percentage is disclosed for each Fund in Appendix III. It should also be noted that the performance fee is calculated prior to any dilution adjustments.

The performance fee becomes due in the event of outperformance, that is, if the increase in the Gross Asset Value per Share during the relevant performance period exceeds the increase in the relevant benchmark (see Appendix III) over the same period and exceeds the High Water Mark.

The performance period shall normally be each financial year except that:

- where the Gross Asset Value per Share as at the end of the financial year is lower than the Target Gross Asset Value per Share or the High Water Mark, the commencement of the performance period will remain the date of that High Water Mark;
- if a performance fee is introduced on a Fund during a financial year then its first performance period will commence on the date on which such fee is introduced and the High Water Mark shall be the Net Asset Value per Share on the date of such introduction; and
- where a Performance Period ends during a financial year due to the liquidation or merger/consolidation of a Fund or Share Class (subject to the best interests of the relevant Investors).

The High Water Mark of any relevant Share Class shall not be reset during the whole life of such Share Class, other than at the end of a Performance Period if a performance fee is paid or payable, unless otherwise decided by the Board and/or the Management Company in the best interest of the Investors as explained hereafter.

The Board and/or the Management Company (as the case may be) may, at their discretion, decide on a case by case basis to apply a High Water Mark which is higher than the applicable High Water Mark of a Share Class, taking due account of the best interests of the relevant Investors.

The performance fee, if applicable, is payable yearly during the month immediately following the end of each performance period on the last Business Day in December. In addition if a Shareholder redeems or switches all or part of their Shares before the end of a performance period, any accrued performance fee with respect to such Shares will crystallise on that Dealing Day and will then become payable to the Investment Manager. For the avoidance of doubt, the High Water Mark is not reset on those Dealing Days at which performance fees crystallise following the redemption or switch of Shares.

It should be noted that as the Gross Asset Value per Share may differ between Share Classes, separate performance fee calculations will be carried out for separate Share Classes within the same Fund, which therefore may become subject to different amounts of performance fee. When the Company launches a new share class with a performance fee, the Company may seek to align the level of the performance fee's High Water Mark with that of (if available) an existing equivalent Share Class. The Company reserves the right to launch such a new share class with a High Water Mark set at the Net Asset Value of the share class at its launch.

A Share Class' performance fee is accrued on each Business Day, on the basis of the difference between the Gross Asset Value per Share on the preceding Business Day and the higher of the Target Gross Asset Value per Share until the preceding Business Day or the High Water Mark, multiplied by the average number of Shares in issue over the accounting period.

On each Business Day, the accounting provision made on the immediately preceding Business Day is adjusted to reflect the Share Class performance, positive or negative, calculated as described above. If on the Business day the relevant Gross Asset Value per Share is lower than the relevant Target Gross Asset Value per Share or the High Water Mark, the provision made on such Business Day is returned to the relevant Share Class within the relevant Fund. The accounting provision may, however, never be negative. Under no circumstances will the respective Investment Manager pay money into a Fund or to any Shareholder for any underperformance.

The relevant Funds and Share Classes in relation to which a performance fee may be introduced are specified in Appendix III.

For the purpose of calculating the outperformance, the relevant benchmark for each Fund will be disclosed in Appendix III.

The following examples 1 to 7 show how the performance fee is calculated using the relevant benchmark with a High Water Mark. For simplicity these examples refer to a proposed 20% performance fee on any outperformance by the Gross Asset Value per Share. No performance fee will be accrued if on the preceding Business Day a Fund underperforms against the relevant benchmark or if the Gross Asset Value is lower than the High Water Mark. No performance fee will be payable on negative performance, even where a Fund outperforms its benchmark.

Performance fees will be accrued according to the following formula:

*Accrued performance fee = ((Gross Asset Value Performance on the preceding Business Day – Benchmark performance on the preceding Business Day) \* High Water Mark on the preceding Business Day) x 20%) \* average number of Shares in issue over the accounting period*

A Share Class' performance fee is accrued on each Business Day on the basis of the preceding Business Day performance.

The accrued fee will not be allowed to become a negative monetary amount.

These examples refer to the Share price of a hypothetical Share Class. Valuation point G is the end of a performance period and valuation point H is the start of a subsequent performance period.

Valuation Point	Gross Asset Value	HWM	Gross Asset Value performance %	Benchmark	Benchmark HWM	Benchmark performance %	Net Asset Value	PF rate
A	100	100	0.0%	60	60	0.0%	100	20.0%
B	110	100	10.0%	63	60	5.0%	110.00	20.0%
C	110	100	10.0%	72	60	20.0%	109.00	20.0%
D	90	100	-10.0%	42	60	-30.0%	90.00	20.0%
E	102	100	2.0%	61	60	1.7%	102.00	20.0%
F	110	100	10.0%	61	60	1.7%	109.94	20.0%
G	112	110	1.8%	65	61	6.6%	110.34	20.0%
H	115	110	4.5%	62	61	1.6%	115.00	20.0%

In the above examples the High Water Mark is 100 and the Benchmark High Water Mark is 60 to point G at which point the Performance Fee is taken and the High Water Mark is reset to 110 and the Benchmark High Water Mark to 61.

#### Example 1

The first investor buys Shares at valuation point A at 100 and at valuation point B the Gross Asset Value is 110.

On the preceding valuation point A, the Gross Asset Value is 100 - with a Gross Asset Value Performance of 0% - and a Benchmark performance of 0%. It means that the Performance Fee is 0, because no Performance Fee will be accrued if there is no outperformance against the Benchmark or if the Gross Asset Value is lower than the High Water Mark.

#### Example 2

At valuation point C the Gross Asset Value is stable at 110.

On the preceding valuation point B, the Gross Asset Value has risen to 110 - with a Gross Asset Value Performance of 10% - and the Benchmark performance has risen by 5%. It means that the Gross Asset Value has an overall outperformance of 5% against the Benchmark and also the Gross Asset Value is higher than the High Water Mark.

According to the formula above, the Accrued Performance Fees, being 20% Performance Fee rate of 5% outperformance multiplied by the 100 High Water Mark equals 1.00.

This means that those buying Shares at this point will pay the Net Asset Value of 109 per Share. The Performance Fee will not be crystallised (paid to the relevant Investment Manager) until the end of the Performance Period which is valuation point G. However, if a shareholder redeems or switches all or part of the Shares before the end of a performance period, he or she will receive the Net Asset Value 109 per share and the accrued performance fee of 1 per Share will crystallise on the Dealing Day and will then become payable to the Investment Manager. The High Water Mark is not reset on those Dealing Days at which performance fees crystallise following the redemption or switch of Shares.

#### Example 3

At valuation point D the Gross Asset Value has fallen by 20 from 110 to 90.

On the preceding valuation point C, the Gross Asset Value is stable at 110 - with an overall Gross Asset Value Performance of 10% - and the Benchmark performance has risen overall by 20%. It means that the Gross Asset Value has an

underperformance of minus 10% against the Benchmark, even though the Gross Asset Value is higher than the High Water Mark.

It means that the Performance Fee is 0, because no Performance Fee will be accrued if there is underperformance against the Benchmark or if the Gross Asset Value is lower than the High Water Mark.

#### Example 4

A second investor acquires shares at the Valuation Point E at the Net Asset Value of 102.

On the preceding valuation point D, the Gross Asset Value has fallen by 20 from 110 to 90 - with an overall Gross Asset Value Performance of minus 10% and the Benchmark performance has fallen overall by 30%. It means that the Gross Asset Value has an outperformance of 20% against the benchmark, but the Gross Asset Value is lower than the High Water Mark.

It means that the Performance Fee is 0, because no Performance Fee will be accrued if there is any underperformance against the Benchmark or if the Gross Asset Value is lower than the High Water Mark.

#### Example 5

The second investor sells Shares at the valuation point F at the Net Asset Value of 109.94. Whilst the Gross Asset Value of the Shares has increased by 8 (excluding the Performance Fee accrual) since they initially bought the Shares, they will only incur a Performance Fee on that proportion of the outperformance of 0.3% (2.0 – 1.7) against the Benchmark. Indeed, on the preceding Valuation point E the Gross Asset Value is 102, with an overall Gross Asset Value Performance of 2%, and the Benchmark performance has risen overall by 1.7%. The Gross Asset Value is also higher than the High Water Mark.

According to the formula above, the Accrued Performance Fees, being 20% Performance Fee rate of 0.3% overperformance multiplied by the 100 High Water Mark equals 0.06.

#### Example 6

At valuation point G the Gross Asset Value is 112.

On the preceding valuation point F, the Gross Asset Value has risen to 110 - with a Gross Asset Value Performance of 10% - and the Benchmark performance has risen by 1.7%. It means



that the Gross Asset Value has an overall outperformance of 8.3% against the Benchmark and also the Gross Asset Value is higher than the High Water Mark.

According to the formula, the Accrued Performance Fees, being 20% Performance Fee rate of 8.3% overperformance multiplied by the 100 High Water Mark equals 1.66.

At this valuation point G, which is the end of the performance period, the Performance Fee of 1.66 is crystallised and paid to the Investment Manager. The High Water Mark and Benchmark are both reset respectively to 110 and 61.

#### Example 7

Valuation point H is the start of the new performance period and the Gross Asset Value is 115.

As the valuation point G is the end of the performance period and the performance is crystallised and paid to the Investment Manager, the new starting points for the calculation of the performance of the Gross Asset Value and Benchmark are 110 and 61.

It gives a Gross Asset Value performance of 1.8% (variation from 110 to 112) and a benchmark performance of 6.6% (variation from 61 to 65).

As a consequence, the Gross Asset Value has an underperformance of minus 4.8% against the Benchmark and the Gross Asset Value is higher than the High Water Mark.

The Performance Fee is 0, because no Performance Fee will be accrued if there is any underperformance against the Benchmark or if the Gross Asset Value is lower than the High Water Mark.

#### Marketing of the Shares and terms applying to Distributors

The Management Company shall perform its marketing functions by appointing and, as the case may be, terminating, coordinating among and compensating third party distributors of good repute in the countries where the Shares of the Funds may be distributed or privately placed. Third party distributors shall be compensated for their distribution, shareholder servicing and expenses. Third party distributors may be paid a portion or all of the initial charge, Annual Distribution Charge, shareholder servicing fee, and Annual Management Charge.

Distributors may only market the Company's Shares if the Management Company has authorised them to do so.

Distributors shall abide by and enforce all the terms of this Prospectus including, where applicable, the terms of any mandatory provisions of Luxembourg laws and regulations relating to the distribution of the Shares. Distributors shall also abide by the terms of any laws and regulations applicable to them in the country where their activity takes place, including, in particular, any relevant requirements to identify and know their clients.

Distributors must not act in any way that would be damaging or onerous on the Company in particular by submitting the Company to regulatory, fiscal or reporting information it would otherwise not have been subject to. Distributors must not hold themselves out as representing the Company.

In certain countries, Investors may be charged additional amounts in connection with the duties and services of local paying agents, correspondent banks or similar entities.

Regular savings plans may be available in certain countries. If a savings plan is terminated before the agreed final date, the amount of the initial charge paid may be greater than it would have been in the case of a standard subscription. Further details can be obtained from the local distributor.

#### Structured Products

Investment in the Shares for the purpose of creating a structured product replicating the performance of the Funds is only permitted after entering into a specific agreement to this effect with the Management Company. In the absence of such an agreement, the Management Company can refuse an investment into the Shares if this is related to a structured product and deemed by the Management Company to potentially conflict with the interest of other Shareholders.

#### Depositary

J.P. Morgan SE, Luxembourg Branch has been appointed by the Company as the depositary bank of the Company in charge of (i) the safekeeping of the assets of the Company (ii) the cash monitoring, (iii) the oversight functions and (iv) such other services as may be agreed in writing from time to time between the Company and the Depositary.

Under an administration agreement, J.P. Morgan SE, acting through its Luxembourg Branch has been appointed as administrator of the Company, to administer the computation of the Net Asset Value of the Funds, and to perform other general administrative functions. For its services, the administrator receives an annual fee, payable monthly, which is part of the administration charge as described under the Section 3.1 "Administration Details, Charges and Expenses".

J.P. Morgan SE is a European Company (*Societas Europaea*) organized under the laws of Germany, having its registered office at Taunustor 1 (TaunusTurm), 60310 Frankfurt am Main, Germany and is registered with the commercial register of the local court of Frankfurt. It is a credit institution subject to direct prudential supervision by the European Central Bank (ECB), the German Federal Financial Supervisory Authority (*Bundesanstalt für Finanzdienstleistungsaufsicht*, BaFin) and *Deutsche Bundesbank*, the German Central Bank; J.P. Morgan SE, Luxembourg Branch is authorized by the CSSF to act as depositary and fund administrator and is licensed to engage in all banking operations under the laws of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg. The principal activities of J.P. Morgan SE, Luxembourg Branch are custodial and investment administration services.

The Depositary is entrusted with the safekeeping of the Company's assets. For the financial instruments which can be held in custody, they may be held either directly by the Depositary or, to the extent permitted by applicable laws and regulations, through every third-party custodian/sub-custodian providing, in principle, the same guarantees as the Depositary itself, i.e. for Luxembourg institutions to be a credit institution within the meaning of the Luxembourg law of 5 April 1993 on the financial sector or for foreign institutions, to be a financial institution subject to the rules of prudential supervision considered as equivalent to those provided by EU legislation. The Depositary also ensures that the Company's cash flows are properly monitored, and in particular that the subscription monies have been received and all cash of the Company has been booked in the cash account in the name of (i) the Company, (ii) the Management Company on behalf of the Company or (iii) the Depositary on behalf of the Company.

In addition, the Depositary shall:

- (A) ensure that the sale, issue, repurchase, redemption and cancellation of the Shares of the Company are carried out in accordance with Luxembourg law and the Articles;
- (B) ensure that the value of the Shares of the Company is calculated in accordance with Luxembourg law and the Articles;
- (C) carry out the instructions of the Company, unless they conflict with Luxembourg law or the Articles;
- (D) ensure that in transactions involving the Company's assets any consideration is remitted to the Company within the usual time limits;
- (E) ensure that the Company's income is applied in accordance with Luxembourg law and the Articles.

The Depositary regularly provides the Company with a complete inventory of all assets of the Company.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Depositary and Custodian Agreement, the Depositary may, subject to certain conditions and in order to more efficiently conduct its duties, delegate part or all of its safekeeping duties over the Company's assets including but not limited to holding assets in custody or, where assets are of such a nature that they cannot be held in custody, verification of the ownership of those assets as well as record-keeping for those assets, to one or more third-party delegates appointed by the Depositary from time to time.

The Depositary shall exercise due skill, care and diligence in choosing and appointing the third-party delegates and in the periodic review and ongoing monitoring of any such third-party delegates and of the arrangements of the third party in respect of the matters delegated to it.

The liability of the Depositary shall not be affected by the fact that it has entrusted all or some of the Company's assets in its safekeeping to such third-party delegates.

In the case of a loss of a financial instrument held in custody, the Depositary shall return a financial instrument of an identical type or the corresponding amount to the Company without undue delay, except if such loss results from an external event beyond the Depositary's reasonable control and the consequences of which would have been unavoidable despite all reasonable efforts to the contrary.

As part of the normal course of global custody business, the Depositary may from time to time have entered into arrangements with other clients, funds or other third parties for the provision of safekeeping, fund administration or related services. Within a multi-service banking group such as JPMorgan Chase Group, from time to time conflicts may arise (i) from the delegation by the Depositary to its safekeeping delegates or (ii) generally between the interests of the Depositary and those of the Company, its Shareholders or the Investment Manager; for example, where an affiliate of the Depositary is providing a product or service to a fund and has a financial or business interest in such product or service or receives remuneration for other related products or services it provides to the funds, for instance foreign exchange, securities lending, pricing or valuation, fund administration, fund accounting or transfer agency services. In the event of any potential conflict of interest which may arise during the normal course of business, the Depositary will at all times have regard to its obligations under applicable laws including Article 25 of the UCITS V Directive.

The Depositary follows a third party oversight process in the selection and on-going monitoring of third party delegates. The Depositary's selection and on-going monitoring criteria include inter-alia a review of financial standing of the provider as well as performance against defined standards of services and local legal advice on protection of assets on insolvency and other relevant issues. The Depositary maintains a governance framework via regular meetings and management information system to ensure adherence to the Depositary's policies and procedures.

A list of the third party delegates appointed by the Depositary pursuant to the Depositary and Custodian Agreement can be found in Appendix V. Up-to-date information on the identity of the Depositary, its duties, of conflicts of interest, of the delegated safekeeping functions and of any conflicts of interest that may arise from such a delegation (or, if applicable, sub-delegation) will be made available to Investors on request.

The Depositary may receive a fee in relation to these fiduciary services, which is set at a rate of up to 0.005% per annum of the Net Asset Value of the Company.

The Depositary will receive from the Company such fees and commissions as are in accordance with usual practice in Luxembourg as well as accounting fees covering the Company's accounting. The custody safe keeping services and transaction fees are paid on a monthly basis and calculated and accrued on each Business Day. The percentage rate of the safekeeping fee and the level of transaction fees vary, according to the country in which the relevant activities take place, up to a maximum of 0.3% per annum and USD 75 per transaction respectively.

Fees relating to core fund accounting and valuation services are calculated and accrued on each Business Day at an annual rate of up to 0.0083% of the Net Asset Value of a Fund. Additional fees may be due from each Fund for additional services such as non-standard valuations, additional accounting services, for example performance fee calculations and for tax reporting services.

Fiduciary fees, custody safekeeping and transaction fees, together with fund accounting and valuation fees, may be subject to review by the Depositary and the Company from time to time. In addition, the Depositary is entitled to any reasonable expenses properly incurred in carrying out its duties.

The amounts paid to the Depositary will be shown in the Company's financial statements.

The Depositary has also been appointed to act as listing agent for the Company in relation to the listing of its Shares on the Luxembourg Stock Exchange and will receive customary fees for the performance of its duties as such.

### Other Charges and Expenses

The Company will pay all charges and expenses incurred in the operation of the Company including, without limitation, taxes, expenses for legal and auditing services, brokerage, governmental duties and charges, stock exchange listing expenses, settlement costs and bank charges and fees due to supervisory authorities in various countries, including the costs incurred in obtaining and maintaining registrations so that the Shares of the Company may be marketed in different countries; expenses incurred in the issue, switch and redemption of Shares and payment of dividends, registration fees, insurance, interest and the costs of computation and publication of Share prices and postage, telephone, facsimile transmission and the use of other electronic communication;

costs of printing proxies, statements, Share certificates or confirmations of transactions, Shareholders' reports, prospectuses and supplementary documentation, explanatory brochures and any other periodical information or documentation. In certain circumstances expenses payable by the Company may also comprise investment research fees.

In addition to standard banking and brokerage charges paid by the Company, Schroders' companies providing services to the Company may receive payment for these services. Investment Managers may enter into soft commission arrangements only where there is a direct and identifiable benefit to the clients of the Investment Manager, including the Company, and where the Investment Manager is satisfied that the transactions generating the soft commissions are made in good faith, in strict compliance with applicable regulatory requirements and in the best interests of the Company. Any such arrangements must be made by the Investment Manager on terms commensurate with best market practice.

### 3.2. Company Information

- (A) The Company is an umbrella structured open-ended investment company with limited liability, organised as a "société anonyme" and qualifies as a SICAV under Part I of the Law. The Company was incorporated on 5 December 1968 and its Articles were published in the Mémorial on 16 December 1968. The Articles were last amended on 20 March 2019.

The Company is registered with the Luxembourg register of commerce and companies under Number B-8202, where the Articles have been filed and are available for inspection. The Company exists for an indefinite period.

- (B) The minimum capital of the Company required by Luxembourg law is EUR 1,250,000. The share capital of the Company is represented by fully paid Shares of no par value and is at any time equal to its net asset value. Should the capital of the Company fall below two-thirds of the minimum capital, an extraordinary general meeting of Shareholders must be convened to consider the dissolution of the Company. Any decision to liquidate the Company must be taken by the simple majority of the votes of the Shareholders present or represented at the meeting. Where the share capital falls below one quarter of the minimum capital, the Directors must convene an extraordinary general meeting of Shareholders to decide upon the liquidation of the Company. At that meeting, the decision to liquidate the Company may be taken by Shareholders holding together one quarter of the votes cast of the Shares present or represented.

- (C) The following material contracts, not being contracts entered into in the ordinary course of business, have been entered into:

- (1) Fund Services Agreement between the Company and Schroder Investment Management (Europe) S.A., under which the Company appoints Schroder Investment Management (Europe) S.A. as its Management Company,
- (2) Depositary and Custodian Agreement between the Company and J.P. Morgan SE, Luxembourg Branch

The material contracts listed above may be amended from time to time by agreement between the parties thereto.

In relation to the Depositary and Custodian Agreement listed above:

The Depositary or the Company may terminate the Depositary and Custodian Agreement at any time upon sixty (60) calendar days' written notice (or earlier in case of certain breaches of the Depositary and Custodian Agreement provided that the Depositary and Custodian Agreement shall not terminate until a replacement depositary is appointed.

Up-to-date information regarding the description of the Depositary's duties and of conflicts of interest that may arise as well as of any safekeeping functions delegated by the Depositary, the list of third-party delegates and any conflicts of interest that may arise from such a delegation will be made available to Investors on request at the Company's registered office.

### Documents of the Company

Copies of the Articles, Prospectus, Key Information Documents and financial reports may be obtained free of charge and upon request, from the registered office of the Company. The material contracts referred to above are available for inspection during normal business hours, at the registered office of the Company.

### Historical Performance of the Funds

Past performance information for each Fund in operation for more than one financial year of the Company is available from the registered office of the Company and on the webpage at [www.schroders.com](http://www.schroders.com). Past performance information is also available in the Fund fact sheets found on the webpage at [www.schroders.com](http://www.schroders.com) and upon request from the registered office of the Company.

### Shareholder Notifications

Relevant notifications or other communications to Shareholders concerning their investment in the Company may be posted on the webpage [www.schroders.com](http://www.schroders.com). In addition, and where required by Luxembourg law or the CSSF, Shareholders will also be notified in writing or in such other manner as prescribed under Luxembourg law. In particular, Shareholders should refer to 3.5 Meetings and Reports.

### Queries and Complaints

Any person who would like to receive further information regarding the Company or who wishes to make a complaint about the operation of the Company should contact the Compliance Officer, Schroder Investment Management (Europe) S.A., 5, rue Höhenhof, L-1736 Senningerberg, Grand Duchy of Luxembourg.

### 3.3. Dividends

#### Dividend Policy

It is intended that the Company will distribute dividends to holders of Distribution Shares in the form of cash in the relevant Share Class currency (for the avoidance of doubt, in respect of the BRL Hedged Share Class this would be the relevant Fund Currency (and not BRL)). Dividends may also be paid in alternative currencies upon request. Where no payment instruction is provided via the application form by a holder of Distribution Shares, dividends will be automatically reinvested by the Company in further Shares of the same Share Class. Shareholders may instead elect to receive

dividends in the form of cash in the relevant Share Class currency. However, dividends will not be distributed in cash if their amount is below EUR50 or its equivalent in another currency. Such amounts will automatically be reinvested in new Shares of the same Share Class.

The Company offers different types of Distribution Share Classes as explained in more detail below. Distribution Share Classes may differ in terms of their distribution frequency and in terms of the basis for calculating the dividend.

### Distribution Frequency

Dividends will either be declared as annual dividends by the annual general meeting of Shareholders or may be paid by the Fund more frequently as deemed appropriate by the Directors.

### Dividend Calculation

#### **Distribution Share Classes based on Investment Income Before Expenses**

**Dividends may be paid out of capital and further reduce the relevant Fund's Net Asset Value. Dividends paid out of capital could be taxed as income in certain jurisdictions.**

The general policy for Distribution Share Classes is to distribute dividends based on income for the period before deduction of expenses. The Directors will periodically review these Distribution Share Classes and reserve the right to make changes if they deem it is appropriate to declare a lower dividend. The Directors may also determine if and to what extent dividends may include distributions from both realised and unrealised capital gains as well as from capital, within the limits set up by Luxembourg law. Distributions from capital may include a premium when the interest rate of a currency hedged Share Class is higher than the Fund's base currency interest rate. Consequently when the interest rate of a currency hedged Share Class is lower than the Fund's base currency interest rate, the dividend may be discounted. The level of premium or discount is determined by differences in interest rates and is not part of the Fund's Investment Objective or Investment Policy.

#### **Distribution Share Classes based on Investment Income After Expenses**

The Company may also offer Distribution Share Classes where the dividend is based upon investment income for the period after deduction of expenses. The Directors may also determine if and to what extent dividends may include distributions from both realised and unrealised capital gains within the limits set up by Luxembourg law.

#### **Distribution Share Classes with Fixed Dividends**

**Dividends may be paid out of capital and further reduce the relevant Fund's Net Asset Value. Dividends paid out of capital could be taxed as income in certain jurisdictions.**

The Company may also offer other Distribution Share Classes where the dividend is based on a fixed amount or fixed percentage of the Net Asset Value per Share. The Directors or their authorised delegate will periodically review fixed Distribution Share Classes and reserve the right to make changes, for example if the investment income after expenses is higher than the target fixed distribution the Directors or their authorised delegate may declare the higher amount to be distributed. Equally the Directors or their authorised delegate may deem it is appropriate to declare a dividend lower than the target fixed distribution.

### Dividend Calendar

A dividend calendar including details on the distribution frequency and the dividend calculation basis for all available Share Classes can be requested from the Management Company and is available on [www.schroders.com](http://www.schroders.com)

Dividends to be reinvested will be paid to the Management Company who will reinvest the money on behalf of the Shareholders in additional Shares of the same Share Class. Such Shares will be issued on the payment date at the Net Asset Value per Share of the relevant Share Class in non-certificated form. Fractional entitlements to registered Shares will be recognised to two decimal places (unless otherwise agreed with the Management Company).

Income equalisation arrangements are applied in the case of all distributing Share Classes. These arrangements are intended to ensure that the income per Share which is distributed in respect of a Distribution Period is not affected by changes in the number of Shares in issue during that period.

### 3.4. Taxation

The following is based on the Directors' understanding of the law and practice in force at the date of this document and applies to Investors acquiring Shares in the Company as an investment. Investors should, however, consult their financial or other professional advisers on the possible tax or other consequences of buying, holding, transferring, switching, redeeming or other dealing in the Shares under the laws of their countries of citizenship, residence and domicile.

**This summary is subject to future changes.**

#### **Luxembourg Taxation**

##### **(A) Taxation of the Company**

In Luxembourg, the Company is not subject to taxation on its income, profits or gains. The Company is not subject to net wealth tax.

No stamp duty, capital duty or other tax will be payable in Luxembourg upon the issue of the Shares of the Company.

The Company is subject to a subscription tax (taxe d'abonnement) levied at the rate of 0.05% per annum based on the Net Asset Value of the Company at the end of the relevant quarter, calculated and paid quarterly. A reduced subscription tax of 0.01% per annum is applicable to individual Funds or individual Share Classes, provided that such Fund or Share Class comprises only one or more Institutional Investors. In addition, those Funds which invest exclusively in deposits and Money Market Instruments in accordance with the Luxembourg Law are liable to the same reduced tax rate of 0.01% per annum of their net assets.

Subscription tax exemption applies to (i) investments in a Luxembourg UCI subject itself to the subscription tax, (ii) UCI, compartments thereof or dedicated classes reserved to retirement pension schemes, (iii) money market UCIs, and, (iv) UCITS and UCIs subject to the part II of the Law whose securities are listed or traded on at least one stock exchange or another regulated market operating regularly, recognised and open to the public and whose exclusive object is to replicate the performance of one or more indices.



## Withholding tax

Interest and dividend income received by the Company may be subject to non-recoverable withholding tax in the source countries. The Company may further be subject to tax on the realised or unrealised capital appreciation of its assets in the countries of origin, and provisions in this respect may be recognised in certain jurisdictions.

Distributions made by the Company are not subject to withholding tax in Luxembourg.

## (B) Taxation of Shareholders

### Non Luxembourg resident Shareholders

Non resident individuals or collective entities who do not have a permanent establishment in Luxembourg to which the Shares are attributable, are not subject to Luxembourg taxation on capital gains realized upon disposal of the Shares nor on the distribution received from the Company and the Shares will not be subject to net wealth tax.

### US Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act 2010 (FATCA) and OECD Common Reporting Standard 2016 ("CRS")

FATCA was enacted in the USA on 18 March 2010 as part of the Hiring Incentives to Restore Employment Act. It includes provisions under which the Company as a Foreign Financial Institution ("FFI") may be required to report directly to the Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") certain information about shares held by US tax payers or other foreign entities subject to FATCA and to collect additional identification information for this purpose. Financial institutions that do not enter into an agreement with the IRS and comply with FATCA regime could be subject to 30% withholding tax on any payment of US source income as well as on the gross proceeds deriving from the sale of securities generating US income made to the Company. On 28 March 2014, the Grand-Duchy of Luxembourg entered into a Model 1 Intergovernmental Agreement ("IGA") with the USA and implemented the IGA into Luxembourg law in July 2015.

CRS has been implemented by Council Directive 2014/107/EU on the mandatory automatic exchange of tax information which was adopted on 9 December 2014 and implemented into Luxembourg law by the law of 18 December 2015 on the automatic exchange of financial account information in the field of taxation ("CRS Law"). CRS became effective among most member states of the European Union on 1 January 2016. Under CRS, the Company may be required to report to the Luxembourg tax authority certain information about shares held by investors who are tax resident in a CRS participating country and to collect additional identification information for this purpose. **Under the CRS Law, the first exchange of information was applied by 30 September 2017 for information related to the calendar year 2016.** In order to comply with its FATCA and CRS obligations, the Company may be required to obtain certain information from its Investors so as to ascertain their tax status. Under the FATCA IGA referred to above, if the Investor is a specified person, such as a US owned non-US entity, non-participating FFI or does not provide the requisite documentation, the Company will need to report information on these Investors to the Luxembourg tax authority, in accordance with applicable laws and regulations, which will in turn report this to the IRS. Under CRS, if the Investor is tax resident in a CRS participating country and does not provide the requisite

documentation, the Company will need to report information on these Investors to the Luxembourg tax authority, in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. Provided that the Company acts in accordance with these provisions it will not be subject to withholding tax under FATCA.

Shareholders and intermediaries should note that it is the existing policy of the Company that Shares are not being offered or sold for the account of US Persons or Investors who do not provide the appropriate CRS information. Subsequent transfers of Shares to US Persons are prohibited. If Shares are beneficially owned by any US Person or a person who has not provided the appropriate CRS information, the Company may in its discretion compulsorily redeem such Shares. Shareholders should moreover note that under the FATCA legislation, the definition of specified persons will include a wider range of Investors compared to other legislation.

## UK Taxation

### (A) The Company

It is the intention of the Directors to conduct the affairs of the Company so as to ensure that it will not become resident in the UK. Accordingly, and provided that the Company does not carry on a trade in the UK through a branch or agency situated therein, the Company will not be subject to UK corporation tax or income tax.

### (B) Shareholders

#### Offshore Funds Legislation

Part 8 of the Taxation (International and Other Provisions) Act 2010 and Statutory Instrument 2009/3001 (the "Offshore Funds regulations") provides that if an Investor who is resident or ordinarily resident in the United Kingdom for taxation purposes disposes of a holding in an offshore entity that constitutes an "offshore fund" and that offshore fund does not qualify as a Reporting Fund throughout the period during which the Investor holds that interest, any gain accruing to the Investor upon the sale, redemption or other disposal of that interest (including a deemed disposal on death) will be taxed at the time of such sale, redemption or other disposal as income ("offshore income gains") and not as a capital gain. The Company is an "offshore fund" for the purpose of those provisions.

All Classes of Shares in the Company, with the exception of R Shares (see further below), are managed with a view to them qualifying as Reporting Funds for taxation purposes, and accordingly any capital gain on disposal of Shares in the Company should not be reclassified as an income gain under the UK's offshore fund rules. A full list of reporting Share Classes is available from the Management Company on request. A list of Reporting Funds and their certification dates is published on the HMRC webpage <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/offshore-funds-list-of-reporting-funds>

Under the offshore fund rules, Investors in Reporting Funds are subject to tax on their share of the Reporting Fund's income for an accounting period, whether or not the income is distributed to them. UK resident holders of Accumulation Share Classes should be aware that they will be required to account for and pay tax on income which has been reported to them in respect of their

holdings on an annual basis through their tax return, even though such income has not been distributed to them.

For the avoidance of doubt, distributions which in accordance with 3.3 above have been reinvested in further Shares should be deemed for the purpose of UK tax as having been distributed to the Shareholders and subsequently reinvested by them, and accordingly should form part of the Shareholder's taxable income of the period in which the dividend is deemed to have been received.

In accordance with the Offshore Funds legislation, reportable income attributable to each Fund Share will be published no later than 10 months after the end of the reporting period on the following Schroders webpage:  
<https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/professional/funds-and-strategies/fund-administration/income-tables/>

It is the Investor's responsibility to calculate and report their respective total reportable income to HMRC based on the number of Shares held at the end of the reporting period. In addition to reportable income attributable to each Fund Share, the report will include information on amounts distributed per Share and the dates of distributions in respect of the reporting period. Shareholders with particular needs may request their report be provided in paper form, however we reserve the right to make a charge for this service.

Chapter 3 of Part 6 of the Corporation Tax Act 2009 provides that, if at any time in an accounting period a person within the charge of United Kingdom corporation tax holds an interest in an offshore fund within the meaning of the relevant provisions of the tax legislation, and there is a time in that period when that fund fails to meet the "qualifying investments test", the interest held by such a person will be treated for that accounting period as if it were rights under a creditor relationship for the purposes of the loan relationships regime. An offshore fund fails to meet the "qualifying investments test" at any time where more than 60% of its assets by market value comprise government and corporate debt securities or cash on deposit or certain derivatives contracts or holdings in other collective investment schemes which at any time in the relevant accounting period do not themselves meet the "qualifying investments test". The Shares will constitute interests in an offshore fund and on the basis of the investment policies of the Company, the Company could fail to meet the "qualifying investments test".

R Shares do not qualify as Reporting Funds for taxation purposes, and accordingly any capital gain on disposal of R Shares will be reclassified as an income gain under the UK's offshore fund rules and taxed accordingly.

### Stamp Taxes

Transfers of Shares will not be liable to United Kingdom stamp duty unless the instrument of transfer is executed within the United Kingdom when the transfer will be liable to United Kingdom ad valorem stamp duty at the rate of 0.5% of the consideration paid rounded up to the nearest GBP 5. No United Kingdom stamp duty reserve tax is payable on transfers of Shares, or agreements to transfer Shares.

### Distributions

Distributions paid by Funds that hold more than 60% of their assets in interest-bearing, or economically similar, form at any time in an accounting period are treated as a payment of annual interest for UK resident individual Investors. Where Shares are held within an individual savings account ("ISA"), this income is free of tax. For Shares held outside an ISA a Personal Savings Allowance is available to exempt the first £1,000 of interest income from tax in the hands of basic rate taxpayers. The Allowance is £500 for higher rate taxpayers and nil for additional rate taxpayers. Total interest received in excess of the Allowance in a tax year is subject to tax at the rates applying to interest (currently 20%, 40% and 45%).

Distributions paid by Funds that have no more than 60% of their assets in interest-bearing form at all times in an accounting period are treated as foreign dividends.

Where Shares are held outside an ISA, a tax-free Dividend allowance of **£2,000** (**2024/2025**) is available and total dividends received in a tax year up to that amount will be free of income tax. Dividends totalling in excess of that amount will be subject to tax at rates of **8.757-5%**, **33.7532-5%** and **39.3538-1%** where they fall within the basic rate, higher rate and additional rate bands respectively. Dividends received on Shares held within an ISA will continue to be tax-free.

### Equalisation

The Company operates full equalisation arrangements. Equalisation applies to Shares purchased during a Distribution Period. The amount of income, calculated daily and included in the purchase price of all Shares purchased part way through a Distribution Period is refunded to holders of these Shares on a first distribution as a return of capital.

Being capital it is not liable to income tax and it should be excluded from the calculation of reportable income included in a UK Shareholder's tax return. The daily income element of all Shares is held on a database and is available upon request from the Company's registered office or online at  
<https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/professional/funds-and-strategies/fund-administration/equalisation/>

The aim of operating equalisation is to relieve new Investors in the Company from the liability to tax on income already accrued in the Shares they acquire. Equalisation will not affect Shareholders who own their Shares for the whole of a Distribution Period.

### German Taxation

In addition to the investment restrictions set out in the Appendices II and III, the following Funds will also adhere to the restriction that more than 50% of the Gross Asset Value of the Fund shall be continuously invested in equity participations.

Fund	Fund
Schroder ISF All China Equity	Schroder ISF Global Gold
Schroder ISF Asian Dividend Maximiser	Schroder ISF Global Recovery
Schroder ISF Asian Equity Impact	Schroder ISF Global Smaller Companies

Fund	Fund
Schroder ISF Asian Equity Yield	Schroder ISF Global Sustainable Food and Water
Schroder ISF Asian Opportunities	Schroder ISF Global Sustainable Growth
Schroder ISF Asian Smaller Companies	Schroder ISF Global Sustainable Value
Schroder ISF BIC (Brazil, India, China)	Schroder ISF Greater China
Schroder ISF Changing Lifestyles	Schroder ISF Healthcare Innovation
Schroder ISF China A	Schroder ISF Hong Kong Equity
Schroder ISF China A All Cap	Schroder ISF Indian Equity
Schroder ISF China Opportunities	Schroder ISF Indian Opportunities
Schroder ISF Circular Economy	Schroder ISF Italian Equity
Schroder ISF Emerging Asia	Schroder ISF Japanese Equity
Schroder ISF Emerging Markets	Schroder ISF Japanese Opportunities
Schroder ISF Emerging Markets Equity Alpha	Schroder ISF Japanese Smaller Companies
Schroder ISF Emerging Markets Equity Impact	Schroder ISF Nordic Micro Cap
Schroder ISF Emerging Markets ex China	Schroder ISF Nordic Smaller Companies
Schroder ISF Emerging Markets Value	Schroder ISF QEP Global Active Value
Schroder ISF Euro Equity	Schroder ISF QEP Global Core
Schroder ISF European Dividend Maximiser	Schroder ISF QEP Global Emerging Markets
Schroder ISF European <u>Equity Impact Innovators*</u> <i>As of 8 May 2024 the Fund's name will change to Schroder ISF European Equity Impact</i>	Schroder ISF QEP Global ESG
Schroder ISF European Smaller Companies	Schroder ISF QEP Global ESG ex Fossil Fuels
Schroder ISF European Special Situations	Schroder ISF QEP Global Quality
Schroder ISF European Sustainable Equity	Schroder ISF Smart Manufacturing
Schroder ISF European Value	Schroder ISF Sustainable Asian Equity
Schroder ISF Frontier Markets Equity	Schroder ISF Sustainable Global Growth and Income
Schroder ISF Global Climate Change Equity	Schroder ISF Sustainable Infrastructure
Schroder ISF Global Climate Leaders	Schroder ISF Multi-Factor Equity
Schroder ISF Global Disruption	Schroder ISF Sustainable Emerging Markets Synergy
Schroder ISF Global Dividend Maximiser	Schroder ISF Sustainable Emerging Markets ex China Synergy

Fund	Fund
Schroder ISF Global Emerging Market Opportunities	Schroder ISF Sustainable Swiss Equity
Schroder ISF Global Emerging Markets Smaller Companies	Schroder ISF Swiss Equity
Schroder ISF Global Energy	Schroder ISF Swiss Small & Mid Cap Equity
Schroder ISF Global Energy Transition	Schroder ISF Taiwanese Equity
Schroder ISF Global Equity	Schroder ISF UK Equity
Schroder ISF Global Equity Alpha	Schroder ISF US Large Cap
Schroder ISF Global Equity	Schroder ISF US Small & Mid-Cap Equity
Schroder ISF Global Equity Yield	Schroder ISF US Smaller Companies Impact

The following Funds will adhere to the restriction that at least 25% of the Gross Asset Value of the Fund shall be continuously invested in equity participations.

Fund	Fund
Schroder ISF Asian Total Return	Schroder ISF Latin American
Schroder ISF Emerging Europe	Schroder ISF Multi-Asset Growth and Income
Schroder ISF Emerging Markets Multi-Asset	Schroder ISF Sustainable Multi-Asset Income

The relevant equity ratio for the Funds will be published on a daily basis on Schroders German webpage at <https://www.schroders.com/de-de/de/finanzberater/fonds-und-strategien/fondsuebersichten/international-selection-fund/>

For the purpose of this investment restriction, reference to equity participations include:

- (A) shares in a company (which may not include depository receipts) that are admitted to official trading on a stock exchange or admitted to, or included in another organised market which fulfils the criteria of a Regulated Market; and/or
- (B) shares in a company other than a real estate company which is (i) resident in a Member State or in a member state of the European Economic Area, and where it is subject to, and not exempt from corporate income tax; or (ii) is a resident in any other state and subject to corporate income tax of at least 15%; and/or
- (C) shares of a UCITS and/or of an AIF that is not a partnership, which – as disclosed in their respective investment terms – are continuously invested with a minimum of more than 50% of their values in equity participations (an “Equity Fund”) with 50% of the units of Equity Funds held by the Fund being taken into account as equity participations; and/or
- (D) shares of a UCITS and/or of an alternative investment fund (an AIF) that is not a partnership, which – as disclosed in their respective investment terms – are continuously invested with a minimum of at least 25% of their values in equity participations (a “Mixed Fund”) with 25% of the units of Mixed Funds held by the Fund being taken into account as equity participations; and/or

- (E) shares of Equity Funds or Mixed Funds that disclose their equity participation ratio in their respective investment terms; and/or
- (F) shares of Equity Funds or Mixed Funds that report their equity participation ratio on a daily basis.

### 3.5. Meetings and Reports

#### Meetings

The annual general meeting of Shareholders of the Company is held in Luxembourg at a date and time decided by the Directors but no later than within six months from the end of the Company's previous financial year. Notices of all general meetings of shareholders are sent to shareholders by registered mail, or via alternative means permitted by applicable law, prior to the meeting and will include the agenda and specify the place of the meeting. Any general meeting at which a special resolution is to be proposed shall be convened on at least 21 days' prior notice and any general meeting at which an ordinary resolution is to be proposed shall be convened on at least 14 days' prior notice. The legal requirements as to notice, quorum and voting at all general and Fund or Share Class meetings are included in the Articles. Meetings of Shareholders of any given Fund or Share Class shall decide upon matters relating to that Fund or Share Class only.

The notice of any general meeting of Shareholders may provide that the quorum and the majority at this general meeting shall be determined according to the Shares issued and outstanding at a certain date and time preceding the general meeting (the "Record Date"). The right of a Shareholder to participate at a general meeting of Shareholders and to exercise voting rights attached to his/its/her Shares shall be determined by reference to the Shares held by this Shareholder as at the Record Date.

#### Reports

The financial year of the Company ends on 31 December each year. Copies of the annual and semi-annual financial reports may be obtained from the webpage [www.schroders.com](http://www.schroders.com), and are available free of charge from the registered office of the Company. Such reports form an integral part of this Prospectus.

### 3.6. Details of Shares

#### Shareholder rights

The Shares issued by the Company are freely transferable and entitled to participate equally in the profits, and in case of Distribution Shares, dividends of the Share Classes to which they relate, and in the net assets of such Share Class upon liquidation. The Shares carry no preferential and pre-emptive rights.

#### Voting

At general meetings, each Shareholder has the right to one vote for each whole Share held.

A Shareholder of any particular Fund or Share Class will be entitled at any separate meeting of the Shareholders of that Fund or Share Class to one vote for each whole Share of that Fund or Share Class held.

In the case of a joint holding, only the first named Shareholder may vote.

#### Compulsory redemption

The Directors may impose or relax restrictions on any Shares and, if necessary, require redemption of Shares to ensure that Shares are neither acquired nor held by or on behalf of (i) any person in breach of the law or requirements of any country or government or regulatory authority (if the Directors have determined that any of them, the Company, any of the Investment Managers or any other person as determined by the Directors would have suffered any disadvantage as a result of such breach) or (ii) any person in circumstances which in the opinion of the Board might result in the Company incurring any liability to taxation (to include, inter alia, regulatory or tax liabilities and any other tax liabilities that might derive, inter alia, from the requirements of FATCA or the Common Reporting Standard or any similar provision or any breach thereof) or suffering any pecuniary disadvantage which the Company might not otherwise have incurred or suffered, including a requirement to register under any securities or investment or similar laws or requirements of any country or authority or (iii) any person whose shareholding's concentration could, in the opinion of the Directors, jeopardise the liquidity of the Company or any of its Funds including those qualifying as Money Market Funds. In particular, if it shall come to the attention of the Directors at any time that Shares are beneficially owned by a US Person, or a specified Person for the purposes of FATCA, the Company will have the right to effect compulsory redemption of such Shares. The Directors may also decide to compulsorily redeem or convert any holding with a value of less than the minimum holding amount or where the Shareholder does not meet the eligibility criteria in respect of a particular Share Class.

The Directors may in this connection require a Shareholder to provide such information as they may consider necessary to establish whether the Shareholder is the beneficial owner of the Shares which they hold.

#### Transfers

The transfer of registered Shares may be effected by delivery to the Transfer Agent of a duly signed stock transfer form in appropriate form together with, if issued, the relevant certificate to be cancelled.

#### Rights on a winding-up

The Company has been established for an unlimited period. However, the Company may be liquidated at any time by a resolution adopted by an extraordinary general meeting of Shareholders, at which meeting one or several liquidators will be named and their powers defined. Liquidation will be carried out in accordance with the provisions of Luxembourg law. The net proceeds of liquidation corresponding to each Fund shall be distributed by the liquidators to the Shareholders of the relevant Fund in proportion to the value of their holding of Shares.

If and when the net assets of a Share Class fall below the amount of EUR 10,000,000, or all Share Classes in a Fund fall below EUR 50,000,000 or its equivalent in another currency, or such other amounts as may be determined by the Directors from time to time to be the minimum level for assets of such Share Class or Fund to be operated in an economically efficient manner or if any economic or political situation would constitute a compelling reason therefore, or if required in the interest of the Shareholders of the relevant Share Class or Fund, the Directors may decide to redeem all the Shares of that Share Class or Fund. In any such event Shareholders will be notified by redemption notice published (or notified as the case may be) by the Company in accordance with applicable Luxembourg laws and regulations.



prior to compulsory redemption, and will be paid the Net Asset Value of the Shares of the relevant Share Class held as at the redemption date.

Under the same circumstances as described above, the Directors may also decide upon the reorganisation of any Fund by means of a division into two or more separate Funds. Such decision will be published or notified in the same manner as described above and, in addition, the publication or notification will contain information in relation to the two or more separate Funds resulting from the reorganisation. Such publication or notification will be made at least one month before the date on which the reorganisation becomes effective in order to enable Shareholders to request redemption or switch of their Shares before the reorganisation becomes effective.

Any merger of a Fund with another Fund of the Company or with another UCITS (whether subject to Luxembourg law or not) shall be decided by the Board of Directors unless the Board of Directors decides to submit the decision for the merger to the general meeting of Shareholders of the Fund concerned. In the latter case, no quorum is required for this general meeting and the decision for the merger is taken by a simple majority of the votes cast. Such a merger will be undertaken in accordance with the provisions of the Law.

Any liquidation proceeds not claimed by the Shareholders at the close of the liquidation of a Fund will be deposited in escrow at the "Caisse de Consignation". Amounts not claimed from escrow within the period fixed by Luxembourg law (thirty years) will become the property of the state of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg.

### 3.7. Pooling

For the purpose of effective management, and subject to the provisions of the Articles and to applicable laws and regulations, the Management Company may invest and manage all or any part of the portfolio of assets established for two or more Funds (for the purposes hereof "Participating Funds") on a pooled basis. Any such asset pool shall be formed by transferring to it cash or other assets (subject to such assets being appropriate with respect to the investment policy of the pool concerned) from each of the Participating Funds. Thereafter, the Management Company may from time to time make further transfers to each asset pool. Assets may also be transferred back to a Participating Fund up to the amount of the participation of the Share Class concerned. The share of a Participating Fund in an asset pool shall be measured by reference to notional units of equal value in the asset pool. On formation of an asset pool, the Management Company shall, in its discretion, determine the initial value of notional units (which shall be expressed in such currency as the Management Company considers appropriate) and shall allocate to each Participating Fund units having an aggregate value equal to the amount of cash (or to the value of other assets) contributed. Thereafter, the value of the notional unit shall be determined by dividing the Net Asset Value of the asset pool by the number of notional units subsisting.

When additional cash or assets are contributed to or withdrawn from an asset pool, the allocation of units of the Participating Fund concerned will be increased or reduced, as the case may be, by a number of units determined by dividing the amount of cash or the value of assets contributed or withdrawn by the current value of a unit. Where a contribution is made in cash, it will be treated for the purpose of this calculation as reduced by an amount which the Management Company considers appropriate to reflect fiscal charges and dealing and purchase costs which

may be incurred in investing the cash concerned; in the case of cash withdrawal, a corresponding addition will be made to reflect costs which may be incurred in realising securities or other assets of the asset pool.

Dividends, interest and other distributions of an income nature received in respect of the assets in an asset pool will be immediately credited to the Participating Funds in proportion to their respective participation in the asset pool at the time of receipt. Upon the dissolution of the Company, the assets in an asset pool will be allocated to the Participating Funds in proportion to their respective participation in the asset pool.

### 3.8. Co-Management

In order to reduce operational and administrative charges while allowing a wider diversification of the investments, the Management Company may decide that part or all of the assets of one or more Funds will be co-managed with assets belonging to other Luxembourg collective investment schemes. In the following paragraphs, the words "co-managed entities" shall refer globally to the Funds and all entities with and between which there would exist any given co-management arrangement and the words "co-managed Assets" shall refer to the entire assets of these co-managed entities and co-managed pursuant to the same co-management arrangement.

Under the co-management arrangement, the Investment Manager, if appointed and granted the day-to-day management will be entitled to take, on a consolidated basis for the relevant co-managed entities, investment, disinvestment and portfolio readjustment decisions which will influence the composition of the relevant Fund's portfolio. Each co-managed entity shall hold a portion of the co-managed Assets corresponding to the proportion of its net assets to the total value of the co-managed Assets. This proportional holding shall be applicable to each and every line of investment held or acquired under co-management. In case of investment and/or disinvestment decisions these proportions shall not be affected and additional investments shall be allotted to the co-managed entities pursuant to the same proportion and assets sold shall be levied proportionately on the co-managed Assets held by each co-managed entity.

In case of new subscriptions in one of the co-managed entities, the subscription proceeds shall be allotted to the co-managed entities pursuant to the modified proportions resulting from the net asset increase of the co-managed entity which has benefited from the subscriptions and all lines of investment shall be modified by a transfer of assets from one co-managed entity to the other in order to be adjusted to the modified proportions. In a similar manner, in case of redemptions in one of the co-managed entities, the cash required may be levied on the cash held by the co-managed entities pursuant to the modified proportions resulting from the net asset reduction of the co-managed entity which has suffered from the redemptions and, in such case, all lines of investment shall be adjusted to the modified proportions. Shareholders should be aware that, in the absence of any specific action by the Management Company or any of the Management Company's appointed agents, the co-management arrangement may cause the composition of assets of the relevant Fund to be influenced by events attributable to other co-managed entities such as subscriptions and redemptions. Thus, all other things being equal, subscriptions received in one entity with which the Fund is co-managed will lead to an increase of the Fund's reserve of cash.

Conversely, redemptions made in one entity with which any Fund is co-managed will lead to a reduction of the Fund's reserve of cash. Subscriptions and redemptions may however be kept in the specific account opened for each co-managed entity outside the co-management arrangement and through which subscriptions and redemptions must pass. The possibility to allocate substantial subscriptions and redemptions to these specific accounts together with the possibility for the Management Company or any of the Management Company's appointed agents to decide at anytime to terminate its participation in the co-management arrangement permit the relevant Fund to avoid the readjustments of its portfolio if these readjustments are likely to affect the interest of its Shareholders.

If a modification of the composition of the relevant Fund's portfolio resulting from redemptions or payments of charges and expenses peculiar to another co-managed entity (i.e. not attributable to the Fund) is likely to result in a breach of the investment restrictions applicable to the relevant Fund, the relevant assets shall be excluded from the co-management arrangement before the implementation of the modification in order for it not to be affected by the ensuing adjustments.

Co-managed Assets of the Funds shall, as the case may be, only be co-managed with assets intended to be invested pursuant to investment objectives identical to those applicable to the co-managed Assets in order to assure that investment decisions are fully compatible with the investment policy of the relevant Fund. Co-managed Assets shall only be co-managed with assets for which the Depositary is also acting as depositary in order to assure that the Depositary is able, with respect to the Company and its Funds, to fully carry out its functions and responsibilities pursuant to the Regulations. The Depositary shall at all times keep the Company's assets segregated from the assets of other co-managed entities, and shall therefore be able at all time to identify the assets of the Company and of each Fund. Since co-managed entities may have investment policies which are not strictly identical to the investment policy of the relevant Funds, it is possible that as a result the common policy implemented may be more restrictive than that of the Funds concerned.

A co-management agreement shall be signed between the Management Company, the Depositary and the Investment Managers in order to define each of the parties' rights and obligations. The Directors may decide at any time and without notice to terminate the co-management arrangement.

Shareholders may at all times contact the registered office of the Company to be informed of the percentage of assets which are co-managed and of the entities with which there is such a co-management arrangement at the time of their request. Audited annual and half-yearly reports shall state the co-managed Assets' composition and percentages.

### 3.9. Benchmark Regulation

Unless otherwise disclosed in this Prospectus, the indices or benchmarks used within the meaning of the Regulation (EU) 2016/1011 (the 'Benchmark Regulation') by the Funds are, as at the date of this Prospectus, provided by benchmark administrators who either appear on the register of administrators and benchmarks maintained by ESMA pursuant to Article 36 of the Benchmark Regulation or benefit from the transitional arrangements afforded under the Benchmark Regulation and accordingly may not appear yet on the register.

The Management Company maintains written plans setting out the actions that will be taken in the event of the benchmark materially changing or ceasing to be provided. Copies of a description of these plans are available upon request and free of charge from the registered office of the Management Company. As of the date of this Prospectus, the administrators of benchmarks used by a Fund are as follows:

Benchmark administrators	Location	Benchmarks	Fund
MSCI Limited	London	MSCI Europe (Net TR) index	European Value
MSCI Limited	London	MSCI Europe Net TR SGD Hedged	European Value
MSCI Limited	London	MSCI World Net TR	QEP Global Core

The inclusion of any administrator of a benchmark used by a Fund within the meaning of the Benchmark Regulation in the ESMA register of benchmark administrators will be reflected in the Prospectus at its next update.

### 3.10. SFDR and Taxonomy

Information relating to Funds with environmental and social characteristics or sustainable investment objectives is provided in Appendix IV in accordance with SFDR and Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288.

#### Consideration of principal adverse impacts

Each Fund that has environmental and/or social characteristics or has the objective of sustainable investment discloses whether it considers principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors and how in the pre-contractual disclosures for each Fund in Appendix IV. Principal adverse impacts are considered by the relevant Investment Manager of the Fund as part of its investment process. This can happen in multiple ways. For example, it may involve using the value of an indicator to engage with a holding in order to mitigate its principal adverse impact. In addition, where applicable for the Investment Manager, data on principal adverse sustainability indicators is made available via a Schroders' proprietary tool. Not all principal adverse sustainability indicators will be equally relevant for all Funds and may not be assessed in the same way for each Fund. Fund level data on principal adverse sustainability indicators is made available via the European ESG Template (EET). Information on principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors will also be disclosed in the Fund's annual report.

As at the date of this Prospectus, all other Funds do not consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors as the investment policies of those Funds do not promote any environmental and/or social characteristics. The situation may however be reviewed going forward.

#### Taxonomy

For the purposes of the Taxonomy, the Funds' investments do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. For further information in respect of each Fund that has environmental and/or social characteristics or has the objective of sustainable investment please see the relevant sections of the pre-contractual disclosures for each Fund in Appendix IV.

# Appendix I

## Investment Restrictions

The Directors have adopted the following restrictions relating to the investment of the Company's assets and its activities unless otherwise provided for in Appendix III for specific Funds. These restrictions and policies may be amended from time to time by the Directors if and as they shall deem it to be in the best interests of the Company in which case this Prospectus will be updated.

The investment restrictions imposed by Luxembourg law must be complied with by each Fund. Those restrictions in section 1(D) below are applicable to the Company as a whole.

### 1. Investment in Transferable Securities and Liquid Assets

(A) The Company will invest in:

- (1) transferable securities and Money Market Investments admitted to or dealt in on a Regulated Market; and/or
- (2) recently issued transferable securities and Money Market Investments, provided that:
  - (I) the terms of issue include an undertaking that application will be made for admission to official listing on a stock exchange or on another Regulated Market which operates regularly, is recognised and open to the public and
  - (II) such admission is secured within one year of the issue and/or
- (3) units of UCITS and/or of other UCI, whether situated in an EU member state or not, provided that:
  - (I) such other UCIs have been authorised under laws which provide that they are subject to supervision considered by the CSSF to be equivalent to that laid down in EU Law, and that cooperation between authorities is sufficiently ensured,
  - (II) the level of protection for Shareholders in such other UCIs is equivalent to that provided for Shareholders in a UCITS, and in particular that the rules on assets segregation, borrowing, lending, and uncovered sales of transferable securities and Money Market Investments are equivalent to the requirements of the UCITS Directive,
  - (III) the business of such other UCIs is reported in half-yearly and annual reports to enable an assessment of the assets and liabilities, income and operations over the reporting period,
  - (IV) no more than 10% of the assets of the UCITS or of the other UCIs, whose acquisition is contemplated, can, according to their constitutional documents, in aggregate be invested in units of other UCITS or other UCIs; and/or
- (4) deposits with credit institutions which are repayable on demand or have the right to be withdrawn, and maturing in no more than 12 months, provided that the credit institution has its registered office in a country which is an EU member state or, if the registered office of the credit institution is situated in a non-EU member state, provided that it is subject to prudential rules considered by the CSSF as equivalent to those laid down in EU Law; and/or
- (5) derivatives, including equivalent cash-settled instruments, dealt on a Regulated Market, and/or derivatives dealt over-the-counter, provided that:
  - (I) the underlying consists of securities covered by this section 1(A), Financial Indices, interest rates, foreign exchange rates or currencies, in which the Funds may invest according to their investment objective;
  - (II) the counterparties to OTC derivatives transactions are institutions subject to prudential supervision, and belonging to the categories approved by the CSSF;
  - (III) the OTC derivatives are subject to reliable and verifiable valuation on a daily basis and can be sold, liquidated or closed by an offsetting transaction at any time at their fair value at the Company's initiative.and/or
- (6) Money Market Investments other than those dealt in on a Regulated Market, if the issue or the issuer of such instruments are themselves regulated for the purpose of protecting investors and savings, and provided that such instruments are:
  - (I) issued or guaranteed by a central, regional or local authority or by a central bank of an EU Member State, the European Central Bank, the EU or the European Investment Bank, a non-EU Member State or, in case of a Federal State, by one of the members making up the federation, or by a public international body to which one or more EU Member States belong, or
  - (II) issued by an undertaking any securities of which are dealt in on Regulated Markets, or
  - (III) issued or guaranteed by an establishment subject to prudential supervision, in accordance with criteria defined in EU Law, or
  - (IV) issued by other bodies belonging to categories approved by the CSSF provided that investments in such instruments are subject to investor protection equivalent to that laid down in the first, the second or the third indent and provided that the issuer is a company whose capital and reserves amount to at least EUR 10,000,000 and which presents and publishes its annual accounts in accordance with the Directive 2013/34/EU, is an entity which, within a group of companies which includes one or several listed companies, is dedicated to the financing of the

group or is an entity which is dedicated to the financing of securitisation vehicles which benefit from a banking liquidity line.

In addition, the Company may invest a maximum of 10% of the Net Asset Value of any Fund in transferable securities or Money Market Investments other than those referred to under (A)(1), (A)(2) and (A)(6) above.

- (7) Under the conditions and within the limits laid down by the Law, the Company may, to the widest extent permitted by the Luxembourg laws and regulations (i) create any Fund qualifying either as a feeder UCITS (a "Feeder UCITS") or as a master UCITS (a "Master UCITS"), (ii) convert any existing Fund into a Feeder UCITS, or (iii) change the Master UCITS of any of its Feeder UCITS.

A Feeder UCITS shall invest at least 85% of its assets in the units of another Master UCITS. A Feeder UCITS may hold up to 15% of its assets in one or more of the following:

- ancillary liquid assets in accordance with paragraph B below;
- derivatives, which may be used only for hedging purposes;

For the purposes of compliance with section 3 below, the Feeder UCITS shall calculate its global exposure related to derivatives by combining its own direct exposure under the above paragraph, (b) with either:

- the Master UCITS actual exposure to derivatives in proportion to the Feeder UCITS investment into the Master UCITS; or
- the Master UCITS potential maximum global exposure to derivatives provided for in the Master UCITS management regulations or instruments of incorporation in proportion to the Feeder UCITS investment into the Master UCITS.

- (B) Each Fund may hold ancillary liquid assets. Liquid assets used to back-up derivatives exposure are not considered as ancillary liquid assets. Each Fund will not invest more than 20% of its net assets in cash and deposits at sight (such as cash held in current accounts) for ancillary liquidity purposes in normal market conditions. Under exceptional unfavourable market conditions (such as the September 11 attacks or the bankruptcy of Lehman Brothers in 2008) and on a temporary basis, this limit may be breached, if justified in the interest of the Investors.

- (C) (1) Each Fund may invest no more than 10% of its Net Asset Value in transferable securities or Money Market Investments issued by the same issuing body (and in the case of structured financial instruments embedding derivatives, both the issuer of the structured financial instruments and the issuer of the underlying securities). Each Fund may not invest more than 20% of its net assets in deposits made with the same body. The risk exposure to a counterparty of a Fund in an OTC derivatives transaction may not exceed 10% of its net assets

when the counterparty is a credit institution referred to in paragraph 1(A)(4) above or 5% of its net assets in other cases.

- (2) Furthermore, where any Fund holds investments in transferable securities and Money Market Investments of any issuing body which individually exceed 5% of the Net Asset Value of such Fund, the total value of all such investments must not account for more than 40% of the Net Asset Value of such Fund.

This limitation does not apply to deposits and OTC derivatives transactions made with financial institutions subject to prudential supervision.

Notwithstanding the individual limits laid down in paragraph (C)(1), a Fund may not combine:

- investments in transferable securities or Money Market Investments issued by,
- deposits made with, and/or
- exposures arising from OTC derivatives transactions undertaken with

a single body in excess of 20% of its net assets.

- (3) The limit of 10% laid down in paragraph (C)(1) above shall be 35% in respect of transferable securities or Money Market Investments which are issued or guaranteed by an EU member state, its local authorities or by an Eligible State or by public international bodies of which one or more EU member states are members.

- (4) The limit of 10% laid down in paragraph (C)(1) above shall be 25% in respect of covered bonds as defined under article 3, point 1 of Directive (EU) 2019/2162 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 November 2019 on the issue of covered bonds and covered bond public supervision and amending Directives 2009/65/EC and 2014/59/EU, and for certain debt securities which are issued before 8 July 2022 by highly rated credit institutions having their registered office in an EU member state and which are subject by law to a special public supervision for the purpose of protecting the holders of such debt securities, provided that the amount resulting from the issue of such debt securities issued before 8 July 2022 are invested, pursuant to applicable provisions of the law, in assets which are sufficient to cover the liabilities arising from such debt securities during the whole period of validity thereof and which are assigned to the preferential repayment of capital and accrued interest in the case of a default by such issuer.

- (5) If a Fund invests more than 5% of its assets in the debt securities referred to in the sub-paragraph above and issued by one issuer, the total value of such investments may not exceed 80% of the value of the assets of such Fund.

- (6) The transferable securities and Money Market Investments referred to in paragraphs (C)(3) and (C)(4) are not included in the calculation of the limit of 40% referred to in paragraph (C)(2).

The limits set out in paragraphs (C)(1), (C)(2), (C)(3) and (C)(4) above may not be aggregated and, accordingly, the value of investments in transferable



securities and Money Market Investments issued by the same body, in deposits or derivatives made with this body, effected in accordance with paragraphs (C) (1), (C)(2), (C)(3) and (C)(4) may not, in any event, exceed a total of 35% of each Fund's Net Asset Value.

Companies which are included in the same group for the purposes of consolidated accounts, as defined in accordance with Directive 2013/34/EU or in accordance with recognised international accounting rules, are regarded as a single body for the purpose of calculating the limits contained in this paragraph (C).

A Fund may cumulatively invest up to 20% of its net assets in transferable securities and Money Market Investments within the same group.

- (7) Without prejudice to the limits laid down in paragraph (D), the limits laid down in this paragraph (C) shall be 20% for investments in shares and/or bonds issued by the same body when the aim of a Fund's investment policy is to replicate the composition of a certain stock or bond index which is recognised by the CSSF, provided

- the composition of the index is sufficiently diversified,
- the index represents an adequate benchmark for the market to which it refers,
- it is published in an appropriate manner.

The limit laid down in the sub-paragraph above is raised to 35% where it proves to be justified by exceptional market conditions in particular in Regulated Markets where certain transferable securities or Money Market Investments are highly dominant or in the case of one commodity where the commodity is a dominant component of a diversified commodity index, provided in each case that investment up to 35% is only permitted for a single issuer.

- (8) Where any Fund has invested in accordance with the principle of risk spreading in transferable securities or Money Market Investments issued or guaranteed by an EU member state, by its local authorities or by an Eligible State or by public international bodies of which one or more EU member states are members, the Company may invest 100% of the Net Asset Value of any Fund in such securities provided that such Fund must hold securities from at least six different issuers and the value of securities from any one issuer must not account for more than 30% of the Net Asset Value of the Fund.

Subject to having due regard to the principle of risk spreading, a Fund need not comply with the limits set out in this paragraph (C) for a period of 6 months following the date of its launch.

- (D) (1) The Company may not normally acquire shares carrying voting rights which would enable the Company to exercise significant influence over the management of the issuing body.
- (2) Each Fund may acquire no more than (a) 10% of the non-voting shares of any single issuing body, (b) 10% of the value of debt securities of any single issuing body, (c) 10% of the Money Market Investments of the same issuing body. However, the limits laid down

in (b) and (c) above may be disregarded at the time of acquisition if at that time the gross amount of the debt securities or of the Money Market Investments or the net amount of securities in issue cannot be calculated.

The limits set out in paragraph (D)(1) and (2) above shall not apply to:

- (1) transferable securities and Money Market Investments issued or guaranteed by an EU member state or its local authorities;
- (2) transferable securities and Money Market Investments issued or guaranteed by any other Eligible State;
- (3) transferable securities and Money Market Investments issued by public international bodies of which one or more EU member states are members; or
- (4) shares held in the capital of a company incorporated in a non-EU member state which invests its assets mainly in the securities of issuing bodies having their registered office in that state where, under the legislation of that state, such holding represents the only way in which such Fund's assets may invest in the securities of the issuing bodies of that state, provided, however, that such company in its investment policy complies with the limits laid down in Articles 43, 46 and 48 (1) and (2) of the Law.

- (E) No Fund may invest more than 10% of its net assets in units of UCITS or other UCIs, unless otherwise specified in Appendix III, and funds identified as Feeder UCITS as provided for in the investment objective and policy in Appendix III. In addition, except for funds identified as Feeder UCITS, the following limits shall apply:

- (1) If a Fund is allowed to invest more than 10% of its net assets in units of UCITS and/or UCIs, this Fund may not invest more than 20% of its net assets in units of a single UCITS or other UCI. Investments made in units of UCIs other than UCITS may not, in aggregate, exceed 30% of the net assets of a Fund.
- (2) When a Fund invests in the units of other UCITS and/or other UCIs linked to the Company by common management or control, or by a direct or indirect holding of more than 10% of the capital or the voting rights, or managed by a management company linked to the Investment Manager, no subscription or redemption fees may be charged to the Company on account of its investment in the units of such other UCITS and/or UCIs. In respect of a Fund's investments in UCITS and other UCIs linked to the Company as described in the preceding paragraph, there shall be no Annual Management Charge charged to that portion of the assets of the relevant Fund. The Company will indicate in its annual report the total Annual Management Charges charged both to the relevant Fund and to the UCITS and other UCIs in which such Fund has invested during the relevant period.
- (3) A Fund may acquire no more than 25% of the units or shares of the same UCITS and/or other UCI. This limit may be disregarded at the time of acquisition if at that time the gross amount of the units or shares in issue cannot be calculated. In case of a UCITS or other UCI with multiple sub-funds, this restriction is

applicable by reference to all units or shares issued by the UCITS/UCI concerned, all sub-funds combined.

- (4) The underlying investments held by the UCITS or other UCIs in which the Funds invest do not have to be considered for the purpose of the investment restrictions set forth under section 1(C) above.
- (F) A Fund (the "Investing Fund") may subscribe, acquire and/or hold securities to be issued or issued by one or more Funds (each, a "Target Fund") without the Company being subject to the requirements of the law of 10 August 1915 on commercial companies, as amended, with respect to the subscription, acquisition and/or the holding by a company of its own shares, under the condition however that:
- (1) the Target Fund(s) do(es) not, in turn, invest in the Investing Fund invested in this (these) Target Fund(s); and
  - (2) no more than 10% of the assets that the Target Fund(s) whose acquisition is contemplated may be invested in units of other Target Funds; and
  - (3) voting rights, if any, attaching to the Shares of the Target Fund(s) are suspended for as long as they are held by the Investing Fund concerned and without prejudice to the appropriate processing in the accounts and the periodic reports; and
  - (4) in any event, for as long as these securities are held by the Investing Fund, their value will not be taken into consideration for the calculation of the net assets of the Company for the purposes of verifying the minimum threshold of the net assets imposed by the Law.

## 2. Investment in Other Assets

- (A) The Company will neither make investments in precious metals, commodities or certificates representing these. In addition, the Company will not enter into derivatives on precious metals or commodities. This does not prevent the Company from gaining exposure to precious metals or commodities by investing into financial instruments backed by precious metals or commodities, or financial instruments whose performance is linked to precious metals or commodities.
- (B) The Company will not purchase or sell real estate or any option, right or interest therein, provided the Company may invest in securities secured by real estate or interests therein or issued by companies which invest in real estate or interests therein.
- (C) The Company may not carry out uncovered sales of transferable securities, Money Market Investments or other financial instruments referred to in sections 1(A)(3), (5) and (6).
- (D) The Company may not borrow for the account of any Fund, other than amounts which do not in aggregate exceed 10% of the Net Asset Value of the Fund, and then only as a temporary measure. For the purpose of this restriction back to back loans are not considered to be borrowings.
- (E) The Company will not mortgage, pledge, hypothecate or otherwise encumber as security for indebtedness any securities held for the account of any Fund, except as may be necessary in connection with the borrowings

mentioned in paragraph (D) above, and then such mortgaging, pledging, or hypothecating may not exceed 10% of the Net Asset Value of each Fund. In connection with swap transactions, option and forward exchange or futures transactions the deposit of securities or other assets in a separate account shall not be considered a mortgage, pledge or hypothecation for this purpose.

- (F) The Company may acquire securities in which it is permitted to invest in pursuit of its investment objective and policy through underwriting or sub-underwriting.
- (G) The Company will on a Fund by Fund basis comply with such further restrictions as may be required by the regulatory authorities in any country in which the Shares are marketed.

## 3. Derivatives

As specified in section 1(A)(5) above, the Company may in respect of each Fund invest in financial derivative instruments, including but not limited to those described in more detail below. derivatives.

The Company shall ensure that the global exposure of each Fund relating to derivatives does not exceed the total net assets of that Fund. The Fund's overall risk exposure shall consequently not exceed 200% of its total net assets. In addition, this overall risk exposure may not be increased by more than 10% by means of temporary borrowings (as referred to in section 2(D) above) so that it may not exceed 210% of any Fund's total net assets under any circumstances.

The global exposure relating to derivatives is calculated taking into account the current value of the underlying assets, the counterparty risk, foreseeable market movements and the time available to liquidate the positions. This shall also apply to the following sub-paragraphs.

Each Fund may invest, as a part of its investment policy and within the limits laid down in section 1(A)(7) and section 1(C) (5), in derivatives financial derivatives instruments provided that the exposure to the underlying assets does not exceed in aggregate the investment limits laid down in sections 1(C) (1) to (7).

When a Fund invests in index-based derivatives compliant with the provisions of sections 1(C)(1) to (7), these investments do not have to be combined with the limits laid down in section 1(C). The frequency of the review and rebalancing of the composition of the underlying index of such derivatives varies per index and could be daily, weekly, monthly, quarterly or annually. The rebalancing frequency will have no impact in terms of costs in the context of the performance of the investment objective of the relevant Fund.

When a transferable security or Money Market Investments embeds a financial derivative instrument, the latter must be taken into account when complying with the requirements of these restrictions. Transferable securities or Money Market Investments backed by other assets are not deemed to embed a derivative.

The Funds may use derivatives for investment purposes, efficient portfolio management and for hedging purposes; efficient portfolio management, within the limits of the Regulations. Under no circumstances shall the use of these instruments and techniques cause a Fund to diverge from its investment policy or objective. The risks against which the

Funds could be hedged may be, for instance, market risk, foreign exchange risk, interest rates risk, credit risk, volatility or inflation risks.

Each Fund may invest in financial derivative instruments that are traded OTC including, without limitation, total return swaps, contracts for difference or other financial derivative instruments with similar characteristics, in accordance with the conditions set out in Appendix I and the investment objective and policy of each Fund. When a Fund uses total return swaps, it is disclosed in the Fund details. Such OTC derivatives shall, to the extent capable of being held in custody, be safekept by the Depositary.

Further information on the safekeeping of the collateral received is included in section "Depositary" above.

A total return swap is an agreement in which one party (total return payer) transfers the total economic performance of a reference obligation to the other party (total return receiver). Total economic performance includes income from interest and fees, gains or losses from market movements, and credit losses.

Total return swaps entered into by a Fund may be in the form of funded and/or unfunded swaps. An unfunded swap means a swap where no upfront payment is made by the total return receiver at inception. A funded swap means a swap where the total return receiver pays an upfront amount in return for the total return of the reference asset and can therefore be costlier due to the upfront payment requirement.

All revenue arising from total return swaps, net of direct and indirect operational costs and fees, will be returned to each Fund and are not subject to return sharing agreements. The costs attributed to total return swaps held are included in the spread.

Unless specified otherwise in Appendix III, the global exposure relating to derivatives will be calculated using a commitment approach. Funds applying a Value-at-Risk ("VaR") approach to calculate their global exposure will contain an indication thereto in Appendix III.

### Agreements on OTC derivatives

A Fund may enter into agreements on OTC derivatives. The counterparties to any OTC derivatives transactions, such as total return swaps, contracts for difference, repurchase and reverse repurchase transactions or other derivatives, entered into by a Fund, are selected from a list of counterparties approved by the Management Company. The Management Company will aim to select the best available counterparties for any given markets in accordance with its group internal policy. The counterparties will be first class institutions which are either credit institutions or investment firms in each case with a registered office in an EU Member State, a G10 country or another country whose prudential rules are considered equivalent by the CSSF for this purpose, ~~which are and~~ authorised under the MiFID directive or a similar set of rules and which are subject to prudential supervision. Such firms will, at trade inception either be rated BBB/Baa2 or above or have been approved by Schroders' Group Agency Credit Risk Committee. The Management Company monitors the ongoing creditworthiness of all counterparties and the list may be amended. The counterparties will have no discretion over the composition or management of the relevant Fund's portfolio or over the underlying of the financial derivative instruments. The identity of the counterparties will be disclosed in the annual report of the Company.

Since the counterparties with which the Funds enter into total return swaps do not assume any discretion over the Fund's investments (including the reference assets, if any), no approval of the counterparties is required for any transactions relating to the investments of the Funds.

Unless specified otherwise in Appendix III, the global exposure relating to derivatives will be calculated using a commitment approach. Funds applying a Value-at-Risk (VaR) approach to calculate their global exposure will contain an indication thereto in Appendix III.

### Global exposure

The global exposure of each Fund is formally monitored either using the commitment approach or the VaR approach. The selection should be based on the self-assessment by the Company of its risk profile resulting from its investment policy. A Fund's global exposure is limited to the total net value of its portfolio.

### Commitment Approach

The commitment conversion methodology for standard derivatives is always the market value of the equivalent position in the underlying asset. This may be replaced by the notional value or the price of the futures contract where this is more conservative. For non-standard derivatives, where it is not possible to convert the derivative into the market value or notional value of the equivalent underlying asset, an alternative approach may be used provided that the total amount of the derivatives represents a negligible portion of a Fund's portfolio.

Under the commitment approach, derivatives positions are converted into equivalent positions in the underlying asset, using market price or future price/notional value when more conservative.

### VaR approach

The calculation of the absolute and relative VaR should be carried out in accordance with the following parameters:

- one-tailed confidence interval of 99%;
- holding period equivalent to 1 month (20 business days);
- effective observation period (history) of risk factors of at least 1 year (250 business days) unless a shorter observation period is justified by a significant increase in price volatility (for instance extreme market conditions);
- quarterly data set updates, or more frequent when market prices are subject to material changes;
- at least daily calculation.

VaR reports will be produced and monitored on a daily basis based on the following criteria:

- 1-month holding period;
- 99% unilateral confidence interval;
- at least a one-year effective historical observation period (250 days) unless market conditions require a shorter observation period; and
- parameters used in the model are updated at least quarterly.

Stress testing will also be applied at a minimum of once per month.

VaR limits are set using an absolute or relative approach.

#### Absolute VaR approach

The absolute VaR approach is generally appropriate in the absence of an identifiable reference portfolio or benchmark, for example with absolute return funds. Under the absolute VaR approach a limit is set as a percentage of the Net Asset Value of the Fund. The absolute VaR limit of a Fund has approach limits the maximum VaR that a UCITS can have relative to its be set at or below 20% of its Net Asset Value. The absolute VaR of a Fund cannot be greater than 20% of its Net Asset Value. This limit is based upon a 1 month holding period and a 99% unilateral confidence interval.

#### Relative VaR approach

The relative VaR approach is used for Funds where a VaR benchmark reflecting the investment strategy which the Fund is pursuing is defined. Under the relative VaR approach a limit is set as a multiple of the VaR of a benchmark or reference portfolio. The relative VaR limit of a fund has to the Fund portfolio cannot be set at or below greater than twice the VaR of the Fund's VaR benchmark reference portfolio. Information on the specific VaR benchmark used are disclosed in Appendix III hereunder.

### 4. Use of Techniques and Instruments relating to transferable securities and Money Market Investments

Techniques and instruments (including, but not limited to, securities lending, repurchase agreements and reverse repurchase agreements) relating to transferable securities and Money Market Investments may be used by each Fund for the purpose of efficient portfolio management and where this is in the best interest of the Fund and in line with its investment objective and investor profile.

To the extent permitted by and within the limits prescribed by the Regulations and in particular (i) the CSSF Circular 08/356 relating to the use of financial techniques and instruments (as may be amended, supplemented or replaced from time to time) and (ii) the CSSF circular 14/592 relating to ESMA Guidelines on ETFs and other UCITS issues, each Fund may for the purpose of generating additional capital or income or for reducing its costs or risks, enter as purchaser or seller into optional or non-optional repurchase or reverse repurchase transactions and engage in securities lending transactions.

The Company will, for the time being, not engage in securities lending transactions, repurchase or reverse repurchase transactions. Should the Company decide to use such techniques in the future, the Company will update this Prospectus accordingly and will comply with the Regulations and in particular CSSF Circular 14/592 relating to ESMA guidelines on ETFs and other UCITS issues and Regulation (EU) 2015/2365 of 25 November 2015 on transparency of securities financing transactions and of reuse.

#### Securities lending

Should the Company engage in securities lending, each Fund will only engage in securities lending transactions with first class institutions specialising in these types of transactions and which are subject to prudential supervision considered by the CSSF to be equivalent to that laid down in EU law.

Each Fund must ensure that it is able at any time to recall any security that has been lent out or terminate any securities lending agreement into which it has entered.

In respect of securities loans, the Fund will ensure that its counterparty delivers and each day maintains collateral of at least the market value of the securities lent. Such collateral must be in the form of cash or securities that satisfy the requirements of the Regulations. Such collateral shall comply with the requirements set out in section 5. "Management of Collateral" below.

#### Reverse repurchase and repurchase agreements

Repurchase agreements consist of transactions governed by an agreement whereby a party sells securities or instruments to a counterparty, subject to a commitment to repurchase them, or substituted securities or instruments of the same description, from the counterparty at a specified price on a future date specified, or to be specified, by the transferor. Such transactions are commonly referred to as repurchase agreements for the party selling the securities or instruments, and reverse repurchase agreements for the counterparty buying them.

Should a Fund engage in reverse repurchase and repurchase agreements, the Fund will only enter into reverse repurchase and repurchase agreements with counterparties which are subject to prudential supervision rules considered by the CSSF as equivalent to that laid down in EU law.

A Fund that enters into a reverse repurchase agreement shall ensure that it is able at any time to recall the full amount of cash or to terminate the reverse repurchase agreement.

A Fund that enters into a repurchase agreement shall ensure that it is able at any time to recall any securities subject to the repurchase agreement or to terminate the repurchase agreement into which it has entered.

Fixed-term repurchase and reverse repurchase agreement that do not exceed seven days shall be considered as arrangements on terms that allow the assets to be recalled at any time by the Fund.

Each Fund shall ensure that the level of its exposure to repurchase and reverse repurchase agreements is such that it is able to comply at all times with its redemption obligations.

The collateral received shall comply with the requirements set out in section 5. "Management of Collateral" below.

All revenues arising from reverse repurchase and repurchase agreements, net of direct and indirect operational costs and fees, will be returned to each Fund. Information on direct and indirect operational costs and fees that may be incurred in this respect as well as the identity of the entities to which such costs and fees are paid, as well as relationship they may have with the Depositary or the Management Company (if any), will be available in the Company's annual report.

### 5. Management of Collateral

The risk exposures to a counterparty arising from OTC derivatives transactions and efficient portfolio management techniques shall be combined when calculating the counterparty risk limits provided for in section 1(C) above.

Collateral received for the benefit of a Fund may be used to reduce its counterparty risk exposure if it complies with the conditions set out in applicable laws and regulations. Where a Fund enters into OTC derivatives transactions and efficient portfolio management techniques, all collateral used to reduce counterparty risk exposure shall comply with the following criteria at all times:



- (A) Any collateral received other than cash shall be of high quality, highly liquid and traded on a Regulated Market or multilateral trading facility with transparent pricing in order that it can be sold quickly at a price that is close to pre-sale valuation. Collateral received shall also comply with the provisions in section 1(D) above.
- (B) Collateral received shall be valued on at least a daily basis. Assets that exhibit high price volatility shall not be accepted as collateral unless suitably conservative haircuts are in place.
- (C) Collateral received shall be of high quality.
- (D) The collateral received shall be issued by an entity that is independent from the counterparty and is expected not to display a high correlation with the performance of the counterparty.
- (E) Collateral shall be sufficiently diversified in terms of country, markets and issuers. The criterion of sufficient diversification with respect to issuer concentration is considered to be respected if the Fund receives from a counterparty of efficient portfolio management and over-the-counter derivatives transactions a basket of collateral with a maximum exposure to a given issuer of 20% of its Net Asset Value. When a Fund is exposed to different counterparties, the different baskets of collateral shall be aggregated to calculate the 20% limit of exposure to a single issuer. By way of derogation, a Fund may be fully collateralised in different transferable securities and Money Market Investments issued or guaranteed by a Member State of the EU, one or more of its local authorities, Eligible State or a public international body to which one or more of the local Member States of the EU belong. In that case the Fund must receive securities from at least six different issues, but securities from any single issue shall not account for more than 30% of the Net Asset Value of the Fund.
- (F) Where there is a title transfer, the collateral received shall be held by the Depositary or one of its Correspondents to which the Depositary has delegated the custody of such collateral. For other types of collateral arrangement, the collateral can be held by a third party custodian which is subject to prudential supervision, and which is unrelated to the provider of the collateral.
- (G) Collateral received shall be capable of being fully enforced by the Fund at any time without reference to or approval from the counterparty, and where applicable, collateral received should also comply with the control limits set out in this section.
- (H) Subject to the above conditions, permitted forms of collateral include:
- (1) cash and cash equivalents, including short-term bank certificates and Money Market Investments;
  - (2) government bonds with any maturity issued by countries including but not limited to the UK, the USA, France and Germany with no minimum rating.

Collateral will be valued, on a daily basis, using available market prices and taking into account appropriate haircuts which will be determined for each asset class based on the haircut policy adopted by the Management Company.

- (I) Non-cash collateral received shall not be sold, re-invested or pledged.

- (J) Cash collateral that isn't received on behalf of currency hedged Share Classes shall only be:

- (1) placed on deposit with entities as prescribed in section 1(A)(6) above;
- (2) invested in high-quality government bonds;
- (3) used for the purpose of reverse repurchase transactions provided the transactions are with credit institutions subject to prudential supervision and the Fund is able to recall at any time the full amount of cash on accrued basis;
- (4) invested in short-term money market funds as defined in the "ESMA Guidelines on a Common Definition of European Money Market Funds", issued by ESMA (CESR/10-049) as amended from time to time or in Money Market Funds as defined in MMFR, once applicable.

Re-invested cash collateral shall be diversified in accordance with the diversification requirements applicable to non-cash collateral as set out above. Re-investment of cash collateral involves certain risks for a Fund, as described in Appendix II.20.

#### Collateral policy

Collateral received by the Fund shall predominantly be limited to cash and government bonds.

#### Haircut policy

The following haircuts for collateral in OTC transactions are applied by the Management Company (the Management Company reserves the right to vary this policy at any time in which case this Prospectus will be updated accordingly):

Eligible Collateral	Remaining Maturity	Valuation Percentage
Cash	N/A	100%
Government Bonds	One year or under	98%
	More than one year up to and including five years	96%-97%
	More than five years up to and including ten years	93%-95%
	More than ten years up to and including thirty years	93%
	More than thirty years up to and including forty years	90%
	More than forty years up to and including fifty years	87%

## 6. Risk Management Process

The Company will employ a risk management process which enables it with the Investment Manager to monitor and measure at any time the risk of the positions, the use of efficient portfolio management techniques, the management of collateral and their contribution to the overall risk profile of each Fund. The Company or the Investment Manager will employ, if applicable, a process for accurate and independent assessment of the value of any OTC derivatives.

Upon request of an Investor, the Management Company will provide supplementary information relating to the quantitative limits that apply in the risk management of each Fund, to the methods chosen to this end and to the recent evolution of the risks and yields of the main categories of instruments. This supplementary information includes the VaR levels set for the Funds using such risk measure.

The risk management framework is available upon request from the Company's registered office.

### Sustainability Risk Management

The investment decision making process for each Fund includes the consideration of sustainability risks alongside other factors. A sustainability risk is an environmental, social or governance event or condition that, if it occurs, could cause an actual or a potential material negative impact on the value of an investment and the returns of the Fund. Sustainability risks could arise within a particular business or externally, impacting multiple business. Sustainability risks that could negatively affect the value of a particular investment might include the following:

- Environmental: extreme weather events such as flooding and high winds; pollution incidents; damage to biodiversity or marine habitats.
- Social: labour strikes; health and safety incidents such as injuries or fatalities; product safety issues.
- Governance: tax fraud; discrimination within a workforce; inappropriate remuneration practices; failure to protect personal data.
- Regulatory: new regulations, taxes or industry standards to protect or encourage sustainable businesses and practices may be introduced.

Different asset classes, investment strategies and investment universes may require different approaches to the integration of such risks in investment decision-making. The Investment Manager will typically analyse potential investments by assessing (alongside other relevant considerations), for example, the overall costs and benefits to society and the environment that an issuer may generate or how the market value of an issuer may be influenced by individual sustainability risks such as a rise in carbon tax. The Investment Manager will also typically consider the relevant issuer's relationships with its key stakeholders – customers, employees, suppliers and regulators - including an assessment of whether those relationships are managed in a sustainable manner and, therefore, whether there are any material risks to the market value of the issuer.

The impact of some sustainability risks may have a value or cost that can be estimated through research or the use of proprietary or external tools. In such cases, it will be possible to incorporate this into more traditional financial analysis. An example of this might be the direct implications of an increase in carbon taxes that are applicable to an issuer, which can be incorporated into a financial model as an increased cost and/or as reduced sales. In other cases, such risks may be more difficult to quantify, and so the Investment Manager may seek to incorporate their potential impact in other ways whether explicitly, for example by reducing the expected future value of an issuer or implicitly, for example by adjusting the weighting of an issuer's securities in the Fund's portfolio depending on how strongly it believes a sustainability risk may affect that issuer.

A range of proprietary tools may be used to perform these assessments, along with supplementary metrics from external data providers and the Investment Manager's own due diligence, as appropriate. This analysis informs the Investment Manager's view of the potential impact of sustainability risks on a Fund's overall investment portfolio and, alongside other risk considerations, the likely financial returns of the Fund.

The Management Company's Risk function provides independent oversight of portfolio exposures from a sustainability perspective. The oversight includes ensuring there is an independent assessment of sustainability risks within investment portfolios and adequate transparency and reporting on sustainability risk exposures.

More details on the management of sustainability risks and the Investment Manager's approach to sustainability are available on the webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/>. Please also refer to the risk factor entitled "Sustainability Risks" in Appendix II of the Prospectus.

### Liquidity Risk Management Framework

The Management Company has established, implemented and consistently applies a liquidity risk management framework which sets out the governance standards and requirements for the oversight of liquidity risk in relation to investment funds. The framework outlines the responsibilities for assessing, monitoring, and providing independent oversight of liquidity risks of the Funds. It also enables the Management Company to monitor the liquidity risks of the Funds and to ensure compliance with the internal liquidity parameters so that the Funds can normally meet their obligation from Share redemptions at the request of Shareholders.

Qualitative and quantitative assessments of liquidity risks at a portfolio and security level are performed to ensure that investment portfolios are appropriately liquid and that the portfolios of the Funds are sufficiently liquid to honour Shareholders' redemption requests. In addition, Shareholder concentrations are regularly reviewed to assess their potential impact on anticipated financial obligations of the Funds.

Funds are reviewed individually with respect to liquidity risks.

The Management Company's assessment of liquidity risks within Funds includes (but is not limited to) consideration of the investment strategy, the dealing frequency, the underlying assets' liquidity (and their valuation) and shareholder base.

A detailed description of the liquidity risks are further described in Appendix II of this Prospectus.

The Board of Directors, or the Management Company, as appropriate, may also make use, among others, of the following to manage liquidity risk:

- (A) As further described in section "Suspensions or Deferrals" of this Prospectus, the Directors may declare that the redemption of part or all Shares in excess of 10% for which a redemption or switch has been requested will be deferred until the next Dealing Day and will be valued at the Net Asset Value per Share prevailing on that Dealing Day.

- (B) The Company may suspend the calculation of the Net Asset Value per Share of any Share Class in any Fund and the issue and redemption of any Shares in such Fund, as well as the right to switch Shares in any Fund into Shares of a different Share Class of the same Fund or into any Share Class of any other Fund as further described in section “Suspensions or Deferrals” of this Prospectus.

## 7. Miscellaneous

- (A) The Company may not make loans to other persons or act as a guarantor on behalf of third parties provided that for the purpose of this restriction the making of bank deposits and the acquisition of such securities referred to in paragraphs 1(A)(1) and (2), (3) and (4) or of ancillary liquid assets shall not be deemed to be the making of a loan and that the Company shall not be prevented from acquiring such securities above which are not fully paid. The Company need not comply with the investment limit percentages when exercising subscription rights attached to securities which form part of its assets. The Management Company, the Investment Managers, the Distributors, Depositary and any authorised agents or their associates may have dealings in the assets of the Company provided that any such transactions are effected on normal commercial terms negotiated at arm's length and provided that each such transaction complies with any of the following:
- (1) a certified valuation of such transaction is provided by a person approved by the Directors as independent and competent;
  - (2) the transaction has been executed on best terms, on and under the rules of an organised investment exchange; or
  - (3) where neither (1) or (2) is practical;
  - (4) where the Directors are satisfied that the transaction has been executed on normal commercial terms negotiated at arm's length.
- (B) Funds registered in Taiwan are restricted in the percentage of the Fund that can be invested in securities traded on the security markets of the People's Republic of China. These limits may be amended from time to time by the Financial Supervisory Commission in Taiwan.
- (C) Funds registered in Hong Kong as an Eligible Collective Investment Scheme under the Capital Investment Entrant Scheme will be subject to certain investment restrictions including having to have certain minimum exposure to the permissible investment assets as specified by the relevant authorities in Hong Kong from time to time. The list of permissible investment assets are published on the webpage of Hong Kong Immigration Department.
- (D) In the case of certain Funds, at least 25% or more than 50% of the Net Asset Value of the Fund shall be continuously invested in equity participations pursuant to German tax requirements. Please refer to section 2.4 (German Taxation) of this Prospectus for further details.

# Appendix II

## Risks of Investment

### 1. General Risks

Past performance is not a guide to future performance and Shares, other than Shares of Money Market Funds, should be regarded as a medium to long-term investment. The value of investments and the income generated by them may go down as well as up and Shareholders may not get back the amount originally invested. Where the Fund Currency varies from the Investor's home currency, or where the Fund Currency varies from the currencies of the markets in which the Fund invests, there is the prospect of additional loss (or the prospect of additional gain) to the Investor greater than the usual risks of investment.

### 2. Investment Objective Risk

Investment objectives express an intended result but there is no guarantee that such a result will be achieved. Depending on market conditions and the macro economic environment, investment objectives may become more difficult or even impossible to achieve. There is no express or implied assurance as to the likelihood of achieving the investment objective for a Fund.

### 3. Regulatory Risk

The Company is domiciled in Luxembourg and Investors should note that all the regulatory protections provided by their local regulatory authorities may not apply. Additionally the Funds will be registered in non-EU jurisdictions. As a result of such registrations the Funds may be subject, without any notice to the shareholders in the Funds concerned, to more restrictive regulatory regimes. In such cases the Funds will abide by these more restrictive requirements. This may prevent the Funds from making the fullest possible use of the investment limits.

### 4. Operational risk

The Company's operations (including investment management, distribution and collateral management) are carried out by several service providers. The Company and/or the Management Company follow a due diligence process in selecting service providers; nevertheless operational risk can occur and have a negative effect on the Company's operations, and it can manifest itself in various ways, including business interruption, poor performance, information systems malfunctions or failures, regulatory or contractual breaches, human error, negligent execution, employee misconduct, fraud or other criminal acts. In the event of a bankruptcy or insolvency of a service provider, investors could experience delays (for example, delays in the processing of subscriptions, conversions and redemption of Shares) or other disruptions.

### 5. Business, Legal and Tax Risks

In some jurisdictions the interpretation and implementation of laws and regulations and the enforcement of shareholders' rights under such laws and regulations may involve significant uncertainties. Furthermore, there may be differences between accounting and auditing standards, reporting practices and disclosure requirements and those generally accepted internationally. Some of the Funds may be subject to withholding and other taxes. Tax law and regulations of any jurisdiction are frequently reviewed and

may be changed at any time, in certain cases with retrospective effect. The interpretation and applicability of tax law and regulations by tax authorities in some jurisdictions are not consistent and transparent and may vary from jurisdiction to jurisdiction and/or region to region. Any change in taxation legislation could affect the value of the investments held by and the performance of the Fund.

### 6. Risk Factors Relating to Industry Sectors / Geographic Areas

Funds that focus on a particular industry or geographic area are subject to the risk factors and market factors which affect this particular industry or geographic area, including legislative changes, changes in general economic conditions and increased competitive forces. This may result in a greater volatility of the Net Asset Value of the Shares of the relevant Fund. Additional risks may include greater social and political uncertainty and instability; and natural disasters.

### 7. Risk of Suspension of Share Dealings

Investors are reminded that in certain circumstances their right to redeem or switch Shares may be suspended (see Section 2.5, "Suspensions or Deferrals").

### 8. Interest Rate Risk

The values of bonds and other debt instruments usually rise and fall in response to changes in interest rates. Declining interest rates generally increase the values of existing debt instruments, and rising interest rates generally reduce the value of existing debt instruments. Interest rate risk is generally greater for investments with long durations or maturities. Some investments give the issuer the option to call or redeem an investment before its maturity date. If an issuer calls or redeems an investment during a time of declining interest rates, a Fund might have to reinvest the proceeds in an investment offering a lower yield, and therefore might not benefit from any increase in value as a result of declining interest rates.

### 9. Credit Risk

The ability, or perceived ability, of an issuer of a debt security to make timely payments of interest and principal on the security will affect the value of the security. It is possible that the ability of the issuer to meet its obligation will decline substantially during the period when a Fund owns securities of that issuer, or that the issuer will default on its obligations. An actual or perceived deterioration in the ability of an issuer to meet its obligations will likely have an adverse effect on the value of the issuer's securities.

If a security has been rated by more than one nationally recognised statistical rating organisation the Fund's Investment Manager uses the highest rating for the purposes of determining whether the security is investment grade. When a Fund invests in securities which are not rated by a nationally recognised statistical rating organisation, the Fund's Investment Manager will determine the credit quality by referring to the issuer rating or otherwise as it sees fit (for example using the Fund's Investment Manager's internal rating). A Fund will not necessarily dispose of a security held by it if its rating falls below investment grade, although the Fund's Investment Manager will consider whether the security continues to be an appropriate investment for the Fund. A Fund's Investment Manager considers whether a



security is investment grade only at the time of purchase. Some of the Funds will invest in securities which will not be rated by a nationally recognised statistical rating organisation, but the credit quality will be determined by the Investment Manager.

Credit risk is generally greater for investments issued at less than their face values and required to make interest payments only at maturity rather than at intervals during the life of the investment. Credit rating agencies base their ratings largely on the issuer's historical financial condition and the rating agencies' investment analysis at the time of rating. The rating assigned to any particular investment does not necessarily reflect the issuer's current financial condition, and does not reflect an assessment of an investment's volatility and liquidity. Although investment grade investments generally have lower credit risk than investments rated below investment grade, they may share some of the risks of lower-rated investments, including the possibility that the issuers may be unable to make timely payments of interest and principal and thus default.

## 10. Liquidity Risk

Liquidity risk exists when particular investments are difficult to purchase or sell. A Fund's investment in illiquid securities may reduce the returns of the Fund because it may be unable to sell the illiquid securities at an advantageous time or price. Investments in foreign securities, derivatives or securities with substantial market and/or credit risk tend to have the greatest exposure to liquidity risk. Illiquid securities may be highly volatile and difficult to value.

## 11. Inflation/Deflation Risk

Inflation is the risk that a Fund's assets or income from a Fund's investments may be worth less in the future as inflation decreases the value of money. As inflation increases, the real value of a Fund's portfolio could decline. Deflation risk is the risk that prices throughout the economy may decline over time. Deflation may have an adverse effect on the creditworthiness of issuers and may make issuer default more likely, which may result in a decline in the value of a Fund's portfolio.

## 12. Derivatives Risk

For a Fund that uses derivatives to meet its specific investment objective, there is no guarantee that the performance of the derivatives will result in a positive effect for the Fund and its Shareholders.

Each Fund may incur costs and fees in connection with total return swaps, contracts for difference or other derivatives with similar characteristics, upon entering into these instruments and/or any increase or decrease of their notional amount. The amount of these fees may be fixed or variable. Information on costs and fees incurred by each Fund in this respect, as well as the identity of the recipients and any affiliation they may have with the Depositary, the Investment Manager or the Management Company, if applicable, may be available in the annual report.

## 13. Warrants Risk

When a Fund invests in warrants, the price, performance and liquidity of such warrants are typically linked to the underlying stock. However, the price, performance and liquidity of such warrants will generally fluctuate more than the underlying securities because of the greater volatility of the warrants market. In addition to the market risk related to the volatility of warrants, a Fund investing in synthetic warrants, where the issuer of the synthetic warrant is

different to that of the underlying stock, is subject to the risk that the issuer of the synthetic warrant will not perform its obligations under the transactions which may result in the Fund, and ultimately its Shareholders, suffering a loss.

## 14. Credit Default Swap Risk

A credit default swap allows the transfer of default risk. This allows a Fund to effectively buy insurance on a reference obligation it holds (hedging the investment), or buy protection on a reference obligation it does not physically own in the expectation that the credit will decline in quality. One party, the protection buyer, makes a stream of payments to the seller of the protection, and a payment is due to the buyer if there is a credit event (a decline in credit quality, which will be predefined in the agreement between the parties). If the credit event does not occur the buyer pays all the required premiums and the swap terminates on maturity with no further payments. The risk of the buyer is therefore limited to the value of the premiums paid. In addition, if there is a credit event and the Fund does not hold the underlying reference obligation, there may be a market risk as the Fund may need time to obtain the reference obligation and deliver it to the counterparty. Furthermore, if the counterparty becomes insolvent, the Fund may not recover the full amount due to it from the counterparty. The market for credit default swaps may sometimes be more illiquid than the bond markets. The Company will mitigate this risk by monitoring in an appropriate manner the use of this type of transaction.

## 15. Futures, Options and Forward Transactions Risk

A Fund may use options, futures and forward contracts on currencies, securities, indices, volatility, inflation and interest rates for hedging and investment purposes.

Transactions in futures may carry a high degree of risk. The amount of the initial margin is small relative to the value of the futures contract so that transactions are "leveraged" or "geared". A relatively small market movement will have a proportionately larger impact which may work for or against the Fund. The placing of certain orders which are intended to limit losses to certain amounts may not be effective because market conditions may make it impossible to execute such orders.

Transactions in options may also carry a high degree of risk. Selling ("writing" or "granting") an option generally entails considerably greater risk than purchasing options. Although the premium received by the Fund is fixed, the Fund may sustain a loss well in excess of that amount. The Fund will also be exposed to the risk of the purchaser exercising the option and the Fund will be obliged either to settle the option in cash or to acquire or deliver the underlying investment. If the option is "covered" by the Fund holding a corresponding position in the underlying investment or a future on another option, the risk may be reduced.

Forward transactions and purchasing options, in particular those traded over-the-counter and not cleared through a central counterparty, have an increased counterparty risk. If a counterparty defaults, the Fund may not get the expected payment or delivery of assets. This may result in the loss of the unrealised profit.

## 16. Credit Linked Note Risk

A credit linked note is a debt instrument which assumes both credit risk of the relevant reference entity (or entities) and the issuer of the credit linked note. There is also a risk

associated with the coupon payment; if a reference entity in a basket of credit linked notes suffers a credit event, the coupon will be re-set and is paid on the reduced nominal amount. Both the residual capital and coupon are exposed to further credit events. In extreme cases, the entire capital may be lost. There is also the risk that a note issuer may default.

## 17. Equity Linked Note Risk

The return component of an equity linked note is based on the performance of a single security, a basket of securities or an equity index. Investment in these instruments may cause a capital loss if the value of the underlying security decreases. In extreme cases the entire capital may be lost. These risks are also found in investing in equity investments directly. The return payable for the note is determined at a specified time on a valuation date, irrespective of the fluctuations in the underlying stock price. There is no guarantee that a return or yield on an investment will be made. There is also the risk that a note issuer may default.

A Fund may use equity linked notes to gain access to certain markets, for example emerging and less developed markets, where direct investment is not possible. This approach may result in the following additional risks being incurred – lack of a secondary market in such instruments, illiquidity of the underlying securities, and difficulty selling these instruments at times when the underlying markets are closed.

## 18. Insurance Linked Securities Risk

Insurance linked securities may incur severe or full losses as a result of insurance events such as natural, man-made or other catastrophes. Catastrophes can be caused by various events, including, but not limited to, hurricanes, earthquakes, typhoons, hailstorms, floods, tsunamis, tornados, windstorms, extreme temperatures, aviation accidents, fires, explosions and marine accidents. The incidence and severity of such catastrophes are inherently unpredictable, and the Fund's losses from such catastrophes could be material. Any climatic or other event which might result in an increase in the likelihood and/or severity of such events (for example, global warming leading to more frequent and violent hurricanes) could have a material adverse effect on the Fund. Although a Fund's exposure to such events will be diversified in accordance with its investment objective, a single catastrophic event could affect multiple geographic zones and lines of business or the frequency or severity of catastrophic events could exceed expectations, either of which could have a material adverse effect on the Fund's Net Asset Value.

## 19. Total Return Swaps Risk

A Fund may use total return swaps to, inter alia, replicate the exposure of an index or to swap the performance of one or more instruments into a stream of fixed or variable rate cash-flows. In such cases, the counterparty to the transaction will be a counterparty approved and monitored by the Management Company. At no time will a counterparty in a transaction have discretion over the composition or the management of the Fund's investment portfolio or over the underlying asset of the total return swap.

## 20. General Risk associated with OTC Transactions

Instruments traded in OTC markets may trade in smaller volumes, and their prices may be more volatile than instruments principally traded on exchanges. Such instruments may be less liquid than more widely traded

instruments. In addition, the prices of such instruments may include an undisclosed dealer mark-up which a Fund may pay as part of the purchase price.

In general, there is less government regulation and supervision of transactions in OTC markets than of transactions entered into on organised exchanges. OTC derivatives are executed directly with the counterparty rather than through a recognised exchange and clearing house. Counterparties to OTC derivatives are not afforded the same protections as may apply to those trading on recognised exchanges, such as the performance guarantee of a clearing house.

The principal risk when engaging in OTC derivatives (such as non-exchange traded options, forwards, swaps or contracts for difference) is the risk of default by a counterparty who has become insolvent or is otherwise unable or refuses to honour its obligations as required by the terms of the instrument. OTC derivatives may expose a Fund to the risk that the counterparty will not settle a transaction in accordance with its terms, or will delay the settlement of the transaction, because of a dispute over the terms of the contract (whether or not bona fide) or because of the insolvency, bankruptcy or other credit or liquidity problems of the counterparty. Counterparty risk is for OTC financial derivative instruments (other than certain foreign exchange and equity option transactions) generally mitigated by the transfer or pledge of collateral in favour of the Fund. The value of the collateral may fluctuate, however, and it may be difficult to sell, so there are no assurances that the value of collateral held will be sufficient to cover the amount owed to the Fund.

A Fund may enter into OTC derivatives cleared through a clearinghouse that serves as a central counterparty. Central clearing is designed to reduce counterparty risk and increase liquidity compared to bilaterally-cleared OTC derivatives, but it does not eliminate those risks completely. The central counterparty will require margin from the clearing broker which will in turn require margin from the Fund. There is a risk of loss by a Fund of its initial and variation margin deposits in the event of default of the clearing broker with which the Fund has an open position or if margin is not identified and correctly reported to the particular -Fund, in particular where margin is held in an omnibus account maintained by the clearing broker with the central counterparty. In the event that the clearing broker becomes insolvent, the Fund may not be able to transfer or "port" its positions to another clearing broker.

EU Regulation No 648/2012 on OTC derivatives, central counterparties and trade repositories (also known as the European Market Infrastructure Regulation, or "EMIR"), which came into force on 16 August 2012, introduces uniform requirements in respect of OTC derivatives transactions by requiring certain "eligible" OTC derivatives transactions to be submitted for clearing to regulated central clearing counterparties and by mandating the reporting of certain details of derivatives transactions to trade repositories. In addition, EMIR imposes requirements for appropriate procedures and arrangements to measure, monitor and mitigate operational and counterparty credit risk in respect of OTC derivatives contracts which are not subject to mandatory clearing. These requirements include the exchange of margin and, where initial margin is exchanged, its segregation by the parties, including by the Company.

Investments in OTC derivatives may be subject to the risk of differing valuations arising out of different permitted valuation methods. Although the Company has implemented appropriate valuation procedures to determine and verify the

value of OTC derivatives, certain transactions are complex and valuation may only be provided by a limited number of market participants who may also be acting as the counterparty to the transactions. Inaccurate valuation can result in inaccurate recognition of gains or losses and counterparty exposure.

Unlike exchange-traded derivatives, which are standardised with respect to their terms and conditions, OTC derivatives are generally established through negotiation with the other party to the instrument. While this type of arrangement allows greater flexibility to tailor the instrument to the needs of the parties, OTC derivatives may involve greater legal risk than exchange-traded instruments, as there may be a risk of loss if the agreement is deemed not to be legally enforceable or not documented correctly. There also may be a legal or documentation risk that the parties may disagree as to the proper interpretation of the terms of the agreement. However, these risks are generally mitigated, to a certain extent, by the use of industry-standard agreements such as those published by the International Swaps and Derivatives Association (ISDA).

## 21. Counterparty Risk

The Company conducts transactions through or with brokers, clearing houses, market counterparties and other agents. The Company will be subject to the risk of the inability of any such counterparty to perform its obligations, whether due to insolvency, bankruptcy or other causes.

A Fund may invest in instruments such as notes, bonds or warrants the performance of which is linked to a market or investment to which the Fund seeks to be exposed. Such instruments are issued by a range of counterparties and through its investment the Fund will be subject to the counterparty risk of the issuer, in addition to the investment exposure it seeks.

The Funds will only enter into OTC derivatives transactions, including swap agreements, with first class institutions which are subject to prudential supervision and specialising in these types of transactions. In principle, the counterparty risk for such derivatives transactions entered into with first class institutions should not exceed 10% of the relevant Fund's net assets when the counterparty is a credit institution or 5% of its net assets in other cases. However, if a counterparty defaults, the actual losses may exceed these limitations.

## 22. Specific Risk relating to Collateral Management

Counterparty risk arising from investments in OTC financial derivative instruments (other than certain foreign exchange and equity option transactions) and securities lending transactions, repurchase agreements and buy-sell back transactions is generally mitigated by the transfer or pledge of collateral in favour of a Fund. However, transactions may not be fully collateralised. Fees and returns due to the Fund may not be collateralised. If a counterparty defaults, the Fund may need to sell non-cash collateral received at prevailing market prices. In such a case the Fund could realise a loss due, inter alia, to inaccurate pricing or monitoring of the collateral, adverse market movements, deterioration in the credit rating of issuers of the collateral or illiquidity of the market on which the collateral is traded. Difficulties in selling collateral may delay or restrict the ability of the Fund to meet redemption requests.

A Fund may also incur a loss in reinvesting cash collateral received, where permitted. Such a loss may arise due to a decline in the value of the investments made. A decline in the

value of such investments would reduce the amount of collateral available to be returned by the Fund to the counterparty as required by the terms of the transaction. The Fund would be required to cover the difference in value between the collateral originally received and the amount available to be returned to the counterparty, thereby resulting in a loss to the Fund.

## 23. OTC Derivative Clearing Risk

A Fund's OTC derivatives transactions may be cleared prior to the date on which the mandatory clearing obligation takes effect under EMIR in order to take advantage of pricing and other potential benefits. OTC derivatives transactions may be cleared under the "agency" model or the "principal-to-principal" model. Under the principal-to-principal model there is usually one transaction between the Fund and its clearing broker and another back-to-back transaction between the clearing broker and the central clearing counterparty ("CCP") whereas under the agency model there is one transaction between the Fund and the CCP. It is expected that many of a Fund's OTC derivatives transactions which are cleared will be under the "principal-to-principal" model. However, the following risks are relevant to both models unless otherwise specified.

The CCP will require margin from the clearing broker which will in turn require margin from the Fund. The Fund's assets posted as margin will be held in an account maintained by the clearing broker with the CCP. Such account may contain assets of other clients of the clearing broker (an "omnibus account") and if so, in the event of a shortfall, the assets of the Fund transferred as margin may be used to cover losses relating to such other clients of the clearing broker upon a clearing broker or CCP default.

The margin provided to the clearing broker by the Fund may exceed the margin that the clearing broker is required to provide to the CCP, particularly where an omnibus account is used. The Fund will be exposed to the clearing broker in respect of any margin which has been posted to the clearing broker but not posted to and recorded in an account with the CCP. In the event of the insolvency or failure of the clearing broker, the Fund's assets posted as margin may not be as well protected as if they had been recorded in an account with the CCP.

The Fund will be exposed to the risk that margin is not identified to the particular Fund while it is in transit from the Fund's account to the clearing broker's account and onwards from the clearing broker's account to the CCP. Such margin could, prior to its settlement, be used to offset the positions of another client of the clearing broker in the event of a clearing broker or CCP default.

A CCP's ability to identify assets attributable to a particular client in an omnibus account is reliant on the correct reporting of such client's positions and margin by the relevant clearing broker to that CCP. The Fund is therefore subject to the operational risk that the clearing broker does not correctly report such positions and margin to the CCP. In such event, margin transferred by the Fund in an omnibus account could be used to offset the positions of another client of the clearing broker in that omnibus account in the event of a clearing broker or CCP default.

In the event that the clearing broker becomes insolvent, the Fund may be able to transfer or "port" its positions to another clearing broker. Porting will not always be achievable. In particular, under the principal-to-principal model, where the Fund's positions are within an omnibus account, the ability of the Fund to port its positions is

dependent on the timely agreement of all other parties whose positions are in that omnibus account and so porting may not be achieved. Where porting is not achieved, the Fund's positions may be liquidated and the value given to such positions by the CCP may be lower than the full value attributed to them by the Fund. Additionally, there may be a considerable delay in the return of any net sum due to the Fund while insolvency proceedings in respect of the clearing broker are ongoing.

If a CCP becomes insolvent, subject to administration or an equivalent proceeding or otherwise fails to perform, the Fund is unlikely to have a direct claim against the CCP and any claim will be made by the clearing broker. The rights of a clearing broker against the CCP will depend on the law of the country in which the CCP is established and other optional protections the CCP may offer, such as the use of a third party custodian to hold the Fund's margin. On the failure of a CCP, it is likely to be difficult or impossible for positions to be ported to another CCP and so transactions will likely be terminated. In such circumstances, it is likely that the clearing broker will only recover a percentage of the value of such transactions and consequently the amount the Fund will recover from the clearing broker will be similarly limited. The steps, timing, level of control and risks relating to that process will depend on the CCP, its rules and the relevant insolvency law. However, it is likely that there will be material delay and uncertainty around when and how much assets or cash, if any, the clearing broker will receive back from the CCP and consequently the amount the Fund will receive from the clearing broker.

## 24. Custody Risk

Assets of the Company are safe kept by the Depositary and Investors are exposed to the risk of the Depositary not being able to fully meet its obligation to reconstitute in a short time frame all of the assets of the Company in the case of bankruptcy of the Depositary. The assets of the Company will be identified in the Depositary's books as belonging to the Company. Securities held by the Depositary will be segregated from other assets of the Depositary which mitigates but does not exclude the risk of non restitution in case of bankruptcy. However, no such segregation applies to cash which increases the risk of non restitution in case of bankruptcy. The Depositary does not keep all the assets of the Company itself but uses a network of sub-custodians which are not part of the same group of companies as the Depositary. Investors are exposed to the risk of bankruptcy of the sub-custodians in the same manner as they are to the risk of bankruptcy of the Depositary.

A Fund may invest in markets where custodial and/or settlement systems are not fully developed. The assets of the Fund that are traded in such markets and which have been entrusted to such sub-custodians may be exposed to risk in circumstances where the Depositary will have no liability.

## 25. Smaller and Micro-cap Companies Risk

A Fund which invests in smaller or micro cap companies may fluctuate in value more than other Funds. Smaller companies and micro cap companies may offer greater opportunities for capital appreciation than larger companies, but may also involve certain special risks. They are more likely than larger companies to have limited product lines, markets or financial resources, or to depend on a small, inexperienced management group. Securities of smaller or micro cap companies may, especially during periods where markets are falling, become less liquid and experience short-term price volatility and wide spreads between dealing prices. They may also trade in the OTC market or on a regional exchange, or

may otherwise have limited liquidity. Consequently investments in smaller or micro cap companies may be more vulnerable to adverse developments than those in larger companies and the Fund may have more difficulty establishing or closing out its securities positions in such companies at prevailing market prices. Also, there may be less publicly available information about smaller and micro cap companies or less market interest in the securities, and it may take longer for the prices of the securities to reflect the full value of the issuers' earning potential or assets.

## 26. Portfolio Concentration Risk

Although the strategy of certain Funds of investing in a limited number of assets has the potential to generate attractive returns over time, a Fund which invests in a concentrated portfolio of securities may tend to be more volatile than a Fund which invests in a more broadly diversified range of securities. If the assets in which such Fund invests perform poorly, the Fund could incur greater losses than if it had invested in a larger number of assets.

## 27. Technology Related Companies Risk

Investments in the technology sector may present a greater risk and a higher volatility than investments in a broader range of securities covering different economic sectors. The equity securities of the companies in which a Fund may invest are likely to be affected by world-wide scientific or technological developments, and their products or services may rapidly fall into obsolescence. In addition, some of these companies offer products or services that are subject to governmental regulation and may, therefore, be adversely affected by governmental policies. As a result, the investments made by a Fund may drop sharply in value in response to market, research or regulatory setbacks.

## 28. Lower Rated, Higher Yielding Debt Securities Risk

A Fund may invest in lower rated, higher yielding debt securities, which are subject to greater market and credit risks than higher rated securities. Generally, lower rated securities pay higher yields than more highly rated securities to compensate Investors for the higher risk. The lower ratings of such securities reflect the greater possibility that adverse changes in the financial condition of the issuer, or rising interest rates, may impair the ability of the issuer to make payments to holders of the securities. Accordingly, an investment in the Fund is accompanied by a higher degree of credit risk than is present with investments in higher rated, lower yielding securities.

## 29. Property and Real Estate Companies Securities Risk

The risks associated with investments in securities of companies principally engaged in the real estate industry include: the cyclical nature of real estate values; risks related to general and local economic conditions; overbuilding and increased competition; increases in property taxes and operating expenses; demographic trends and variations in rental income; changes in zoning laws; casualty or condemnation losses; environmental risks; regulatory limitations on rents; changes in neighbourhood values; related party risks; changes in the appeal of properties to tenants; increases in interest rates; and other real estate capital market influences. Generally, increases in interest rates will increase the costs of obtaining financing, which could directly and indirectly decrease the value of the Fund's investments.



The real estate market has, at certain times, not performed in the same manner as equity and bond markets. As the real estate market frequently performs, positively or negatively and without any correlation to the equity or bond markets, these investments may affect the performance of the Fund either in a positive or a negative manner.

### **30. Mortgage Related and Other Asset Backed Securities Risks**

Mortgage-backed securities, including collateralised mortgage obligations and certain stripped mortgage-backed securities represent a participation in, or are secured by, mortgage loans. Asset-backed securities are structured like mortgage-backed securities, but instead of mortgage loans or interests in mortgage loans, the underlying assets may include such items as motor vehicles instalment sales or instalment loan contracts, leases of various types of real and personal property and receivables from credit card agreements. Mortgage-backed and asset-backed securities are commonly used to redirect the interest and principal payments from the pool of underlying assets to investors and can be issued at a fixed or a floating rate. The securities backed by the same pool of underlying assets may be issued in a number of different tranches, or classes, with varying risk and return characteristics depending on the priority of claim on the cash flows from the pool and the terms and conditions. The higher the risk contained in the tranche, the more the security generally pays by way of income.

Traditional debt investments typically pay a fixed rate of interest until maturity, when the entire principal amount is due. By contrast, payments on mortgage-backed and many asset-backed investments typically include both interest and partial payment of principal. Principal may also be prepaid voluntarily, or as a result of refinancing or foreclosure. A Fund may have to invest the proceeds from prepaid investments in other investments with less attractive terms and yields. As a result, these securities may have less potential for capital appreciation during periods of declining interest rates than other securities of comparable maturities, although they may have a similar risk of decline in market value during periods of rising interest rates. As the prepayment rate generally declines as interest rates rise, an increase in interest rates will likely increase the duration, and thus the volatility, of mortgage-backed and asset-backed securities. In addition to interest rate risk (as described above), investments in mortgage-backed securities composed of sub-prime mortgages may be subject to a higher degree of credit risk, valuation risk and liquidity risk (as described above). Duration is a measure of the expected life of a fixed income security that is used to determine the sensitivity of the security's price to changes in interest rates. Unlike the maturity of a fixed income security, which measures only the time until final payment is due, duration takes into account the time until all payments of interest and principal on a security are expected to be made, including how these payments are affected by prepayments and by changes in interest rates.

The ability of an issuer of asset-backed securities to enforce its security interest in the underlying assets may be limited. Some mortgage-backed and asset backed investments receive only the interest portion or the principal portion of payments on the underlying assets. The yields and values of these investments are extremely sensitive to changes in interest rates and in the rate of principal payments on the underlying assets. Interest portions tend to decrease in value if interest rates decline and rates of repayment (including prepayment) on the underlying mortgages or assets increase; it is possible that a Fund may lose the entire

amount of its investment in an interest portion due to a decrease in interest rates. Conversely, principal portions tend to decrease in value if interest rates rise and rates of repayment decrease. Moreover, the market for interest portions and principal portions may be volatile and limited, which may make them difficult for a Fund to buy or sell.

A Fund may gain investment exposure to mortgage-backed and asset-backed investments by entering into agreements with financial institutions to buy the investments at a fixed price at a future date. A Fund may or may not take delivery of the investments at the termination date of such an agreement, but will nonetheless be exposed to changes in the value of the underlying investments during the term of the agreement.

### **31. Initial Public Offerings Risk**

A Fund may invest in initial public offerings, which frequently are smaller companies. Such securities have no trading history, and information about these companies may only be available for limited periods. The prices of securities involved in initial public offerings may be subject to greater price volatility than more established securities.

### **32. Risk Associated with Debt Securities Issued Pursuant to Rule 144A under the Securities Act of 1933**

SEC Rule 144A provides a safe harbour exemption from the registration requirements of the Securities Act of 1933 for resale of restricted securities to qualified institutional buyers, as defined in the rule. The advantage for Investors may be higher returns due to lower administration charges. However, dissemination of secondary market transactions in rule 144A securities is restricted and only available to qualified institutional buyers. This might increase the volatility of the security prices and, in extreme conditions, decrease the liquidity of a particular rule 144A security.

### **33. Emerging and Less Developed Markets Securities Risk**

Investing in emerging markets and less developed markets securities poses risks different from, and/or greater than, risks of investing in the securities of developed countries. These risks include; smaller market-capitalisation of securities markets, which may suffer periods of relative illiquidity; significant price volatility; restrictions on foreign investment; and possible repatriation of investment income and capital. In addition, foreign Investors may be required to register the proceeds of sales, and future economic or political crises could lead to price controls, forced mergers, expropriation or confiscatory taxation, seizure, nationalisation or the creation of government monopolies. Inflation and rapid fluctuations in inflation rates have had, and may continue to have, negative effects on the economies and securities markets of certain emerging and less developed countries.

Although many of the emerging and less developed market securities in which a Fund may invest are traded on securities exchanges, they may trade in limited volume and may encounter settlement systems that are less well organised than those of developed markets. Supervisory authorities may also be unable to apply standards that are comparable with those in developed markets. Thus there may be risks that settlement may be delayed and that cash or securities belonging to the relevant Fund may be in jeopardy because of failures of or defects in the systems or because of defects in the administrative operations of counterparties. Such counterparties may lack the substance or financial resources



of similar counterparties in a developed market. There may also be a danger that competing claims may arise in respect of securities held by or to be transferred to the Fund and compensation schemes may be non-existent or limited or inadequate to meet the Fund's claims in any of these events.

Additional risks of emerging market securities may include: greater social, economic and political uncertainty and instability; more substantial governmental involvement in the economy; less governmental supervision and regulation; unavailability of currency hedging techniques; companies that are newly organised and small; differences in auditing and financial reporting standards, which may result in unavailability of material information about issuers; and less developed legal systems. In addition taxation of interest and capital gains received by non-residents varies among emerging and less developed markets and, in some cases may be comparatively high. There may also be less well-defined tax laws and procedures and such laws may permit retroactive taxation so that the Fund could in the future become subject to local tax liabilities that had not been anticipated in conducting investment activities or valuing assets.

For specific risks related to holding Chinese shares, please refer to "Risks Relating to Investments in the China Market" later in this section.

#### **34. Specific Risks Linked to Securities Lending and Repurchase Transactions**

Securities lending and repurchase transactions involve certain risks. There is no assurance that a Fund will achieve the objective for which it entered into a transaction.

Repurchase transactions might expose the Fund to risks similar to those associated with optional or forward derivative financial instruments, the risks of which are described in other sections of this Prospectus. Securities loans may, in the event of a counterparty default or an operational difficulty, be recovered late and only in part, which might restrict the Fund's ability to complete the sale of securities or to meet redemption requests.

The Fund's exposure to its counterparty will be mitigated by the fact that the counterparty will forfeit its collateral if it defaults on the transaction. If the collateral is in the form of securities, there is a risk that when it is sold it will realise insufficient cash to settle the counterparty's debt to the Fund or to purchase replacements for the securities that were lent to the counterparty. In the latter case, the Fund's tri-party lending agent will indemnify the Fund against a shortfall of cash available to purchase replacement securities but there is a risk that the indemnity might be insufficient or otherwise unreliable.

In the event that the Fund reinvests cash collateral in one or more of the permitted types of investment that are described under Appendix I Investment Restrictions "5. Management of Collateral", there is a risk that the investment will earn less than the interest that is due to the counterparty in respect of that cash and that it will return less than the amount of cash that was invested. There is also a risk that the investment will become illiquid, which would restrict the Fund's ability to recover its securities on loan, which might restrict the Fund's ability to complete the sale of securities or to meet redemption requests.

#### **35. Underwriting or Sub-Underwriting**

A Fund may acquire securities in which it is permitted to invest in pursuit of its investment objective and policy through underwriting or sub-underwriting. There is a risk for the Fund to incur a loss if the market price of the stocks of the sub-underwriting participation falls below the price fixed in advance at which the Fund committed to buy them.

#### **36. Potential Conflicts of Interest**

The Investment Managers and Schroders may effect transactions, including techniques and instruments such as securities lending, repurchase agreements and reverse repurchase agreements, in which the Investment Managers or Schroders have, directly or indirectly, an interest which may involve a potential conflict with the Investment Managers' duty to the Company. Neither the Investment Managers nor Schroders shall be liable to account to the Company for any profit, commission or remuneration made or received from or by reason of such transactions or any connected transactions nor will the Investment Managers' fees, unless otherwise provided, be abated.

The Investment Managers will ensure that such transactions are effected on terms which are not less favourable to the Company than if the potential conflict had not existed.

Such potential conflicting interests or duties may arise because the Investment Managers or Schroders may have invested directly or indirectly in the Company.

The prospect of the performance fee may lead the Investment Managers to make investments that are riskier than would otherwise be the case.

In carrying out its functions, the Depositary shall act honestly, fairly, professionally, independently and solely in the interest of the Company and the Investors of the Company. The Depositary shall not carry out activities with regard to the Company that may create conflicts of interest between the Company, the Investors in the Company, the Management Company and the Depositary unless the Depositary has functionally and hierarchically separated the performance of its depositary tasks from its other potentially conflicting tasks, and the potential conflicts of interest are properly identified, managed, monitored and disclosed to Investors of the Company.

#### **37. Investment Funds**

Some of the Funds may invest all or substantially all of their assets in Investment Funds, unless otherwise disclosed, the investment risks identified in this Appendix will apply whether a Fund invests directly, or indirectly through Investment Funds, in the assets concerned.

The investments of the Funds in Investment Funds may result in an increase of total operating, administration, depositary and Annual Management Charges/expenses. However the Investment Managers will seek to negotiate a reduction in Annual Management Charges and any such reduction will be for the sole benefit of the relevant Fund.

#### **38. Exchange Rates**

The Reference Currency of each Fund is not necessarily the investment currency of the Fund concerned. Investments are made in investment funds in currencies that, in the view of the Investment Managers, best benefit the performance of the Funds. Shareholders investing in a Fund having a

Reference Currency that is different from their own should be aware that exchange rate fluctuations could cause the value of their investment to diminish or increase.

### 39. Fixed Income Securities

The value of fixed income securities held by Funds generally will vary upon changes in interest rates and such variation may affect Share prices of Funds investing in fixed income securities.

### 40. Equity Securities

Where a Fund invests in equity or equity-related investments, the values of equity securities may decline due to general market conditions which are not specifically related to a particular company, such as real or perceived adverse economic conditions, changes in the general outlook for corporate earnings, changes in interest or currency rates or adverse investor sentiment generally. They may also decline due to factors which affect a particular industry or industries, such as labour shortages or increased production costs and competitive conditions within an industry. Equity securities generally have greater price volatility than fixed income securities.

### 41. Private Equity

Investments which grant an exposure to private equity involve additional risks compared to those resulting from traditional investments. More specifically, private equity investments may imply exposure to less mature and less liquid companies. The value of financial instruments which grant exposure to private equity may be impacted in a similar manner as direct investments in private equity.

### 42. Commodities

Investments which grant an exposure to commodities involve additional risks compared to those resulting from traditional investments. More specifically:

- political, military and natural events may influence the production and trading of commodities and, as a consequence, negatively influence financial instruments which grant exposure to commodities;
- terrorism and other criminal activities may have an influence on the availability of commodities and therefore also negatively impact financial instruments which grant exposure to commodities.

The performance of commodities, precious metals and commodity futures also depends on the general supply situation of the respective goods, the demand for them, the expected output, extraction and production as well as the expected demand, and can for this reason be especially volatile.

### 43. Tax efficiency for Shareholders

Post-tax returns to Shareholders are dependent on the local tax rules in the Shareholders' place of tax residence (see section 3.4 Taxation for comments on taxation generally).

In certain countries, such as Austria and the United Kingdom, tax rules exist that may lead to larger proportions of the investment return from funds of funds being taxed in the hands of Shareholders at a higher rate than would be the case for single strategy funds.

These tax rules may be activated if the investments selected by the Investment Manager for the funds of funds are regarded as not meeting certain tests laid down by the tax authorities in the Shareholders' country of residence.

In the United Kingdom, returns from investments that are "non-reporting funds" may be treated as being entirely income, and therefore reportable as income by the fund of funds. Thus a greater proportion of the Shareholders' return from the fund of funds would be treated as income, rather than capital, and taxed accordingly at rates that are currently higher than for capital gains.

The Investment Manager of the fund of funds will endeavour to select investments that do qualify as "reporting funds", in order to minimise the impact of these local tax rules for Shareholders. However, it is possible that such investments are not available to meet certain strategic aims of the Investment Manager, and in that case it may happen that "non-reporting funds" have to be acquired.

The Investment Manager will undertake all necessary reporting as required under local tax rules to enable Shareholders to compute their tax liability in accordance with the rules.

### 44. Convertible Securities Risk

Convertible securities are typically bonds or preferred stocks that may be converted into a specific number of shares of the issuing company's stock at a specified conversion price.

Convertible securities combine investment characteristics and risks of equities and bonds. Depending on the value of the underlying stock, the convertible security will behave more like a stock or like a bond.

When the price of the underlying stock exceeds the conversion price, the convertible security generally behaves more like a stock and will be more sensitive to changes in equity securities. When the price of the underlying stock is lower than the conversion price, the convertible security generally behaves more like a bond and will be more sensitive to changes in interest rates and in credit spreads.

Given the benefit provided by the potential conversion, convertible securities generally offer lower yields than non-convertible securities of similar quality.

They also can be of lower credit quality and tend to be less liquid than traditional non-convertible securities. Lower credit quality debt securities are generally subject to greater market, credit and default risk compared to more highly rated securities.

### 45. Contingent Convertible Securities Risk

Contingent convertible securities are typically debt instruments which may be converted into the issuer's equity or be partly or wholly written off if a predefined trigger event occurs. The terms of the bond will set out specific trigger events and conversion rates. Trigger events may be outside of the issuer's control. A common trigger event is the decrease in the issuer's capital ratio below a given threshold. Conversion may cause the value of the investment to fall significantly and irreversibly, and in some cases even to zero.

Coupon payments on certain contingent convertible securities may be entirely discretionary and may be cancelled by the issuer at any point, for any reason, and for any length of time.

Contrary to typical capital hierarchy, contingent convertible securities investors may suffer a loss of capital before equity holders.

Most contingent convertible securities are issued as perpetual instruments which are callable at pre-determined dates. Perpetual contingent convertible securities may not be called on the pre-defined call date and investors may not receive return of principal on the call date or at any date.

There are no widely accepted standards for valuing contingent convertible securities. The price at which bonds are sold may therefore be higher or lower than the price at which they were valued immediately before their sale.

In certain circumstances finding a ready buyer for contingent convertible securities may be difficult and the seller may have to accept a significant discount to the expected value of the bond in order to sell it.

#### **46. Sovereign Risk**

There is a risk that governments or their agencies may default or not completely fulfil their obligations. In addition, there is no bankruptcy proceeding for sovereign debt securities on which money to pay the obligations of sovereign debt securities may be collected in whole or in part. As a consequence of this, holders of sovereign debt securities may be requested to participate in the rescheduling of sovereign debt securities and to extend further loans to the issuers of sovereign debt securities.

#### **47. Hedging Risk**

A Fund may (directly or indirectly) employ hedging by taking long and short positions in related instruments. Hedging against a decline in the value of a portfolio position does not eliminate fluctuations in the values of such portfolio positions or prevent losses if the values of such positions decline. Hedging transactions may limit the opportunity for gain if the value of the portfolio position should increase. In the event of an imperfect correlation between a position in a hedging instrument and the portfolio position that it is intended to protect, the desired protection may not be obtained, and a Fund may be exposed to risk of loss. In addition, it is not possible to hedge fully or perfectly against any risk, and hedging entails its own costs.

#### **48. Synthetic Short Selling Risk**

A Fund may use financial derivative instruments to implement synthetic short positions. If the price of the instrument or market which the Fund has taken a short position on increases, then the Fund will incur a loss in relation to the increase in price from the time that the short position was entered into plus any premiums and interest paid to a counterparty. Therefore, taking short positions involves the risk that losses may be exaggerated, potentially losing more money than the actual cost of the investment.

#### **49. RMB Hedged Share Classes Risk**

Since 2005, the RMB exchange rate is no longer pegged to the USD. RMB has now moved to a managed floating exchange rate based on market supply and demand with reference to a basket of foreign currencies. The daily trading price of the RMB against other major currencies in the inter-bank foreign exchange market is allowed to float within a narrow band around the central parity published by the People's Republic of China. RMB convertibility from offshore RMB (CNH) to onshore RMB (CNY) is a managed currency process subject to foreign exchange control policies of and repatriation restrictions imposed by the Chinese government

in coordination with the Hong Kong Monetary Authority (HKMA). The value of CNH could differ, perhaps significantly, from that of CNY due to a number of factors including without limitation those foreign exchange control policies and repatriation restrictions.

Since 2005, foreign exchange control policies pursued by the Chinese government have resulted in the general appreciation of RMB (both CNH and CNY). This appreciation may or may not continue and there can be no assurance that RMB will not be subject to devaluation at some point.

The RMB Hedged Share Classes participate in the offshore RMB (CNH) market, which allows investors to freely transact CNH outside of mainland China with approved banks in the Hong Kong market (HKMA approved banks). The RMB Hedged Share Classes will have no requirement to remit CNH to onshore RMB (CNY).

### **50. Risks Relating to Investments in the China Market**

Investors may also be subject to risks specific to the China market. Any significant change in mainland China's political, social or economic policies may have a negative impact on investments in the China market. The regulatory and legal framework for capital markets in mainland China may not be as well developed as those of developed countries. Chinese accounting standards and practices may deviate significantly from international accounting standards. The settlement and clearing systems of the Chinese securities markets may not be well tested and may be subject to increased risks of error or inefficiency. Investors should also be aware that changes in mainland China's taxation legislation could affect the amount of income which may be derived, and the amount of capital returned, from the investments in the Fund.

In particular, the taxation position of foreign investors holding Chinese shares has historically been uncertain. Transfers of A and B shares of People's Republic of China (PRC) resident companies by foreign corporate shareholders are subject to a 10% capital gains withholding tax, although the tax has not been collected in the past, and uncertainties remain over the timing, any retrospective impact, and the calculation method. Subsequently, the PRC tax authorities announced in November 2014 that gains on the transfer of shares and other equity investments in China by foreign investors would be subject to a 'temporary' exemption from capital gains withholding tax. There was no comment about the duration of this temporary exemption. No accruals are being made for gains realised post-17 November 2014 pending further developments. The situation is being kept under review for indications of any change in market practice or the release of further guidance from the PRC authorities, and accruals for PRC capital gains withholding tax may recommence without notice upon the release of such guidance if the Directors and their advisors believe this is appropriate.

PRC corporate income tax, individual income tax and business tax will be temporarily exempted on gains derived by foreign investors (including the Funds) on trading of China A-Shares via the Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect or Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect. However, foreign investors are required to pay tax on dividends and/or bonus shares at the rate of 10% which will be withheld and paid to the relevant in-charge PRC tax authorities by the listed companies. For investors who are tax residents of a jurisdiction which has concluded a tax treaty with the PRC, such investors may apply for a refund of the PRC withholding income tax overpaid if the relevant tax treaty provides for a

lower PRC withholding income tax on dividends for a lower dividend tax rate, such investors may apply to the tax authority for a refund of the differences.

## 51. China – Risks Regarding QFI Status

Under current regulations in the PRC, foreign investors (such as the Company) may invest in certain eligible onshore PRC investments, in general, only through entities that have obtained status as a Qualified Foreign Investor (“QFI”) from the China Securities Regulatory Commission (“CSRC”), for example the Investment Managers. The QFI regime is governed by rules and regulations as promulgated by the mainland Chinese authorities, i.e., the CSRC, the State Administration of Foreign Exchange (“SAFE”) and the People’s Bank of China (“PBOC”). Such rules and regulations may be amended from time to time.

Pursuant to the Provisions on the Administration of Funds of Foreign Institutional Investors for Domestic Securities and Futures Investment, the previous investment quota restrictions under the Qualified Foreign Institutional Investor (QFII) regime and Renminbi Qualified Foreign Institutional Investor (RQFII) regime have been removed. Further, from 1 November 2020, the QFII and RQFII regimes have been merged, such that QFIIs and RQFIIs are now regulated as QFIs under a set of regulations which unifies the previously separate requirements governing QFIIs and RQFIIs. Foreign institutional investors that previously held a QFII and/or RQFII licence are regarded as QFIs and are not required to re-apply for QFI status.

As disclosed in the Fund details, some Funds may invest directly in the PRC via the QFII status (now known as QFI status) of the relevant Investment Managers (i.e. QFI Holders).

The following risks are relevant to the QFI regime:

*Risks regarding QFI status*- Investors should note that QFI status could be suspended or revoked/terminated or otherwise invalidated, which may have an adverse effect on the Funds’ performance as the Funds may be required to dispose of its securities holdings and /or may be prohibited from trading of relevant securities and repatriation of the Funds’ monies. The Funds may suffer substantial losses.

Investors should note that there can be no assurance that the Investment Managers (as QFI Holders) will continue to maintain their QFI status or that redemption requests can be processed in a timely manner due to adverse changes in relevant laws or regulations. Such restrictions may result in a rejection of subscription applications and a suspension of dealings of the Funds. In extreme circumstances, the Funds may incur significant losses due to limited investment capabilities, or may not be able to fully implement or pursue their investment objective or strategy, due to QFI investment restrictions, the illiquidity of the Chinese domestic securities market, and/or delay or disruption in the execution of trades or in the settlement of trades.

The Investment Manager, as a QFI holder, and Funds, which uses the Investment Manager’s status as a QFI, are not subject to quota restrictions under the QFI regimes. There is no assurance, however, that PRC rules and regulations will not change or that quota restrictions will not be imposed in the future. Any restrictions on quota may affect the Investment Manager’s ability to effectively pursue the investment strategy of the Funds.

The rules and restrictions under QFI regulations, generally apply to the QFI as a whole and not simply to the investments made by the Funds. The CSRC, SAFE and PBOC are vested with the power to impose regulatory sanctions if the QFI or the QFI Custodian violates any provision of certain QFI regulations. Any such regulatory sanctions may adversely impact the Investment Manager’s ability to effectively pursue the investment strategy of the Funds.

*Risks regarding application of QFI rules* - The QFI rules enable Renminbi and funds in foreign currency to be remitted into and repatriated out of the PRC. The QFI rules are relatively new in nature and their application may depend on the interpretation given by the relevant Chinese authorities. A Fund’s ability to make the relevant investments or to fully implement or pursue its investment objective and strategy is subject to the applicable laws, rules and regulations (including restrictions on investments and repatriation of principal and profits) in the PRC, which are subject to change. Any changes to the relevant rules may have an adverse impact on investors’ investment in the Funds. Such changes may have potential retrospective effect on the Funds and may adversely affect the Funds. A Fund may suffer substantial losses if the approval of the QFI status is being revoked/terminated or otherwise invalidated as the Fund may be prohibited from trading of relevant securities and repatriation of the Fund’s monies, or if any of the key operators or parties (including China custodian/PRC brokers) is bankrupt/in default and/or is disqualified from performing its obligations (including execution or settlement of any transaction or transfer of any funds or securities).

*Risks regarding repatriation and liquidity risks* - Certain restrictions imposed by the Chinese government on QFIs may have an adverse effect on the Funds’ liquidity and performance. The SAFE regulates and monitors the repatriation of funds out of the PRC by the QFI holders. Repatriations in RMB and/or funds in foreign currency conducted by QFI holders in respect of an open-ended fund (such as the Funds) are currently not subject to any lock-up periods, prior approval or other repatriation restrictions, although authenticity and compliance reviews will be conducted, and monthly reports on remittances and repatriations will be submitted to SAFE by the China custodian. There is no assurance, however, that PRC rules and regulations will not change or that lock-up periods or repatriation restrictions will not be imposed in the future. Any restrictions on repatriation of the invested capital and net profits may impact on the Funds’ ability to meet redemption requests. Furthermore, as the China custodian’s review on authenticity and compliance is conducted on each repatriation, the repatriation may be delayed or even rejected by the China custodian in case of non-compliance with the QFI regulations. In such case, it is expected that redemption proceeds will be paid to the redeeming Shareholders as soon as practicable after completion of the repatriation of funds concerned. It should be noted that the actual time required for the completion of the relevant repatriation will be beyond the Investment Managers’ control.

*Risk pertaining to cash deposited with China custodian* - Investors should note that cash deposited in the cash accounts of the Funds with the China custodian will not be segregated but will be a debt owing from the China custodian to the Funds as a depositor. Such cash will be co-mingled with cash that belongs to other clients or creditors of the China custodian. In the event of bankruptcy or liquidation of the China custodian, the Funds will not have any proprietary rights to the cash deposited in such cash accounts, and the Funds will become an unsecured creditor, ranking pari passu with all other unsecured creditors, of the



China custodian. The Funds may face difficulty and/or encounter delays in recovering such debt, or may not be able to recover it in full or at all, in which case the Funds will suffer. The Funds may lose the total amount deposited with the China custodian and suffer a loss.

**PRC Brokerage Risk** - The execution and settlement of transactions or the transfer of any funds or securities may be conducted by PRC brokers and/or the China custodian. There is a risk that the Funds may suffer losses from the default, bankruptcy or disqualification of the PRC brokers and/or the China custodian. In such event, the Funds may be adversely affected in the execution or settlement of any transaction or in the transfer of any funds or securities.

In selection of PRC brokers, the QFI Holders will have regard to factors such as the competitiveness of commission rates, size of the relevant orders and execution standards. If the QFI Holders consider appropriate, it is possible that a single PRC Broker will be appointed and the Funds may not necessarily pay the lowest commission available in the market.

## 52. China – Repatriation and Liquidity Risks

There are currently no restrictions on repatriation of proceeds out of China for Funds invested in onshore securities. There is however no assurance that repatriation will not be subject to stricter rules and restrictions due to a change in the current regulations. This may impact the liquidity of the Fund and its ability to meet redemption requests upon demand.

## 53. China Interbank Bond Market Risks

The on-shore China bond market mainly consists of the interbank bond market and the exchange listed bond market. The CIBM is an OTC market established in 1997. Currently, more than 90% of CNY bond trading activity takes place in the CIBM, and the main products traded in this market include government bonds, enterprise bonds, policy bank bonds, and medium term notes.

The CIBM is in a stage of development and internationalisation. Market volatility and potential lack of liquidity due to low trading volume may result in prices of certain debt securities traded on such market fluctuating significantly. Funds investing in such market are therefore subject to liquidity and volatility risks and may suffer losses in trading on-shore China bonds. In particular, the bid and offer spreads of the prices of on-shore China bonds may be large, and the relevant Funds may therefore incur significant trading and realisation costs when selling such investments.

To the extent that a Fund transacts in the CIBM in on-shore China, the Fund may also be exposed to risks associated with settlement procedures and default of counterparties. The counterparty which has entered into a transaction with the Fund may default in its obligation to settle the transaction by delivery of the relevant security or by payment for value.

The CIBM is also subject to regulatory risks.

## 54. China Bond Connect

Some Funds can, in accordance with their investment policy, invest in the CIBM via the Bond Connect (as described below).

The Bond Connect is an initiative launched in July 2017 for mutual bond market access between Hong Kong and Mainland China established by China Foreign Exchange Trade System & National Interbank Funding Centre ("CFETS"), China

Central Depository & Clearing Co., Ltd, Shanghai Clearing House, Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited and Central Moneymarkets Unit.

Under the prevailing regulations in Mainland China, eligible foreign investors will be allowed to invest in the bonds circulated in the CIBM through the northbound trading of the Bond Connect ("Northbound Trading Link"). There will be no investment quota for the Northbound Trading Link.

Pursuant to the prevailing regulations in mainland China an offshore custody agent recognised by the Hong Kong Monetary Authority (currently, the Central Moneymarkets Unit) shall open omnibus nominee accounts with the onshore custody agent recognised by the People's Bank of China (currently recognised onshore custody agents are the China Securities Depository & Clearing Co., Ltd and Interbank Clearing Company Limited). All bonds traded by eligible foreign investors will be registered in the name of Central Moneymarkets Unit, which will hold such bonds as a nominee owner.

Because the Central Moneymarkets Unit is only a nominee holder and not the beneficial owner of the securities, in the unlikely event that the Central Moneymarkets Unit becomes subject to winding up proceedings in Hong Kong, investors should note that securities will not be regarded as part of the general assets of the Central Moneymarkets Unit available for distribution to creditors even under the PRC law. However, the Central Moneymarkets Unit will not be obliged to take any legal action or enter into court proceedings to enforce any rights on behalf of investors in securities in the PRC. A failure or delay by the Central Moneymarkets Unit in the performance of its obligations may result in a failure of settlement, or the loss, of securities and/or monies in connection with them and the relevant Funds and its Investors may suffer losses as a result. Neither the Funds nor the Investment Manager or any Sub-Investment Manager shall be responsible or liable for any such losses.

For investments via the Bond Connect, the relevant filings, registration with the People's Bank of China and account opening have to be carried out via an onshore settlement agent, offshore custody agent, registration agent or other third parties (as the case may be). As such, the Funds are subject to the risks of default or errors on the part of such third parties.

Trading in securities via Bond Connect may be subject to clearing and settlement risk. If the PRC clearing house defaults on its obligation to deliver securities / make payment, the Fund may suffer delays in recovering its losses or may not be able to fully recover its losses. Investing in the CIBM via the Bond Connect is also subject to regulatory risks. The relevant rules and regulations on these regimes are subject to change which may have potential retrospective effect. If the relevant mainland Chinese authorities suspend account opening or trading on the CIBM, the Funds' ability to invest in the CIBM will be adversely affected. In such event, the Funds' ability to achieve its investment objective will be negatively affected.

## 55. Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect and Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect

All Funds which can invest in China may invest in China A-Shares through the Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect and the Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect programmes (the "Stock Connect") subject to any applicable regulatory limits. The Stock Connect is a securities trading and clearing linked programme developed by The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited ("SEHK"), the Hong Kong Securities Clearing



Company Limited ("HKSCC"), Shanghai Stock Exchange or Shenzhen Stock Exchange, and China Securities Depository and Clearing Corporation Limited ("ChinaClear") with an aim to achieve mutual stock market access between mainland China and Hong Kong. The Stock Connect allows foreign investors to trade certain Shanghai Stock Exchange or Shenzhen Stock Exchanges listed China A-Shares through their Hong Kong based brokers.

The Funds seeking to invest in the domestic securities markets of the PRC may use the Stock Connect, in addition to the QFI scheme and, thus, are subject to the following additional risks:

**General Risk:** The relevant regulations are untested and subject to change. There is no certainty as to how they will be applied which could adversely affect the Funds. The Stock Connect requires use of new information technology systems which may be subject to operational risk due to its cross-border nature. If the relevant systems fail to function properly, trading in Hong Kong and Shanghai/Shenzhen markets through Stock Connect could be disrupted.

**Clearing and Settlement Risk:** The HKSCC and ChinaClear have established the clearing links and each will become a participant of each other to facilitate clearing and settlement of cross-boundary trades. For cross-boundary trades initiated in a market, the clearing house of that market will on one hand clear and settle with its own clearing participants, and on the other hand undertake to fulfil the clearing and settlement obligations of its clearing participants with the counterparty clearing house.

**Legal/Beneficial Ownership:** Where securities are held in custody on a cross-border basis, there are specific legal/beneficial ownership risks linked to compulsory requirements of the local Central Securities Depositories, HKSCC and ChinaClear.

As in other emerging and less developed markets, the legislative framework is only beginning to develop the concept of legal/formal ownership and of beneficial ownership or interest in securities. In addition, HKSCC, as nominee holder, does not guarantee the title to Stock Connect securities held through it and is under no obligation to enforce title or other rights associated with ownership on behalf of beneficial owners. Consequently, the courts may consider that any nominee or custodian as registered holder of Stock Connect securities would have full ownership thereof, and that those Stock Connect securities would form part of the pool of assets of such entity available for distribution to creditors of such entities and/or that a beneficial owner may have no rights whatsoever in respect thereof. Consequently the Funds and the Depositary cannot ensure that the Funds ownership of these securities or title thereto is assured.

To the extent that HKSCC is deemed to be performing safekeeping functions with respect to assets held through it, it should be noted that the Depositary and the Funds will have no legal relationship with HKSCC and no direct legal recourse against HKSCC in the event that the Funds suffer losses resulting from the performance or insolvency of HKSCC.

In the event ChinaClear defaults, HKSCC's liabilities under its market contracts with clearing participants will be limited to assisting clearing participants with claims. HKSCC will act in good faith to seek recovery of the outstanding stocks and monies from ChinaClear through available legal channels or

the liquidation of ChinaClear. In this event, the Funds may not fully recover its losses or its Stock Connect securities and the process of recovery could also be delayed.

**Operational Risk:** The HKSCC provides clearing, settlement, nominee functions and other related services of the trades executed by Hong Kong market participants. PRC regulations which include certain restrictions on selling and buying will apply to all market participants. In the case of sale, pre-delivery of shares are required to the broker, increasing counterparty risk. Because of such requirements, the Funds may not be able to purchase and/or dispose of holdings of China A-Shares in a timely manner.

**Quota Limitations:** The Stock Connect is subject to quota limitations which may restrict the Funds ability to invest in China A-Shares through the Stock Connect on a timely basis.

**Investor Compensation:** The Funds will not benefit from local investor compensation schemes. Stock Connect will only operate on days when both the PRC and Hong Kong markets are open for trading and when banks in both markets are open on the corresponding settlement days. There may be occasions when it is a normal trading day for the PRC market but the Funds cannot carry out any China A-Shares trading. The Funds may be subject to risks of price fluctuations in China A-Shares during the time when Stock Connect is not trading as a result.

**Investment Risk:** securities traded via Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect may be smaller companies which are subject to Smaller Companies Risk as detailed earlier in this Appendix.

#### **Risks associated with the Science and Technology Innovation Board (STAR Board) and/or ChiNext market**

A Fund may invest in the Science, Technology and Innovation board ("STAR Board") of the Shanghai Stock Exchange ("SSE") and/or the ChiNext market of the SZSE via the Shenzhen Hong Kong Stock Connect. Investments in the STAR Board, and/or ChiNext market may result in significant losses for a Fund and its investors. The following additional risks apply:

- *Higher fluctuation on stock prices*

Listed companies on the STAR Board and/or ChiNext market are usually of emerging nature with smaller operating scale. Hence, they are subject to higher fluctuation in stock prices, may have limited liquidity due to higher entry thresholds for investors, and have higher risks and turnover ratios than companies listed on the main board of the SZSE or SSE as relevant.

- *Over-valuation risk*

Stocks listed on the STAR Board and/or ChiNext market may be overvalued and such exceptionally high valuation may not be sustainable. Stock prices may be more susceptible to manipulation due to fewer circulating shares.

- *Differences in regulations*

The rules and regulations regarding companies listed on ChiNext market and/or the STAR Board market are less stringent in terms of profitability and share capital than those in the main boards.

– *Delisting risk*

It may be more common and faster for companies listed on the STAR Board and/or ChiNext to delist. This may have an adverse impact on a Fund if the companies that it invests in are delisted.

– *Concentration Risk (applicable to STAR Board)*

The STAR Board is a newly established board and may have a limited number of listed companies during the initial stage. Investments by a Fund in the STAR Board may be concentrated in a small number of stocks and subject a Fund to higher concentration risk.

## **56. Taxes associated with investing in mainland China**

### **Income and gains derived from trading China A-Shares**

The Ministry of Finance of the PRC, the State of Administration of Taxation of the PRC and the CSRC jointly issued circulars in relation to the taxation rules on the Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect and the Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect under Circular Caishui 2014 No.81 (“Circular 81”) and Circular Caishui 2016 No. 127 (“Circular 127”) on 14 November 2014 and 1 December 2016 respectively. Under Circular 81 and Circular 127, corporate income tax, individual income tax and business tax will be temporarily exempted on gains derived by overseas investors on the trading of China A-Shares through the Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect and the Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect with effect from 17 November 2014 and 5 December 2016 respectively. However, overseas investors are required to pay withholding income tax (WIT) on dividends and/or bonus shares at the rate of 10% which will be withheld and paid to the relevant in-charge PRC tax authorities by the listed companies. Dividends from China A-Shares are not within the charging scope of Value-Added Tax (VAT).

### **Interest income from bonds / debt securities issued in mainland China**

On 22 November 2018, the Ministry of Finance (“MOF”) and State Taxation Administration (“STA”) of the PRC jointly issued circular Caishui 2018 No. 108 (“Circular 108”) to address the tax issues in relation to bond interest income received by foreign institutional investors from investments in the PRC bond market. Under Circular 108, non-PRC tax residents without a permanent establishment (PE) in the PRC (or having a PE in the PRC but the income so derived in the PRC is not effectively connected with such PE), bond interest income received from 7 November 2018 to 6 November 2021 will be temporarily exempt from WIT and VAT. This is regardless of whether the non-PRC tax residents invest in the PRC bond market through QFI and/or Bond Connect. Circular 108 did not specify the WIT and VAT treatments on income received by non-PRC tax residents from investment in other fixed income securities (such as asset-backed securities, certificates of deposits, etc.).

### **Gains derived from trading bonds / debt securities issued in mainland China**

The PRC tax authorities have verbally indicated, on numerous occasions, that capital gains realised by non-PRC tax residents from the disposal of PRC debt securities are considered non-PRC sourced income and hence not subject to PRC WIT. There is no specific written tax regulation to confirm this but, in practice, the PRC tax authorities have not actively enforced the collection of PRC WIT on gains realised by non-PRC tax residents from the disposal of PRC debt securities.

## **VAT treatment of gains derived from trading securities in China**

Gains realised from the trading of marketable securities in the PRC are generally subject to VAT at 6%; however, various Circulars issued by the authorities provide for exemptions from VAT for non-PRC tax residents investing via QFI, the Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect and the Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect and/or Bond Connect.

## **57. The Benchmark Regulation**

The London Interbank Offered Rate and other indices which are deemed “benchmarks” have been the subject of international and other regulatory guidance as well as proposals for reform. Some of these reforms are already effective while others are still to be implemented. These reforms may cause such benchmarks to perform differently than in the past, or to disappear entirely, or have other consequences which cannot be predicted. Any such consequence could have a material adverse effect on any investments linked to a benchmark.

A key element of the reform of benchmarks within the EU is Regulation (EU) 2016/1011 of the European Parliament and of the Council on indices used as benchmarks in financial instruments and financial contracts or to measure the performance of investment funds (the Benchmark Regulation).

The scope of the Benchmark Regulation is wide and, in addition to so-called “critical benchmark” indices such as the London Interbank Offered Rate, could also potentially apply to many other interest rate indices, as well as other indices (including “proprietary” indices or strategies) which are referenced in financial instruments (including Investments) and/or other financial contracts entered into by the Company, the Management Company or its delegates.

The Benchmark Regulation could have a material impact on any investment linked to a “benchmark” index, including in any of the following circumstances:

- (A) an index which is a “benchmark” could not be used as such if its administrator does not obtain authorisation or is based in a non-EU jurisdiction which (subject to any applicable transitional provisions) does not have equivalent regulation (including potentially due to a ‘no-deal’ exit of the UK from the EU). In such event, depending on the particular “benchmark” and the applicable terms of the investments, the investment could be de-listed, adjusted, redeemed or otherwise impacted; and
- (B) the methodology or other terms of the “benchmark” could be changed in order to comply with the terms of the Benchmark Regulation, and such changes could have the effect of reducing or increasing the rate or level or affecting the volatility of the published rate or level, and could lead to adjustments to the terms of the investments, including calculation agent determination of the rate or level in its discretion.

## **58. IBOR Reform**

The term “IBOR” refers generally to any reference rate or benchmark rate that is an “interbank offered rate” intended to reflect, measure or estimate the average cost to certain banks of borrowing or obtaining unsecured short-term funds in the interbank market in the relevant currency and maturity. IBORs have been used extensively as reference rates across the financial markets for many years. A Fund may invest in securities or derivatives whose value or

payments are derived from an IBOR. Bond Funds and multi-asset Funds that invest in floating rate debt securities, interest rate swaps, total return swaps and other derivatives are most likely to be adversely impacted by IBOR Reform. However, other Funds such as those that invest in contracts for difference or real estate investment trusts may also be adversely impacted.

Pursuant to recommendations of the Financial Stability Board (FSB), financial institutions and other market participants have been working to promote the development of alternative reference rates (ARRs). ARRs are in response to concerns over the reliability and robustness of IBORs. In July 2017, the UK Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) announced that the FCA would no longer use its influence or powers to persuade or compel contributing banks to make IBOR submissions after the end of 2021. Following this statement, other regulators across the globe have made announcements encouraging financial institutions and other market participants to transition from the use of IBORs to the use of new ARRs by the end of 2021. While there is currently no plan to discontinue EURIBOR, Schroders is in the process of assessing the potential alternatives and will notify investors of any decision in that respect in due course.

Regulatory and industry initiatives concerning IBORs may result in changes or modifications affecting investments referencing IBORs, including a need to determine or agree a substitute ARR, and/or a need to determine or agree a spread to be added to or subtracted from, or to make other adjustments to, such ARR to approximate an IBOR equivalent rate (as further described below), not all of which can be foreseen at the time a Fund enters into or acquires an IBOR-referencing investment.

If the composition or characteristics of an ARR differ in any material respect from those of an IBOR it may be necessary to convert the ARR into another IBOR-equivalent ARR before it is considered a suitable substitute for the relevant IBOR. Converting an ARR into one or more IBOR-equivalent rates may be possible by adding, subtracting or otherwise incorporating one or more interest rate or credit spreads, or by making other appropriate adjustments. Whether such adjustments are accurate or appropriate may depend on a variety of factors, including the impact of market conditions, liquidity, transaction volumes, the number and financial condition of contributing or reference banks and other considerations at the time of and leading up to such conversion. Even with spreads or other adjustments, IBOR-equivalent ARRs may be only an approximation of the relevant IBOR and may not result in a rate that is the economic equivalent of the specific IBORs used in a Fund's IBOR-referencing investments. This could have a material adverse effect on a Fund.

The conversion from an IBOR to an ARR may also require the parties to agree that a payment is made from one party to the other to account for the change in the characteristics of the underlying reference rate. This payment may be required to be made by a Fund.

Until the applicable industry working group and/or market participants have agreed a standard methodology for the conversion from an IBOR to an IBOR-equivalent ARR it is difficult to determine whether and how such conversions will be made. For example, conversions and adjustments could be made by developers of ARRs or by compiling bodies, sponsors or administrators of ARRs, or by a method established by them. Conversions may instead be agreed bilaterally between a Fund and its counterparty or by the applicable calculation agent under such investments. This

could lead to different results for similar IBOR-referencing investments which could have a material adverse effect on the performance of a Fund.

## 59. Hedged Share Class Risks

Share Classes, where available, may be offered in various currencies (each a "Reference Currency") at the Directors' discretion. Share Classes may be a currency denominated or currency hedged Share Class and they will be designated as such. Currency hedged Share Classes are offered in a currency other than the Fund Currency, with the exception of the BRL Hedged Share Class which is denominated in the Fund Currency. Due to currency controls in Brazil, the BRL Hedged Share Class uses a different hedging model to the other currency hedged Share Classes. For more information about the BRL Hedged Share Class see further "Currency and Hedging policy" below.

The aim of a hedged Share Class is to provide an Investor with the performance returns of the Fund's investments by reducing the effects of exchange rate fluctuations between the Fund Currency and the Reference Currency. As a result the performance of hedged Share Classes aims to be similar to the performance of equivalent Share Classes in Fund Currency. The hedged Share Class will not remove the interest rate differences between the Fund Currency and Reference Currency as the pricing of the hedging transactions will, at least in part, reflect those interest rate differences. There is no assurance that the hedging strategies employed will be effective in fully eliminating the currency exposure to the Reference Currency thereby delivering performance differentials that are reflective only of interest rate differences adjusted for fees.

It should be noted that, where relevant, these hedging transactions may be entered into whether the Reference Currency is declining or increasing in value relative to the relevant Fund Currency and so, where such hedging is undertaken it may substantially protect Investors in the relevant Share Class against a decrease in the value of the Fund Currency relative to the Reference Currency, but it may also preclude Investors from benefiting from an increase in the value of the Fund Currency.

## 60. Sustainability Risks

The Investment Manager takes sustainability risks into account in the management of each Fund. A sustainability risk is an environmental, social or governance event or condition that, if it occurs, could cause an actual or a potential material negative impact on the value of an investment and the returns of the Fund. An example of an environmental risk is the increased likelihood of flooding due to climate change and the associated rise in sea levels. Flooding could affect a variety of issuers such as real estate companies and insurers, and could negatively impact the value of investments in those companies. An example of a social risk is the occurrence of improper working practices such as child labour. Companies that are found to have engaged in such practices, or that have engaged with suppliers that they know to have done so, may be in breach of applicable laws and/or may be perceived negatively by the market. An example of a governance risk is the need to ensure gender diversity. If a company's reporting shows a lack of diversity, or there is media coverage of discrimination within the business on the grounds of gender, this may negatively affect market sentiment with respect to the company and impact its share price. There is also the risk that new regulations, taxes or industry standards to protect

or encourage sustainable businesses and practices may be introduced – such changes may negatively impact issuers that are poorly placed to adapt to new requirements.

Some Funds have the objective of making sustainable investments and/or have environmental and/or social characteristics, which they achieve by applying sustainability criteria to the selection of investments chosen by the Investment Manager. Such criteria may vary between investment strategies. These Funds may have limited exposure to some companies, industries or sectors as a result and may forego certain investment opportunities, or dispose of certain holdings, that do not align with their sustainability criteria. As Investors may differ in their views of what constitutes sustainable investing, such a Fund may invest in companies that do not reflect the beliefs and values of particular Investors; for example, with a view to engaging with that company to improve certain aspects of its environmental, social or governance practices.

The regulatory framework applying to sustainable products and sustainable investing is rapidly evolving. As such, the sustainable investing characteristics of a particular Fund and how they are described for Investors may be subject to change over time in order to comply with new requirements or applicable regulatory guidance.

## 61. Distressed Securities Risk

Investment in distressed securities (i.e. securities which have a Standard & Poor's notation below CCC long-term rating or equivalent) may cause additional risks for a Fund. Such securities are regarded as predominantly speculative with respect to the issuer's capacity to pay interest and principal or maintain other terms of the offer documents over any long period of time. They are generally unsecured and may be subordinated to other outstanding securities and creditors of the issuer. Whilst such issues are likely to have some quality and protective characteristics, these are outweighed by large uncertainties or major risk exposure to adverse economic conditions. The market prices of such securities are also subject to abrupt and erratic market movements and above-average price volatility, and the spread between the bid and ask prices of such securities may be greater than normally expected. It may take a number of years for the market price of such securities to reflect their intrinsic value. Therefore, a Fund may lose its entire investment, may be required to accept cash or securities with a value less than its original investment and/or may be required to accept payment over an extended period of time. Recovery of interest and principal may involve additional cost for the Fund. Under such circumstances, the returns generated from the Fund's investments may not compensate the shareholders adequately for the risks assumed.

## 62. Risks linked to investment in catastrophe bonds

The Funds could invest in bonds which may lose part or all of their value in case trigger event occurs (i.e. natural disasters or financial or economic failures).

Catastrophes can be caused by various events, including, but not limited to, hurricanes, earthquakes, typhoons, hailstorms, floods, tsunamis, tornados, windstorms, extreme temperatures, aviation accidents, fires, explosions and marine accidents. The incidence and severity of such catastrophes are inherently unpredictable, and the Fund's losses from such catastrophes could be material. Any climatic or other event might result in an increase in the likelihood and/or severity of such events (for example, global warming leading to more frequent and violent hurricanes).

The loss amount is defined in the terms of the bond and may be based on losses to a company or industry, modelled losses to a notional portfolio, industry indices, readings of scientific instruments or certain other parameters associated with a catastrophe rather than actual losses. The modelling used to calculate the probability of a trigger event may not be accurate or may underestimate the likelihood of the trigger event occurring which may increase the risk of loss.

Catastrophe bonds may provide for extensions of maturity which may increase volatility and may be rated by credit ratings agencies on the basis of how likely it is that the trigger event will occur. Catastrophe bonds have typically have a below investment grade credit rating (or considered equivalent if they are unrated).

## 63. Risks linked to Special Purpose Acquisition Vehicles

A Fund may invest up to 5% of its net assets in special purpose acquisition vehicles. A special purpose acquisition vehicle is a publicly traded company that raises investment capital for the purpose of acquiring or merging with an existing company. Typically, the acquisition target is an existing private company that wants to trade publicly, which it accomplishes through an acquisition by, or combination with, a special purpose acquisition vehicle rather than by conducting a traditional initial public offering.

A special purpose acquisition vehicle does not have any operating history or ongoing business other than seeking to acquire an ongoing business. The identity of the acquisition target is typically not known at the time the special purpose acquisition vehicle seeks investors.

A special purpose acquisition vehicle may raise additional funds for a range of purposes, including in order to fund the acquisition, provide post acquisition working capital, redeem the publicly traded shares as requested by its existing shareholders or some combination of these purposes. This additional fundraising may be in the form of a private placement of a class of equity securities or the issuance of debt. Where in the form of equity, the equity securities sold in this kind of fundraising are generally the same class of securities that trade on the exchange on which the shares of the special purpose acquisition vehicle are listed. Where in the form of debt, the debt could be secured by the assets of the special purpose acquisition vehicle, by the operating company existing after the acquisition, or it could be unsecured. The debt may also be investment grade debt or below investment grade debt.

Special purpose acquisitions may include different risks such as dilution, liquidity, conflicts of interests or the uncertainty as to the identification, evaluation and eligibility of the acquisition target.

In addition, an investment in a special purpose acquisition vehicle prior to an acquisition is subject to the risks that the proposed acquisition or merger may not obtain the requisite approval of the special purpose acquisition vehicle shareholders, may require governmental or other approvals that it fails to obtain or that an acquisition or merger, once effected, may prove unsuccessful and lose value. Investments in special purpose acquisition vehicles are also subject to the risks that apply to investing in any initial public offering, including the risks associated with companies that have little operating history as public companies, including unseasoned trading, a limited number of shares available for trading (i.e. "free float") and limitations to the availability of information about the issuer. In addition, like initial public offer issuers, the market for newly-public may be volatile, and share prices



of newly-public companies have historically fluctuated significantly over short periods of time. Any equity investments made in the special purpose acquisition vehicle

in connection with a proposed business combination will be diluted by the acquisition itself and any further fundraising post acquisition by the acquired operating business.



# Appendix III

## Fund Details

The Funds bearing an asterisk (\*) next to their name are not available for subscription at the time of issue of this Prospectus. Such Funds will be launched at the Directors' discretion, at which time this Prospectus will be updated accordingly.

The Company is designed to give Investors the flexibility to choose between investment portfolios with differing investment objectives and levels of risk.

The investment objectives and policies described below are binding on the Investment Manager of each Fund, although there can be no assurance that an investment objective will be met.

- (A) The specific investment objectives and policies of each of the Funds are subject to the following interpretation: each Fund will be actively managed and will invest, in accordance with its name or its investment policy either directly or (if stated) through derivatives in investments corresponding to the applicable currency, security, country, region or industry stated in the investment objective or investment policy.

When a Fund states that it invests at least two-thirds of its assets in a certain way (i) the percentage is indicative only as, for example, the Investment Manager may adjust the Fund's exposure to certain asset classes in response to adverse market and/or economic conditions and/or expected volatility, when in the Investment Manager's view to do so would be in the best interests of the Fund and its shareholders; and (ii) such assets exclude cash or other liquidities which are not used as backup for derivatives unless otherwise stated. When a Fund states that it invests up to a maximum percentage of its assets (e.g. 80%) in a certain way, such assets include cash or other liquidities which are not used as backup for derivatives.

Where a Fund states that it invests at least a specific percentage of its assets (i) in sustainable investments as defined under SFDR; or (ii) to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the Fund, the percentage may be breached on a temporary basis in exceptional circumstances, for example, the Investment Manager may adjust the Fund's exposure in response to adverse market and/or economic conditions and/or expected volatility, when in the Investment Manager's view to do so would be in the best interests of the Fund and its Shareholders.

The remaining one-third of the Fund's assets (excluding liquidities which are not used as backup for derivatives) may be invested in other currencies, securities, countries, regions or industries, either directly or through derivatives or as otherwise stated.

A fund will not hold more than 5% of its assets in each of the following asset classes: distressed securities, asset backed securities / mortgage backed securities, commodities related instruments, catastrophe bonds or special purpose acquisition vehicles unless disclosed in the investment policy.

If a description of a Fund's investment policy is related to investments in corporations of a particular country or region, such reference means (in the absence of any further specification) investments in companies incorporated, headquartered, listed or having their principal business activities in such country or region.

- (B) The Investment Managers may invest directly in Russian securities that are traded on the Moscow Exchange. For details of the risk involved in dealing on these exchanges please refer to Appendix II. Additionally exposure to the Russian market may be achieved through investments in American Depositary Receipts (ADRs) and Global Depositary Receipts (GDRs).
- (C) A Fund will not hold more than 5% of its assets in transferable securities traded on the CIBM (including via Bond Connect) or any other Chinese Regulated Market or in China A-Shares through Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect and Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect and shares listed on the STAR Board and the ChiNext unless disclosed in its "Investment Objective" and "Investment Policy".
- (D) Each Bond Fund (including Mainstream Bond Fund and Specialist Bond Fund) and Multi-Asset Fund, unless otherwise specified in Appendix III, may invest up to 5% in contingent convertible bonds. For full details of the risks applicable to investing in these Funds, please refer to Appendix II, "Risks of Investment".
- (E) Expected level of leverage

Funds quantifying global exposure using a Value-at-Risk (VaR) approach disclose their expected level of leverage.

The expected level of leverage is an indicator and not a regulatory limit. The Fund's levels of leverage may be higher than this expected level as long as the Fund remains in line with its risk profile and complies with its VaR limit.

The annual report will provide the actual level of leverage over the past period and additional explanations on this figure.

The level of leverage is a measure of (i) the derivative usage and (ii) the reinvestment of collateral in relation to efficient portfolio management transactions. It does not take into account other physical assets directly held in the portfolio of the relevant Funds. It also does not represent the level of potential capital losses that a Fund may incur.

The level of leverage is calculated as (i) the sum of notional of all derivatives contracts entered into by the Fund expressed as a percentage of the Fund's Net Asset Value and (ii) any additional leverage generated by the reinvestment of collateral in relation to efficient portfolio management transactions.

This methodology does not:

- make a distinction between derivatives that are used for investment or hedging purposes. As a result strategies that aim to reduce risk will contribute to an increased level of leverage for the Fund.

- allow the netting of derivatives. As a result, derivative roll-overs and strategies relying on a combination of long and short positions may contribute to a large increase in the level of leverage when they do not increase, or only cause a moderate increase in the overall Fund risk.
  - take into account the derivative underlying assets' volatility or make a distinction between short-dated & long-dated assets. As a result, a Fund that exhibits a high level of leverage is not necessarily riskier than a Fund that exhibits a low level of leverage.
- (F) Any exposure to commodities including precious metals for a Fund may indirectly be obtained through related (i) transferable securities, (ii) units of closed-ended investment funds, (iii) financial instruments linked or backed to the performance of this asset class, (iv) UCITS or other UCIs in accordance with the Grand Ducal Regulation of 8 February 2008 and/or (v) Financial Indices compliant with article 9 of the Grand Ducal Regulation of 8 February 2008 and CSSF Circular 14/592 and (vi) derivatives on eligible assets as described under (i) – (v).
- (G) Derivatives should be dealt in on a Regulated Market or OTC.

Transferable securities, Money Market Investments, units of closed-ended investment companies, financial instruments linked or backed to the performance of other assets should be dealt in on a Regulated Market. If not, they will be restricted to 10% of the Net Asset Value of any Fund together with any other investments made in accordance with investment restriction 1. A(7) in Appendix I.

(H) Use of derivatives

The use of derivatives for investment purposes may increase the Share price volatility, which may result in higher losses for the Investor. For full details of the risks applicable to investing in these Funds, please refer to Appendix II, "Risks of Investment".

**Equity Funds (Mainstream Equity Funds, Specialist Equity Funds, Alpha Equity Funds, Quantitative Equity Funds)**

Each Equity Fund may employ derivatives with the aim of achieving investment gains, reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently in accordance with its investment policy and risk profile as disclosed below. Derivatives can be used for instance to create market exposures through equity, currency, volatility or index related derivatives and include over-the-counter and/or exchange traded options, futures, contracts for difference, warrants, swaps, forward contracts and/or a combination of the above.

**Asset Allocation Funds**

Each Asset Allocation Fund may employ derivatives for hedging and investment purposes in accordance with its risk profile as disclosed below. Derivatives may be employed for instance to generate additional exposure through long or covered short positions to asset classes such as, but not limited to, equity, fixed income, credit, currencies as well as property and commodity indices. They can be used to generate additional income through inflation or volatility linked derivatives.

Derivatives could also be employed to create synthetic instruments. Such derivatives include over-the-counter and/or exchange traded options, futures, warrants, swaps, forward contracts and/or a combination of the above.

**Multi-Asset Funds**

Each Multi-Asset Fund may employ derivatives for hedging and investment purposes. These derivatives may be used to gain exposure to a wide range of asset classes including, but not limited to, currencies, real estate, infrastructure and commodities. Such derivatives include, but are not limited to, over-the-counter and/or exchange traded options, futures, warrants, swaps, forward contracts and/or a combination of the above.

**Multi-Manager Funds**

Each Multi-Manager Fund may employ derivatives to gain exposure to a wide range of asset classes including Alternative Asset Classes.

**Absolute Return Funds and Bond Funds (Mainstream Bond Funds and Specialist Bond Funds)**

Each Absolute Return Fund and Bond Fund may employ derivatives for hedging and investment purposes in accordance with its risk profile as disclosed below. Derivatives may be employed for instance to generate additional income from exposure to credit risk in purchasing or selling protection through credit default swaps, adjusting the Fund's duration through the tactical use of interest related derivatives, generating additional income through inflation or volatility linked derivatives or increasing its currency exposure through the use of currency related derivatives. Derivatives could also be employed to create synthetic instruments. Such derivatives include over-the-counter and/or exchange traded options, futures, warrants, swaps, forward contracts and/or a combination of the above.

**Money Market Funds**

Money Market Funds may use derivatives for hedging currency and interest rate risk only.

- (I) When the investment policy of a Fund refers to "Alternative Asset Classes", it may include the following: real estate, infrastructure, private equity, commodities, precious metals and Alternative Investment Funds.

**Real estate, infrastructure, private equity**

The investment in such asset classes will mainly be obtained indirectly through related (i) transferable securities and Money Market Investments, (ii) units of closed-ended investment funds and (iii) UCITS or other UCIs in accordance with the Grand Ducal Regulation of 8 February 2008. The investment in real estate may be obtained through REITs.

**Commodities including precious metals**

The investment in such asset classes will mainly be obtained indirectly through related (i) transferable securities and Money Market Investments, (ii) units of closed-ended investment funds, (iii) financial instruments linked or backed to the performance of this asset class, (iv) UCITS or other UCIs in accordance with the Grand Ducal Regulation of 8 February 2008 and (v) Financial Indices compliant with article 9 of the Grand

Ducal Regulation of 8 February 2008 and CSSF Circular 14/592 and (vi) derivatives on eligible assets as described under (i) – (v).

### Alternative Investment Funds

Alternative Investment Funds refer to the "hedge funds" strategies such as long/short, event driven, tactical trading and relative value strategies. The exposure will mainly be obtained indirectly through related (i) units of closed-ended investment funds, (ii) financial instruments linked or backed to the performance of these strategies, (iii) UCITS or other UCIs in accordance with the Grand Ducal Regulation of 8 February 2008 and (iv) Financial Indices compliant with article 9 of the Grand Ducal Regulation of 8 February 2008 and CSSF Circular 14/592.

Transferable securities (including units of closed-ended investment funds, financial instruments linked or backed to the performance of other assets) and, Money Market Investments should be dealt on a Regulated Market. If not, they will be restricted to 10% of the Net Asset Value of any Fund together with any other investments made in accordance with investment restriction 1. A(9) in Appendix I.

Where a transferable security embeds a derivative, the rules detailed in section "3. Derivatives" of Appendix I, apply.

### Benchmarks of the Funds

Where a Fund's details include a benchmark, this has been chosen for the following reasons:

- for a comparator benchmark, the benchmark has been selected because it is suitable comparison for performance purposes;
- for a target benchmark that is a financial index, the benchmark has been selected because it is representative of the types of investments in which the Fund is likely to invest, and it is, therefore, an appropriate target in relation to the return that the Fund aims to provide;
- for a target benchmark that is not a financial index, the benchmark has been selected because the target return of the Fund is to deliver or exceed the return of that benchmark as stated in the investment objective. The Fund may also show a comparator benchmark where the Investment Manager believes that this is a suitable comparison for performance purposes;
- for a constraining benchmark, the benchmark has been selected because the Investment Manager is constrained by reference to the value, price or components of that benchmark as stated in the investment objective and policy.

Where a Fund's investment objective refers to meeting or exceeding a target benchmark before or after fees have been deducted over a stated period, this is the period over which an investor should assess a Fund's performance. A Fund may not only be suitable for investors whose investment horizons are the same as the stated period.

In relation to currency hedged Share Classes, currency hedged versions of the benchmarks (including currency equivalent cash benchmarks) may be used.

### Sustainability scores

Where a Fund's investment policy states that the Fund will achieve a certain sustainability score (whether overall, or in relation to a particular measure such as carbon intensity) compared to a named benchmark, this does not mean that the Fund is constrained by, or seeks to achieve a financial return relative to that benchmark unless otherwise stated. For any Fund that has the objective of sustainable investment or has environmental or social characteristics, details of how the Fund attains that objective or those characteristics are disclosed in the Fund's investment policy and under "Sustainability Criteria" in the relevant Fund Characteristics section.

Any sustainability score, or other threshold specified within a Fund's Sustainability Criteria, will be measured over a period that the Investment Manager deems appropriate to that measure. For example, where a Fund's investment policy states that the Fund will maintain a higher overall sustainability score than a named benchmark, this means that the Fund's weighted average score using one of the Investment Manager's proprietary sustainability tools over the previous six month period will be higher than the benchmark's score over the same period, based on month-end data. Where a Fund's investment policy states that the Fund will maintain a positive absolute sustainability score, this means that the Fund's weighted average score using one of the Investment Manager's proprietary sustainability tools over the previous six month period will be higher than zero over the same period, based on month-end data.

Schroders' proprietary sustainability tools generate scores by using certain metrics and how scores are generated may change over time. Schroders' proprietary sustainability tools may utilise and be reliant on third party data (including third party estimates) as well as our own modelling assumptions, and the outcome may differ from other sustainability tools and measures. Schroders seeks to ensure that such third party data and estimates are accurate, but Schroders cannot confirm the accuracy, completeness and adequacy of such third party data and estimates. Generating scores involves an element of judgment and subjectivity across the different metrics chosen by Schroders, and, as Schroders' proprietary sustainability tools evolve, changes made to how metrics are applied may result in changes to the score of any issuer and ultimately the overall fund/portfolio score. At the same time, of course, the issuer's performance might improve or deteriorate. An issuer will be scored across applicable metrics and may score higher or lower on some metrics than on others. The scores are combined to provide an overall net score for the issuer.

Schroders' proprietary sustainability tools may not cover all of the Fund's holdings from time to time, in which case Schroders may use a range of alternative methods to assess the relevant holding. In addition, certain types of assets (such as cash) are treated as neutral and are therefore not considered by our proprietary tools. Other types of assets such as equity indices and index derivatives may not be considered by our proprietary tools and if so would be excluded from the Fund's sustainability score. This would mean that the environmental and/or social characteristics or sustainable investment objective of the Fund (as applicable) would not apply to positions held by the Fund in such assets.

# Share Classes

Each Fund may contain A, AX, A1, B, C, CB, CI, CN, CX, D, E, F, I, IZ, IA, IB, IC, ID, IE, IS, J, K1, K2, P, PI, R, S, U, X, X1, X2, X3, X4, X5, X6, X7, X8, X9, Y, Y1, Y2, Y3, Y4, Y5, Y6, Y7, Y8, Y9 and Z Share Classes. Certain Share Classes may charge a performance fee as indicated in each Fund's details section.

The Directors may decide to create within each Fund different Share Classes whose assets will be commonly invested pursuant to the specific investment policy of the relevant Fund, but where a specific fee structure, currency of denomination or other specific feature may apply to each Share Class. A separate Net Asset Value per Share, which may differ as a consequence of these variable factors, will be calculated for each Share Class.

Please note that not all Distributors offer all Share Classes.

Shares are generally issued as Accumulation Shares. Distribution Shares will only be issued within any Fund at the Directors' discretion. Investors may enquire at the Management Company or their Distributor whether any Distribution Shares are available within each Share Class and Fund. Distribution Share classes may be issued with different distribution frequencies or attributes within the same fund, designated as follows:

Distribution frequency: **M** = monthly, **Q** = quarterly, **S** = semi-annual, **A** = annual

Distribution type: **F** = fixed or **V** = variable

Currency carry <sup>1</sup>: **C**

Fixed Distribution Rates: A numerical suffix will differentiate fixed distribution rates (e.g. 2, 3). The actual fixed percentage or amount will not be displayed in the Share Class name.

Subject to the Management Company's discretion, the particular features of each Share Class are as follows:

## 1. General Share Classes

### A and B Shares

A and B Shares will be available to all Investors. A and B Shares fees for each Fund are separately disclosed in the Fund details.

### AX and A1 Shares

AX and A1 Shares will only be available to Investors who at the time the relevant subscription order is received are customers of certain Distributors appointed specifically for the purpose of distributing the AX and A1 Shares and only in respect of those Funds for which distribution arrangements have been made with such Distributors. AX and A1 Shares fees for each Fund are separately disclosed in the Fund details.

### C, CB, CN and CX Shares

C, CB, CN and CX Shares are available to Institutional Investors. C, CB, CN and CX Shares are also available to mutual funds and such distributors which according to regulatory requirements, or based on individual fee arrangements with their clients, are not allowed to accept and keep trail commissions.

CX Shares will have different characteristics from C Shares such as different distribution policy.

C, CN and CX Shares fees for each Fund are separately disclosed in the Fund details. CB Shares will have the same Annual Distribution Charge, initial charge and Annual Management Charge as C Shares.

### CI Shares

CI Shares are available to Institutional Investors.

The Company will not issue, or effect any switching of CI Shares to any Investor who may not be considered an Institutional Investor. The Directors may, at their discretion, delay the acceptance of any subscription for CI Shares restricted to Institutional Investors until such date as the Transfer Agent has received sufficient evidence on the qualification of the relevant Investor as an Institutional Investor. If it appears at any time that a holder of CI Shares is not an Institutional Investor, the Directors will, at their discretion, convert their Shares into a Share Class within the relevant Fund which is not restricted to Institutional Investors (provided that there exists such a Share Class with similar characteristics in terms of underlying investment, but not necessarily in terms of the fees and expenses payable by such Share Class) or redeem the relevant Shares in accordance with the provisions under "Redemption and Switching of Shares".

CI Shares fees for each Fund are separately disclosed in the Fund details.

### D Shares

D Shares will only be available to Investors who at the time the relevant subscription order is received are customers of certain Distributors appointed specifically for the purpose of distributing the D Shares and only in respect of those Funds for which distribution arrangements have been made with such Distributors.

No initial charge will be payable by an Investor on the acquisition of D Shares of any Fund. However some charges, for example redemption or administration charges may be deducted by the Distributor from the redemption proceeds as agreed separately between the Shareholders and the Distributor. Shareholders should check with the respective Distributors for details of the arrangement.

Investors in D Shares will not be permitted to switch the holding of such Shares into other Share Classes, nor will they be permitted to transfer such Shares from one Distributor to another.

D Shares fees for each Fund are separately disclosed in the Fund details.

### E Shares

E Shares will only be available, to Institutional Investors. E shares may also be available to mutual funds and such distributors which according to regulatory requirements, or based on individual fee arrangements with their clients, are not allowed to accept and keep trail commissions.

The E Shares will only be available until the total Net Asset Value of all available Share Classes within a Fund reaches or is greater than EUR 100,000,000 or USD 100,000,000 or an

<sup>1</sup> This refers to the premium or discount that may apply to the distribution. Distributions may include a premium when the interest rate of a currency hedged share class is higher than the fund's base currency interest rate. Consequently when the interest rate of a currency hedged share class is lower than the fund's base currency interest rate, the dividend may be discounted. The level of premium or discount is determined by differences in interest rates and is not part of the fund's investment objective or investment policy.



equivalent amount in another currency, or any other amount as specifically determined by the Management Company.

Once the total Net Asset Value of the Share Classes available in a Fund, ordinarily, reaches or is greater than EUR 100,000,000 or USD 100,000,000 or an equivalent amount in another currency or any other amount as specifically determined by the Management Company, the E Share Classes in that Fund will be closed to Investors for subscriptions. The Management Company may re-open the E Share Classes at its discretion without notice to Shareholders.

E Shares fees for each Fund are separately disclosed in the Fund details.

### **IZ, IA, IB, IC, ID Shares**

IZ, IA, IB, IC, ID Shares will only be available in certain limited circumstances to certain investors who:

- (A) have the agreement of the Management Company;
- (B) have a significant investment in the relevant Fund as determined by the Management Company, and
- (C) are Institutional Investors.

When an Investors' assets in IZ, IA, IB, IC, ID Shares fall significantly the Management Company may then reject additional subscriptions into the relevant Share Class. The level of significance will be determined by the Management Company.

No Annual Distribution Charge will be payable by an Investor on the acquisition of IZ, IA, IB, IC, ID Shares of any Fund.

The Company will not issue, or effect any switching of, IZ, IA, IB, IC, ID Shares to any Investor who may not be considered an Institutional Investor. The Directors may, at their discretion, delay the acceptance of any subscription for IZ, IA, IB, IC, ID Shares restricted to Institutional Investors until such date as the Transfer Agent has received sufficient evidence on the qualification of the relevant Investor as an Institutional Investor. If it appears at any time that a holder of IZ, IA, IB, IC, ID Shares is not an Institutional Investor, the Directors will, at their discretion, convert their Shares into a Share Class within the relevant Fund which is not restricted to Institutional Investors (provided that there exists such a Share Class with similar characteristics in terms of underlying investment, but not necessarily in terms of the fees and expenses payable by such Share Class) or redeem the relevant Shares in accordance with the provisions under "Redemption and Switching of Shares".

IZ, IA, IB, IC, ID Shares fees for each Fund are separately disclosed in the Fund details.

### **IE Shares**

IE Shares will only be offered to Investors who are Institutional Investors.

The Company will not issue, or effect any switching of, IE Shares to any Investor who may not be considered an Institutional Investor. The Directors may, at their discretion, delay the acceptance of any subscription for IE Shares restricted to Institutional Investors until such date as the Transfer Agent has received sufficient evidence on the qualification of the relevant Investor as an Institutional Investor. If it appears at any time that a holder of IE Shares is not an Institutional Investor, the Directors will, at their

discretion, convert their Shares into a Share Class within the relevant Fund which is not restricted to Institutional Investors (provided that there exists such a Share Class with similar characteristics in terms of underlying investment, but not necessarily in terms of the fees and expenses payable by such Share Class) or redeem the relevant Shares in accordance with the provisions under "Redemption and Switching of Shares".

No initial charge or Annual Distribution Charge will be payable by an Investor on the acquisition of IE Shares of any Fund.

IE Shares will only be available until the total Net Asset Value of all available Share Classes within a Fund reaches or is greater than EUR 100,000,000 or USD 100,000,000 or an equivalent amount in another currency, or any other amount as specifically determined by the Management Company.

Once the total Net Asset Value of the Share Classes available in a Fund, ordinarily, reaches or is greater than EUR 100,000,000 or USD 100,000,000 or an equivalent amount in another currency or any other amount as specifically determined by the Management Company, the IE Share Classes in that Fund will be closed to Investors for subscriptions. The Management Company may re-open the IE Share Classes at its discretion without notice to Shareholders.

### **P and PI Shares**

P Shares will charge performance fees and will be available to all Investors.

PI Shares will charge performance fees and will only be available, with prior agreement of the Management Company, to Institutional Investors.

The Company will not issue, or effect any switching of, PI Shares to any Investor who may not be considered an Institutional Investor. The Directors may, at their discretion, delay the acceptance of any subscription for PI Shares restricted to Institutional Investors until such date as the Transfer Agent has received sufficient evidence on the qualification of the relevant Investor as an Institutional Investor. If it appears at any time that a holder of PI Shares is not an Institutional Investor, the Directors will, at their discretion, convert their Shares into a Share Class within the relevant Fund which is not restricted to Institutional Investors (provided that there exists such a Share Class with similar characteristics in terms of underlying investment, but not necessarily in terms of the fees and expenses payable by such Share Class) or redeem the relevant Shares in accordance with the provisions under "Redemption and Switching of Shares".

P and PI Shares fees for each Fund are separately disclosed in the Fund details.

### **Z Shares**

With the prior agreement of the Management Company Z shares may be offered in certain limited circumstances (i) for distribution in certain countries and through certain Distributors who have separate fee arrangements with their clients and/or (ii) to professional investors.

Z Shares fees for each Fund are separately disclosed in the Fund details.



## 2. Bespoke Share Classes

### F Shares

F Shares will only be available to Investors who at the time the relevant subscription order is received are Singapore Investors utilizing the Central Provident Fund ("CPF") to subscribe into the Company. This Share Class may also be available to Singaporean funds of funds and investment-linked insurance product sub-funds which are included under Singapore's CPF investment scheme.

Administrative charges may be deducted by the relevant CPF administrators. Shareholders should check with their CPF administrators for details of the arrangement.

Investors in F Shares will not be permitted to switch the holding of such Shares into other Share Classes, nor will they be permitted to switch into Shares of other Funds.

No Annual Distribution Charge will be payable by an Investor on the acquisition of F Shares of any Fund. **Initial charge for F Shares will be up to 1.5% of the total subscription price (equivalent to 1.52284% of the Net Asset Value per Share). No initial fee will be payable from 1 October 2020.**

The Annual Management Charge for F Shares will be up to 1.5% per annum.

### I Shares

I Shares will only be offered to Investors:

- (A) who, at the time the relevant subscription order is received, are clients of Schroders with an agreement covering the charging structure relevant to the clients' investments in such Shares, and
- (B) who are Institutional Investors.

The Company will not issue, or effect any switching of, I Shares to any Investor who may not be considered an Institutional Investor. The Directors may, at their discretion, delay the acceptance of any subscription for I Shares restricted to Institutional Investors until such date as the Transfer Agent has received sufficient evidence on the qualification of the relevant Investor as an Institutional Investor. If it appears at any time that a holder of I Shares is not an Institutional Investor, the Directors will, at their discretion, convert their Shares into a Share Class within the relevant Fund which is not restricted to Institutional Investors (provided that there exists such a Share Class with similar characteristics in terms of underlying investment, but not necessarily in terms of the fees and expenses payable by such Share Class) or redeem the relevant Shares in accordance with the provisions under "Redemption and Switching of Shares".

As I Shares are, inter alia, designed to accommodate an alternative charging structure whereby the Investor is a client of Schroders and is charged Annual Management Charges directly by Schroders, no Annual Management Charges will be payable in respect of I Shares out of the net assets of the relevant Fund. I Shares will bear their pro-rata share of the fees payable to the Depositary and the Management Company, as well as of other charges and expenses.

No initial charge or Annual Distribution Charge will be payable by an Investor on the acquisition of I Shares of any Fund.

### J Shares

J Shares will only be offered to, and can only be acquired by Japanese Fund of Funds, which are Institutional Investors. "Japanese Fund of Funds" means an investment trust or investment corporation that is established under the Law Concerning Investment Trusts and Investment Corporations (Law No. 198 of 1951, as amended) of Japan (an "investment trust") the purpose of which is to invest its assets only in beneficial interests in other investment trusts or shares of investment corporations or collective investment schemes similar thereto established under the laws of any country other than Japan.

The Company will not issue any J Shares to any Investor who is not a Japanese Fund of Funds or permit any J Share to be switched to share(s) of any other Share Class of the Company. The Directors may, at their discretion, refuse to accept any application for subscription for J Shares until and unless the Transfer Agent notifies the Directors that it is satisfied that the applicant for subscription is a Japanese Fund of Funds.

As J Shares are, inter alia, designed to accommodate an alternative charging structure whereby the Investor is a client of Schroders and is charged Annual Management Charges directly by Schroders, no Annual Management Charges will be payable in respect of J Shares out of the net assets of the relevant Fund. J Shares will bear their pro-rata share of the fees payable to the Depositary and the Management Company, as well as of other charges and expenses.

No initial charge or Annual Distribution Charge will be payable by an Investor on the acquisition of J Shares of any Fund.

### K1 Shares

Will only be available in certain limited circumstances to certain distributors who:

- (A) have entered into an agreement with the Management Company relevant to such Shares;
- (B) have a significant investment in the relevant Fund as determined by the Management Company; and
- (C) who according to regulatory requirements, or based on individual fee arrangements with their clients, are not allowed to accept and keep trail commissions.

When an Investor's assets in K1 Shares fall significantly the Management Company may then reject additional subscriptions into the relevant Share Class. The level of significance will be determined by the Management Company. No Annual Distribution Charge will be payable by an investor on the acquisition of K1 Shares of any Fund. K1 Shares may charge an Annual Management Charge up to 1.5% per annum and an initial charge up to 1%.

### K2 Shares

Will only be available in certain limited circumstances to certain investors and distributors who

- (A) have the agreement of the Management Company;
- (B) have a significant investment in the relevant fund as determined by the Management Company; and
- (C) who are Institutional Investors.

When an Investor's assets in K2 Shares fall significantly the Management Company may then reject additional subscriptions into the relevant Share Class. The level of significance will be determined by the Management Company. No Annual Distribution Charge will be payable by an investor on the acquisition of K2 Shares of any Fund. K2 Shares may charge an Annual Management Charge up to 1.5% per annum and an initial charge up to 1%.

## R Shares

R Shares do not qualify as Reporting Funds for taxation purposes under the UK offshore fund rules (see Section 3.4). R Shares are only available at the Management Company's discretion to Investors who have been issued Shares pursuant to a merger or similar activity with another fund whereby the Investor's holding in such fund did not qualify as a Reporting Fund for the purposes of the UK offshore fund rules. R Shares may only be issued by the Management Company in these circumstances as part of the merger or similar activity. Holders of R Shares are not permitted to top up their investment in R Shares and are not permitted to switch their R Shares into other Share Classes. R Shares are not available to Investors (new and existing) in any other circumstance than those described above.

No initial charge or Annual Distribution Charge will be payable by an Investor on the acquisition of R Shares of any Fund. The Annual Management Charge for R Shares will be up to 1.5% per annum.

## S Shares

S Shares are only available at the Management Company's discretion to certain clients of the Schroder Group's wealth management business, to staff and other connected parties of the Investment Manager, and staff of the Management Company and its affiliates. Before the Management Company can accept a subscription into S Shares by a client of the Schroder Group's wealth management business, a legal agreement must be in place between that client and the Schroder Group's wealth management business containing terms specific to investment in S Shares.

In the event that a Shareholder of Class S Shares that is a client of the Schroder Group's wealth management business ceases to be a client of the Schroder Group's wealth management business, the Shareholder will cease to be eligible to hold Class S Shares and the Management Company will compulsorily switch the Shareholder into the most appropriate Share Class of the same Fund. This means that the switch of Class S Shares will be automatic without the need for Shareholders to submit a switching request to the Transfer Agent. Therefore, by subscribing for Class S Shares, Shareholders irrevocably permit the Management Company to switch Class S Shares on their behalf should they cease to be a client of the Schroder Group's wealth management business.

There is no minimum initial subscription, additional subscription or holding amount. No initial charge or Annual Distribution Charge will be payable by an Investor on the acquisition of S Shares of any Fund. The Annual Management Charge for S Shares will be up to 1.5% per annum.

Applications for subscriptions into Class S Shares will be accepted at the Management Company's discretion.

## IS Shares

IS Shares will only be offered to Investors who are Institutional Investors.

IS Shares are only available at the Management Company's discretion to certain institutional clients of the Schroder Group's wealth management business and other connected parties of the Investment Manager and its affiliates. Before the Management Company can accept a subscription into IS Shares by a client of the Schroder Group's wealth management business, a legal agreement must be in place between that client and the Schroder Group's wealth management business containing terms specific to investment in IS Shares.

In the event that a Shareholder of Class IS Shares that is a client of the Schroder Group's wealth management business ceases to be a client of the Schroder Group's wealth management business, the Shareholder will cease to be eligible to hold Class IS Shares and the Management Company will compulsorily switch the Shareholder into the most appropriate Share Class of the same Fund. This means that the switch of Class IS Shares will be automatic without the need for Shareholders to submit a switching request to the Transfer.

The Company will not issue, or effect any switching of, IS Shares to any Investor who may not be considered an Institutional Investor. The Directors may, at their discretion, delay the acceptance of any subscription for IS Shares restricted to Institutional Investors until such date as the Transfer Agent has received sufficient evidence on the qualification of the relevant Investor as an Institutional Investor. If it appears at any time that a holder of IS Shares is not an Institutional Investor, the Directors will, at their discretion, convert their Shares into a Share Class within the relevant Fund which is not restricted to Institutional Investors (provided that there exists such a Share Class with similar characteristics in terms of underlying investment, but not necessarily in terms of the fees and expenses payable by such Share Class) or redeem the relevant Shares in accordance with the provisions under "Redemption and Switching of Shares".

No initial charge or Annual Distribution Charge will be payable by an Investor on the acquisition of IS Shares of any Fund.

Applications for subscriptions into Class IS Shares will be accepted at the Management Company's discretion.

## U Shares

U Shares will only be available, with the prior agreement of the Management Company, through certain Distributors. U Shares will only be available for distribution in non-EEA countries.

No initial charge will be payable by an Investor on the acquisition of U Shares of any Fund. Instead a contingent deferred sales charge ("CDSC") may be payable to the Management Company or such other party as the Management Company may from time to time appoint. Where U Shares are redeemed within 3 years of the date of their issue, the redemption proceeds will be subject to a CDSC at the rates set out in the table below:

Redemption during years since issue	Applicable Rate of CDSC
1 <sup>st</sup> Year	3%
2 <sup>nd</sup> Year	2%
3 <sup>rd</sup> Year	1%

The applicable rate of CDSC is determined by reference to the total length of time during which the Shares being redeemed (including the U Shares from which they were derived (if any) as a result of a switch from another Fund) were in issue. In case a Shareholder holds U shares which have been subscribed and issued at different periods of time, the applicable rate of CDSC will depend on which shares are to be redeemed according to the Shareholder's instructions. Dividends paid on U distribution Share Classes cannot be automatically reinvested and will be paid in cash.

The amount of CDSC is calculated by multiplying the relevant percentage rate as determined above by the lower of a) the Net Asset Value per Share of the Shares being redeemed on the relevant Dealing Day or b) the cost paid for the original issue of Shares being redeemed or for the U Shares of another Fund from which those Shares were switched, in either case calculated in the relevant dealing currency of the Shares being redeemed.

Investors in U Shares will not be permitted to switch the holding of such Shares into other Share Classes, nor will they be permitted to transfer such Shares from one Distributor to another. However, holdings in U Shares will be converted automatically into A Shares or AX Shares (as appropriate) of the same Fund free of charge on the scheduled conversion date (to be fixed by the Management Company) of each month in which the third anniversary of issue of such Shares occurs on the basis of the respective Net Asset Value per Share of the relevant U Shares and A Shares or AX Shares (as applicable). This conversion may give rise to a tax liability for Investors in certain jurisdictions. Investors should consult their tax adviser about their own position. Investors in other Share Classes will not be permitted to switch the holding of such Shares into U Shares.

In all instances of switching that involve U Shares into another U Share Class, the age of the old U Shares will carry over and continue in the new U Shares. No CDSC or switching charge is payable at the time of a switch of U Shares to U Shares in another Fund.

All Fund charges will be the same as those of the A Share, with the exception that the U Shares will not be subject to an initial charge, but will be subject to the CDSC (if applicable) and an Annual Distribution Charge of 1%, calculated and accrued daily by reference to the Net Asset Value per Share of such Shares and paid monthly to the Management Company or such other party as the Management Company may appoint from time to time.

#### **X, X1, X2, X3, X4, X5, X6, X7, X8, X9 Shares**

X, X1, X2, X3, X4, X5, X6, X7, X8, X9 Shares will only be available, with prior agreement of the Management Company, to Institutional Investors.

The Company will not issue, or effect any switching of, X, X1, X2, X3, X4, X5, X6, X7, X8, X9 Shares to any Investor who may not be considered an Institutional Investor. The Directors of the Company may, at their discretion, delay the acceptance of any subscription for X, X1, X2, X3, X4, X5, X6, X7, X8, X9 Shares restricted to Institutional Investors until such date as the Transfer Agent has received sufficient evidence on the qualification of the relevant Investor as an Institutional Investor. If it appears at any time that a holder of X, X1, X2, X3, X4, X5, X6, X7, X8, X9 Shares is not an Institutional Investor, the Directors will, at their discretion, convert their Shares into a Share Class within the relevant Fund which is not restricted to Institutional Investors (provided that there exists such a Share Class with similar characteristics in terms

of underlying investment, but not necessarily in terms of the fees and expenses payable by such Share Class) or redeem the relevant Shares in accordance with the provisions under "Redemption and Switching of Shares".

No initial charge or Annual Distribution Charge will be payable by an Investor on the acquisition of X, X1, X2, X3, X4, X5, X6, X7, X8, X9 Shares of any Fund. The Annual Management Charge for X, X1, X2 Shares will be up to 1%, up to 1.3% and up to 1.4%, respectively, per annum. The Annual Management Charge for X3, X4, X5, X6, X7, X8, X9 shares will be up to 1.5% per annum.

#### **Y, Y1, Y2, Y3, Y4, Y5, Y6, Y7, Y8, Y9 Shares**

Y, Y1, Y2, Y3, Y4, Y5, Y6, Y7, Y8, Y9 Shares are only available at the Management Company's discretion to certain clients of Schroders. Before the Management Company can accept a subscription into Y Shares, a legal agreement must be in place between the Investor and Schroders containing terms specific to investment in Y, Y1, Y2, Y3, Y4, Y5, Y6, Y7, Y8, Y9 Shares.

No initial charge or Annual Distribution Charge will be payable by an Investor on the acquisition of Y, Y1, Y2, Y3, Y4, Y5, Y6, Y7, Y8, Y9 Shares of any Fund. The Annual Management Charge for Y, Y1, Y2, Y3, Y4, Y5, Y6, Y7, Y8, Y9 Shares will be up to the equivalent A share Annual Management Charge of the relevant fund.

Applications for subscriptions into Y Shares will be accepted at the Management Company's discretion.

#### **Carbon Offset Share Classes**

Certain Share Classes, as defined under the section "Share Classes", where available, may be offered as Carbon Offset Share Classes at the Directors' discretion. Such Share Classes may be currency denominated or currency hedged and, if so, they will be designated as such.

The aim of a Carbon Offset Share Class is to provide an Investor in that share class with an opportunity to reduce the carbon exposure of their investment, by assigning carbon offsets to that share class based on the carbon emissions generated by companies in the portfolio. A carbon offset is a reduction or removal of greenhouse gas emissions in order to compensate for emissions that have occurred elsewhere. Greenhouse gases are comprised primarily of carbon dioxide plus certain other gases and as such carbon offsets are measured in tonnes of carbon dioxide-equivalent ("CO2e").

A Carbon Offset Share Class aims to offset the CO2e emissions (referred to herein as 'carbon exposure') of the Fund linked to the assets underlying the portfolio of the Fund pro rata to the Net Asset Value of the Carbon Offset Share Class alone.

#### **Offset Fee**

Further to the usual fees payable on a Share Class (including the relevant Annual Management Charge), the fees for a Carbon Offset Share Class will comprise an additional amount (the "Offset Fee") which will go towards the purchase or allocation of carbon offsets. An Investor in a Carbon Offset Share Class will pay an Offset Fee proportionate to their share of the Fund's carbon exposure.

The carbon exposure of a Fund will fluctuate daily depending on the assets held in the Fund and the carbon exposure attributable to such assets. Therefore, the process for determining the Offset Fee for a Carbon Offset Share Class of a Fund will be as follows:

- on a quarterly basis, or, where there is a material movement in the price required to offset the carbon, on a monthly basis, Schroder Investment Management Limited will calculate the carbon exposure of the Fund and the carbon exposure attributable to the Carbon Offset Share Class (as described below);
- Schroder Investment Management Limited will assess the purchase or allocation price of the carbon offsets to determine the amount required to offset the carbon exposure of the Carbon Offset Share Class; and
- This price will be the Offset Fee applicable on the relevant Carbon Offset Share Class until the next calculation.

The Offset Fee will therefore be reviewed at a minimum every quarter (but no more frequently than monthly) with the aim of tracking, on a best efforts basis, the fluctuating carbon exposure of the Fund and the amount required to offset the carbon exposure, but Investors should note that a perfect match is unlikely and cannot be guaranteed. The Offset Fee for each Carbon Offset Share Class will be disclosed on the webpage at <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

The Offset Fees will be accrued on each Dealing Day based on the Net Asset Value of the relevant Carbon Offset Share Class. This seeks to ensure that the accrued amount of the Offset Fee is automatically adjusted to reflect the performance of the Fund and subscriptions, switches or redemptions made by Investors. The amount accrued will be transferred to the Management Company on a monthly basis which will in turn transfer such amount to Schroder Investment Management Limited to effect the carbon offsets (as described below).

The amount accrued to offset the carbon exposure of the Carbon Offset Share Class will be used solely for the allocation or purchase of carbon offsets. The Management Company will not charge a fee in addition to the Offset Fee for the provision of this service. In the event the amount of Offset Fee accrued is greater than the amount required to offset the Carbon Offset Share Class's actual carbon exposure, additional carbon offsets will be allocated or purchased.

### Calculation of the carbon exposure of a Fund

Schroder Investment Management Limited will calculate the carbon exposure of a Fund by dividing the market value of the Fund's holding in each company by the total enterprise value of that company, representing the proportion of the company held by the Fund. That proportion will be multiplied by the company's total scope 1 and 2 emissions, to estimate the share of emissions attributable to the Fund. Scope 1 emissions occur from fuel combustion from companies' operations and scope 2 emissions stem from the electricity, steam, heat or cooling companies purchase.

Scope 3 emissions concern indirect emissions that occur in a company's value chain, such as those emitted due to the use of a company's products sold. Currently the available data related to scope 3 emissions is incomplete meaning such emissions are difficult to assess. Furthermore, incorporating scope 3 emissions introduces the likelihood that emissions will be overstated; one company's scope 3 emissions are often another's scope 1 or 2 emissions. **Scope 3 emissions are therefore not taken into account in the calculation of the carbon exposure of a Fund.**

The carbon exposure calculation follows a recognised methodology for calculating financed emissions. The financed emissions metric measures the absolute greenhouse gas emissions (CO<sub>2</sub>e number) attributable to a Fund's portfolio.

Scope 1 and scope 2 emissions data will be sourced from a recognised data provider which will provide estimates in some cases. Emissions data will be sourced from robust and widely accepted sources (such as MSCI).

If data for a company is not available, Schroder Investment Management Limited will use the average of the Fund's emissions for that issuer, i.e. the average emissions of the investments for which data is available. Holdings in cash or non-corporate securities (including but not limited to securities issued by governments, government agencies and supra-nationals) will be excluded from the calculation and treated as having no attributable emissions.

The combined attributable emissions for all companies in the portfolio of a Fund will constitute the total emissions for the Fund. This total will represent the Fund's emissions per million USD invested. That number is then multiplied by the Net Asset Value of the Carbon Offset Share Class (if not dominated in USD then converted to USD) to calculate the total emissions (in tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub>e) attributable to the Carbon Offset Share Class that will be offset.

Numerical Calculation example\*

Holdings	Share of company owned % (notional value / enterprise value)	Scope 1+2 Emissions (tons CO <sub>2</sub> e)	Share of scope 1 +2 emissions owned (tons of CO <sub>2</sub> e)
Holding 1	0.2000%	1,000	2.00
Holding 2	0.0950%	3,000	2.85
Holding 3	0.4500%	6,000	27.00

Nominal Investment	1 \$mn
Total Carbon Emissions to be offset	31.85 tons CO <sub>2</sub> e
Unit price of VER (USD per ton of CO <sub>2</sub> e)	20 \$/tons CO <sub>2</sub> e
Cost to offset emissions	0.0006 \$mn
Cost as % of investment	0.1%
Basis points	6.4

\* all factors in this calculation may vary over time.

### Carbon offsets

The accrued amount of Offset Fees will be used by Schroder Investment Management Limited to purchase or allocate (by way of an allocation of existing carbon offsets purchased by and held in Schroder Investment Management Limited's name) carbon offsets on a periodic basis in order to offset the carbon exposure of the Fund, specifically to offset scope 1 and scope 2 emissions attributable to the Carbon Offset Share Class, as mentioned above.



Schroder Investment Management Limited will purchase carbon offsets via an intermediary provider (such as Climate Impact Partners). Carbon offsets purchased are Verified Emission Reductions (“VERs”) (or potentially some Certified Emission Reductions (CERs) where available for purchase on the voluntary market). One VER/CER is equivalent to one tonne of CO<sub>2</sub>e emissions. VERs/CERs are created and issued by certified projects that seek to reduce, remove or avoid CO<sub>2</sub>e emissions, relative to a defined baseline. Offsets will finance such projects and will be reflected on the Schroder Investment Management Limited sub-account on the central registry (Verra or equivalent), who issues a confirmation. To combat the risk of fraud and double counting, each VER/CER has a unique serial number. The central registry can be accessed publicly, online, to verify the VER/CER e.g. <https://accrcarbon.org/registry/> or <https://registry.verra.org/>

Once the carbon offsets have been allocated or purchased, the offsets will subsequently be retired to lock in the benefit of the offset for the relevant Carbon Offset Share Class. Such retirement is made upon the instruction of Schroder Investment Management Limited to the intermediary provider, who will provide the retirement confirmation certificates.

As stated above, the underlying projects seek to reduce, remove or avoid greenhouse gas emissions, but they also bring other positive benefits, for example, they empower communities, protect ecosystems, restore forests or reduce reliance on fossil fuels. Schroders selected carbon offsetting project portfolio and resulting carbon offsets adhere to a rigorous set of criteria to pass verification by an ISO-accredited third-party agency by a leading carbon offset standard like Verra or Gold Standard. The offsets purchased must meet the minimum quality standards of Schroder Investment Management Limited as updated from time to time.

Examples of projects include a reforestation project to reforest native woodland, which creates revenue for participants, local employment opportunities and enhances local water quality and biodiversity, and a rainforest protection project, which aims to protect a forested biodiversity hotspot and creates local employment opportunities, the establishment of a farmers co-operative and contribution to rebuilding of lives following civil war and outbreak of disease.

The details of the calculated carbon exposure, the Offset Fee, the carbon offsets purchased and the carbon offsetting results will be disclosed on the Fund’s webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre> and in the Company’s financial statements.

The offsets are not part of the investment policy of the Fund and any offsets purchased will not be assets of the Fund and will not be part of the Fund’s portfolio. As such, the purchase of offsets will not be made at the level of the Fund. The carbon offsets will be purchased in the name of Schroder Investment Management Limited as the delegate of the Management Company. The carbon offsets will consequently not be part of the common portfolio of the different Share Classes of the Fund as they will be accounted for separately from the Fund’s assets.

### Risks associated with carbon offsetting

- The Offset Fee is not capped and can fluctuate depending on i) the level of the Fund’s emissions; and/or ii) the purchase or allocation price of the carbon offsets.

- The Offset Fee will be reviewed at a minimum every quarter (but no more frequently than monthly) with the aim of tracking, on a best efforts basis, the fluctuating carbon exposure of the Fund and the amount required to offset the carbon exposure. This may result in under offsetting or over offsetting depending on how the level of the Fund’s emissions and the purchase or allocation price of the carbon offsets change over time.
- Schroder Investment Management Limited will purchase carbon offsets via an intermediary provider. Schroder Investment Management Limited will be subject to the risk of the inability of any such counterparty to perform its obligations, whether due to insolvency, bankruptcy or other causes.
- The most significant risk associated with offsetting projects is that their proposed emissions reductions do not reflect the actual volume of emissions avoided or removed due to various factors. Offsetting through reliable verifiers, using the known standards, mitigates this risk.

### Risk profile of the Carbon Offset Share Classes

Carbon Offset Share Classes are suitable for those Investors who are looking for an option to offset the carbon emissions of their investment in the Fund. This involves higher cost (the Offset Fee) but there will be no change to the financial risk and return characteristics of an Investor’s investment in the Fund and so there is no difference in this respect between an Investor purchasing a Carbon Offset Share Class and a Share Class that does not offer a carbon offset arrangement save for the Offset Fee. Investors should note that other available Share Classes in the Fund will generally be cheaper.

### Additional Information

Investors should note in particular the following:

- Carbon offsets are not assets of the Fund and are not part of the Fund’s portfolio.
- A perfect match between the actual carbon exposure at the end of the relevant period and the accrued Offset Fee is unlikely and cannot be guaranteed by the Management Company or Schroder Investment Management Limited.
- Scope 3 emissions as defined above are not taken into account when calculating carbon emissions and the carbon exposure of a Fund.
- Holdings in cash or non-corporate securities (including but not limited to securities issued by governments, government agencies and supra-nationals) are also excluded from the calculation.
- If data for a company is not available, Schroder Investment Management Limited will use the average of the Fund’s emissions for that issuer, i.e. the average emissions of the investments for which data is available.

Switching from or to an available Carbon Offset Share Class is permitted, please refer to the section titled ‘Switching Procedure’ for further details.

Confirmation of all Carbon Offset Share Classes available can be obtained from the Management Company upon request.

Carbon Offset Share Classes will be designated with the suffix “CO”.



### 3. Minimum Subscription Amount, Minimum Additional Subscription Amount and Minimum Holding Amount

Minimum subscription amount, minimum additional subscription amount and minimum holding amount per Share Class are listed below and are in USD, EUR or their near equivalent in any other freely convertible currency.

Share Classes	Minimum Subscription Amount		Minimum Additional Subscription Amount		Minimum Holding Amount	
	USD	EUR	USD	EUR	USD	EUR
A	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
AX	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
A1	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
B	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
C	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
CB	500	500	500	500	500	500
CI	5,000,000	5,000,000	2,500,000	2,500,000	5,000,000	5,000,000
CN	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
CX	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
D	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
E	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
F	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
I	5,000,000	5,000,000	2,500,000	2,500,000	5,000,000	5,000,000
IE	5,000,000	5,000,000	2,500,000	2,500,000	5,000,000	5,000,000
IZ	100,000,000	100,000,000	20,000,000	20,000,000	100,000,000	100,000,000
IA	250,000,000	250,000,000	20,000,000	20,000,000	250,000,000	250,000,000
IB	300,000,000	300,000,000	20,000,000	20,000,000	300,000,000	300,000,000
IC	350,000,000	350,000,000	20,000,000	20,000,000	350,000,000	350,000,000
ID	400,000,000	400,000,000	20,000,000	20,000,000	400,000,000	400,000,000
IS	5,000,000	5,000,000	2,500,000	2,500,000	5,000,000	5,000,000
J	5,000,000	-	2,500,000	-	5,000,000	-
K1	There is no minimum initial subscription, additional subscription or holding amount					
K2	There is no minimum initial subscription, additional subscription or holding amount					
P	100,000,000	100,000,000	20,000,000	20,000,000	100,000,000	100,000,000
PI	100,000,000	100,000,000	20,000,000	20,000,000	100,000,000	100,000,000
R	There is no minimum initial subscription, additional subscription or holding amount					
S	There is no minimum initial subscription, additional subscription or holding amount					
U	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
X	-	25,000,000	-	12,500,000	-	25,000,000
X1	-	22,500,000	-	12,500,000	-	22,500,000
X2	-	20,000,000	-	12,500,000	-	20,000,000
X3	-	17,500,000	-	12,500,000	-	17,500,000
X4	-	25,000,000	-	12,500,000	-	25,000,000
X5	-	25,000,000	-	12,500,000	-	25,000,000
X6	-	25,000,000	-	12,500,000	-	25,000,000
X7	-	25,000,000	-	12,500,000	-	25,000,000
X8	-	25,000,000	-	12,500,000	-	25,000,000

Share Classes	Minimum Subscription Amount		Minimum Additional Subscription Amount		Minimum Holding Amount	
X9	-	25,000,000	-	12,500,000	-	25,000,000
Y	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Y1	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Y2	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Y3	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Y4	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Y5	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Y6	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Y7	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Y8	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Y9	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Z	100,000,000	100,000,000	20,000,000	20,000,000	100,000,000	100,000,000

These minima may be waived at the Directors' discretion from time to time.

#### 4. Currency and Hedging policy

The above Share Classes, where available, may be offered in various currencies (each a "Reference Currency") at the Directors' discretion. Share Classes may be currency denominated or currency hedged Share Class and they will be designated as such. Currency hedged Share Classes are offered in a currency other than the Fund currency, with the exception of the BRL Hedged Share Class which is denominated in the Fund Currency.

The aim of a hedged Share Class is to provide an Investor with the performance returns of the Fund's investments by reducing the effects of exchange rate fluctuations between the Fund Currency and the Reference Currency. In this instance currency exposures or currency hedging transactions within the Fund's portfolio will not be considered. The Management Company will review hedged positions at every valuation point to ensure that (i) over-hedged positions do not exceed 105% of the Net Asset Value of the hedged Classes and (ii) under-hedged positions do not fall short of 95% of the portion of the Net Asset Value of the hedged Classes which is to be hedged against the currency risk.

Due to currency controls in Brazil, the BRL Hedged Share Class uses a different hedging model to the other currency hedged Share Classes. The BRL Hedged Share Class will be denominated in the Fund Currency but offers hedged currency exposure to BRL by applying a currency overlay, so that the Net Asset Value of the Share Class is converted to BRL. As such, the Net Asset Value of the BRL Hedged Share Class will be affected by changes in the exchange rate between BRL and the Fund Currency and as a result performance may vary significantly from other share classes within the Fund.

BRL Hedged Share Classes are designed to offer a currency hedging solution to the underlying investors of funds domiciled in Brazil and will be restricted to Investors specifically approved by the Management Company. These Brazilian funds combine the use of financial derivative instruments within the BRL Hedged Share Classes with the use of spot foreign exchange contracts at their own level to offer their investors a full BRL currency hedged investment.

Any profit or loss as well as costs and expenses resulting from these hedging transactions will be reflected exclusively in the Net Asset Value of the BRL Hedged Share Class.

Confirmation of all the Funds and Share Classes available including currency denomination and hedging, as well as an up-to-date list of Share Classes with a contagion risk can be obtained from the Management Company upon request.

While the Company has taken steps to ensure that the risk of contagion between Share Classes is mitigated in order to ensure that the additional risk introduced to a Fund through the use of a derivative overlay is only borne by the Shareholders in the relevant Share Class, this risk cannot be fully eliminated.

The performance of hedged Share Classes aims to be similar to the performance of equivalent Share Classes in Fund Currency. There is no assurance however that the hedging strategies employed will be effective in delivering performance differentials that are reflective only of interest rate differences adjusted for fees.

Where undertaken, the effects of this hedging will be reflected in the Net Asset Value and, therefore, in the performance of such additional Share Class. Similarly, any expenses arising from such hedging transactions (including a hedging charge of up to 0.03%) will be borne by the Share Class in relation to which they have been incurred.

Collateral received in connection with currency hedging transactions (and in particular currency forward transactions) on behalf of currency hedged Share Classes, may be reinvested, in compliance with the applicable investment policy and restrictions of the Funds.

It should be noted that, where relevant, these hedging transactions may be entered into whether the Reference Currency is declining or increasing in value relative to the relevant Fund Currency and so, where such hedging is undertaken it may substantially protect Investors in the relevant Share Class against a decrease in the value of the Fund Currency relative to the Reference Currency, but it may also preclude Investors from benefiting from an increase in the value of the Fund Currency.

In addition the Investment Manager may hedge the Fund Currency against the currencies in which the underlying assets of the Fund are denominated or the underlying unhedged assets of a target fund are denominated.

There can be no assurance that the currency hedging employed will fully eliminate the currency exposure to the Reference Currency, or for the BRL Hedged Share Class, that the currency hedging employed will fully eliminate the currency exposure to BRL.

The Fund EURO Corporate Bond has issued duration hedged Share Classes. Duration hedged Share Classes utilise hedging strategies that seek to reduce the Share Class' sensitivity to changes in interest rate movements. There is no assurance that these hedging strategies will be successful. Where undertaken, the effects of this hedging will be reflected in the Net Asset Value and, therefore, in the performance of the Share Class. Similarly, any expenses arising from such hedging transactions will be borne by the duration hedged Share Class. The performance of the duration hedged Share Classes may be more volatile than unhedged Share Classes and underperform other Share Classes in the Fund EURO Corporate Bond depending on interest rate movements. Duration hedged Share Classes are not issued as from January 2017.

The Management Company will delegate some or all of its currency and hedging policy related activities described in this Prospectus to HSBC Bank Plc as its FX overlay services provider.

The specific investment objectives and investment policies of the different Funds are the following:

# Schroder International Selection Fund All China Credit Income

## Investment Objective

The Fund aims to provide income and capital growth by investing in fixed and floating rate securities issued by companies in mainland China, Hong Kong and Macau.

## Investment Policy

The Fund is actively managed and invests at least two-thirds in of its assets in fixed and floating rate investment grade and high yield securities issued by companies in mainland China, Hong Kong and Macau.

The Fund may invest:

- up to 50% of its assets in securities that have a below investment grade credit rating (as measured by Standard & Poor's or any equivalent grade of other credit rating agencies for rated bonds and implied Schrodors ratings for non-rated bonds);
- up to 20% of its assets in asset-backed securities and mortgage-backed securities;
- up to 20% of its assets in convertible bonds (including contingent convertible bonds);
- up to 10% of its assets in open-ended Investment Funds; and
- up to 30% in negotiable certificates of deposit.

The Fund may invest in excess of 50% of its assets in mainland China through the Qualified Foreign Investor ("QFI") scheme or Regulated Markets (including the CIBM via Bond Connect or CIBM Direct).

The Investment Manager aims to mitigate losses by diversifying the Fund's asset allocation away from areas of the market identified as having a high risk of material negative return.

The Fund may also invest up to one-third of its assets directly or indirectly in other securities (including other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies, warrants and Money Market Investments, and hold cash (subject to the restrictions provided in Appendix I).

The Fund may use derivatives, long and short, with the aim of achieving investment gains, reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently.

## Fund Characteristics

Fund Currency	USD
Investment Manager	Schroder Investment Management (Singapore) Ltd
Dealing Cut-off Time	13.00 Luxembourg time on Dealing Day
Dealing Frequency	Daily on Dealing Day
Settlement Period of Subscription and Redemption Proceeds <sup>1</sup>	3 Business Days from the relevant Dealing Day
Performance Fee	None
Redemption Charge	None
PEA / PIR Eligibility	No

<sup>1</sup> Different subscription and redemption procedures may apply if applications are made through Distributors.

## Benchmark

The Fund does not have a target benchmark. The Fund's performance should be compared against the JP Morgan Asian Credit - China index. The comparator benchmark is only included for performance comparison purposes and does not determine how the Investment Manager invests the Fund's assets. The Fund's investment universe is expected to overlap to a limited extent with the components of the comparator benchmark. The Investment Manager invests on a discretionary basis and there are no restrictions on the extent to which the Fund's portfolio and performance may deviate from the comparator benchmark. The Investment Manager will invest in companies or sectors not included in the comparator benchmark.

Any comparator benchmark has been selected because the Investment Manager believes that the benchmark is a suitable comparison for performance purposes given the Fund's investment objective and policy.

## Further Information

The Fund is categorised as "Specialist Bond Fund".

## Risk Considerations

### Specific Risk Considerations

The Fund may invest in mainland China through QFI schemes or Regulated Markets (including the CIBM via Bond Connect or CIBM Direct). Investors should note that the QFI status may be suspended or revoked and that this may adversely affect the Fund's performance by requiring the Fund to dispose of its securities holdings. Please refer to Appendix II for more information of the risks regarding QFI status, QFI quota, the CIBM and Bond Connect.

The reference in the Investment Policy to a fund investing two-thirds of its assets in a certain way applies in normal market conditions. See paragraph (A) at the start of this Appendix for further information.

## Profile of the Typical Investor

The Fund may be suitable for Investors who are seeking income, combined with capital growth opportunities in the relative stability of the debt markets over the long term.

## General Share Class Features

Share Classes	Initial Charge <sup>2</sup>	Annual Distribution Charge <sup>3</sup>	Annual Management Charge
A Shares	Up to 3%	None	1.10%
AX Shares	Up to 3%	None	1.10%
A1 Shares	Up to 2%	0.50%	1.10%
B Shares	None	0.50%	1.10%
C Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.55%
CN Shares	Up to 3%	None	0.55%
CX Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.55%
D Shares	None	1.00%	1.10%
E Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.30%
IZ, IA, IB, IC, ID Shares	None	None	Up to 0.55%
Z Shares	None	None	Up to 0.55%

Annual Distribution Charge and Annual Management Charge percentages are stated as an annual charge with reference to the Net Asset Value of the Fund or the Net Asset Value per Share, as may be appropriate.

A share class hedging charge of up to 0.03% will be borne by the currency hedged Share Classes.

Not all Share Classes listed are available for subscription at the time of issue of this Prospectus. The Funds may also launch Bespoke Share Classes that are described under Appendix III at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>2</sup> The initial charge is applied against the total amount invested. The Management Company and Distributors are entitled to the initial charge, which can be partly or fully waived at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>3</sup> Annual Distribution Charges in respect of A1 and D Shares are paid at such intervals as may be agreed from time to time between the Company and those Distributors that are appointed specifically for the purpose of distributing such Shares. Annual Distribution Charges in respect of B Shares are payable quarterly.



# Schroder International Selection Fund All China Equity

## Investment Objective

The Fund aims to provide capital growth in excess of the MSCI China All Shares Net TR index after fees have been deducted over a three to five year period by investing in equity and equity related securities of Chinese companies (irrespective of where the companies are listed).

## Investment Policy

The Fund is actively managed and invests at least two-thirds of its assets in equity and equity related securities of Chinese companies.

The Fund may invest directly in China B-Shares and China H-Shares and may invest up to 70% of its assets (on a net basis) directly or indirectly (for example via participatory notes) in China A-Shares through:

- Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect and Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect;
- the Qualified Foreign Investor ("QFI") scheme;
- shares listed on the STAR Board and the ChiNext; and
- Regulated Markets.

The Fund may also invest up to one-third of its assets directly or indirectly in other securities (including other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies, Investment Funds, warrants and Money Market Investments, and hold cash (subject to the restrictions provided in Appendix I).

The Fund may use derivatives with the aim of reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently.

## Benchmark

The Fund's performance should be assessed against its target benchmark being to exceed the MSCI China All Shares Net TR index and compared against the Morningstar China Equity sector. The Fund's investment universe is expected to overlap to a limited extent with the components of the target benchmark. The comparator benchmark is only included for performance comparison purposes and does not determine how the Investment Manager invests the Fund's assets. The Investment Manager invests on a discretionary basis and there are no restrictions on the extent to which the Fund's portfolio and performance may deviate from the target benchmark. The Investment Manager will invest in companies or sectors not included in the target benchmark in order to take advantage of specific investment opportunities.

## Fund Characteristics

Fund Currency	USD
Investment Manager	Schroder Investment Management (Hong Kong) Limited
Dealing Cut-off Time	13.00 Luxembourg time on Dealing Day
Dealing Frequency	Daily on Dealing Day
Settlement Period of Subscription and Redemption Proceeds <sup>1</sup>	3 Business Days from the relevant Dealing Day

<sup>1</sup> Different subscription and redemption procedures may apply if applications are made through Distributors.

The target benchmark has been selected because it is representative of the type of investments in which the Fund is likely to invest and it is, therefore, an appropriate target in relation to the return that the Fund aims to provide. The comparator benchmark has been selected because the Investment Manager believes that the benchmark is a suitable comparison for performance purposes given the Fund's investment objective and policy.

## Further Information

The Fund is categorised as "Specialist Equity Fund".

## Risk Considerations

### Specific Risk Considerations

Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect and Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect are securities trading and clearing linked programmes developed by The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited, Shanghai/Shenzhen Stock Exchanges, Hong Kong Securities Clearing Company Limited and China Securities Depository and Clearing Corporation Limited, with an aim to achieve mutual stock market access between the PRC (excluding Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan) and Hong Kong. A detailed description of the programmes as well as risks linked thereto can be found in Appendix II of this Prospectus.

The Fund may invest in mainland China through QFI schemes or Regulated Markets. Investors should note that the QFI status may be suspended or revoked and that this may adversely affect the Fund's performance by requiring the Fund to dispose of its securities holdings. Please refer to Appendix II for more information of the risks regarding QFI status and QFI quota.

The reference in the Investment Policy to a Fund investing two-thirds of its assets in a certain way applies in normal market conditions. See paragraph (A) at the start of this Appendix for further information.

The level of distribution costs in certain jurisdictions may impact the ability of the Investment Manager to meet the Fund's investment objective across all Share Classes after fees have been deducted.

## Profile of the Typical Investor

The Fund may be suitable for Investors who are more concerned with maximising long term returns than minimising possible short term losses.

Performance Fee	None
Redemption Charge	None
PEA / PIR Eligibility	No

## General Share Class Features

Share Classes	Initial Charge <sup>2</sup>	Annual Distribution Charge <sup>3</sup>	Annual Management Charge
A Shares	Up to 5%	None	1.50%
AX Shares	Up to 5%	None	1.50%
A1 Shares	Up to 4%	0.50%	1.50%
B Shares	None	0.60%	1.50%
C Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.75%
CN Shares	Up to 3%	None	0.75%
CX Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.75%
D Shares	None	1.00%	1.50%
E Shares	Up to 1%	None	Up to 0.50%
IZ, IA, IB, IC, ID Shares	None	None	Up to 0.75%
Z Shares	None	None	Up to 0.75%

Annual Distribution Charge and Annual Management Charge percentages are stated as an annual charge with reference to the Net Asset Value of the Fund or the Net Asset Value per Share, as may be appropriate.

A share class hedging charge of up to 0.03% will be borne by the currency hedged Share Classes.

Not all Share Classes listed are available for subscription at the time of issue of this Prospectus. The Funds may also launch Bespoke Share Classes that are described under Appendix III at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>2</sup> The initial charge is applied against the total amount invested. The Management Company and Distributors are entitled to the initial charge, which can be partly or fully waived at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>3</sup> Annual Distribution Charges in respect of A1 and D Shares are paid at such intervals as may be agreed from time to time between the Company and those Distributors that are appointed specifically for the purpose of distributing such Shares. Annual Distribution Charges in respect of B Shares are payable quarterly.

# Schroder International Selection Fund Alternative Securitised Income

## Investment Objective

The Fund aims to provide income and capital growth in excess of 50% JP CLOIE index + 50% ICE BofA CABS Index before fees have been deducted\* over a three to five year period by investing in securitised assets issued by entities worldwide.

\*For the target return after fees for each Share Class please visit the Schroder webpage  
<https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/funds-and-strategies/fund-administration/performance-targets-after-fees/>

## Investment Policy

The Fund is actively managed and invests at least two-thirds of its assets in fixed and floating rate securitised investments including, but not limited to, asset-backed securities (ABS), agency and non-agency residential mortgage-backed securities (MBS) including forward-settling securities such as to be announced (TBA) trades, commercial mortgage-backed securities (CMBS), collateralised loan obligations (CLOs) and credit risk transfer securities (CRTs). Underlying assets of the asset-backed securities may include credit card receivables, personal loans, auto loans, transportation finance and small business loans.

The Fund may also invest in fixed and floating rate securities issued by governments, government agencies, supra-nationals and companies worldwide.

The Fund's strategy will have an overall duration of between zero and four years, but this does not preclude the Fund from investing in securities with a duration above four years.

The Fund may invest up to 100% of its assets in fixed and floating rate investments issued worldwide with an investment grade or sub-investment grade credit rating (as measured by Standard & Poor's or any equivalent grade of other credit rating agencies for rated securities and implied Schroders ratings for non-rated securities).

The Fund may also invest up to one-third of its assets directly or indirectly in other securities (including other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies, Investment Funds, warrants and Money Market Investments, and hold cash (subject to the restrictions provided in Appendix I).

The Fund may use derivatives, long and short, with the aim of achieving investment gains, reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently.

The Investment Manager assesses the sustainability credentials of potential investments using a proprietary tool. The Fund only invests in assets deemed above a minimum threshold based on the Investment Manager's rating system.

The Fund does not directly invest in certain activities, industries or groups of issuers above the limits listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage  
<https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

## Benchmark

The Fund's performance should be assessed against its target benchmark, being to exceed 50% JP CLOIE index + 50% ICE BofA CABS Index and compared against 50% Bloomberg Barclays 1-5yr Global Credit index (hedged to USD) and 50% the Bloomberg Barclays 1-5yr Global HY Index (hedged to USD). The comparator benchmark is only included for performance comparison purposes and does not determine how the Investment Manager invests the Fund's assets. Whilst the Fund's investments are generally expected to deviate significantly from the components of the comparator benchmark, dependent on the Investment Manager's views, the Fund's investments may overlap with them. The Investment Manager invests on a discretionary basis and there are no restrictions on the extent to which the Fund's portfolio and performance may deviate from the comparator benchmark. The Investment Manager will invest in companies or sectors not included in the comparator benchmark.

The target benchmark has been selected because the target return of the Fund is to deliver the return of that benchmark as stated in the investment objective. The comparator benchmark has been selected because the Investment Manager believes that the benchmark is a suitable comparison for performance purposes given the Fund's investment objective and policy.

The benchmark(s) does/do not take into account the environmental and social characteristics or sustainable objective (as relevant) of the Fund.

## Further Information

The Fund is categorised as "Specialist Bond Fund".

More information relating to the environmental and social characteristics or sustainable investment objective (as applicable) of the Fund is provided in Appendix IV in accordance with SFDR and Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288.

## Risk Considerations

### Specific Risk Considerations

The reference in the Investment Policy to a fund investing two-thirds of its assets in a certain way applies in normal market conditions. See paragraph (A) at the start of this Appendix for further information.

The Fund has environmental and/or social characteristics (within the meaning of Article 8 SFDR). A Fund with these characteristics may have limited exposure to some companies, industries or sectors as a result and the Fund may forego certain investment opportunities, or dispose of certain holdings, that do not align with its sustainability criteria chosen by the Investment Manager. As investors may differ in their views of what constitutes sustainable investing, the Fund may also invest in companies that do not reflect the beliefs and values of any particular Investor. Please refer to Appendix II for more details on sustainability risks.

The Fund will make use of credit derivative instruments to seek exposure to global credit markets. This may lead to a higher volatility in the price of the Shares and may imply increased counterparty risk.

## Profile of the Typical Investor

The Fund may be suitable for Investors who are seeking to combine capital growth opportunities with income in the relative stability of the debt markets over the long term.

## Fund Characteristics

Fund Currency	USD
Investment Manager	Schroder Investment Management North America Inc.
Dealing Cut-off Time	<del>13:00 Luxembourg time 5 Business Days before the applicable Dealing Day</del> <b>As of 15 May 2024 this section will change to:</b> 13.00 Luxembourg time on Dealing Day
Dealing Frequency	Daily on Dealing Day
Settlement Period of Subscription and Redemption Proceeds <sup>1</sup>	<del>Within 4 Business Days following the relevant Dealing Day</del> <b>As of 15 May 2024 this section will change to:</b> Within 3 Business Days following the relevant Dealing Day
Performance Fee	None
Redemption Charge	None
PEA / PIR Eligibility	No
Sustainability Criteria	<p>The Investment Manager applies governance and sustainability criteria when selecting investments for the Fund. The strategy aims to identify securities offering good or improving sustainability characteristics and credentials.</p> <p>The Investment Manager seeks to avoid, penalize or exclude collateral, structures or agents that impose a high cost on the environment and society, or those that lack acceptable governance.</p> <p>This involves:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The exclusion of sectors, assets or collateral, that the Investment Manager deems impose material uncompensated costs to the environment and those that impose unjustifiable social costs</li> <li>- The inclusion of securities that evidence improvements to existing assets, lending conditions or governance based on the Investment Manager's rating methodology.</li> </ul> <p>Securities are ranked across Environmental, Social and Governance factors using a scorecard system and are awarded points on a 100-point /100 percent scale. These scores are then translated into a scoring system of 1star -5stars, with a score of 5-stars deemed the highest.</p> <p>The Investment Manager ensures that at least 80% of the assets in the Fund are ranked in the top 3 Sustainability categories (3, 4, 5-stars) and will invest 100% of its assets in those ranked 2-stars or higher.</p> <p>The primary sources of information used to perform the analysis are the Investment Manager's proprietary tools, surveys, ESG questionnaires, public information, securitization filings and third-party research.</p>

<sup>1</sup> Different subscription and redemption procedures may apply if applications are made through Distributors.

## General Share Class Features

Share Classes	Initial Charge <sup>2</sup>	Annual Distribution Charge <sup>3</sup>	Annual Management Charge
A Shares	Up to 3%	None	1.00%
AX Shares	Up to 3%	None	1.00%
A1 Shares	Up to 2%	0.50%	1.00%
B Shares	None	0.50%	1.00%
C Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.50%
CN Shares	Up to 3%	None	0.50%
CX Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.50%
D Shares	N/A	N/A	N/A
IZ, IA, IB, IC, ID Shares	None	None	Up to 0.50%
Z Shares	None	None	Up to 0.50%

Annual Distribution Charge and Annual Management Charge percentages are stated as an annual charge with reference to the Net Asset Value of the Fund or the Net Asset Value per Share, as may be appropriate.

A share class hedging charge of up to 0.03% will be borne by the currency hedged Share Classes.

Not all Share Classes listed are available for subscription at the time of issue of this Prospectus. The Funds may also launch Bespoke Share Classes that are described under Appendix III at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>2</sup> The initial charge is applied against the total amount invested. The Management Company and Distributors are entitled to the initial charge, which can be partly or fully waived at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>3</sup> Annual Distribution Charges in respect of A1 and D Shares are paid at such intervals as may be agreed from time to time between the Company and those Distributors that are appointed specifically for the purpose of distributing such Shares. Annual Distribution Charges in respect of B Shares are payable quarterly.



# Schroder International Selection Fund Asian Bond Total Return

## Investment Objective

The Fund aims to provide capital growth and income by investing in fixed and floating rate securities issued by governments, government agencies, supra-nationals and companies in Asia.

## Investment Policy

The Fund is actively managed and invests at least two-thirds of its assets in fixed and floating rate securities, derivatives related to these securities and currencies. The fixed and floating rate securities are issued by governments, government agencies, supra-nationals and companies in Asia. For the purposes of this Fund, Asia includes the following west Asian countries: Bahrain, Israel, Lebanon, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Turkey and United Arab Emirates.

The Fund is designed to participate in rising markets whilst aiming to mitigate losses in falling markets through the use of derivatives. The mitigation of losses cannot be guaranteed.

The Fund may invest up to 30% of its assets in mainland China through the Qualified Foreign Investor ("QFI") scheme or Regulated Markets (including the CIBM via Bond Connect or CIBM Direct).

The Fund may invest up to 50% of its assets in securities that have a below investment grade credit rating (as measured by Standard & Poor's or any equivalent grade of other credit rating agencies for rated bonds and implied Schroders ratings for non-rated bonds).

The Fund may also invest up to one-third of its assets directly or indirectly in other securities (including other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies, Investment Funds, warrants and Money Market Investments, and hold cash (subject to the restrictions provided in Appendix I).

The Fund may (exceptionally) hold 100% of its assets in Money Market Investments or cash. This will be limited to a maximum of six months (otherwise the Fund will be liquidated). During this period, the Fund will not fall within the scope of MMFR.

The Fund intends to use derivatives (including total return swaps), long and short, with the aim of achieving investment gains, reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently. Where the Fund uses total return swaps, the underlying consists of instruments in which the Fund may invest according to its Investment Objective and Investment Policy. In particular, the aim is to use total return swaps on a temporary basis in market conditions including but not limited to periods of slow economic growth and falling interest rates, and where the Investment Manager's view is that sovereign spread premiums will compress. The gross exposure of total return swaps will not exceed 20% and is expected to remain within the range of 0% to 5% of the Net Asset Value. In certain circumstances this proportion may be higher.

## Benchmark

The Fund does not have a target benchmark. The Fund's performance should be compared against 50% Markit iBoxx Asian Local Currency index + 50% JP Morgan Asian Credit

index. The comparator benchmark is only included for performance comparison purposes and does not determine how the Investment Manager invests the Fund's assets. The Fund's investment universe is expected to overlap materially with the components of the comparator benchmark. The Investment Manager invests on a discretionary basis and there are no restrictions on the extent to which the Fund's portfolio and performance may deviate from the comparator benchmark. The Investment Manager will invest in companies or sectors not included in the comparator benchmark.

The comparator benchmark has been selected because the Investment Manager believes that the benchmark is a suitable comparison for performance purposes given the Fund's investment objective and policy.

## Further Information

This Fund is categorised as "Specialist Bond Fund"

## Risk Considerations

### Risk Management method

Absolute Value-at-Risk (VaR)

### Expected Leverage

250% of the total net assets

The expected level of leverage may be higher when volatility decreases sustainably, when interest rates are expected to change or when credit spreads are expected to widen or tighten.

### This Fund is not a leveraged financial instrument

The Fund utilises financial derivative instruments for investment purposes and the global exposure is monitored under the absolute VaR approach in line with UCITS Risk Measurement Rules. Whilst these instruments generate leverage, the Fund itself is not a leveraged financial instrument as further described in the MIFID Directive. For further details on the absolute VaR approach please see Appendix 1. In addition to this regulatory restriction, Schroders implements internal controls on global exposure to constrain and/or highlight global exposure as appropriate.

### Specific Risk Considerations

Long and short positions gained through bond total return swaps may increase exposure to credit-related risks. The Fund may invest in mainland China through QFI schemes or Regulated Markets (including the CIBM via Bond Connect or CIBM Direct). Investors should note that the QFI status may be suspended or revoked and that this may adversely affect the Fund's performance by requiring the Fund to dispose of its securities holdings. Please refer to Appendix II for more information of the risks regarding QFI status, QFI quota, the Bond Connect or CIBM Direct.

The reference in the Investment Policy to a fund investing two-thirds of its assets in a certain way applies in normal market conditions. See paragraph (A) at the start of this Appendix for further information.

## Profile of the Typical Investor

The Fund may be suitable for Investors who are more concerned with maximising long term returns than minimising possible short term losses.

## Fund Characteristics

Fund Currency	USD
Investment Manager	Schroder Investment Management (Singapore) Ltd
Dealing Cut-off Time	13.00 Luxembourg time on Dealing Day
Dealing Frequency	Daily on Dealing Day
Settlement Period of Subscription and Redemption Proceeds <sup>1</sup>	3 Business Days from the relevant Dealing Day
Performance Fee	None
Redemption Charge	None
PEA / PIR Eligibility	No

## General Share Class Features

Share Classes	Initial Charge <sup>2</sup>	Annual Distribution Charge <sup>3</sup>	Annual Management Charge
A Shares	Up to 3%	None	1.00%
AX Shares	Up to 3%	None	1.00%
A1 Shares	Up to 2%	0.50%	1.00%
B Shares	None	0.50%	1.00%
C Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.60%
CN Shares	Up to 3%	None	0.60%
CX Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.60%
D Shares	None	1.00%	1.00%
E Shares	N/A	N/A	N/A
IZ, IA, IB, IC, ID Shares	None	None	Up to 0.60%
Z Shares	None	None	Up to 0.60%

Annual Distribution Charge and Annual Management Charge percentages are stated as an annual charge with reference to the Net Asset Value of the Fund or the Net Asset Value per Share, as may be appropriate.

A share class hedging charge of up to 0.03% will be borne by the currency hedged Share Classes.

Not all Share Classes listed are available for subscription at the time of issue of this Prospectus. The Funds may also launch Bespoke Share Classes that are described under Appendix III at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>1</sup> Different subscription and redemption procedures may apply if applications are made through Distributors.

<sup>2</sup> The initial charge is applied against the total amount invested. The Management Company and Distributors are entitled to the initial charge, which can be partly or fully waived at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>3</sup> Annual Distribution Charges in respect of A1 and D Shares are paid at such intervals as may be agreed from time to time between the Company and those Distributors that are appointed specifically for the purpose of distributing such Shares. Annual Distribution Charges in respect of B Shares are payable quarterly.

# Schroder International Selection Fund Asian Convertible Bond

## Investment Objective

The Fund aims to provide capital growth in excess of the **Thomson Reuters FTSE** Asia ex Japan Hedged Convertible Bond index (USD) after fees have been deducted over a three to five year period by investing in convertible securities issued by companies in Asia (excluding Japan).

## Investment Policy

The Fund is actively managed and invests at least two-thirds of its assets in a diversified range of convertible securities and other similar transferable securities, such as convertible preference securities, exchangeable bonds or exchangeable notes issued by companies in Asia (excluding Japan). The Fund may also invest in fixed and floating rate securities, equity and equity related securities of Asian companies (excluding Japan).

Convertible bonds are typically corporate bonds that can be converted into equities at a given price. As such, the Investment Manager believes investors can gain exposure to Asian (excluding Japan) equity markets with the defensive benefits and less volatile characteristics of a bond investment.

The Fund may invest in excess of 50% of its assets in securities that have a below investment grade credit rating (as measured by Standard & Poor's or any equivalent grade of other credit rating agencies for rated bonds and implied Schroders ratings for non-rated bonds).

The Fund may also invest up to one-third of its assets directly or indirectly in other securities (including other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies, Investment Funds, warrants and Money Market Investments, and hold cash (subject to the restrictions provided in Appendix I).

The Fund may use derivatives with the aim of achieving investment gains, reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently.

## Fund Characteristics

Fund Currency	USD
Investment Manager	Schroder Investment Management (Switzerland) AG
Dealing Cut-off Time	13.00 Luxembourg time on Dealing Day
Dealing Frequency	Daily on Dealing Day
Settlement Period of Subscription and Redemption Proceeds <sup>1</sup>	3 Business Days from the relevant Dealing Day
Performance Fee	None
Redemption Charge	None
PEA / PIR Eligibility	No

## Benchmark

The Fund's performance should be assessed against its target benchmark being to exceed the **Thomson Reuters FTSE** Asia ex Japan Hedged Convertible Bond index (USD). The Fund's investment universe is expected to overlap materially with the components of the target benchmark. The Investment Manager invests on a discretionary basis and there are no restrictions on the extent to which the Fund's portfolio and performance may deviate from the target benchmark. The Investment Manager will invest in companies or sectors not included in the target benchmark in order to take advantage of specific investment opportunities.

The target benchmark has been selected because it is representative of the type of investments in which the Fund is likely to invest and it is, therefore, an appropriate target in relation to the return that the Fund aims to provide.

## Further Information

The Fund is categorised as "Specialist Bond Fund".

## Risk Considerations

### Specific Risk Considerations

The reference in the Investment Policy to a fund investing two-thirds of its assets in a certain way applies in normal market conditions. See paragraph (A) at the start of this Appendix for further information.

The level of distribution costs in certain jurisdictions may impact the ability of the Investment Manager to meet the Fund's investment objective across all Share Classes after fees have been deducted.

## Profile of the Typical Investor

The Fund may be suitable for Investors who are seeking to combine capital growth opportunities with income in the relative stability of the debt markets over the long term.

<sup>1</sup> Different subscription and redemption procedures may apply if applications are made through Distributors.

## General Share Class Features

Share Classes	Initial Charge <sup>2</sup>	Annual Distribution Charge <sup>3</sup>	Annual Management Charge
A Shares	Up to 3%	None	1.25%
AX Shares	Up to 3%	None	1.25%
A1 Shares	Up to 2%	0.50%	1.25%
B Shares	None	0.50%	1.25%
C Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.75%
CN Shares	Up to 3%	None	0.75%
CX Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.75%
D Shares	None	1.00%	1.25%
E Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.375%
IZ, IA, IB, IC, ID Shares	None	None	Up to 0.75%
Z Shares	None	None	Up to 0.75%

Annual Distribution Charge and Annual Management Charge percentages are stated as an annual charge with reference to the Net Asset Value of the Fund or the Net Asset Value per Share, as may be appropriate.

A share class hedging charge of up to 0.03% will be borne by the currency hedged Share Classes.

Not all Share Classes listed are available for subscription at the time of issue of this Prospectus. The Funds may also launch Bespoke Share Classes that are described under Appendix III at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>2</sup> The initial charge is applied against the total amount invested. The Management Company and Distributors are entitled to the initial charge, which can be partly or fully waived at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>3</sup> Annual Distribution Charges in respect of A1 and D Shares are paid at such intervals as may be agreed from time to time between the Company and those Distributors that are appointed specifically for the purpose of distributing such Shares. Annual Distribution Charges in respect of B Shares are payable quarterly.

# Schroder International Selection Fund Asian Credit Opportunities

## Investment Objective

The Fund aims to provide capital growth and income in excess of the JP Morgan Asia Credit index after fees have been deducted over a three to five year period by investing in fixed and floating rate securities issued by companies in Asia.

## Investment Policy

The Fund is actively managed and invests at least two-thirds of its assets in fixed and floating rate securities denominated in various currencies and issued by companies, governments, government agencies and supranationals in Asia. For the purposes of this Fund, Asia includes the following west Asian countries: Bahrain, Israel, Lebanon, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Turkey and United Arab Emirates.

The Fund may invest:

- up to 20% of its assets in asset-backed securities and mortgage-backed securities; and
- up to 50% of its assets in sub-investment grade securities (being securities with a credit rating below investment grade as measured by Standard & Poor's or any equivalent grade of other credit rating agencies for rated bonds and implied Schrodgers ratings for non-rated bonds).

The Fund may invest up to 20% of its assets in mainland China through the Qualified Foreign Investor ("QFI") scheme or Regulated Markets (including the CIBM via Bond Connect or CIBM Direct).

The Fund may also invest up to one-third of its assets directly or indirectly in other securities (including other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies, Investment Funds, warrants and Money Market Investments, and hold cash (subject to the restrictions provided in Appendix I).

The Fund intends to use derivatives, long and short, with the aim of achieving investment gains, reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently.

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the JP Morgan Asia Credit index based on the Investment Manager's rating criteria. More details on the investment process used to achieve this can be found in the Fund Characteristics section.

The Fund does not directly invest in certain activities, industries or groups of issuers above the limits listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

## Benchmark

The Fund's performance should be assessed against its target benchmark being to exceed JP Morgan Asia Credit index. The Fund's investment universe is expected to overlap to a limited extent with the components of the target benchmark. However, the Fund will likely reflect certain features of the target benchmark (namely credit quality/duration, currency exposure and exposure to particular issuers). The Investment Manager invests on a discretionary basis and there are no restrictions on the

extent to which the Fund's portfolio and performance may deviate from the target benchmark. The Investment Manager will invest in companies or sectors not included in the target benchmark in order to take advantage of specific investment opportunities.

The target benchmark has been selected because it is representative of the type of investments in which the Fund is likely to invest and it is, therefore, an appropriate target in relation to the return that the Fund aims to provide.

The benchmark(s) does/do not take into account the environmental and social characteristics or sustainable objective (as relevant) of the Fund.

## Further Information

The Fund is categorised as "Specialist Bond Fund".

More information relating to the environmental and social characteristics or sustainable investment objective (as applicable) of the Fund is provided in Appendix IV in accordance with SFDR and Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288.

## Risk Considerations

### Risk Management Method

Absolute Value-at-Risk (VaR)

### Expected Leverage

200% of the total net assets

The expected level of leverage may be higher when volatility decreases sustainably, when interest rates are expected to change or when credit spreads are expected to widen or tighten.

### This Fund is not a leveraged financial instrument

The Fund utilises financial derivative instruments for investment purposes and the global exposure is monitored under the absolute VaR approach in line with UCITS Risk Measurement Rules. Whilst these instruments generate leverage, the Fund itself is not a leveraged financial instrument as further described in the MIFID Directive. For further details on the absolute VaR approach please see Appendix 1. In addition to this regulatory restriction, Schrodgers implements internal controls on global exposure to constrain and/or highlight global exposure as appropriate.

### Specific Risk Considerations

The Fund has environmental and/or social characteristics (within the meaning of Article 8 SFDR). A Fund with these characteristics may have limited exposure to some companies, industries or sectors as a result and the Fund may forego certain investment opportunities, or dispose of certain holdings, that do not align with its sustainability criteria chosen by the Investment Manager. As Investors may differ in their views of what constitutes sustainable investing, the Fund may also invest in companies that do not reflect the beliefs and values of any particular Investor. Please refer to Appendix II for more details on sustainability risks.



The reference in the Investment Policy to a fund investing two-thirds of its assets in a certain way applies in normal market conditions. See paragraph (A) at the start of this Appendix for further information.

The level of distribution costs in certain jurisdictions may impact the ability of the Investment Manager to meet the Fund's investment objective across all share classes after fees have been deducted

## Profile of the Typical Investor

The Fund may be suitable for Investors who are seeking to combine capital growth opportunities with income in the relative stability of the debt markets over the long term.

## Fund Characteristics

Fund Currency	USD
Investment Manager	Schroder Investment Management (Singapore) Ltd
Dealing Cut-off Time	13.00 Luxembourg time on Dealing Day
Dealing Frequency	Daily on Dealing Day
Settlement Period of Subscription and Redemption Proceeds <sup>1</sup>	3 Business Days from the relevant Dealing Day
Performance Fee	None
Redemption Charge	None
PEA / PIR Eligibility	No
Sustainability Criteria	<p>The Investment Manager applies governance and sustainability criteria when selecting investments for the Fund.</p> <p>The strategy aims to identify issuers demonstrating good or improving sustainability credentials, and those that impose a high cost on the environment and society. This involves:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– the exclusion of issuers <del>with certain exposure to specific activities that the Investment Manager considers environmentally destructive or socially damaging, violate human rights and/ or have demonstrated gross misconduct that the Investment Manager deems to have businesses that are materially damaging to the climate and impose unjustifiable social costs.</del></li> <li>– the inclusion of issuers that <del>the Investment Manager considers are well placed to deliver demonstrate</del> stable and improving sustainability trajectories <del>relative to their industry peers, and issuers demonstrating good governance based on the Investment Manager's sustainability rating methodology.</del></li> </ul> <p>The Investment Manager may also engage with companies to encourage transparency, the transition to a circular economy with lower carbon emissions intensity and responsible social behaviour that promotes sustainable growth and alpha generation.</p> <p>The primary sources of information used to perform the analysis are the Investment Manager's proprietary tools and research, third-party research, NGO reports and expert networks. The Investment Manager also performs its own analysis of publicly available information provided by the companies, including information provided in company sustainability reports and other relevant company material.</p> <p>More details on the Investment Manager's approach to sustainability and its engagement with companies are available on the webpage <a href="https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/">https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/</a></p> <p>The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than its investment universe, based on the Investment Manager's rating system.</p> <p>The Investment Manager ensures that at least:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– 90% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in developed countries; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with an investment grade credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by developed countries; and</li> <li>– 75% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in emerging countries; equities issued by small and medium companies; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with a high yield credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by emerging countries,</li> </ul> <p>is rated against the sustainability criteria. For the purposes of this test, small companies are those with market capitalisation below €5 billion, medium companies are those between €5 billion and €10 billion and large companies are those above €10 billion.</p>

<sup>1</sup> Different subscription and redemption procedures may apply if applications are made through Distributors.

## General Share Class Features

Share Classes	Initial Charge <sup>2</sup>	Annual Distribution Charge <sup>3</sup>	Annual Management Charge
A Shares	Up to 3%	None	1.00%
AX Shares	Up to 3%	None	1.00%
A1 Shares	Up to 2%	0.50%	1.00%
B Shares	None	0.50%	1.00%
C Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.50%
CN Shares	Up to 3%	None	0.50%
CX Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.50%
D Shares	None	1.00%	1.00%
E Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.25%
IZ, IA, IB, IC, ID Shares	None	None	Up to 0.50%
Z Shares	None	None	Up to 0.50%

Annual Distribution Charge and Annual Management Charge percentages are stated as an annual charge with reference to the Net Asset Value of the Fund or the Net Asset Value per Share, as may be appropriate.

A share class hedging charge of up to 0.03% will be borne by the currency hedged Share Classes.

Not all Share Classes listed are available for subscription at the time of issue of this Prospectus. The Funds may also launch Bespoke Share Classes that are described under Appendix III at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>2</sup> The initial charge is applied against the total amount invested. The Management Company and Distributors are entitled to the initial charge, which can be partly or fully waived at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>3</sup> Annual Distribution Charges in respect of A1 and D Shares are paid at such intervals as may be agreed from time to time between the Company and those Distributors that are appointed specifically for the purpose of distributing such Shares. Annual Distribution Charges in respect of B Shares are payable quarterly.

# Schroder International Selection Fund Asian Dividend Maximiser

## Investment Objective

The Fund aims to deliver an income of 7% per year by investing in equities or equity related securities of Asia-Pacific companies (excluding Japan). This is not guaranteed and could change depending on market conditions.

## Investment Policy

The Fund is actively managed and invests at least two thirds of its assets (excluding cash) in equities or equity related securities of Asia-Pacific companies (excluding Japan), which are selected for their income and capital growth potential. To enhance the yield of the Fund, the Investment Manager selectively sells short dated call options over individual securities held by the Fund, generating extra income by agreeing strike prices above which potential capital growth is sold.

The Fund may invest directly in China B-Shares and China H-Shares and may invest up to 10% of its assets (on a net basis) directly or indirectly (for example via participatory notes) in China A-Shares through Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect and Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect and shares listed on the STAR Board and the ChiNext.

The Fund may also invest up to one-third of its assets directly or indirectly in other securities (including other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies, Investment Funds, warrants and Money Market Investments, and hold cash (subject to the restrictions provided in Appendix I).

The Fund may use derivatives with the aim of achieving investment gains, reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently.

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the MSCI AC Pacific ex Japan High Dividend Yield (Net TR) index, based on the Investment Manager's rating criteria. More details on the investment process used to achieve this can be found in the Fund Characteristics section.

The Fund does not directly invest in certain activities, industries or groups of issuers above the limits listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

## Benchmark

The Fund's performance should be assessed against the income target of 7% per year, and compared against the MSCI AC Pacific ex Japan (Net TR) index and the MSCI AC Pacific ex Japan High Dividend Yield (Net TR) index. The comparator benchmarks are only included for performance comparison purposes and do not determine how the Investment Manager invests the Fund's assets. The Fund's investment universe is expected to overlap materially with the components of the comparator benchmarks. The Investment Manager invests on a discretionary basis and there are no restrictions on the extent to which the Fund's portfolio and performance may deviate from the comparator benchmarks. The Investment Manager will invest in companies or sectors not included in the comparator benchmarks.

The income target has been selected because the Investment Manager deploys strategies that aim to deliver the level of income stated in the investment objective. The comparator benchmarks have been selected because the Investment Manager believes that the benchmarks are a suitable comparison for performance purposes given the Fund's investment objective and policy.

The benchmark(s) does/do not take into account the environmental and social characteristics or sustainable objective (as relevant) of the Fund.

## Further Information

The Fund is categorised as "Specialist Equity Fund".

More information relating to the environmental and social characteristics or sustainable investment objective (as applicable) of the Fund is provided in Appendix IV in accordance with SFDR and Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288.

## Risk Considerations

### Specific Risk Considerations

This Fund makes use of derivatives in a way that is fundamental to its investment objective. It is expected that the strategy will typically underperform a similar portfolio with no derivatives overlay in periods when the underlying stock prices are rising, and outperform when the underlying stock prices are falling.

Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect and Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect are securities trading and clearing linked programmes developed by The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited, Shanghai/Shenzhen Stock Exchanges, Hong Kong Securities Clearing Company Limited and China Securities Depository and Clearing Corporation Limited, with an aim to achieve mutual stock market access between the PRC (excluding Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan) and Hong Kong. A detailed description of the programmes as well as risks linked thereto can be found in Appendix II of this Prospectus.

The Fund has environmental and/or social characteristics (within the meaning of Article 8 SFDR). A Fund with these characteristics may have limited exposure to some companies, industries or sectors as a result and the Fund may forego certain investment opportunities, or dispose of certain holdings, that do not align with its sustainability criteria chosen by the Investment Manager. As Investors may differ in their views of what constitutes sustainable investing, the Fund may also invest in companies that do not reflect the beliefs and values of any particular Investor. Please refer to Appendix II for more details on sustainability risks.

The reference in the Investment Policy to a fund investing two-thirds of its assets in a certain way applies in normal market conditions. See paragraph (A) at the start of this Appendix for further information.

## Profile of the Typical Investor

The Fund may be suitable for Investors who are more concerned with maximising long term returns than minimising possible short term losses.

## Fund Characteristics

Fund Currency	USD
Investment Manager	Schroder Investment Management Limited
Dealing Cut-off Time	13.00 Luxembourg time on Dealing Day
Dealing Frequency	Daily on Dealing Day
Settlement Period of Subscription and Redemption Proceeds <sup>1</sup>	3 Business Days from the relevant Dealing Day
Performance Fee	None
Redemption Charge	None
PEA / PIR Eligibility	No
Sustainability Criteria	<p>The Investment Manager applies governance and sustainability criteria when selecting investments for the Fund.</p> <p>Companies in the investment universe are assessed on their governance, environmental and social profile. The Investment Manager performs due diligence on potential holdings and this can include meetings with company management. The Investment Manager aims to identify the impact a business has on society whilst assessing relationships with key stakeholders such as employees, suppliers and regulators. This research is supported by quantitative analysis gained from Schroders' proprietary sustainability tools which are key inputs to assessing how existing and potential investments are meeting the Fund's sustainability criteria.</p> <p>The sources of information used to perform the analysis include information provided by the companies, such as company sustainability reports and other relevant company material, as well as Schroders' proprietary sustainability tools and third-party data.</p> <p>More details on the Investment Manager's approach to sustainability and its engagement with companies are available on the webpage <a href="https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/">https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/</a></p> <p>The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than its investment universe, based on the Investment Manager's rating system.</p> <p>The Investment Manager ensures that at least:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 90% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in developed countries; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with an investment grade credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by developed countries; and</li> <li>- 75% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in emerging countries; equities issued by small and medium companies; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with a high yield credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by emerging countries,</li> </ul> <p>is rated against the sustainability criteria. For the purposes of this test, small companies are those with market capitalisation below €5 billion, medium companies are those between €5 billion and €10 billion and large companies are those above €10 billion.</p>

<sup>1</sup> Different subscription and redemption procedures may apply if applications are made through Distributors.

## General Share Class Features

Share Classes	Initial Charge <sup>2</sup>	Annual Distribution Charge <sup>3</sup>	Annual Management Charge
A Shares	Up to 5%	None	1.50%
AX Shares	Up to 5%	None	1.50%
A1 Shares	Up to 4%	0.50%	1.50%
B Shares	None	0.60%	1.50%
C Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.75%
CN Shares	Up to 3%	None	0.75%
CX Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.75%
D Shares	None	1.00%	1.50%
E Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.375%
IZ, IA, IB, IC, ID Shares	None	None	Up to 0.75%
Z Shares	None	None	Up to 0.75%

Annual Distribution Charge and Annual Management Charge percentages are stated as an annual charge with reference to the Net Asset Value of the Fund or the Net Asset Value per Share, as may be appropriate.

A share class hedging charge of up to 0.03% will be borne by the currency hedged Share Classes.

Not all Share Classes listed are available for subscription at the time of issue of this Prospectus. The Funds may also launch Bespoke Share Classes that are described under Appendix III at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>2</sup> The initial charge is applied against the total amount invested. The Management Company and Distributors are entitled to the initial charge, which can be partly or fully waived at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>3</sup> Annual Distribution Charges in respect of A1 and D Shares are paid at such intervals as may be agreed from time to time between the Company and those Distributors that are appointed specifically for the purpose of distributing such Shares. Annual Distribution Charges in respect of B Shares are payable quarterly.



# Schroder International Selection Fund Asian Equity Impact

## Investment Objective

The Fund aims to provide capital growth by investing in equity and equity related securities of Asia Pacific companies (excluding Japan) or companies which derive a significant proportion of their revenues or profits from Asia Pacific countries (excluding Japan) whose activities the Investment Manager considers create positive social or environmental impact and which the Investment Manager deems to be sustainable investments.

## Investment Policy

The Fund is actively managed and invests its assets in (i) sustainable investments, which are investments that are expected to contribute towards the advancement of an environmental or social objective linked to one or more of the UN SDGs (please see the Fund Characteristics section for more details), and (ii) investments that the Investment Manager deems to be neutral under its sustainability criteria such as cash and Money Market Investments and derivatives used with the aim of reducing risk (hedging) or managing the Fund more efficiently.

The Investment Manager will select companies from a universe of eligible companies that have been determined as meeting the Investment Manager's impact criteria. The impact criteria include an assessment of the company's contribution to the UN SDGs alongside the Investment Manager's assessment of the company's impact via its proprietary impact investment management framework and tools (including an impact scorecard).

The Fund is part of Schroders' Impact Driven strategies. As such, it applies highly selective investment criteria and its investment process is aligned with the Operating Principles for Impact Management which means that an assessment of impact is embedded in the steps of the investment process. All sustainable investments in the Fund are subject to this framework.

The Fund does not directly invest in certain activities, industries or groups of issuers above the limits listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

The Fund invests in companies that do not cause significant environmental or social harm and have good governance practices, as determined by the Investment Manager's rating criteria (please see the Fund Characteristics section for more details).

The Investment Manager may also engage with companies held by the Fund to seek to improve sustainability practices and enhance social and environmental impacts generated by underlying investee companies.

More details on the Investment Manager's approach to sustainability and its engagement with companies are available on the webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/>

The Fund invests at least two-thirds of its assets in a concentrated range of equity and equity related securities of Asia Pacific companies (excluding Japan) or companies

which derive a significant proportion of their revenues or profits from Asia Pacific countries (excluding Japan). The Fund typically holds 25 - 45 companies.

The Fund may invest directly in China B-Shares and China H-Shares and may invest up to 40% of its assets (on a net basis) directly or indirectly (for example via participatory notes (including delta one securities) and warrants) in China A-Shares through Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect and Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect and shares listed on the STAR Board and the ChiNext.

The Fund may also invest up to one-third of its assets directly or indirectly in other securities (including other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies, Investment Funds, warrants and Money Market Investments, and hold cash (subject to the restrictions provided in Appendix I).

The Fund may use derivatives with the aim of achieving investment gains, reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently.

## Benchmark

The Fund does not have a target benchmark. The Fund's performance should be compared against its comparator benchmark, being the MSCI AC Asia Pacific ex Japan (Net TR) index. The comparator benchmark is only included for performance comparison purposes and does not determine how the Investment Manager invests the Fund's assets.

The Fund's investment universe is expected to overlap materially with the components of the comparator benchmark. The Investment Manager invests on a discretionary basis and there are no restrictions on the extent to which the Fund's portfolio and performance may deviate from the comparator benchmark. The Investment Manager will invest in companies or sectors not included in the comparator benchmark.

The comparator benchmark has been selected because the Investment Manager believes that the benchmark is a suitable comparison for performance purposes given the Fund's investment objective and policy. The benchmark(s) does/do not take into account the environmental and social characteristics or sustainable objective (as relevant) of the Fund.

## Further Information

The Fund is categorised as "Specialist Equity Fund".

More information relating to the environmental and social characteristics or sustainable investment objective (as applicable) of the Fund is provided in Appendix IV in accordance with SFDR and Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288.

## Risk Considerations

### Specific Risk Considerations

Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect and Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect are securities trading and clearing linked programmes developed by The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited, Shanghai/Shenzhen Stock Exchanges, Hong Kong Securities Clearing Company Limited and China Securities Depository and Clearing Corporation Limited, with an aim to achieve mutual stock market access between the

PRC (excluding Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan) and Hong Kong. A detailed description of the programmes as well as risks linked thereto can be found in Appendix II of this Prospectus.

The Fund may invest in mainland China through QFI schemes or Regulated Markets. Investors should note that the QFI status may be suspended or revoked and that this may adversely affect the Fund's performance by requiring the Fund to dispose of its securities holdings. Please refer to Appendix II for more information of the risks regarding QFI status and QFI quota.

The Fund has the objective of sustainable investment (within the meaning of Article 9 SFDR). A Fund with this objective may have limited exposure to some companies, industries or sectors as a result and the Fund may forego certain investment opportunities, or dispose of certain holdings,

that do not align with its sustainability criteria chosen by the Investment Manager. As Investors may differ in their views of what constitutes sustainable investing, the Fund may also invest in companies that do not reflect the beliefs and values of any particular Investor. Please refer to Appendix II for more details on sustainability risks.

The reference in the Investment Policy to a fund investing two-thirds of its assets in a certain way applies in normal market conditions. See paragraph (A) at the start of this Appendix for further information.

## Profile of the Typical Investor

The Fund may be suitable for Investors who are more concerned with maximising long term returns than minimising possible short term losses.

## Fund Characteristics

Fund Currency	USD
Investment Manager	Schroder Investment Management (Singapore) Ltd
Dealing Cut-off Time	13.00 Luxembourg time on Dealing Day
Dealing Frequency	Daily on Dealing Day
Settlement Period of Subscription and Redemption Proceeds <sup>1</sup>	3 Business Days from the relevant Dealing Day
Performance Fee	None
Redemption Charge	None
PEA / PIR Eligibility	No
Sustainability Criteria	<p>The Investment Manager applies sustainability criteria when selecting investments for the Fund. The Investment Manager defines positive impact according to three key themes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Climate Change</li> <li>• Health &amp; Well-being</li> <li>• Social Development and Sustainable economy.</li> </ul> <p>Sustainable economy is a system that supports society and provides for a good quality of life while minimizing resource use and environmental harm in order to preserve natural resources for future generations, including the companies that facilitate such a system.</p> <p>Investments are composed of companies whose products and services contribute positively to at least one of the UN SDGs. In order to identify companies with a direct link to a UN SDG, the Investment Manager applies a two step approach:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The first is a revenue based approach that considers whether a certain percentage of the relevant company's revenues, capital expenditure or operating expenditure contributes to an environmental or social objective (as applicable).</li> <li>- The second is a detailed impact assessment of the company via the completion of a proprietary impact scorecard. The Investment Manager considers different aspects of impact such as: what outcome and UN SDGs the company is contributing to; who is served by the outcome (such as the relevant stakeholder or industry); an assessment of our expected contribution (including Schroders influence and engagement); and consideration of impact risks. The assessment typically includes Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) that are used to track the company's impact over time.</li> </ul> <p>The company and impact scorecard are then validated and approved by Schroders' Impact Assessment Group (IAG), in order for the company to be eligible for inclusion in the Fund's investible universe. The IAG consists of members from Schroders' impact and sustainable investment teams and members of the investment team. There may be some limited instances where step 2 and the IAG approval may follow subsequently (such as a particularly time sensitive investment).</p> <p>The Investment Manager ensures that at least 90% of the portion of the Fund's Net Asset Value composed of investments in companies is rated against the sustainability criteria. As a result of the application of sustainability criteria, at least 20% of the Fund's potential investment universe is excluded from the selection of investments.</p>

<sup>1</sup> Different subscription and redemption procedures may apply if applications are made through Distributors.

For the purposes of this test, the potential investment universe is the core universe of issuers that the Investment Manager may select for the Fund prior to the application of sustainability criteria, in accordance with the other limitations of the Investment Objective and Policy. This universe is comprised of equity and equity related securities of Asia Pacific companies (excluding Japan) or companies which derive a significant proportion of their revenues or profits from Asia Pacific countries (excluding Japan).

## General Share Class Features

Share Classes	Initial Charge <sup>2</sup>	Annual Distribution Charge <sup>3</sup>	Annual Management Charge
A Shares	Up to 5%	None	1.50%
AX Shares	Up to 5%	None	1.50%
A1 Shares	Up to 4%	0.50%	1.50%
B Shares	None	0.60%	1.50%
C Shares	Up to 1%	None	1.00%
CN Shares	Up to 3%	None	1.00%
CX Shares	Up to 1%	None	1.00%
D Shares	None	1.00%	1.50%
E Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.50%
IZ, IA, IB, IC, ID Shares	None	None	Up to 1%
Z Shares	None	None	Up to 1%

Annual Distribution Charge and Annual Management Charge percentages are stated as an annual charge with reference to the Net Asset Value of the Fund or the Net Asset Value per Share, as may be appropriate.

A share class hedging charge of up to 0.03% will be borne by the currency hedged Share Classes.

Not all Share Classes listed are available for subscription at the time of issue of this Prospectus. The Funds may also launch Bespoke Share Classes that are described under Appendix III at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>2</sup> The initial charge is applied against the total amount invested. The Management Company and Distributors are entitled to the initial charge, which can be partly or fully waived at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>3</sup> Annual Distribution Charges in respect of A1 and D Shares are paid at such intervals as may be agreed from time to time between the Company and those Distributors that are appointed specifically for the purpose of distributing such Shares. Annual Distribution Charges in respect of B Shares are payable quarterly.

# Schroder International Selection Fund Asian Equity Yield

## Investment Objective

The Fund aims to provide income and capital growth in excess of the MSCI AC Asia Pacific ex Japan (Net TR) index after fees have been deducted over a three to five year period by investing in equity and equity related securities of Asia Pacific companies (excluding Japan).

## Investment Policy

The Fund is actively managed and invests at least two-thirds of its assets in equity and equity related securities of Asia Pacific companies (excluding Japan).

The Fund invests in the equities of companies in the Asia Pacific (excluding Japan) region that pay dividends now but also retain enough cash to reinvest back into the company to generate future growth.

The Fund may invest directly in China B-Shares and China H-Shares and may invest less than 30% of its assets (on a net basis) directly or indirectly (for example via participatory notes) in China A-Shares through:

- Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect and Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect;
- the Qualified Foreign Investor ("QFI") scheme;
- shares listed on the STAR Board and the ChiNext; and
- Regulated Markets.

The Fund may also invest up to one-third of its assets directly or indirectly in other securities (including other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies, Investment Funds, warrants and Money Market Investments, and hold cash (subject to the restrictions provided in Appendix I).

The Fund may use derivatives with the aim of reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently.

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the MSCI AC Asia Pacific ex Japan High Dividend Yield (net TR) Index based on the Investment Manager's rating criteria. More details on the investment process used to achieve this can be found in the Fund Characteristics section.

The Fund does not directly invest in certain activities, industries or groups of issuers above the limits listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

## Benchmark

The Fund's performance should be assessed against its target benchmark being to exceed MSCI AC Asia Pacific ex Japan (Net TR) index and compared against the MSCI AC Asia Pacific ex Japan High Dividend Yield (Net TR) index, the Morningstar Asia Pacific ex Japan Income Category and the Morningstar Asia Pacific ex Japan Equity Category. The Fund's investment universe is expected to overlap to a limited extent with the components of the target and comparator benchmarks. The comparator benchmarks are only included for performance comparison purposes and do not determine how the Investment Manager invests the Fund's assets. The Investment Manager invests on a discretionary basis and there are no restrictions on the

extent to which the Fund's portfolio and performance may deviate from the target and comparator benchmarks. The Investment Manager will invest in companies or sectors not included in the target or comparator benchmarks in order to take advantage of specific investment opportunities.

The target benchmark has been selected because it is representative of the type of investments in which the Fund is likely to invest and it is, therefore, an appropriate target in relation to the return that the Fund aims to provide. Any comparator benchmark has been selected because the Investment Manager believes that the benchmark is a suitable comparison for performance purposes given the Fund's investment objective and policy.

The benchmark(s) does/do not take into account the environmental and social characteristics or sustainable objective (as relevant) of the Fund.

## Further Information

The Fund is categorised as "Specialist Equity Fund".

More information relating to the environmental and social characteristics or sustainable investment objective (as applicable) of the Fund is provided in Appendix IV in accordance with SFDR and Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288.

## Risk Considerations

### Specific Risk Considerations

Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect and Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect are securities trading and clearing linked programmes developed by The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited, Shanghai/Shenzhen Stock Exchanges, Hong Kong Securities Clearing Company Limited and China Securities Depository and Clearing Corporation Limited, with an aim to achieve mutual stock market access between the PRC (excluding Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan) and Hong Kong. A detailed description of the programmes as well as risks linked thereto can be found in Appendix II of this Prospectus.

The Fund may invest in mainland China through QFI schemes or Regulated Markets. Investors should note that the QFI status may be suspended or revoked and that this may adversely affect the Fund's performance by requiring the Fund to dispose of its securities holdings. Please refer to Appendix II for more information of the risks regarding QFI status and QFI quota.

The Fund has environmental and/or social characteristics (within the meaning of Article 8 SFDR). A Fund with these characteristics may have limited exposure to some companies, industries or sectors as a result and the Fund may forego certain investment opportunities, or dispose of certain holdings, that do not align with its sustainability criteria chosen by the Investment Manager. As Investors may differ in their views of what constitutes sustainable investing, the Fund may also invest in companies that do not reflect the beliefs and values of any particular Investor. Please refer to Appendix II for more details on sustainability risks.

The reference in the Investment Policy to a fund investing two-thirds of its assets in a certain way applies in normal market conditions. See paragraph (A) at the start of this Appendix for further information.

The level of distribution costs in certain jurisdictions may impact the ability of the Investment Manager to meet the Fund's investment objective across all Share Classes after fees have been deducted.

## Profile of the Typical Investor

The Fund may be suitable for Investors who are more concerned with maximising long term returns than minimising possible short term losses.

## Fund Characteristics

Fund Currency	USD
Investment Manager	Schroder Investment Management (Singapore) Ltd
Dealing Cut-off Time	13.00 Luxembourg time on Dealing Day
Dealing Frequency	Daily on Dealing Day
Settlement Period of Subscription and Redemption Proceeds <sup>1</sup>	3 Business Days from the relevant Dealing Day
Performance Fee	None
Redemption Charge	None
PEA / PIR Eligibility	No
Sustainability Criteria	<p>The Investment Manager applies governance and sustainability criteria when selecting investments for the Fund.</p> <p>In the selection and assessment of potential investment opportunities and holdings, companies are assessed on a proprietary stakeholder-based approach against criteria including, but not limited to (1) good governance practices; (2) impact on the environment and local communities; and (3) fair and equitable treatment of employees, suppliers and customers. Information and insights derived from Schroders' proprietary sustainability tools are utilised in this assessment and due diligence process.</p> <p>The Investment Manager's proprietary analysis and ongoing engagement with these companies may also help it derive a reasonable level of conviction that concrete steps will be or are being taken to transition out of business segments or practices that have not met the sustainability criteria or improve on their relevant areas of weakness. The Investment Manager may consider these companies eligible for investment ahead of seeing changes in the company's ratings and rankings across both internal and external evaluation metrics.</p> <p>The primary sources of information used to perform the analysis include the Investment Manager's proprietary tools and research, third-party research, NGO reports and expert networks. The Investment Manager also performs its own analysis of publicly available information provided by the companies, including information provided in company sustainability reports and other relevant company material.</p> <p>More details on the Investment Manager's approach to sustainability and its engagement with companies are available on the webpage <a href="https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/">https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/</a></p> <p>The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than its investment universe, based on the Investment Manager's rating system.</p> <p>The Investment Manager ensures that at least:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– 90% of the portion of the NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in developed countries; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with an investment grade credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by developed countries; and</li> <li>– 75% of the portion of the NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in emerging countries; equities issued by small and medium companies; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with a high yield credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by emerging countries,</li> </ul> <p>is rated against the sustainability criteria. For the purposes of this test, small companies are those with market capitalisation below €5 billion, medium companies are those between €5 billion and €10 billion and large companies are those above €10 billion.</p>

<sup>1</sup> Different subscription and redemption procedures may apply if applications are made through Distributors.



## General Share Class Features

Share Classes	Initial Charge <sup>2</sup>	Annual Distribution Charge <sup>3</sup>	Annual Management Charge
A Shares	Up to 5%	None	1.50%
AX Shares	Up to 5%	None	1.50%
A1 Shares	Up to 4%	0.50%	1.50%
B Shares	None	0.60%	1.50%
C Shares	Up to 1%	None	1.00%
CN Shares	Up to 3%	None	1.00%
CX Shares	Up to 1%	None	1.00%
D Shares	None	1.00%	1.50%
E Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.50%
IZ, IA, IB, IC, ID Shares	None	None	Up to 1%
Z Shares	None	None	Up to 1%

Annual Distribution Charge and Annual Management Charge percentages are stated as an annual charge with reference to the Net Asset Value of the Fund or the Net Asset Value per Share, as may be appropriate.

A share class hedging charge of up to 0.03% will be borne by the currency hedged Share Classes.

Not all Share Classes listed are available for subscription at the time of issue of this Prospectus. The Funds may also launch Bespoke Share Classes that are described under Appendix III at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>2</sup> The initial charge is applied against the total amount invested. The Management Company and Distributors are entitled to the initial charge, which can be partly or fully waived at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>3</sup> Annual Distribution Charges in respect of A1 and D Shares are paid at such intervals as may be agreed from time to time between the Company and those Distributors that are appointed specifically for the purpose of distributing such Shares. Annual Distribution Charges in respect of B Shares are payable quarterly.

# Schroder International Selection Fund Asian Local Currency Bond

## Investment Objective

The Fund aims to provide capital growth and income in excess of the iBoxx Asian Local Currency Bond index after fees have been deducted over a three to five year period by investing in Asian fixed income securities denominated in local currencies.

## Investment Policy

The Fund is actively managed and invests at least two-thirds of its assets in fixed income securities with an investment grade or sub-investment grade credit rating (as measured by Standard & Poor's or any equivalent grade of other credit rating agencies for rated bonds and implied Schroders ratings for non-rated bonds) denominated in local currencies issued by government, government agencies and companies in Asia (excluding Japan) and derivatives related to the above instruments. For the purposes of this Fund, Asia includes the following west Asian countries: Bahrain, Israel, Lebanon, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Turkey and United Arab Emirates.

The Fund may invest up to 30% of its assets directly in mainland China through (i) QFI schemes or QFI related schemes supervised by the China Securities Regulatory Commission provided investment restriction 1.(A) (5) (I) of Appendix I is complied with and/or they qualify as Investment Funds and (ii) Regulated Markets (including the CIBM via Bond Connect or CIBM Direct).

Investments in mainland China Regulated Markets and interbank bond markets may also be performed indirectly through notes, certificates or other instruments (which qualify as transferable securities and do not embed a derivative element), open-ended Investment Funds and eligible derivative transactions.

The Fund may also invest up to one-third of its assets directly or indirectly in other securities (including other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies, Investment Funds, warrants and Money Market Investments, and hold cash (subject to the restrictions provided in Appendix I).

The Fund intends to use derivatives (including total return swaps and long and short currency forwards) with the aim of achieving investment gains, reducing risk or managing the fund more efficiently. Where the Fund uses total return swaps, the underlying consists of instruments in which the Fund may invest according to its Investment Objective and Investment Policy. In particular, the aim is to use total return swaps on a temporary basis in market conditions including but not limited to periods of slow economic growth and falling interest rates, and where the Investment Manager's view is that sovereign spread premiums will compress. The gross exposure of total return swaps will not exceed 20% and is expected to remain within the range of 0% to 5% of the Net Asset Value. In certain circumstances this proportion may be higher.

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the iBoxx Asian Local Currency Bond index, based on the Investment Manager's rating criteria. More details on the investment process used to achieve this can be found in the Fund Characteristics section.

The Fund does not directly invest in certain activities, industries or groups of issuers above the limits listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

## Benchmark

The Fund's performance should be assessed against its target benchmark being to exceed the iBoxx Asian Local Currency Bond index. The Fund's investment universe is expected to overlap materially with the components of the target benchmark. The Investment Manager invests on a discretionary basis and there are no restrictions on the extent to which the Fund's portfolio and performance may deviate from the target benchmark. The Investment Manager will invest in companies or sectors not included in the benchmark in order to take advantage of specific investment opportunities.

The target benchmark has been selected because it is representative of the type of investments in which the Fund is likely to invest and it is, therefore, an appropriate target in relation to the return that the Fund aims to provide.

The benchmark(s) does/do not take into account the environmental and social characteristics or sustainable objective (as relevant) of the Fund.

## Further Information

The Fund is categorised as "Specialist Bond Fund".

More information relating to the environmental and social characteristics or sustainable investment objective (as applicable) of the Fund is provided in Appendix IV in accordance with SFDR and Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288.

## Risk Considerations

### Risk Management Method

Relative Value-at-Risk (VaR)

### VaR Benchmark

iBoxx Asian Local Currency Bond Index. This index tracks the total return performance of a bond portfolio which consists of local-currency denominated, high quality and liquid bonds in Asia ex-Japan. The iBoxx Asian Local Currency Bond Index includes bonds from the following countries/regions: Korea, Hong Kong SAR, India, Singapore, Taiwan, Malaysia, Thailand, the Philippines, Indonesia and China.

### Expected Leverage

300% of the total net assets

The expected level of leverage may be higher when volatility decreases sustainably, when interest rates are expected to change or when credit spreads are expected to widen or tighten.

### This Fund is not a leveraged financial instrument

The Fund utilises financial derivative instruments for investment purposes and the global exposure is monitored under the relative VaR approach in line with UCITS Risk Measurement Rules. Whilst these instruments generate leverage, the Fund itself is not a leveraged financial instrument as further described in the MIFID Directive. For

further details on the relative VaR approach please see Appendix 1. In addition to this regulatory restriction, Schroders implements internal controls on global exposure to constrain and/or highlight global exposure as appropriate.

### Specific Risk Considerations

Long and short positions gained through bond total return swaps may increase exposure to credit-related risks. The Fund may invest in mainland China through QFI schemes or Regulated Markets (including the CIBM via Bond Connect or CIBM Direct). Investors should note that the QFI status may be suspended or revoked and that this may adversely affect the Fund's performance by requiring the Fund to dispose of its securities holdings. Please refer to Appendix II for more information of the risks regarding QFI status, QFI quota, the CIBM and Bond Connect.

The Fund has environmental and/or social characteristics (within the meaning of Article 8 SFDR). A Fund with these characteristics may have limited exposure to some companies, industries or sectors as a result and the Fund may forego certain investment opportunities, or dispose of

certain holdings, that do not align with its sustainability criteria chosen by the Investment Manager. As investors may differ in their views of what constitutes sustainable investing, the Fund may also invest in companies that do not reflect the beliefs and values of any particular Investor. Please refer to Appendix II for more details on sustainability risks.

The reference in the Investment Policy to a fund investing two-thirds of its assets in a certain way applies in normal market conditions. See paragraph (A) at the start of this Appendix for further information.

The level of distribution costs in certain jurisdictions may impact the ability of the Investment Manager to meet the Fund's investment objective across all share classes after fees have been deducted

### Profile of the Typical Investor

The Fund may be suitable for Investors who are seeking to combine capital growth opportunities with income in the relative stability of the debt markets over the long term.

## Fund Characteristics

Fund Currency	USD
Investment Manager	Schroder Investment Management (Singapore) Ltd
Dealing Cut-off Time	13.00 Luxembourg time on Dealing Day
Dealing Frequency	Daily on Dealing Day
Settlement Period of Subscription and Redemption Proceeds <sup>1</sup>	3 Business Days from the relevant Dealing Day
Performance Fee	None
Redemption Charge	None
PEA / PIR Eligibility	No
Sustainability Criteria	<p>The Investment Manager applies governance and sustainability criteria when selecting investments for the Fund.</p> <p>The strategy aims to identify issuers demonstrating good or improving sustainability credentials, and those that impose a high cost on the environment and society. This involves:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the exclusion of issuers <del>with certain exposure to specific activities that the Investment Manager considers environmentally destructive or socially damaging, violate human rights and/ or have demonstrated gross misconduct.that the Investment Manager deems to have businesses that are materially damaging to the climate and impose unjustifiable social costs.</del></li> <li>the inclusion of issuers that <del>the Investment Manager considers are well placed to deliver demonstrate</del> stable and improving sustainability trajectories <del>relative to their industry peers., and issuers demonstrating good governance based on the Investment Manager's sustainability rating methodology.</del></li> </ul> <p>The Investment Manager may also engage with companies to encourage transparency, the transition to a circular economy with lower carbon emissions intensity and responsible social behaviour that promotes sustainable growth and alpha generation.</p> <p>The primary sources of information used to perform the analysis are the Investment Manager's proprietary tools and research, third-party research, NGO reports and expert networks. The Investment Manager also performs its own analysis of publicly available information provided by the companies, including information provided in company sustainability reports and other relevant company material.</p> <p>More details on the Investment Manager's approach to sustainability and its engagement with companies are available on the webpage <a href="https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/">https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/</a></p> <p>The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than its investment universe, based on the Investment Manager's rating system.</p>

<sup>1</sup> Different subscription and redemption procedures may apply if applications are made through Distributors.

The Investment Manager ensures that at least:

- 90% of the portion of the NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in developed countries; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with an investment grade credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by developed countries; and
- 75% of the portion of the NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in emerging countries; equities issued by small and medium companies; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with a high yield credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by emerging countries,

is rated against the sustainability criteria. For the purposes of this test, small companies are those with market capitalisation below €5 billion, medium companies are those between €5 billion and €10 billion and large companies are those above €10 billion.

## General Share Class Features

Share Classes	Initial Charge <sup>2</sup>	Annual Distribution Charge <sup>3</sup>	Annual Management Charge
A Shares	Up to 3%	None	1.00%
AX Shares	Up to 3%	None	1.00%
A1 Shares	Up to 2%	0.50%	1.00%
B Shares	None	0.50%	1.00%
C Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.60%
CN Shares	Up to 3%	None	0.60%
CX Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.60%
D Shares	None	1.00%	1.00%
E Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.30%
IZ, IA, IB, IC, ID Shares	None	None	Up to 0.60%
Z Shares	None	None	Up to 0.60%

Annual Distribution Charge and Annual Management Charge percentages are stated as an annual charge with reference to the Net Asset Value of the Fund or the Net Asset Value per Share, as may be appropriate.

A share class hedging charge of up to 0.03% will be borne by the currency hedged Share Classes.

Not all Share Classes listed are available for subscription at the time of issue of this Prospectus. The Funds may also launch Bespoke Share Classes that are described under Appendix III at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>2</sup> The initial charge is applied against the total amount invested. The Management Company and Distributors are entitled to the initial charge, which can be partly or fully waived at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>3</sup> Annual Distribution Charges in respect of A1 and D Shares are paid at such intervals as may be agreed from time to time between the Company and those Distributors that are appointed specifically for the purpose of distributing such Shares. Annual Distribution Charges in respect of B Shares are payable quarterly.

# Schroder International Selection Fund Asian Opportunities

## Investment Objective

The Fund aims to provide capital growth in excess of the MSCI AC Asia ex Japan (Net TR) index after fees have been deducted over a three to five year period by investing in equity and equity related securities of Asian companies (excluding Japan).

## Investment Policy

The Fund is actively managed and invests at least two-thirds of its assets in equity and equity related securities of Asian companies (excluding Japan).

The Fund may invest directly in China B-Shares and China H-Shares and may invest less than 30% of its assets (on a net basis) directly or indirectly (for example via participatory notes) in China A-Shares through:

- Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect and Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect;
- the Qualified Foreign Investor ("QFI") scheme;
- shares listed on the STAR Board and the ChiNext; and
- Regulated Markets.

The Fund may also invest up to one-third of its assets directly or indirectly in other securities (including other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies, Investment Funds, warrants and Money Market Investments, and hold cash (subject to the restrictions provided in Appendix I).

The Fund may use derivatives with the aim of reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently.

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the MSCI AC Asia ex Japan (Net TR) Index based on the Investment Manager's rating criteria. More details on the investment process used to achieve this can be found in the Fund Characteristics section.

The Fund does not directly invest in certain activities, industries or groups of issuers above the limits listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

## Benchmark

The Fund's performance should be assessed against its target benchmark being to exceed the MSCI AC Asia ex Japan (Net TR) index and compared against the Morningstar Asia ex Japan Equities Category. The Fund's investment universe is expected to overlap to a limited extent with the components of the target benchmark. The comparator benchmark is only included for performance comparison purposes and does not determine how the Investment Manager invests the Fund's assets. The Investment Manager invests on a discretionary basis and there are no restrictions on the extent to which the Fund's portfolio and performance may deviate from the target benchmark. The Investment Manager will invest in companies or sectors not included in the target benchmark in order to take advantage of specific investment opportunities.

The target benchmark has been selected because it is representative of the type of investments in which the Fund is likely to invest and it is, therefore, an appropriate target in

relation to the return that the Fund aims to provide. The comparator benchmark has been selected because the Investment Manager believes that the benchmark is a suitable comparison for performance purposes given the Fund's investment objective and policy.

The benchmark(s) does/do not take into account the environmental and social characteristics or sustainable objective (as relevant) of the Fund.

## Further Information

The Fund is categorised as "Mainstream Equity Fund".

More information relating to the environmental and social characteristics or sustainable investment objective (as applicable) of the Fund is provided in Appendix IV in accordance with SFDR and Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288.

## Risk Considerations

### Specific Risk Considerations

Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect and Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect are securities trading and clearing linked programmes developed by The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited, Shanghai/Shenzhen Stock Exchanges, Hong Kong Securities Clearing Company Limited and China Securities Depository and Clearing Corporation Limited, with an aim to achieve mutual stock market access between the PRC (excluding Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan) and Hong Kong. A detailed description of the programmes as well as risks linked thereto can be found in Appendix II of this Prospectus.

The Fund may invest in mainland China through QFI schemes or Regulated Markets (including the CIBM via Bond Connect or CIBM Direct). Investors should note that the QFI status may be suspended or revoked and that this may adversely affect the Fund's performance by requiring the Fund to dispose of its securities holdings. Please refer to Appendix II for more information of the risks regarding QFI status, QFI quota, the CIBM and Bond Connect.

The Fund has environmental and/or social characteristics (within the meaning of Article 8 SFDR). A Fund with these characteristics may have limited exposure to some companies, industries or sectors as a result and the Fund may forego certain investment opportunities, or dispose of certain holdings, that do not align with its sustainability criteria chosen by the Investment Manager. As Investors may differ in their views of what constitutes sustainable investing, the Fund may also invest in companies that do not reflect the beliefs and values of any particular Investor. Please refer to Appendix II for more details on sustainability risks.

The reference in the Investment Policy to a fund investing two-thirds of its assets in a certain way applies in normal market conditions. See paragraph (A) at the start of this Appendix for further information.

The level of distribution costs in certain jurisdictions may impact the ability of the Investment Manager to meet the Fund's investment objective across all Share Classes after fees have been deducted.



## Profile of the Typical Investor

The Fund may be suitable for Investors who are seeking long term growth potential offered through investment in equities.

## Fund Characteristics

Fund Currency	USD
Investment Manager	Schroder Investment Management (Singapore) Ltd
Dealing Cut-off Time	13.00 Luxembourg time on Dealing Day
Dealing Frequency	Daily on Dealing Day
Settlement Period of Subscription and Redemption Proceeds <sup>1</sup>	3 Business Days from the relevant Dealing Day
Performance Fee	None
Redemption Charge	None
PEA / PIR Eligibility	No
Sustainability Criteria	<p>The Investment Manager applies governance and sustainability criteria when selecting investments for the Fund.</p> <p>In the selection and assessment of potential investment opportunities and holdings, companies are assessed on a proprietary stakeholder-based approach against criteria including, but not limited to (1) good governance practices; (2) impact on the environment and local communities; and (3) fair and equitable treatment of employees, suppliers and customers. Information and insights derived from Schroders' proprietary sustainability tools are utilised in this assessment and due diligence process.</p> <p>The Investment Manager's proprietary analysis and ongoing engagement with these companies may also help it derive a reasonable level of conviction that concrete steps will be or are being taken to transition out of business segments or practices that have not met the sustainability criteria or improve on their relevant areas of weakness. The Investment Manager may consider these companies eligible for investment ahead of seeing changes in the company's ratings and rankings across both internal and external evaluation metrics.</p> <p>The primary sources of information used to perform the analysis include the Investment Manager's proprietary tools and research, third-party research, NGO reports and expert networks. The Investment Manager also performs its own analysis of publicly available information provided by the companies, including information provided in company sustainability reports and other relevant company material.</p> <p>More details on the Investment Manager's approach to sustainability and its engagement with companies are available on the webpage <a href="https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/">https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/</a></p> <p>The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than its investment universe, based on the Investment Manager's rating system.</p> <p>The Investment Manager ensures that at least:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– 90% of the portion of the NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in developed countries; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with an investment grade credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by developed countries; and</li> <li>– 75% of the portion of the NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in emerging countries; equities issued by small and medium companies; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with a high yield credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by emerging countries,</li> </ul> <p>is rated against the sustainability criteria. For the purposes of this test, small companies are those with market capitalisation below €5 billion, medium companies are those between €5 billion and €10 billion and large companies are those above €10 billion.</p>

<sup>1</sup> Different subscription and redemption procedures may apply if applications are made through Distributors.

## General Share Class Features

Share Classes	Initial Charge <sup>2</sup>	Annual Distribution Charge <sup>3</sup>	Annual Management Charge
A Shares	Up to 5%	None	1.50%
AX Shares	Up to 5%	None	1.50%
A1 Shares	Up to 4%	0.50%	1.50%
B Shares	None	0.60%	1.50%
C Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.75%
CN Shares	Up to 3%	None	0.75%
CX Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.75%
D Shares	None	1.00%	1.50%
E Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.375%
IZ, IA, IB, IC, ID Shares	None	None	Up to 0.75%
Z Shares	None	None	Up to 0.75%

Annual Distribution Charge and Annual Management Charge percentages are stated as an annual charge with reference to the Net Asset Value of the Fund or the Net Asset Value per Share, as may be appropriate.

A share class hedging charge of up to 0.03% will be borne by the currency hedged Share Classes.

Not all Share Classes listed are available for subscription at the time of issue of this Prospectus. The Funds may also launch Bespoke Share Classes that are described under Appendix III at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>2</sup> The initial charge is applied against the total amount invested. The Management Company and Distributors are entitled to the initial charge, which can be partly or fully waived at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>3</sup> Annual Distribution Charges in respect of A1 and D Shares are paid at such intervals as may be agreed from time to time between the Company and those Distributors that are appointed specifically for the purpose of distributing such Shares. Annual Distribution Charges in respect of B Shares are payable quarterly.

# Schroder International Selection Fund Asian Smaller Companies

## Investment Objective

The Fund aims to provide capital growth in excess of the MSCI AC Asia ex Japan Small Cap (Net TR) index after fees have been deducted over a three to five year period by investing in equity and equity related securities of Asian small-sized companies (excluding Japan).

## Investment Policy

The Fund is actively managed and invests at least two-thirds of its assets in equity and equity related securities of small-sized companies in Asia (excluding Japan). Small-sized companies are companies which, at the time of purchase, are considered to be in the bottom 30% by market capitalisation of the Asian (excluding Japan) equities market.

The Fund may invest directly in China B-Shares and China H-Shares and may invest less than 30% of its assets (on a net basis) directly or indirectly (for example via participatory notes) in China A-Shares through Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect and Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect and shares listed on the STAR Board and the ChiNext.

The Fund may also invest up to one-third of its assets directly or indirectly in other securities (including other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies, Investment Funds, warrants and Money Market Investments, and hold cash (subject to the restrictions provided in Appendix I).

The Fund may use derivatives with the aim of reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently.

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the MSCI AC Asia Ex Japan Small Cap (Net TR) index based on the Investment Manager's rating criteria. More details on the investment process used to achieve this can be found in the Fund Characteristics section.

The Fund does not directly invest in certain activities, industries or groups of issuers above the limits listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

## Benchmark

The Fund's performance should be assessed against its target benchmark being to exceed the MSCI AC Asia ex Japan Small Cap (Net TR) index and compared against the Morningstar Asia ex Japan Small Cap Equities Category. The Fund's investment universe is expected to overlap to a limited extent with the components of the target benchmark. The comparator benchmark is only included for performance comparison purposes and does not determine how the Investment Manager invests the Fund's assets. The Investment Manager invests on a discretionary basis and there are no restrictions on the extent to which the Fund's portfolio and performance may deviate from the target benchmark. The Investment Manager will invest in companies or sectors not included in the target benchmark in order to take advantage of specific investment opportunities.

The target benchmark has been selected because it is representative of the type of investments in which the Fund is likely to invest and it is, therefore, an appropriate target in

relation to the return that the fund aims to provide. The comparator benchmark has been selected because the Investment Manager believes that the benchmark is a suitable comparison for performance purposes given the Fund's investment objective and policy.

The benchmark(s) does/do not take into account the environmental and social characteristics or sustainable objective (as relevant) of the Fund.

## Further Information

The Fund is categorised as "Specialist Equity Fund".

More information relating to the environmental and social characteristics or sustainable investment objective (as applicable) of the Fund is provided in Appendix IV in accordance with SFDR and Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288.

## Risk Considerations

### Specific Risk Considerations

Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect and Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect are securities trading and clearing linked programmes developed by The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited, Shanghai/Shenzhen Stock Exchanges, Hong Kong Securities Clearing Company Limited and China Securities Depository and Clearing Corporation Limited, with an aim to achieve mutual stock market access between the PRC (excluding Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan) and Hong Kong. A detailed description of the programmes as well as risks linked thereto can be found in Appendix II of this Prospectus.

The Fund has environmental and/or social characteristics (within the meaning of Article 8 SFDR). A Fund with these characteristics may have limited exposure to some companies, industries or sectors as a result and the Fund may forego certain investment opportunities, or dispose of certain holdings, that do not align with its sustainability criteria chosen by the Investment Manager. As Investors may differ in their views of what constitutes sustainable investing, the Fund may also invest in companies that do not reflect the beliefs and values of any particular Investor. Please refer to Appendix II for more details on sustainability risks.

The reference in the Investment Policy to a fund investing two-thirds of its assets in a certain way applies in normal market conditions. See paragraph (A) at the start of this Appendix for further information.

The level of distribution costs in certain jurisdictions may impact the ability of the Investment Manager to meet the Fund's investment objective across all Share Classes after fees have been deducted.

## Profile of the Typical Investor

The Fund may be suitable for Investors who are more concerned with maximising long term returns than minimising possible short term losses.

## Fund Characteristics

Fund Currency	USD
Investment Manager	Schroder Investment Management (Singapore) Ltd
Dealing Cut-off Time	13.00 Luxembourg time on Dealing Day
Dealing Frequency	Daily on Dealing Day
Settlement Period of Subscription and Redemption Proceeds <sup>1</sup>	3 Business Days from the relevant Dealing Day
Performance Fee	None
Redemption Charge	None
PEA / PIR Eligibility	No
Sustainability Criteria	<p>The Investment Manager applies governance and sustainability criteria when selecting investments for the Fund.</p> <p>In the selection and assessment of potential investment opportunities and holdings, companies are assessed on a proprietary stakeholder-based approach against criteria including, but not limited to (1) good governance practices; (2) impact on the environment and local communities; and (3) fair and equitable treatment of employees, suppliers and customers. Information and insights derived from Schroders' proprietary sustainability tools are utilised in this assessment and due diligence process.</p> <p>The Investment Manager's proprietary analysis and ongoing engagement with these companies may also help it derive a reasonable level of conviction that concrete steps will be or are being taken to transition out of business segments or practices that have not met the sustainability criteria or improve on their relevant areas of weakness. The Investment Manager may consider these companies eligible for investment ahead of seeing changes in the company's ratings and rankings across both internal and external evaluation metrics.</p> <p>The primary sources of information used to perform the analysis include the Investment Manager's proprietary tools and research, third-party research, NGO reports and expert networks. The Investment Manager also performs its own analysis of publicly available information provided by the companies, including information provided in company sustainability reports and other relevant company material.</p> <p>More details on the Investment Manager's approach to sustainability and its engagement with companies are available on the webpage <a href="https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/">https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/</a></p> <p>The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than its investment universe, based on the Investment Manager's rating system.</p> <p>The Investment Manager ensures that at least:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 90% of the portion of the NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in developed countries; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with an investment grade credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by developed countries; and</li> <li>- 75% of the portion of the NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in emerging countries; equities issued by small and medium companies; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with a high yield credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by emerging countries,</li> </ul> <p>is rated against the sustainability criteria. For the purposes of this test, small companies are those with market capitalisation below €5 billion, medium companies are those between €5 billion and €10 billion and large companies are those above €10 billion.</p>

<sup>1</sup> Different subscription and redemption procedures may apply if applications are made through Distributors.

## General Share Class Features

Share Classes	Initial Charge <sup>2</sup>	Annual Distribution Charge <sup>3</sup>	Annual Management Charge
A Shares	Up to 5%	None	1.50%
AX Shares	Up to 5%	None	1.50%
A1 Shares	Up to 4%	0.50%	1.50%
B Shares	None	0.60%	1.50%
C Shares	Up to 1%	None	1.00%
CN Shares	Up to 3%	None	1.00%
CX Shares	Up to 1%	None	1.00%
D Shares	None	1.00%	1.50%
E Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.50%
IZ, IA, IB, IC, ID Shares	None	None	Up to 1%
Z Shares	None	None	Up to 1%

Annual Distribution Charge and Annual Management Charge percentages are stated as an annual charge with reference to the Net Asset Value of the Fund or the Net Asset Value per Share, as may be appropriate.

A share class hedging charge of up to 0.03% will be borne by the currency hedged Share Classes.

Not all Share Classes listed are available for subscription at the time of issue of this Prospectus. The Funds may also launch Bespoke Share Classes that are described under Appendix III at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>2</sup> The initial charge is applied against the total amount invested. The Management Company and Distributors are entitled to the initial charge, which can be partly or fully waived at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>3</sup> Annual Distribution Charges in respect of A1 and D Shares are paid at such intervals as may be agreed from time to time between the Company and those Distributors that are appointed specifically for the purpose of distributing such Shares. Annual Distribution Charges in respect of B Shares are payable quarterly.



# Schroder International Selection Fund Asian Total Return

## Investment Objective

The Fund aims to provide capital growth and income in excess of the MSCI AC Asia Pacific ex Japan (Net TR) index after fees have been deducted over a three to five year period by investing in equity and equity related securities of Asia Pacific companies. The Fund is designed to participate in rising markets whilst aiming to mitigate losses in falling markets through the use of derivatives. The mitigation of losses cannot be guaranteed.

## Investment Policy

The Fund is actively managed and invests at least two-thirds of its assets in Asia Pacific equity and equity related securities.

The Fund may invest directly in China B-Shares and China H-Shares and may invest less than 30% of its assets (on a net basis) directly or indirectly (for example via participatory notes) in China A-Shares through:

- Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect and Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect;
- the Qualified Foreign Investor ("QFI") scheme;
- shares listed on the STAR Board and the ChiNext; and
- Regulated Markets.

The Fund may also invest up to one-third of its assets directly or indirectly in other securities (including other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies, Investment Funds, warrants and Money Market Investments, and hold cash (subject to the restrictions provided in Appendix I).

The Fund may use derivatives with the aim of achieving investment gains, reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently. The Fund may buy or sell equity index futures and buy and sell index options on indices or individual stocks. To obtain exposure to equity indices and individual stocks, the Fund may also enter into contracts for difference where the underlying investments are not delivered and settlement is made in cash. Contracts for difference may be used to gain long and short exposure or to hedge exposure on equity and equity related securities. The gross exposure of contracts for difference will not exceed 10% and is expected to remain within the range of 0% to 10% of the Net Asset Value. In certain circumstances this proportion may be higher.

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the MSCI AC Asia Pacific ex Japan (Net TR) index based on the Investment Manager's rating criteria. More details on the investment process used to achieve this can be found in the Fund Characteristics section.

The Fund does not directly invest in certain activities, industries or groups of issuers above the limits listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

## Benchmark

The Fund's performance should be assessed against its target benchmark being to exceed the MSCI AC Asia Pacific ex Japan (Net TR) index and compared against ICE BofA 3 Month US Treasury Bill Index. The Fund's investment

universe is expected to overlap to a limited extent with the components of the target benchmark. The comparator benchmark is only included for performance comparison purposes and does not determine how the Investment Manager invests the Fund's assets. The Investment Manager invests on a discretionary basis and there are no restrictions on the extent to which the Fund's portfolio and performance may deviate from the target benchmark. The Investment Manager will invest in companies or sectors not included in the target benchmark in order to take advantage of specific investment opportunities.

The target benchmark has been selected because it is representative of the type of investments in which the Fund is likely to invest and it is, therefore, an appropriate target in relation to the return that the Fund aims to provide. The comparator benchmark has been selected because the Investment Manager believes that the benchmark is a suitable comparison for performance purposes given the Fund's investment objective and policy.

The benchmark(s) does/do not take into account the environmental and social characteristics or sustainable objective (as relevant) of the Fund.

## Further Information

The Fund is categorised as "Specialist Equity Fund".

More information relating to the environmental and social characteristics or sustainable investment objective (as applicable) of the Fund is provided in Appendix IV in accordance with SFDR and Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288.

## Risk Considerations

### Specific Risk Considerations

Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect and Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect are securities trading and clearing linked programmes developed by The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited, Shanghai/Shenzhen Stock Exchanges, Hong Kong Securities Clearing Company Limited and China Securities Depository and Clearing Corporation Limited, with an aim to achieve mutual stock market access between the PRC (excluding Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan) and Hong Kong. A detailed description of the programmes as well as risks linked thereto can be found in Appendix II of this Prospectus.

The Fund may invest in mainland China through QFI schemes or Regulated Markets (including the CIBM via Bond Connect or CIBM Direct). Investors should note that the QFI status may be suspended or revoked and that this may adversely affect the Fund's performance by requiring the Fund to dispose of its securities holdings. Please refer to Appendix II for more information of the risks regarding QFI status, QFI quota, the CIBM and Bond Connect.

The Fund has environmental and/or social characteristics (within the meaning of Article 8 SFDR). A Fund with these characteristics may have limited exposure to some companies, industries or sectors as a result and the Fund may forego certain investment opportunities, or dispose of certain holdings, that do not align with its sustainability criteria chosen by the Investment Manager. As Investors may differ in their views of what constitutes sustainable investing, the Fund may also invest in companies that do not

reflect the beliefs and values of any particular Investor. Please refer to Appendix II for more details on sustainability risks.

The associated risks involved in investing in derivatives are highlighted in Appendix II.

The reference in the Investment Policy to a fund investing two-thirds of its assets in a certain way applies in normal market conditions. See paragraph (A) at the start of this Appendix for further information.

The level of distribution costs in certain jurisdictions may impact the ability of the Investment Manager to meet the Fund's investment objective across all Share Classes after fees have been deducted.

## Profile of the Typical Investor

The Fund may be suitable for Investors who are more concerned with maximising long term returns than minimising possible short term losses.

## Fund Characteristics

Fund Currency	USD
Investment Manager	Schroder Investment Management (Singapore) Ltd
Dealing Cut-off Time	13.00 Luxembourg time on Dealing Day
Dealing Frequency	Daily on Dealing Day
Settlement Period of Subscription and Redemption Proceeds <sup>1</sup>	3 Business Days from the relevant Dealing Day
Performance Fee	None
Redemption Charge	None
PEA / PIR Eligibility	No
Sustainability Criteria	<p>The Investment Manager applies governance and sustainability criteria when selecting investments for the Fund.</p> <p>In the selection and assessment of potential investment opportunities and holdings, companies are assessed on a proprietary stakeholder-based approach against criteria including, but not limited to (1) good governance practices; (2) impact on the environment and local communities; and (3) fair and equitable treatment of employees, suppliers and customers. Information and insights derived from Schroders' proprietary sustainability tools are utilised in this assessment and due diligence process.</p> <p>The Investment Manager's proprietary analysis and ongoing engagement with these companies may also help it derive a reasonable level of conviction that concrete steps will be or are being taken to transition out of business segments or practices that have not met the sustainability criteria or improve on their relevant areas of weakness. The Investment Manager may consider these companies eligible for investment ahead of seeing changes in the company's ratings and rankings across both internal and external evaluation metrics.</p> <p>The primary sources of information used to perform the analysis include the Investment Manager's proprietary tools and research, third-party research, NGO reports and expert networks. The Investment Manager also performs its own analysis of publicly available information provided by the companies, including information provided in company sustainability reports and other relevant company material.</p> <p>More details on the Investment Manager's approach to sustainability and its engagement with companies are available on the webpage <a href="https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/">https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/</a></p> <p>The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than its investment universe, based on the Investment Manager's rating system.</p> <p>The Investment Manager ensures that at least:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 90% of the portion of the NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in developed countries; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with an investment grade credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by developed countries; and</li> <li>- 75% of the portion of the NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in emerging countries; equities issued by small and medium companies; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with a high yield credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by emerging countries,</li> </ul> <p>is rated against the sustainability criteria. For the purposes of this test, small companies are those with market capitalisation below €5 billion, medium companies are those between €5 billion and €10 billion and large companies are those above €10 billion.</p>

<sup>1</sup> Different subscription and redemption procedures may apply if applications are made through Distributors.

## General Share Class Features

Share Classes	Initial Charge <sup>2</sup>	Annual Distribution Charge <sup>3</sup>	Annual Management Charge
A Shares	Up to 5%	None	1.50%
AX Shares	Up to 5%	None	1.50%
A1 Shares	Up to 4%	0.50%	1.50%
B Shares	None	0.60%	1.50%
C Shares	Up to 1%	None	1.00%
CN Shares	Up to 3%	None	1.00%
CX Shares	Up to 1%	None	1.00%
D Shares	None	1.00%	1.50%
E Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.50%
IZ, IA, IB, IC, ID Shares	None	None	Up to 1%
Z Shares	None	None	Up to 1%

Annual Distribution Charge and Annual Management Charge percentages are stated as an annual charge with reference to the Net Asset Value of the Fund or the Net Asset Value per Share, as may be appropriate.

A share class hedging charge of up to 0.03% will be borne by the currency hedged Share Classes.

Not all Share Classes listed are available for subscription at the time of issue of this Prospectus. The Funds may also launch Bespoke Share Classes that are described under Appendix III at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>2</sup> The initial charge is applied against the total amount invested. The Management Company and Distributors are entitled to the initial charge, which can be partly or fully waived at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>3</sup> Annual Distribution Charges in respect of A1 and D Shares are paid at such intervals as may be agreed from time to time between the Company and those Distributors that are appointed specifically for the purpose of distributing such Shares. Annual Distribution Charges in respect of B Shares are payable quarterly.

# Schroder International Selection Fund BIC (Brazil, India, China)

## Investment Objective

The Fund aims to provide capital growth in excess of the MSCI BIC (Net TR) 10/40 index after fees have been deducted over a three to five year period, by investing in equity and equity related securities of Brazilian, Indian and Chinese companies.

## Investment Policy

The Fund is actively managed and invests at least two-thirds of its assets in a range of equity and equity related securities of Brazilian, Indian and Chinese companies.

The Fund may invest directly in China B-Shares and China H-Shares and may invest less than 20% of its assets (on a net basis) directly or indirectly (for example via participatory notes) in China A-Shares through Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect and Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect and shares listed on the STAR Board and the ChiNext.

The Fund may also invest up to one-third of its asset directly or indirectly in other securities (including other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies, Investment Funds, warrants and Money Market Investments, and hold cash (subject to the restrictions provided in Appendix I).

The Fund may use derivatives with the aim of achieving investment gains, reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently.

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the MSCI BIC (Net TR) 10/40 index, based on the Investment Manager's rating criteria. More details on the investment process used to achieve this can be found in the Fund Characteristics section.

The Fund does not directly invest in certain activities, industries or groups of issuers above the limits listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

## Benchmark

The Fund's performance should be assessed against its target benchmark being to exceed the MSCI BIC (Net TR) 10/40 index. The Fund's investment universe is expected to overlap materially, directly or indirectly, with the components of the target benchmark. The Investment Manager invests on a discretionary basis and there are no restrictions on the extent to which the Fund's portfolio and performance may deviate from the target benchmark. The Investment Manager will invest in companies or sectors not included in the target benchmark in order to take advantage of specific investment opportunities.

The target benchmark has been selected because it is representative of the type of investments in which the Fund is likely to invest and it is, therefore, an appropriate target in relation to the return that the Fund aims to provide.

The benchmark(s) does/do not take into account the environmental and social characteristics or sustainable objective (as relevant) of the Fund.

## Further Information

The Fund is categorised as "Specialist Equity Fund".

More information relating to the environmental and social characteristics or sustainable investment objective (as applicable) of the Fund is provided in Appendix IV in accordance with SFDR and Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288.

## Risk Considerations

### Specific Risk Considerations

Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect and Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect are securities trading and clearing linked programmes developed by The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited, Shanghai/Shenzhen Stock Exchanges, Hong Kong Securities Clearing Company Limited and China Securities Depository and Clearing Corporation Limited, with an aim to achieve mutual stock market access between the PRC (excluding Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan) and Hong Kong. A detailed description of the programmes as well as risks linked thereto can be found in Appendix II of this Prospectus.

The Fund has environmental and/or social characteristics (within the meaning of Article 8 SFDR). A Fund with these characteristics may have limited exposure to some companies, industries or sectors as a result and the Fund may forego certain investment opportunities, or dispose of certain holdings, that do not align with its sustainability criteria chosen by the Investment Manager. As Investors may differ in their views of what constitutes sustainable investing, the Fund may also invest in companies that do not reflect the beliefs and values of any particular Investor. Please refer to Appendix II for more details on sustainability risks.

The reference in the Investment Policy to a fund investing two-thirds of its assets in a certain way applies in normal market conditions. See paragraph (A) at the start of this Appendix for further information.

The level of distribution costs in certain jurisdictions may impact the ability of the Investment Manager to meet the Fund's investment objective across all Share Classes after fees have been deducted.

## Special Information

In the context of the unprecedented geo-political situation caused by Russia's invasion of the Ukraine and the resultant impact of sanctions and the actions of governments and market counterparties on certain Russian issuers and assets, the Fund's residual holdings in Russian assets (the "Russian Assets") are currently valued at zero. These Russian Assets represented approximately 0.35% of the Fund's net asset value as of 3 March 2022 when the value was reduced to zero. In the event that value returns to these assets they will be returned to the Net Asset Value of the Fund and will be divested by the Investment Manager taking into account the best interests of Shareholders in line with the Fund's amended investment strategy, which is applicable as from 18 April 2023.

## Profile of the Typical Investor

The Fund may be suitable for Investors who are more concerned with maximising long term returns than minimising possible short term losses.

## Fund Characteristics

Fund Currency	USD
Investment Manager	Schroder Investment Management Limited
Dealing Cut-off Time	13.00 Luxembourg time on Dealing Day
Dealing Frequency	Daily on Dealing Day
Settlement Period of Subscription and Redemption Proceeds <sup>1</sup>	3 Business Days from the relevant Dealing Day
Performance Fee	None
Redemption Charge	None
PEA / PIR Eligibility	No
Sustainability Criteria	<p>The Investment Manager applies governance and sustainability criteria when selecting investments for the Fund.</p> <p>The Investment Manager performs due diligence on potential holdings, including meetings with management, and assesses the company's governance, environmental and social profile across a range of factors. This process is supported by quantitative analysis provided by Schroders' proprietary sustainability tools, which are key inputs to assess how existing and potential investments for the portfolio are meeting the Fund's sustainability criteria. In some cases, companies which fall below the sustainability criteria may still be eligible for investment if, as a result of proprietary analysis and ongoing engagement with management, the Investment Manager believes the company will meet its sustainability criteria within a realistic time horizon.</p> <p>For a company to be eligible to be held in the Fund, it is expected to show a commitment to its stakeholders, including customers, employees, suppliers, shareholders and regulators. The Fund selects companies whose businesses demonstrate good governance and aim to treat stakeholders equitably.</p> <p>The sources of information used to perform the analysis include information provided by the companies, such as company sustainability reports and other relevant company material, as well as Schroders' proprietary sustainability tools and third-party data and reports.</p> <p>More details on the Investment Manager's approach to sustainability and its engagement with companies are available on the webpage <a href="https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/">https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/</a></p> <p>The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than its investment universe, based on the Investment Manager's rating system.</p> <p>The Investment Manager ensures that at least:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 90% of the portion of the NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in developed countries; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with an investment grade credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by developed countries; and</li> <li>- 75% of the portion of the NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in emerging countries; equities issued by small and medium companies; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with a high yield credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by emerging countries,</li> </ul> <p>is rated against the sustainability criteria. For the purposes of this test, small companies are those with market capitalisation below €5 billion, medium companies are those between €5 billion and €10 billion and large companies are those above €10 billion.</p>

<sup>1</sup> Different subscription and redemption procedures may apply if applications are made through Distributors.



## General Share Class Features

Share Classes	Initial Charge <sup>2</sup>	Annual Distribution Charge <sup>3</sup>	Annual Management Charge
A Shares	Up to 5%	None	1.50%
AX Shares	Up to 5%	None	1.50%
A1 Shares	Up to 4%	0.50%	1.50%
B Shares	None	0.60%	1.50%
C Shares	Up to 1%	None	1.00%
CN Shares	Up to 3%	None	1.00%
CX Shares	Up to 1%	None	1.00%
D Shares	None	1.00%	1.50%
E Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.50%
IZ, IA, IB, IC, ID Shares	None	None	Up to 1%
Z Shares	None	None	Up to 1%

Annual Distribution Charge and Annual Management Charge percentages are stated as an annual charge with reference to the Net Asset Value of the Fund or the Net Asset Value per Share, as may be appropriate.

A share class hedging charge of up to 0.03% will be borne by the currency hedged Share Classes.

Not all Share Classes listed are available for subscription at the time of issue of this Prospectus. The Funds may also launch Bespoke Share Classes that are described under Appendix III at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>2</sup> The initial charge is applied against the total amount invested. The Management Company and Distributors are entitled to the initial charge, which can be partly or fully waived at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>3</sup> Annual Distribution Charges in respect of A1 and D Shares are paid at such intervals as may be agreed from time to time between the Company and those Distributors that are appointed specifically for the purpose of distributing such Shares. Annual Distribution Charges in respect of B Shares are payable quarterly.

# Schroder International Selection Fund BlueOrchard Emerging Markets Climate Bond

## Investment Objective

The Fund aims to provide capital growth in excess of the ICE BofA 3 Month US Treasury Bill Index + 2.5% before fees have been deducted\* over a three to five year period by investing in fixed and floating rate securities worldwide. The Fund will invest in securities issued by governments and companies worldwide, including emerging market countries, whose activities the Investment Manager considers help to advance the UN SDG of taking action to combat climate change and which the Investment Manager deems to be sustainable investments.

\*For the target return after fees for each Share Class please visit the Schroder webpage: <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/funds-and-strategies/fund-administration/performance-targets-after-fees/>

## Investment Policy

The Fund is actively managed and invests its assets in (i) sustainable investments, which are investments that are expected to contribute towards combating climate change (please see the fund characteristics section for more details); and (ii) investments that the Investment Manager deems to be neutral under its sustainability criteria such as cash and Money Market Investments and derivatives used with the aim of reducing risk (hedging) or managing the Fund more efficiently.

The Investment Manager will select sustainable investments from a universe that have been determined as meeting the Investment Manager's impact criteria. The impact criteria include an assessment of an investment's contribution to the UN SDG of taking action to combat climate change alongside the Investment Manager's assessment of impact via its proprietary impact investment management framework and tools (including an impact scorecard).

The Fund is part of Schroders' Impact Driven strategies. As such, it applies highly selective investment criteria and its investment process is aligned with the Operating Principles for Impact Management which means that an assessment of impact is embedded in the steps of the investment process. All sustainable investments in the Fund are subject to this framework.

The Fund does not directly invest in the sectors included in BlueOrchard's Public Assets Exclusion List, [https://www.blueorchard.com/wp-content/uploads/20220520-BlueOrchard-Exclusion-Policy\\_Public-Assets.pdf](https://www.blueorchard.com/wp-content/uploads/20220520-BlueOrchard-Exclusion-Policy_Public-Assets.pdf).

The Fund invests in companies that do not cause significant environmental or social harm and have good governance practices, as determined by the Investment Manager's rating criteria (please see the Fund Characteristics section for more details).

The Investment Manager may also engage with companies held by the Fund to seek to improve sustainability practices and enhance social and environmental impacts generated by underlying investee companies. More details on the Investment Manager's approach to sustainability and its engagement with companies are available on the webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we->

[do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/](#)

The Fund invests at least two-thirds of its assets in fixed and floating rate securities denominated in various currencies and issued by governments, government agencies, supra-nationals and companies worldwide, including emerging market countries. The Fund will increase its exposure to emerging markets over time. At the Fund's launch, the exposure to emerging markets will be at least of 50% of its net assets and this exposure will increase progressively with the intention to reach at least 67% of its net assets after three years.

The Fund may invest up to 50% of its assets in securities that have a below investment grade credit rating (as measured by Standard & Poor's or any equivalent grade of other credit rating agencies for rated bonds and implied Schroders ratings for non-rated bonds).

The Fund may invest in mainland China through QFI schemes or Regulated Markets (including the CIBM via Bond Connect or CIBM Direct).

The Fund may also invest up to one third of its assets directly or indirectly in other securities (including other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies, Investment Funds, warrants and Money Market Investments, and hold cash (Subject to the restrictions provided in Appendix I).

The Fund may use derivatives with the aim of achieving investment gains, reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently.

## Benchmark

The Fund's performance should be assessed against its target benchmark, being to provide capital growth in excess of the ICE BofA 3 Month US Treasury Bill Index + 2.5% over a three to five year period and compared against the J.P. Morgan Corporate EMBI Broad Diversified Composite Index. The comparator benchmark is only included for performance comparison purposes and does not determine how the Investment Manager invests the Fund's assets. The Fund's investment universe is expected to overlap to a limited extent with the components of the comparator benchmark. The Investment Manager invests on a discretionary basis and there are no restrictions on the extent to which the Fund's portfolio and performance may deviate from the comparator benchmark. The Investment Manager will invest in companies or sectors not included in the comparator benchmark.

The target benchmark has been selected because the target return of the Fund is to deliver or exceed the return of that benchmark as stated in the investment objective. The comparator benchmark has been selected because the Investment Manager believes that the benchmark is a suitable comparison for performance purposes given the Fund's investment objective and policy. The benchmark(s) does/do not take into account the environmental and social characteristics or sustainable objective (as relevant) of the Fund.

## Further Information

The Fund is categorised as “Specialist Bond Fund”.

More information relating to the environmental and social characteristics or sustainable investment objective (as applicable) of the Fund is provided in Appendix IV in accordance with SFDR and Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288.

## Risk Considerations

### Specific Risk Considerations

The reference in the Investment Policy to a Fund investing two-thirds of its assets in a certain way applies in normal market conditions. See paragraph (A) at the start of this Appendix for further information.

A detailed description of the risks linked to below-investment grade securities can be found in Appendix II of this Prospectus.

Risks related to emerging markets investments can be found under “Emerging and Less Developed Markets Securities Risk” in Appendix II of this Prospectus.

The Fund may invest in mainland China through QFI schemes or Regulated Markets (including the CIBM via Bond Connect or CIBM Direct). Investors should note that the QFI status may be suspended or revoked and that this may adversely affect the Fund's performance by requiring the Fund to dispose of its securities holdings. Please refer to Appendix II for more information of the risks regarding QFI status, QFI quota, the CIBM and Bond Connect.

The Fund has the objective of sustainable investment (within the meaning of Article 9 SFDR). A Fund with this objective may have limited exposure to some companies, industries or sectors as a result and the Fund may forego certain investment opportunities, or dispose of certain holdings, that do not align with its sustainability criteria chosen by the Investment Manager. As Investors may differ in their views of what constitutes sustainable investing, the Fund may also invest in companies that do not reflect the beliefs and values of any particular Investor. Please refer to Appendix II for more details on sustainability risks.

## Profile of the Typical Investor

The Fund may be suitable for Investors who are seeking to combine capital growth opportunities with income in the relative stability of the debt markets over the long term.

## Fund Characteristics

Fund Currency	USD
Investment Manager	BlueOrchard Finance Ltd
Dealing Cut-off Time	13.00 Luxembourg time on Dealing Day
Dealing Frequency	Daily on Dealing Day
Settlement Period of Subscription and Redemption Proceeds <sup>1</sup>	3 Business Days from the relevant Dealing Day
Performance Fee	None
Redemption Charge	None
PEA / PIR Eligibility	No
Sustainability Criteria	<p>The Investment Manager applies sustainability criteria when selecting investments for the Fund.</p> <p>Investments are composed of bonds where the issuer's products and services, business activities or use of proceeds for a purpose bond contribute positively to at least one of the UN SDGs taking action to combat climate change, including SDG 7, 11 and 13. In order to identify bonds with a direct link to a UN SDG, the Investment Manager applies a two step approach:</p> <p>The first considers the extent to which the issuer's revenues, business activities, or the use of proceeds of a purpose bond contribute to an environmental objective.</p> <p>The second is a detailed ESG and impact assessment of the company and/or bond (as applicable) via the completion of proprietary impact and ESG scorecards. The Investment Manager considers a range of ESG criteria and different aspects of impact such as: what outcome and UN SDGs the bond or company is contributing to; who is served by the outcome (such as the relevant stakeholder or industry); an assessment of our expected contribution (including the Investment Manager's influence and engagement); and consideration of impact risks. The assessment typically includes Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) that are used to track the company's or the bond's positive contribution over time.</p> <p>The impact and ESG scorecards are validated and approved by the BlueOrchard Sustainability &amp; Impact (S&amp;I) team, in order for the company or bond to be eligible for inclusion in the Fund's investible universe. The S&amp;I team is independent from the investment teams, and is responsible for the consistent application of impact and ESG assessments and scorecards and that all investments meet minimum ESG and impact ratings, as set out in BlueOrchard's ESG &amp; Impact Policy.</p> <p>Due to the nature of its investments, and in particular the need for currency hedging, the Fund may also hold a portion of investments that the Investment Manager deems to be neutral under its sustainability criteria. These may include (but are not limited to) derivatives for hedging purposes, cash and Money Market Investments.</p>

<sup>1</sup> Different subscription and redemption procedures may apply if applications are made through Distributors.

The Investment Manager ensures that at least 90% of the portion of the Fund's Net Asset Value composed of investments in companies is rated against the sustainability criteria. As a result of the application of sustainability criteria, at least 20% of the Fund's potential investment universe is excluded from the selection of investments.

For the purposes of this test, the potential investment universe is the core universe of issuers that the Investment Manager may select for the Fund prior to the application of sustainability criteria, in accordance with the other limitations of the Investment Objective and Policy. This universe is comprised of fixed and floating rate securities denominated in various currencies and issued by companies worldwide, including emerging market countries. The universe (for the purpose of this test only) does not include fixed or floating rate securities issued by public or quasi-public issuers.

## General Share Class Features

Share Classes	Initial Charge <sup>2</sup>	Annual Distribution Charge <sup>3</sup>	Annual Management Charge
A Shares	Up to 3%	None	1.45%
AX Shares	Up to 3%	None	1.45%
A1 Shares	Up to 2%	0.50%	1.45%
B Shares	None	0.30%	1.45%
C Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.60%
CN Shares	Up to 3%	None	0.60%
CX Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.60%
D Shares	None	1.00%	1.45%
E Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.40%
IZ, IA, IB, IC, ID Shares	None	None	Up to 0.60%
Z Shares	None	None	Up to 0.60%

Annual Distribution Charge and Annual Management Charge percentages are stated as an annual charge with reference to the Net Asset Value of the Fund or the Net Asset Value per Share, as may be appropriate.

A share class hedging charge of up to 0.03% will be borne by the currency hedged Share Classes.

Not all Share Classes listed are available for subscription at the time of issue of this Prospectus. The Funds may also launch Bespoke Share Classes that are described under Appendix III at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>2</sup> The initial charge is applied against the total amount invested. The Management Company and Distributors are entitled to the initial charge, which can be partly or fully waived at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>3</sup> Annual Distribution Charges in respect of A1 and D Shares are paid at such intervals as may be agreed from time to time between the Company and those Distributors that are appointed specifically for the purpose of distributing such Shares. Annual Distribution Charges in respect of B Shares are payable quarterly.

# Schroder International Selection Fund BlueOrchard Emerging Markets Impact Bond

## Investment Objective

The Fund aims to provide capital growth and income in excess of the ICE BofA 3 Month US Treasury Bill Index + 2.5% before fees have been deducted\* over a three to five year period by investing in fixed and floating rate securities. The Fund will invest in securities issued by governments, government agencies, supra-nationals and companies of emerging market countries, whose activities the Investment Manager considers create positive social or environmental impact and which the Investment Manager deems to be sustainable investments.

\*For the target return after fees for each Share Class please visit the Schroder webpage: <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/funds-and-strategies/fund-administration/performance-targets-after-fees/>

## Investment Policy

The Fund is actively managed and invests its assets in (i) sustainable investments, which are investments that contribute towards the advancement of an environmental or social objective linked to one or more of the UN SDGs by contributing positively towards social development and environmental themes (please see the Fund Characteristics section for more details), and (ii) investments that the Investment Manager deems to be neutral under its sustainability criteria such as cash and Money Market Investments and derivatives used with the aim of reducing risk (hedging) or managing the Fund more efficiently.

The Investment Manager will select sustainable investments from a universe that have been determined as meeting the Investment Manager's impact criteria. The impact criteria include an assessment of an investment's contribution to the UN SDGs alongside the Investment Manager's assessment of impact via its proprietary impact investment management framework and tools (including an impact scorecard).

The Fund is part of Schroders' Impact Driven strategies. As such, it applies highly selective investment criteria and its investment process is aligned with the Operating Principles for Impact Management which means that an assessment of impact is embedded in the steps of the investment process. All sustainable investments in the Fund are subject to this framework.

The Fund will invest in fixed and floating rate securities issued by governments, government agencies, supra-nationals and companies with the aim to foster financial inclusion and provide decisive funding to economically vulnerable communities globally as well as fixed and floating rate securities related to sustainable infrastructure projects and clean energy initiatives. Such issuers may be involved in activities such as micro, small, and medium enterprise (MSME) lending, affordable housing, affordable education, health, agriculture, clean energy, improvements in energy efficiency, renewable energy, green energy products and humanitarian relief activities, among others.

The Fund will help to advance one or more of the UN SDGs, including but not limited to: the end of poverty in all its forms; the provision of access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy; the provision of inclusive and sustainable economic growth, employment and decent

work for all; the building of resilient infrastructure, promotion of sustainable infrastructure and fostering of innovation; and the reduction of inequality within and among countries.

The Fund does not directly invest in the sectors included in BlueOrchard's Public Assets Exclusion List below.

[https://www.blueorchard.com/wp-content/uploads/20220520-BlueOrchard-Exclusion-Policy\\_Public-Assets.pdf](https://www.blueorchard.com/wp-content/uploads/20220520-BlueOrchard-Exclusion-Policy_Public-Assets.pdf)

The Fund invests in companies that do not cause significant environmental or social harm and have good governance practices, as determined by the Investment Manager's rating criteria (please see the Fund Characteristics section for more details).

The Investment Manager may also engage with companies held by the Fund to seek to improve sustainability practices and enhance social and environmental impacts generated by underlying investee companies.

More details on the Investment Manager's approach to sustainability and its engagement with companies are available on the webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/>

The Fund invests at least two-thirds of its assets in fixed and floating rate securities denominated in various currencies and issued by governments, government agencies, supra-nationals and companies of emerging market countries.

The Fund may invest up to 50% of its assets in securities that have a below investment grade credit rating (as measured by Standard & Poor's or any equivalent grade of other credit rating agencies for rated bonds and implied Schroders ratings for non-rated bonds).

The Fund may also invest up to one third of its assets directly or indirectly in other securities (including other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies, Investment Funds, warrants and Money Market Investments, and hold cash (subject to the restrictions provided in Appendix I). The investment strategy of the Fund and the use of derivatives may lead to situations where it is considered appropriate that prudent levels of cash and Money Market Investments will be maintained, which may be substantial or even represent (exceptionally) 100% of the Fund's assets. This will be limited to a maximum of six months (otherwise the Fund will be liquidated). During this period, the Fund will not fall within the scope of MMFR.

The Fund may use derivatives with the aim of reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently.

## Benchmark

The Fund's performance should be assessed against its target benchmark being to provide capital growth in excess of the ICE BofA 3 Month US Treasury Bill Index +2.5% over a three to five year period and compared against the J.P. Morgan Corporate EMBI Broad Diversified Composite Index. The comparator benchmark is only included for performance comparison purposes and does not determine how the Investment Manager invests the Fund's assets. The Fund's investment universe is expected to overlap to a



limited extent with the components of the comparator benchmark. The Investment Manager invests on a discretionary basis and there are no restrictions on the extent to which the Fund's portfolio and performance may deviate from the comparator benchmark. The Investment Manager will invest in companies or sectors not included in the comparator benchmark.

The target benchmark has been selected because the target return of the Fund is to deliver or exceed the return of that benchmark as stated in the investment objective. The comparator benchmark has been selected because the Investment Manager believes that the benchmark is a suitable comparison for performance purposes given the Fund's investment objective and policy.

The benchmark(s) does/do not take into account the environmental and social characteristics or sustainable objective (as relevant) of the Fund.

## Further Information

The Fund is categorised as "Specialist Bond Fund".

More information relating to the environmental and social characteristics or sustainable investment objective (as applicable) of the Fund is provided in Appendix IV in accordance with SFDR and Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288.

## Risk Considerations

### Specific Risk Considerations

The reference in the Investment Policy to a Fund investing two-thirds of its assets in a certain way applies in normal market conditions. See paragraph (A) at the start of this Appendix for further information.

A detailed description of the risks linked to below-investment grade securities can be found in Appendix II of this Prospectus.

Risks related to emerging markets investments can be found under "Emerging and Less Developed Markets Securities Risk" in Appendix II of this Prospectus.

The Fund has the objective of sustainable investment (within the meaning of Article 9 SFDR). A Fund with this objective may have limited exposure to some companies, industries or sectors as a result and the Fund may forego certain investment opportunities, or dispose of certain holdings, that do not align with its sustainability criteria chosen by the Investment Manager. As Investors may differ in their views of what constitutes sustainable investing, the Fund may also invest in companies that do not reflect the beliefs and values of any particular Investor. Please refer to Appendix II for more details on sustainability risks.

### Profile of the Typical Investor

The Fund may be suitable for Investors who are seeking to combine capital growth opportunities with income in the relative stability of the debt markets over the long term.

## Fund Characteristics

Fund Currency	USD
Investment Manager	BlueOrchard Finance Ltd
Dealing Cut-off Time	13.00 Luxembourg time two days ahead of the Dealing Day
Dealing Frequency	Daily on Dealing Day
Settlement Period of Subscription and Redemption Proceeds <sup>1</sup>	3 Business Days from the relevant Dealing Day
Performance Fee	None
Redemption Charge	None
PEA / PIR Eligibility	No
Sustainability Criteria	<p>The Investment Manager applies sustainability criteria when selecting investments for the Fund.</p> <p>Investments are composed of bonds whose products and services, business activities or use of proceeds for a purpose bond contribute positively to at least one of the UN SDGs. In order to identify bonds with a direct link to a UN SDG, the Investment Manager applies a two step approach:</p> <p>The first considers the extent to which the issuer's revenues, business activities, or the use of proceeds of a purpose bond contribute to an environmental or social objective (as applicable).</p> <p>The second is a detailed ESG and impact assessment of the company and/or bond (as applicable) via the completion of proprietary impact and ESG scorecards. The Investment Manager considers a range of ESG criteria and different aspects of impact such as: what outcome and UN SDGs the bond or company is contributing to; who is served by the outcome (such as the relevant stakeholder or industry); an assessment of our expected contribution (including the Investment Manager's influence and engagement); and consideration of impact risks. The assessment typically includes Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) that are used to track the company's or the bond's positive contribution over time.</p>

<sup>1</sup> Different subscription and redemption procedures may apply if applications are made through Distributors.

The impact and ESG scorecards are validated and approved by the BlueOrchard Sustainability & Impact (S&I) team, in order for the company or bond to be eligible for inclusion in the Fund's investible universe. The S&I team is independent from the investment teams, and is responsible for the consistent application of impact and ESG assessments and scorecards and that all investments meet minimum ESG and impact ratings, as set out in BlueOrchard's ESG & Impact Policy.

Through this assessment, the Investment Manager selects bonds that it deems eligible in accordance with the Fund's investment objective and policy.

Due to the nature of its investments, and in particular the need for currency hedging, the Fund may also hold a portion of investments that the Investment Manager deems to be neutral under its sustainability criteria. These may include (but are not limited to) derivatives for hedging purposes, cash and Money Market Investments.

The Investment Manager ensures that at least 90% of the portion of the Fund's Net Asset Value composed of investments in companies is rated against the sustainability criteria. As a result of the application of sustainability criteria, at least 20% of the Fund's potential investment universe is excluded from the selection of investments.

For the purposes of this test, the potential investment universe is the core universe of issuers that the Investment Manager may select for the Fund prior to the application of sustainability criteria, in accordance with the other limitations of the Investment Objective and Policy. This universe is comprised of fixed and floating rate securities denominated in various currencies and issued by companies worldwide, including emerging market countries. The universe (for the purpose of this test only) does not include fixed or floating rate securities issued by public or quasi-public issuers.

## General Share Class Features

Share Classes	Initial Charge <sup>2</sup>	Annual Distribution Charge <sup>3</sup>	Annual Management Charge
A Shares	Up to 3%	None	1.45%
AX Shares	Up to 3%	None	1.45%
A1 Shares	Up to 2%	0.50%	1.45%
B Shares	None	0.30%	1.45%
C Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.80%
CN Shares	Up to 3%	None	0.80%
CX Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.80%
D Shares	None	1.00%	1.45%
E Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.40%
IZ, IA, IB, IC, ID Shares	None	None	Up to 0.625%
Z Shares	None	None	Up to 0.625%

Annual Distribution Charge and Annual Management Charge percentages are stated as an annual charge with reference to the Net Asset Value of the Fund or the Net Asset Value per Share, as may be appropriate.

A share class hedging charge of up to 0.03% will be borne by the currency hedged Share Classes.

Not all Share Classes listed are available for subscription at the time of issue of this Prospectus. The Funds may also launch Bespoke Share Classes that are described under Appendix III at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>2</sup> The initial charge is applied against the total amount invested. The Management Company and Distributors are entitled to the initial charge, which can be partly or fully waived at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>3</sup> Annual Distribution Charges in respect of A1 and D Shares are paid at such intervals as may be agreed from time to time between the Company and those Distributors that are appointed specifically for the purpose of distributing such Shares. Annual Distribution Charges in respect of B Shares are payable quarterly.

# Schroder International Selection Fund Carbon Neutral Credit

## Investment Objective

The Fund aims to achieve i) aggregate carbon neutrality by the year 2025 and ii) capital growth by investing in fixed and floating rate securities issued by governments, government agencies, supra-nationals and companies worldwide, which the Investment Manager deems to be sustainable investments, and which contribute towards the objective of carbon emission reduction, in order to support and encourage the transition towards a zero carbon world.

Aggregate carbon neutrality means achieving net zero carbon emissions intensity by balancing investments in (i) issuers that generate carbon emissions, but that have stated goals to reduce such emissions with (ii) issuers that contribute to reducing carbon emissions.

## Investment Policy

The Fund is actively managed and invests its assets in (a) sustainable investments which are investments that in the Investment Manager's view will contribute towards the objective of carbon emission reduction by one or a combination of the following: (i) being carbon neutral (ii) aiming for, and being on track to achieve, 80% emission reductions or equivalent by 2030; (iii) otherwise demonstrating a contribution to the reduction of carbon emissions (please see the Fund Characteristics section for more details), and (b) investments that the Investment Manager deems to be neutral under its sustainability criteria such as cash and Money Market Investments and derivatives used with the aim of reducing risk (hedging) or managing the Fund more efficiently.

The Fund does not directly invest in certain activities, industries or groups of issuers above the limits listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

The Fund invests in companies that do not cause significant environmental or social harm and have good governance practices, as determined by the Investment Manager's rating criteria (please see the Fund Characteristics section for more details).

The Investment Manager may also engage with companies held by the Fund or from the investible universe to gain insights or request improvement on sustainability issues. More details on the Investment Manager's approach to sustainability and its engagement with companies are available on the webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/>

The Fund invests at least two-thirds of its assets in fixed and floating rate securities issued by governments, government agencies, supra-nationals and companies worldwide, including emerging market countries.

The Fund may invest:

- up to 60% of its assets in securities that have a below investment grade credit rating (as measured by Standard & Poor's or any equivalent grade of other credit rating agencies for rated bonds and implied Schroders ratings for non-rated bonds);

- up to 30% of its assets in convertible bonds including up to 10% of its assets in contingent convertible bonds; and
- up to 20% of its assets in asset-backed securities and mortgage-backed securities.

The Investment Manager believes that over the long term, companies that manage the risks and invest in the opportunities arising from climate change better than peers will not only experience fewer penalties, but capture financial and non-financial rewards by various stakeholders.

The Fund may also invest up to one-third of its assets directly or indirectly in other securities (including other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies, warrants and Money Market Investments, and hold cash (subject to the restrictions provided in Appendix I).

The Fund may use derivatives with the aim of achieving investment gains, reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently.

## Benchmark

The Fund does not have a target benchmark. The Fund's performance should be compared against the Barclays Multiverse ex Treasury A+ to B-, EUR hedged index. The comparator benchmark is only included for performance comparison purposes and does not determine how the Investment Manager invests the Fund's assets. The Fund's investment universe is expected to overlap to a limited extent with the components of the comparator benchmark. The Investment Manager invests on a discretionary basis and there are no restrictions on the extent to which the Fund's portfolio and performance may deviate from the comparator benchmark. The Investment Manager will invest in companies or sectors not included in the comparator benchmark. The benchmark(s) does/do not take into account the environmental and social characteristics or sustainable objective (as relevant) of the Fund.

The comparator benchmark has been selected because the Investment Manager believes that the benchmark is a suitable comparison for performance purposes given the Fund's investment objective and policy.

## Further Information

The Fund is categorised as "Specialist Bond Fund".

Risks related to emerging markets investments can be found under "Emerging and Less Developed Markets Securities Risk" in Appendix II of this Prospectus.

More information relating to the environmental and social characteristics or sustainable investment objective (as applicable) of the Fund is provided in Appendix IV in accordance with SFDR and Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288.

## Risk Considerations

### Specific Risk Considerations

The reference in the Investment Policy to a fund investing two-thirds of its assets in a certain way applies in normal market conditions. See paragraph (A) at the start of this Appendix for further information.

The Fund has the objective of sustainable investment (within the meaning of Article 9 SFDR). A Fund with this objective may have limited exposure to some companies, industries or sectors as a result and the Fund may forego certain investment opportunities, or dispose of certain holdings, that do not align with its sustainability criteria chosen by the Investment Manager. As Investors may differ in their views of what constitutes sustainable investing, the Fund may also

invest in companies that do not reflect the beliefs and values of any particular Investor. Please refer to Appendix II for more details on sustainability risks.

## Profile of the Typical Investor

The Fund may be suitable for Investors who are seeking to combine capital growth opportunities with income in the relative stability of the debt markets over the long term.

## Fund Characteristics

Fund Currency	EUR
Investment Manager	Schroder Investment Management (Europe) SA – German Branch
Dealing Cut-off Time	13.00 Luxembourg time on Dealing Day
Dealing Frequency	Daily on Dealing Day
Settlement Period of Subscription and Redemption Proceeds <sup>1</sup>	3 Business Days from the relevant Dealing Day
Performance Fee	None
Redemption Charge	None
PEA / PIR Eligibility	No
Sustainability Criteria	<p>The Fund's objective includes a reduction in carbon emissions, which means that it aims for low carbon emissions, consistent with the long-term objectives of the Paris Agreement on limiting global warming.</p> <p>The Investment Manager applies sustainability criteria when selecting investments for the Fund. Issuers are assessed using a methodology that identifies companies that in the Investment Manager's view will contribute towards the objective of carbon emission reduction</p> <p>This methodology to create the carbon neutral universe is data-driven, sourced from established environmental initiatives and data sources such as the CDP and the Science Based Targets initiative (SBTi), MSCI and other credible external and proprietary data sources.</p> <p>The Investment Manager then screens the resulting universe for issuers it deems to have harmful and controversial practices defined by a specific list of exclusion criteria.</p> <p>The Investment Manager also conducts its own due diligence and uses third party data to identify issuers that do no significant harm to environmental or social objectives. Schroders' proprietary sustainability tools and external sustainability ratings are utilised to identify issuers with good governance.</p> <p>The Investment Manager may also engage with companies to encourage carbon emission intensity reduction. This identifies new investment opportunities, and monitors whether a company's carbon intensity reduction plan is progressing.</p> <p>Due to the nature of its investments, and in particular the need for currency hedging, the Fund may also hold a portion of investments that the Investment Manager deems to be neutral under its sustainability criteria. These may include (but are not limited to) derivatives for hedging purposes, cash and Money Market Investments.</p> <p>The Investment Manager ensures that at least 90% of the portion of the Fund's Net Asset Value composed of investments in companies is rated against the sustainability criteria. As a result of the application of sustainability criteria, at least 20% of the Fund's potential investment universe is excluded from the selection of investments.</p> <p>For the purposes of this test, the potential investment universe is the core universe of issuers that the Investment Manager may select for the Fund prior to the application of sustainability criteria, in accordance with the other limitations of the Investment Objective and Policy. This universe is comprised of fixed and floating rate securities denominated in various currencies and issued by companies worldwide, including emerging market countries. The universe (for the purpose of this test only) does not include fixed or floating rate securities issued by public or quasi-public issuers.</p>

<sup>1</sup> Different subscription and redemption procedures may apply if applications are made through Distributors.

## General Share Class Features

Share Classes	Initial Charge <sup>2</sup>	Annual Distribution Charge <sup>3</sup>	Annual Management Charge
A Shares	Up to 3%	None	0.75%
AX Shares	Up to 3%	None	0.75%
A1 Shares	Up to 2%	0.50%	0.75%
B Shares	None	0.60%	0.75%
C Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.45%
CN Shares	Up to 3%	None	0.45%
CX Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.45%
D Shares	None	1.00%	0.75%
E Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.225%
IZ, IA, IB, IC, ID Shares	None	None	Up to 0.45%
Z Shares	None	None	Up to 0.45%

Annual Distribution Charge and Annual Management Charge percentages are stated as an annual charge with reference to the Net Asset Value of the Fund or the Net Asset Value per Share, as may be appropriate.

A share class hedging charge of up to 0.03% will be borne by the currency hedged Share Classes.

Not all Share Classes listed are available for subscription at the time of issue of this Prospectus. The Funds may also launch Bespoke Share Classes that are described under Appendix III at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>2</sup> The initial charge is applied against the total amount invested. The Management Company and Distributors are entitled to the initial charge, which can be partly or fully waived at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>3</sup> Annual Distribution Charges in respect of A1 and D Shares are paid at such intervals as may be agreed from time to time between the Company and those Distributors that are appointed specifically for the purpose of distributing such Shares. Annual Distribution Charges in respect of B Shares are payable quarterly.



# Schroder International Selection Fund Carbon Neutral Credit 2040

## Investment Objective

The Fund aims to achieve i) aggregate carbon neutrality by the year 2040 within its investment portfolio and ii) capital growth by investing in fixed and floating rate securities issued by governments, government agencies, supra-nationals and companies worldwide, which the Investment Manager deems to be sustainable investments, and which contribute towards the objective of carbon emission reduction, in order to support and encourage the transition towards a zero carbon world.

Aggregate carbon neutrality means achieving net zero carbon emissions intensity by balancing investments in (i) issuers that generate carbon emissions, but that are on a trajectory to reduce such emissions with (ii) issuers that contribute to reducing carbon emissions.

## Investment Policy

The Fund is actively managed and invests its assets in (a) sustainable investments, which are investments that in the Investment Manager's view will contribute towards the objective of carbon emission reduction by one or a combination of the following: (i) being carbon neutral; (ii) aiming for, and being on track to achieve, 75% emission reductions or equivalent by 2040; (iii) committing to net zero by 2050; (iv) having Science Based Targets initiative (SBTi) decarbonisation targets; (v) otherwise demonstrating a contribution to the reduction of carbon emissions (please see the Fund Characteristics section for more details), and (b) investments that the Investment Manager deems to be neutral under its sustainability criteria such as cash and Money Market Investments and derivatives used with the aim of reducing risk (hedging) or managing the Fund more efficiently.

The Fund does not directly invest in certain activities, industries or groups of issuers above the limits listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

The Fund invests in companies that do not cause significant environmental or social harm and have good governance practices, as determined by the Investment Manager's rating criteria (please see the Fund Characteristics section for more details).

The Investment Manager may also engage with companies held by the Fund or from the investible universe to gain insights or request improvement on sustainability issues. More details on the Investment Manager's approach to sustainability and its engagement with companies are available on the webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/>

The Fund invests at least two-thirds of its assets in fixed and floating rate securities issued by governments, government agencies, supra-nationals and companies worldwide, including emerging market countries.

The Fund may invest:

- up to 60% of its assets in securities that have a below investment grade credit rating (as measured by Standard & Poor's or any equivalent grade of other credit rating agencies for rated bonds and implied Schroders ratings for non-rated bonds);
- up to 30% of its assets in convertible bonds including up to 10% of its assets in contingent convertible bonds; and
- up to 20% of its assets in asset-backed securities and mortgage-backed securities.

The Investment Manager believes that over the long term, companies that manage the risks and invest in the opportunities arising from climate change better than peers will not only experience fewer penalties, but capture financial and non-financial rewards by various stakeholders.

The Fund may also invest up to one-third of its assets directly or indirectly in other securities (including other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies, warrants and Money Market Investments, and hold cash (subject to the restrictions provided in Appendix I).

The Fund may use derivatives with the aim of achieving investment gains, reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently.

## Benchmark

The Fund does not have a target benchmark. The Fund's performance should be compared against the Barclays Multiverse ex Treasury A+ to B-, EUR hedged index. The comparator benchmark is only included for performance comparison purposes and does not determine how the Investment Manager invests the Fund's assets. The Fund's investment universe is expected to overlap to a limited extent with the components of the comparator benchmark. The Investment Manager invests on a discretionary basis and there are no restrictions on the extent to which the Fund's portfolio and performance may deviate from the comparator benchmark. The Investment Manager will invest in companies or sectors not included in the comparator benchmark. The benchmark(s) does/do not take into account the environmental and social characteristics or sustainable objective (as relevant) of the Fund.

The comparator benchmark has been selected because the Investment Manager believes that the benchmark is a suitable comparison for performance purposes given the Fund's investment objective and policy.

## Further Information

The Fund is categorised as "Specialist Bond Fund".

More information relating to the environmental and social characteristics or sustainable investment objective (as applicable) of the Fund is provided in Appendix IV in accordance with SFDR and Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288.

## Risk Considerations

### Specific Risk Considerations

The reference in the Investment Policy to a fund investing two-thirds of its assets in a certain way applies in normal market conditions. See paragraph (A) at the start of this Appendix for further information.

Risks related to emerging markets investments can be found under “Emerging and Less Developed Markets Securities Risk” in Appendix II of this Prospectus.

The Fund has the objective of sustainable investment (within the meaning of Article 9 SFDR). A Fund with this objective may have limited exposure to some companies, industries or sectors as a result and the Fund may forego certain investment opportunities, or dispose of certain holdings, that do not align with its sustainability criteria chosen by the Investment Manager. As Investors may differ in their views

of what constitutes sustainable investing, the Fund may also invest in companies that do not reflect the beliefs and values of any particular Investor. Please refer to Appendix II for more details on sustainability risks.

## Profile of the Typical Investor

The Fund may be suitable for Investors who are seeking to combine capital growth opportunities with income in the relative stability of the debt markets over the long term.

## Fund Characteristics

Fund Currency	EUR
Investment Manager	Schroder Investment Management (Europe) SA – German Branch
Dealing Cut-off Time	13.00 Luxembourg time on Dealing Day
Dealing Frequency	Daily on Dealing Day
Settlement Period of Subscription and Redemption Proceeds <sup>1</sup>	3 Business Days from the relevant Dealing Day
Performance Fee	None
Redemption Charge	None
PEA / PIR Eligibility	No
Sustainability Criteria	<p>The Fund’s objective includes a reduction in carbon emissions, which means that it aims for low carbon emissions, consistent with the long-term objectives of the Paris Agreement on limiting global warming.</p> <p>The Investment Manager applies sustainability criteria when selecting investments for the Fund. Issuers are assessed using a methodology that identifies companies that in the Investment Manager's view will contribute towards the objective of carbon emission reduction.</p> <p>This methodology to create the carbon neutral universe is data-driven, sourced from established environmental initiatives and data sources such as the CDP disclosure system and the Science Based Targets initiative (SBTi), MSCI and other chosen external and proprietary data sources.</p> <p>The Investment Manager then screens the resulting universe for issuers it deems to have harmful and controversial practices defined by a specific list of exclusion criteria.</p> <p>The Investment Manager also conducts due diligence and uses third party data with the aim of identifying issuers that do no significant harm to environmental or social objectives. Schroders’ proprietary sustainability tools as well as external sustainability ratings are utilised to identify issuers with good governance.</p> <p>The Investment Manager may also engage with companies to encourage carbon emission intensity reduction. This engagement may identify new investment opportunities, and may provide insights on how a company’s carbon intensity reduction plan is progressing.</p> <p>Due to the nature of its investments, and in particular the need for currency hedging, the Fund may also hold a portion of investments that the Investment Manager deems to be neutral under its sustainability criteria. These may include (but are not limited to) derivatives for hedging purposes, cash and Money Market Investments.</p> <p>The Investment Manager ensures that at least 90% of the portion of the Fund’s Net Asset Value composed of investments in companies is rated against the sustainability criteria. As a result of the application of sustainability criteria, at least 20% of the Fund’s potential investment universe is excluded from the selection of investments.</p> <p>For the purposes of this test, the potential investment universe is the core universe of issuers that the Investment Manager may select for the Fund prior to the application of sustainability criteria, in accordance with the other limitations of the Investment Objective and Policy. This universe is comprised of fixed and floating rate securities denominated in various currencies and issued by companies worldwide, including emerging market countries. The universe (for the purpose of this test only) does not include fixed or floating rate securities issued by public or quasi-public issuers.</p>

<sup>1</sup> Different subscription and redemption procedures may apply if applications are made through Distributors.

## General Share Class Features

Share Classes	Initial Charge <sup>2</sup>	Annual Distribution Charge <sup>3</sup>	Annual Management Charge
A Shares	Up to 3%	None	0.75%
AX Shares	Up to 3%	None	0.75%
A1 Shares	Up to 2%	0.50%	0.75%
B Shares	None	0.50%	0.75%
C Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.45%
CN Shares	Up to 3%	None	0.45%
CX Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.45%
D Shares	None	1.00%	0.75%
E Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.225%
IZ, IA, IB, IC, ID Shares	None	None	Up to 0.45%
Z Shares	None	None	Up to 0.45%

Annual Distribution Charge and Annual Management Charge percentages are stated as an annual charge with reference to the Net Asset Value of the Fund or the Net Asset Value per Share, as may be appropriate.

A share class hedging charge of up to 0.03% will be borne by the currency hedged Share Classes.

Not all Share Classes listed are available for subscription at the time of issue of this Prospectus. The Funds may also launch Bespoke Share Classes that are described under Appendix III at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>2</sup> The initial charge is applied against the total amount invested. The Management Company and Distributors are entitled to the initial charge, which can be partly or fully waived at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>3</sup> Annual Distribution Charges in respect of A1 and D Shares are paid at such intervals as may be agreed from time to time between the Company and those Distributors that are appointed specifically for the purpose of distributing such Shares. Annual Distribution Charges in respect of B Shares are payable quarterly.

# Schroder International Selection Fund Changing Lifestyles

## Investment Objective

The Fund aims to provide capital growth by investing in equity and equity related securities of companies worldwide that the Investment Manager believes will benefit from the changing requirements of modern consumers.

## Investment Policy

The Fund is actively managed and invests at least two-thirds of its assets in equity and equity related securities of companies worldwide.

The Fund aims to provide investors with exposure to companies participating in evolving consumption patterns across multiple areas of consumers' lives. The Investment Manager seeks to invest in companies that it believes will enjoy superior growth because they satisfy the tastes and expectations of consumers in a technologically enabled world.

The Fund may also invest up to one-third of its assets directly or indirectly in other securities (including other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies, Investment Funds, warrants and Money Market Investments, and hold cash (subject to the restrictions provided in Appendix I).

The Fund may use derivatives with the aim of reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently.

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the MSCI All Country World (net TR) index based on the Investment Manager's rating criteria. More details on the investment process used to achieve this can be found in the Fund Characteristics section.

The Fund does not directly invest in certain activities, industries or groups of issuers above the limits listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

## Benchmark

The Fund does not have a target benchmark. The Fund's performance should be compared against the MSCI All Country World (net TR) index. The comparator benchmark is only included for performance comparison purposes and does not determine how the Investment Manager invests the Fund's assets. The Fund's investment universe is expected to overlap materially with the components of the comparator benchmark. The Investment Manager invests on

a discretionary basis and there are no restrictions on the extent to which the Fund's portfolio and performance may deviate from the comparator benchmark. The Investment Manager will invest in companies or sectors not included in the comparator benchmark.

The comparator benchmark has been selected because the Investment Manager believes that the benchmark is a suitable comparison for performance purposes given the Fund's investment objective and policy.

The benchmark(s) does/do not take into account the environmental and social characteristics or sustainable objective (as relevant) of the Fund.

## Further Information

The Fund is categorised as a "Specialist Equity Fund".

More information relating to the environmental and social characteristics or sustainable investment objective (as applicable) of the Fund is provided in Appendix IV in accordance with SFDR and Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288.

## Risk Considerations

### Specific Risk Considerations

The Fund has environmental and/or social characteristics (within the meaning of Article 8 SFDR). A Fund with these characteristics may have limited exposure to some companies, industries or sectors as a result and the Fund may forego certain investment opportunities, or dispose of certain holdings, that do not align with its sustainability criteria chosen by the Investment Manager. As Investors may differ in their views of what constitutes sustainable investing, the Fund may also invest in companies that do not reflect the beliefs and values of any particular Investor. Please refer to Appendix II for more details on sustainability risks.

The reference in the Investment Policy to a fund investing two-thirds of its assets in a certain way applies in normal market conditions. See paragraph (A) at the start of this Appendix for further information.

## Profile of the Typical Investor

The Fund may be suitable for Investors who are more concerned with maximising long-term returns than minimising possible short term losses.

## Fund Characteristics

Fund Currency	USD
Investment Manager	Schroder Investment Management Limited
Dealing Cut-off Time	13.00 Luxembourg time on Dealing Day
Dealing Frequency	Daily on Dealing Day
Settlement Period of Subscription and Redemption Proceeds <sup>1</sup>	3 Business Days from the relevant Dealing Day
Performance Fee	None

<sup>1</sup> Different subscription and redemption procedures may apply if applications are made through Distributors.

Redemption Charge	None
PEA / PIR Eligibility	No
Sustainability Criteria	<p>The Investment Manager applies governance and sustainability criteria when selecting investments for the Fund.</p> <p>The Investment Manager evaluates issuers against a range of environmental, social and governance factors in order to decide whether an issuer is eligible for the Fund's portfolio. This analysis is performed by global sector specialists and local analyst teams and is supported by Schroders' dedicated Sustainable Investment team. The Investment Manager uses Schroders' proprietary sustainability tools to provide a baseline assessment that contributes to the overall ESG appraisal of a company. Additionally, meetings with company management inform the Investment Manager's view, providing further insights on corporate culture and senior management commitment to corporate social responsibility, with third party ESG research used primarily as a benchmarking exercise to confirm proprietary analysis.</p> <p>More details on the Investment Manager's approach to sustainability and its engagement with companies are available on the webpage <a href="https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/">https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/</a></p> <p>The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than its investment universe, based on the Investment Manager's rating system.</p> <p>The Investment Manager ensures that at least:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– 90% of the portion of the NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in developed countries; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with an investment grade credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by developed countries; and</li> <li>– 75% of the portion of the NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in emerging countries; equities issued by small and medium companies; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with a high yield credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by emerging countries,</li> </ul> <p>is rated against the sustainability criteria. For the purposes of this test, small companies are those with market capitalisation below €5 billion, medium companies are those between €5 billion and €10 billion and large companies are those above €10 billion.</p>

## General Share Class Features

Share Classes	Initial Charge <sup>2</sup>	Annual Distribution Charge <sup>3</sup>	Annual Management Charge
A Shares	Up to 5%	None	1.50%
AX Shares	Up to 5%	None	1.50%
A1 Shares	Up to 4%	0.50%	1.50%
B Shares	None	0.60%	1.50%
C Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.75%
CN Shares	Up to 3%	None	0.75%
CX Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.75%
D Shares	None	1.00%	1.50%
E Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.375%
IZ, IA, IB, IC, ID Shares	None	None	Up to 0.75%
Z Shares	None	None	Up to 0.75%

Annual Distribution Charge and Annual Management Charge percentages are stated as an annual charge with reference to the Net Asset Value of the Fund or the Net Asset Value per Share, as may be appropriate.

A share class hedging charge of up to 0.03% will be borne by the currency hedged Share Classes.

Not all Share Classes listed are available for subscription at the time of issue of this Prospectus. The Funds may also launch Bespoke Share Classes that are described under Appendix III at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>2</sup> The initial charge is applied against the total amount invested. The Management Company and Distributors are entitled to the initial charge, which can be partly or fully waived at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>3</sup> Annual Distribution Charges in respect of A1 and D Shares are paid at such intervals as may be agreed from time to time between the Company and those Distributors that are appointed specifically for the purpose of distributing such Shares. Annual Distribution Charges in respect of B Shares are payable quarterly.



# Schroder International Selection Fund China A

## Investment Objective

The Fund aims to provide capital growth in excess of the MSCI China A Onshore (Net TR) index after fees have been deducted over a three to five year period by investing in equity and equity related securities of Chinese companies listed and traded on Chinese stock exchanges such as Shenzhen or Shanghai Stock Exchanges.

## Investment Policy

The Fund is actively managed and invests at least two-thirds of its assets in equity and equity related securities of Chinese companies listed and traded on Chinese stock exchanges such as Shenzhen or Shanghai Stock Exchanges (China A-Shares).

The Fund may invest up to 100% of its assets (on a net basis) directly or indirectly (for example via participatory notes) in China A-Shares through:

- Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect and Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect;
- the Qualified Foreign Investor ("QFI") scheme;
- shares listed on the STAR Board and the ChiNext; and
- Regulated Markets.

The Fund may also invest up to one-third of its assets directly or indirectly in other securities (including other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies, Investment Funds, warrants and Money Market Investments, and hold cash (subject to the restrictions provided in Appendix I).

The Fund may use derivatives, long and short, with the aim of achieving investment gains, reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently. Where the Fund uses contracts for difference, the underlying consists of instruments in which the Fund may invest according to its Investment Objective and Investment Policy. In particular, contracts for difference may be used to gain long or short exposures or to hedge exposure on equity and equity related securities. The gross exposure of contracts for difference will not exceed 30% and is expected to remain within the range of 0% to 30% of the Net Asset Value. In certain circumstances this proportion may be higher.

## Benchmark

The Fund's performance should be assessed against its target benchmark being to exceed the MSCI China A Onshore (Net TR) index and compared against the Morningstar China A Shares Category. The Fund's investment universe is expected to overlap to a limited extent with the components of the target benchmark. The comparator benchmark is only included for performance comparison purposes and does not determine how the Investment Manager invests the Fund's assets. The

Investment Manager invests on a discretionary basis and there are no restrictions on the extent to which the Fund's portfolio and performance may deviate from the target benchmark. The Investment Manager will invest in companies or sectors not included in the target benchmark in order to take advantage of specific investment opportunities.

The target benchmark has been selected because it is representative of the type of investments in which the Fund is likely to invest and it is, therefore, an appropriate target in relation to the return that the Fund aims to provide. The comparator benchmark has been selected because the Investment Manager believes that the benchmark is a suitable comparison for performance purposes given the Fund's investment objective and policy.

## Further Information

The Fund is categorised as "Specialist Equity Fund".

## Risk Considerations

### Specific Risk Considerations

Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect and Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect are securities trading and clearing linked programmes developed by The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited, Shanghai/Shenzhen Stock Exchanges, Hong Kong Securities Clearing Company Limited and China Securities Depository and Clearing Corporation Limited, with an aim to achieve mutual stock market access between the PRC (excluding Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan) and Hong Kong. A detailed description of the programmes as well as risks linked thereto can be found in Appendix II of this Prospectus.

The Fund may invest in mainland China through QFI schemes or Regulated Markets. Investors should note that the QFI status may be suspended or revoked and that this may adversely affect the Fund's performance by requiring the Fund to dispose of its securities holdings. Please refer to Appendix II for more information of the risks regarding QFI status and QFI quota.

The reference in the Investment Policy to a fund investing two-thirds of its assets in a certain way applies in normal market conditions. See paragraph (A) at the start of this Appendix for further information.

The level of distribution costs in certain jurisdictions may impact the ability of the Investment Manager to meet the Fund's investment objective across all Share Classes after fees have been deducted.

## Profile of the Typical Investor

The Fund may be suitable for Investors who are more concerned with maximising long term returns than minimising possible short term losses.

## Fund Characteristics

Fund Currency	USD
Investment Manager	Schroder Investment Management (Hong Kong) Limited
Dealing Cut-off Time	13.00 Luxembourg time on Dealing Day

Dealing Frequency	Daily on Dealing Day
Settlement Period of Subscription and Redemption Proceeds <sup>1</sup>	3 Business Days from the relevant Dealing Day
Performance Fee	None
Redemption Charge	None
PEA / PIR Eligibility	No

## General Share Class Features

Share Classes	Initial Charge <sup>2</sup>	Annual Distribution Charge <sup>3</sup>	Annual Management Charge
A Shares	Up to 5%	None	1.50%
AX Shares	Up to 5%	None	1.50%
A1 Shares	Up to 4%	0.50%	1.50%
B Shares	None	0.60%	1.50%
C Shares	Up to 1%	None	1.00%
CN Shares	Up to 3%	None	1.00%
CX Shares	Up to 1%	None	1.00%
D Shares	None	1.00%	1.50%
E Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.50%
IZ, IA, IB, IC, ID Shares	None	None	Up to 1%
Z Shares	None	None	Up to 1%

Annual Distribution Charge and Annual Management Charge percentages are stated as an annual charge with reference to the Net Asset Value of the Fund or the Net Asset Value per Share, as may be appropriate.

A share class hedging charge of up to 0.03% will be borne by the currency hedged Share Classes.

Not all Share Classes listed are available for subscription at the time of issue of this Prospectus. The Funds may also launch Bespoke Share Classes that are described under Appendix III at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>1</sup> Different subscription and redemption procedures may apply if applications are made through Distributors.

<sup>2</sup> The initial charge is applied against the total amount invested. The Management Company and Distributors are entitled to the initial charge, which can be partly or fully waived at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>3</sup> Annual Distribution Charges in respect of A1 and D Shares are paid at such intervals as may be agreed from time to time between the Company and those Distributors that are appointed specifically for the purpose of distributing such Shares. Annual Distribution Charges in respect of B Shares are payable quarterly.

# Schroder International Selection Fund China A All Cap

The Fund aims to provide capital growth in excess of the MSCI China A Onshore (Net TR) index after fees have been deducted over a three to five year period by investing in equity and equity related securities of Chinese companies listed and traded on Chinese stock exchanges such as Shenzhen or Shanghai Stock Exchanges.

## Investment Policy

The Fund is actively managed and invests at least two-thirds of its assets in a concentrated range of equity and equity related securities of Chinese companies listed and traded on Chinese stock exchanges such as Shenzhen or Shanghai Stock Exchanges (China A-Shares). The Fund typically holds 30 – 50 companies.

The Fund may invest in a broad range of companies regardless of market capitalisations.

The Fund may invest up to 100% of its assets (on a net basis) directly or indirectly (for example via participatory notes) in China A-Shares through:

- Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect and Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect;
- the Qualified Foreign Investor ("QFI") scheme;
- shares listed on the STAR Board and the ChiNext; and
- Regulated Markets.

The Fund may invest up to 10% of its assets in offshore listed Chinese companies and up to 10% of its assets in the offshore listing of dual-listed Chinese A-Share companies.

The Fund may also invest up to one-third of its assets directly or indirectly in other securities (including other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies, Investment Funds, warrants and Money Market Investments, and hold cash (subject to the restrictions provided in Appendix I).

The Fund may use derivatives, long and short, with the aim of achieving investment gains, reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently.

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the MSCI China A Onshore (Net TR) index, based on the Investment Manager's rating system. More details on the investment process used to achieve this can be found in the Fund Characteristics section.

The Fund does not directly invest in certain activities, industries or groups of issuers above the limits listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

## Benchmark

The Fund's performance should be assessed against its target benchmark being to exceed the MSCI China A Onshore (Net TR) index and compared against the Morningstar China A Shares Category. The Fund's investment universe is expected to overlap to a limited extent with the components of the target benchmark. The comparator benchmark is only included for performance comparison purposes and does not determine how the Investment Manager invests the Fund's assets. The Investment Manager invests on a discretionary basis and

there are no restrictions on the extent to which the Fund's portfolio and performance may deviate from the target benchmark. The Investment Manager will invest in companies or sectors not included in the target benchmark in order to take advantage of specific investment opportunities. The benchmark(s) does/do not take into account the environmental and social characteristics or sustainable objective (as relevant) of the Fund.

The target benchmark has been selected because it is representative of the type of investments in which the Fund is likely to invest and it is, therefore, an appropriate target in relation to the return that the Fund aims to provide. The comparator benchmark has been selected because the Investment Manager believes that the benchmark is a suitable comparison for performance purposes given the Fund's investment objective and policy.

## Further Information

The Fund is categorised as "Specialist Equity Fund".

More information relating to the environmental and social characteristics or sustainable investment objective (as applicable) of the Fund is provided in Appendix IV in accordance with SFDR and Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288.

## Risk Considerations

### Specific Risk Considerations

Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect and Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect are securities trading and clearing linked programmes developed by The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited, Shanghai/Shenzhen Stock Exchanges, Hong Kong Securities Clearing Company Limited and China Securities Depository and Clearing Corporation Limited, with an aim to achieve mutual stock market access between the PRC (excluding Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan) and Hong Kong. A detailed description of the programmes as well as risks linked thereto can be found in Appendix II of this Prospectus.

The Fund may invest in mainland China through QFI schemes or Regulated Markets. Investors should note that the QFI status may be suspended or revoked and that this may adversely affect the Fund's performance by requiring the Fund to dispose of its securities holdings. Please refer to Appendix II for more information of the risks regarding QFI status and QFI quota.

The Fund has environmental and/or social characteristics (within the meaning of Article 8 SFDR). A Fund with these characteristics may have limited exposure to some companies, industries or sectors as a result and the Fund may forego certain investment opportunities, or dispose of certain holdings, that do not align with its sustainability criteria chosen by the Investment Manager. As Investors may differ in their views of what constitutes sustainable investing, the Fund may also invest in companies that do not reflect the beliefs and values of any particular Investor. Please refer to Appendix II for more details on sustainability risks.

The reference in the Investment Policy to a fund investing two-thirds of its assets in a certain way applies in normal market conditions. See paragraph (A) at the start of this Appendix for further information.

The level of distribution costs in certain jurisdictions may impact the ability of the Investment Manager to meet the Fund's investment objective across all Share Classes after fees have been deducted.

## Profile of the Typical Investor

The Fund may be suitable for Investors who are more concerned with maximising long term returns than minimising possible short term losses.

## Fund Characteristics

Fund Currency	USD
Investment Manager	Schroder Investment Management (Hong Kong) Limited
Dealing Cut-off Time	13.00 Luxembourg time on Dealing Day
Dealing Frequency	Daily on Dealing Day
Settlement Period of Subscription and Redemption Proceeds <sup>1</sup>	3 Business Days from the relevant Dealing Day
Performance Fee	None
Redemption Charge	None
PEA / PIR Eligibility	No
Sustainability Criteria	<p>The Investment Manager applies governance and sustainability criteria when selecting investments for the Fund.</p> <p>In the selection and assessment of potential investment opportunities and holdings, companies are assessed on a stakeholder-based approach against criteria including, but not limited to (1) good governance practices; (2) impact on the environment and local communities; and (3) fair and equitable treatment of employees, suppliers and customers. Information and insights derived from Schroders' proprietary sustainability tools are utilised in this assessment and due diligence process.</p> <p>The Investment Manager's proprietary analysis and ongoing engagement with companies may also help it derive a reasonable level of conviction that concrete steps will be or are being taken to transition out of business segments or practices that have not met the sustainability criteria or to improve on their relevant areas of weakness. The Investment Manager may consider these companies eligible for investment ahead of seeing changes in the company's ratings and rankings across both internal and external evaluation metrics.</p> <p>The primary sources of information used to perform the analysis include the Investment Manager's proprietary tools and research, third-party research, NGO reports and expert networks. The Investment Manager also performs its own analysis of publicly available information provided by the companies, including information provided in company sustainability reports and other relevant company material.</p> <p>More details on the Investment Manager's approach to sustainability and its engagement with companies are available on the webpage <a href="https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/">https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/</a></p> <p>The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than its investment universe, based on the Investment Manager's rating system.</p> <p>The Investment Manager ensures that at least:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– 90% of the portion of the NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in developed countries; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with an investment grade credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by developed countries; and</li> <li>– 75% of the portion of the NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in emerging countries; equities issued by small and medium companies; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with a high yield credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by emerging countries,</li> </ul> <p>is rated against the sustainability criteria. For the purposes of this test, small companies are those with market capitalisation below €5 billion, medium companies are those between €5 billion and €10 billion and large companies are those above €10 billion.</p>

<sup>1</sup> Different subscription and redemption procedures may apply if applications are made through Distributors.

## General Share Class Features

Share Classes	Initial Charge <sup>2</sup>	Annual Distribution Charge <sup>3</sup>	Annual Management Charge
A Shares	Up to 5%	None	1.50%
AX Shares	Up to 5%	None	1.50%
A1 Shares	Up to 4%	0.50%	1.50%
B Shares	None	0.60%	1.50%
C Shares	Up to 1%	None	1.00%
CN Shares	Up to 3%	None	1.00%
CX Shares	Up to 1%	None	1.00%
D Shares	None	1.00%	1.50%
E Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.50%
IZ, IA, IB, IC, ID Shares	None	None	Up to 1%
Z Shares	None	None	Up to 1%

Annual Distribution Charge and Annual Management Charge percentages are stated as an annual charge with reference to the Net Asset Value of the Fund or the Net Asset Value per Share, as may be appropriate.

A share class hedging charge of up to 0.03% will be borne by the currency hedged Share Classes.

Not all Share Classes listed are available for subscription at the time of issue of this Prospectus. The Funds may also launch Bespoke Share Classes that are described under Appendix III at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>2</sup> The initial charge is applied against the total amount invested. The Management Company and Distributors are entitled to the initial charge, which can be partly or fully waived at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>3</sup> Annual Distribution Charges in respect of A1 and D Shares are paid at such intervals as may be agreed from time to time between the Company and those Distributors that are appointed specifically for the purpose of distributing such Shares. Annual Distribution Charges in respect of B Shares are payable quarterly.



# Schroder International Selection Fund China Local Currency Bond

## Investment Objective

The Fund aims to provide capital growth and income in excess of the iBoxx ALBI China Onshore index after fees have been deducted over a three to five year period by investing in fixed income securities denominated in onshore RMB (CNY).

## Investment Policy

The Fund is actively managed and invests at least two-thirds of its assets in fixed and floating rate securities, convertible bonds and Money Market Investments denominated or hedged back to onshore RMB (CNY).

These instruments may be issued outside or inside of mainland China by governments, government agencies, supra-nationals and companies which may or may not be established or incorporated in mainland China across sectors and credit quality. The Fund may also invest in fixed income securities denominated in offshore RMB (CNH).

The Fund may invest up to 30% of its assets in securities that have a below investment grade credit rating (as measured by Standard & Poor's or any equivalent grade of other credit rating agencies for rated bonds and implied Schroders ratings for non-rated bonds).

The Fund may invest in instruments traded on the RMB Bond market in Hong Kong and in instruments denominated in RMB traded on other Regulated Markets.

The Fund may invest up to 100% of its assets directly in mainland China through (i) QFI schemes or QFII related schemes supervised by the China Securities Regulatory Commission provided investment restriction 1.(A) (5) (I) of Appendix I is complied with and/or they qualify as Investment Funds and (ii) Regulated Markets (including the CIBM via Bond Connect or CIBM Direct).

Investments in mainland China Regulated Markets and interbank bond markets may also be performed indirectly through notes, certificates or other instruments (which qualify as transferable securities and do not embed a derivative element), open-ended Investment Funds and eligible financial derivative instruments.

The Fund may also invest up to one-third of its assets directly or indirectly in other securities (including other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies, Investment Funds, warrants and Money Market Investments, and hold cash (subject to the restrictions provided in Appendix I).

The Fund may use derivatives, long and short, with the aim of achieving investment gains, reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently.

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the iBoxx ALBI China Onshore index, based on the Investment Manager's rating criteria. More details on the investment process used to achieve this can be found in the Fund Characteristics section.

The Fund does not directly invest in certain activities, industries or groups of issuers above the limits listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

## Benchmark

The Fund's performance should be assessed against its target benchmark being to exceed the iBoxx ALBI China Onshore index. The Fund's investment universe is expected to overlap materially with the components of the target benchmark. The Investment Manager invests on a discretionary basis and there are no restrictions on the extent to which the Fund's portfolio and performance may deviate from the target benchmark. The Investment Manager will invest in companies or sectors not included in the target benchmark in order to take advantage of specific investment opportunities.

The target benchmark has been selected because it is representative of the type of investments in which the Fund is likely to invest and it is, therefore, an appropriate target in relation to the return that the Fund aims to provide.

The benchmark(s) does/do not take into account the environmental and social characteristics or sustainable objective (as relevant) of the Fund.

## Further Information

The Fund is categorised as "Specialist Bond Fund".

More information relating to the environmental and social characteristics or sustainable investment objective (as applicable) of the Fund is provided in Appendix IV in accordance with SFDR and Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288.

## Risk Considerations

### Risk Management Method

Relative Value-at-Risk (VaR)

### VaR Benchmark

iBoxx Asian Local Bond Index – China Onshore Index. This index tracks the total return performance of CNY denominated debt issued onshore in China by the Ministry of Finance of the People's Republic of China.

### Expected Leverage

400% of the total net assets

The expected level of leverage may be higher when volatility decreases sustainably, when interest rates are expected to change or when credit spreads are expected to widen or tighten.

### This Fund is not a leveraged financial instrument

The Fund utilises financial derivative instruments for investment purposes and the global exposure is monitored under the relative VaR approach in line with UCITS Risk Measurement Rules. Whilst these instruments generate leverage, the Fund itself is not a leveraged financial instrument as further described in the MIFID Directive. For further details on the relative VaR approach please see Appendix 1. In addition to this regulatory restriction, Schroders implements internal controls on global exposure to constrain and/or highlight global exposure as appropriate.

## Specific Risk Considerations

The Fund may invest in mainland China through QFI schemes or Regulated Markets (including the CIBM via Bond Connect or CIBM Direct). Investors should note that the QFI status may be suspended or revoked and that this may adversely affect the Fund's performance by requiring the Fund to dispose of its securities holdings. Please refer to Appendix II for more information of the risks regarding QFI status, QFI quota, the CIBM and Bond Connect.

It should be noted that the RMB is currently not a freely convertible currency as it is subject to foreign exchange control policies of the People's Republic of China government. As a result of the People's Republic of China government restrictions on cross-border RMB fund flows, the availability of offshore RMB may be limited.

Commencing 2005, the exchange rate of the RMB was no longer pegged to the US dollar. The RMB has now moved to a managed floating exchange rate based on market supply and demand with reference to a basket of foreign currencies. As the exchange rates are based primarily on market forces, the exchange rates for RMB against other currencies, including US dollar and Hong Kong dollar, are susceptible to movements based on external factors.

The possibility that the appreciation of the RMB will be accelerated cannot be excluded. On the other hand, there can be no assurance that the RMB will not be subject to devaluation. Any devaluation of the RMB could adversely affect the value of investor's investments in the Fund. Investors whose base currency is not the RMB may be adversely affected by changes in the exchange rates of the RMB. Further, the Chinese government's imposition of

restrictions on the RMB out of China may limit the depth of the RMB market in Hong Kong and reduce the liquidity in the Fund. The Chinese government's policies on exchange control and repatriation restrictions are subject to change, and the Fund's position may be adversely affected.

The Fund has environmental and/or social characteristics (within the meaning of Article 8 SFDR). A Fund with these characteristics may have limited exposure to some companies, industries or sectors as a result and the Fund may forego certain investment opportunities, or dispose of certain holdings, that do not align with its sustainability criteria chosen by the Investment Manager. As investors may differ in their views of what constitutes sustainable investing, the Fund may also invest in companies that do not reflect the beliefs and values of any particular Investor. Please refer to Appendix II for more details on sustainability risks.

The reference in the Investment Policy to a fund investing two-thirds of its assets in a certain way applies in normal market conditions. See paragraph (A) at the start of this Appendix for further information.

The level of distribution costs in certain jurisdictions may impact the ability of the Investment Manager to meet the Fund's investment objective across all Share Classes after fees have been deducted.

## Profile of the Typical Investor

The Fund may be suitable for Investors who are seeking to combine capital growth opportunities with income in the relative stability of the debt markets over the long term.

## Fund Characteristics

Fund Currency	RMB
Investment Manager	Schroder Investment Management (Singapore) Ltd
Dealing Cut-off Time	13.00 Luxembourg time on Dealing Day
Dealing Frequency	Daily on Dealing Day
Settlement Period of Subscription and Redemption Proceeds <sup>1</sup>	3 Business Days from the relevant Dealing Day
Performance Fee	None
Redemption Charge	None
PEA / PIR Eligibility	No
Sustainability Criteria	<p>The Investment Manager applies governance and sustainability criteria when selecting investments for the Fund.</p> <p>The strategy aims to identify issuers demonstrating good or improving sustainability credentials, and those that impose a high cost on the environment and society. This involves:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- the exclusion of issuers <u>with certain exposure to specific activities that the Investment Manager considers environmentally destructive or socially damaging, violate human rights and/ or have demonstrated gross misconduct that the Investment Manager deems to have businesses that are materially damaging to the climate and impose unjustifiable social costs.</u></li><li>- the inclusion of issuers that <u>the Investment Manager considers are well placed to deliver demonstrate stable and improving sustainability trajectories relative to their industry peers, and issuers demonstrating good governance based on the Investment Manager's sustainability rating methodology.</u></li></ul> <p>The Investment Manager may also engage with companies to encourage transparency, the transition to a circular economy with lower carbon emissions intensity and responsible social behaviour that promotes sustainable growth and alpha generation.</p>

<sup>1</sup> Different subscription and redemption procedures may apply if applications are made through Distributors.

The primary sources of information used to perform the analysis are the Investment Manager's proprietary tools and research, third-party research, NGO reports and expert networks. The Investment Manager also performs its own analysis of publicly available information provided by the companies, including information provided in company sustainability reports and other relevant company material.

More details on the Investment Manager's approach to sustainability and its engagement with companies are available on the webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/>

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than its investment universe, based on the Investment Manager's rating system.

The Investment Manager ensures that at least:

- 90% of the portion of the NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in developed countries; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with an investment grade credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by developed countries; and
- 75% of the portion of the NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in emerging countries; equities issued by small and medium companies; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with a high yield credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by emerging countries,

is rated against the sustainability criteria. For the purposes of this test, small companies are those with market capitalisation below €5 billion, medium companies are those between €5 billion and €10 billion and large companies are those above €10 billion.

## General Share Class Features

Share Classes	Initial Charge <sup>2</sup>	Annual Distribution Charge <sup>3</sup>	Annual Management Charge
A Shares	Up to 3%	None	0.75%
AX Shares	Up to 3%	None	0.75%
A1 Shares	Up to 2%	0.50%	0.75%
B Shares	None	0.50%	0.75%
C Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.375%
CN Shares	Up to 3%	None	0.375%
CX Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.375%
D Shares	None	1.00%	0.75%
E Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.1875%
IZ, IA, IB, IC, ID Shares	None	None	Up to 0.375%
Z Shares	None	None	Up to 0.375%

Annual Distribution Charge and Annual Management Charge percentages are stated as an annual charge with reference to the Net Asset Value of the Fund or the Net Asset Value per Share, as may be appropriate.

A share class hedging charge of up to 0.03% will be borne by the currency hedged Share Classes.

Not all Share Classes listed are available for subscription at the time of issue of this Prospectus. The Funds may also launch Bespoke Share Classes that are described under Appendix III at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>2</sup> The initial charge is applied against the total amount invested. The Management Company and Distributors are entitled to the initial charge, which can be partly or fully waived at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>3</sup> Annual Distribution Charges in respect of A1 and D Shares are paid at such intervals as may be agreed from time to time between the Company and those Distributors that are appointed specifically for the purpose of distributing such Shares. Annual Distribution Charges in respect of B Shares are payable quarterly.

# Schroder International Selection Fund China Opportunities

## Investment Objective

The Fund aims to provide capital growth in excess of the MSCI China (Net TR) index after fees have been deducted over a three to five year period by investing in equity and equity related securities of Chinese companies.

## Investment Policy

The Fund is actively managed and invests at least two thirds of its assets in equity and equity-related securities of Chinese companies.

The Fund may invest directly in China B-Shares and China H-Shares and may invest less than 50% of its assets (on a net basis) directly or indirectly (for example via participatory notes) in China A-Shares through:

- Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect and Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect;
- the Qualified Foreign Investor (QFI) Scheme;
- shares listed on the STAR Board and the ChiNext; and
- Regulated Markets.

The Fund may also invest up to one-third of its assets directly or indirectly in other securities (including other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies, Investment Funds, warrants and Money Market Investments, and hold cash (subject to the restrictions provided in Appendix I).

The Fund may use derivatives with the aim of reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently.

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the MSCI China (Net TR) index, based on the Investment Manager's rating criteria. More details on the investment process used to achieve this can be found in the Fund Characteristics section.

The Fund does not directly invest in certain activities, industries or groups of issuers above the limits listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

## Benchmark

The Fund's performance should be assessed against its target benchmark being to exceed the MSCI China (Net TR) index and compared against the Morningstar China Equity Category. The Fund's investment universe is expected to overlap to a limited extent with the components of the target benchmark. The comparator benchmark is only included for performance comparison purposes and does not determine how the Investment Manager invests the Fund's assets. The Investment Manager invests on a discretionary basis and there are no restrictions on the extent to which the Fund's portfolio and performance may deviate from the target benchmark. The Investment Manager will invest in companies or sectors not included in the target benchmark in order to take advantage of specific investment opportunities.

The target benchmark has been selected because it is representative of the type of investments in which the Fund is likely to invest and it is, therefore, an appropriate target in relation to the return that the Fund aims to provide. The

comparator benchmark has been selected because the Investment Manager believes that the benchmark is a suitable comparison for performance purposes given the Fund's investment objective and policy.

The benchmark(s) does/do not take into account the environmental and social characteristics or sustainable objective (as relevant) of the Fund.

## Further Information

The Fund is categorised as "Specialist Equity Fund".

More information relating to the environmental and social characteristics or sustainable investment objective (as applicable) of the Fund is provided in Appendix IV in accordance with SFDR and Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288.

## Risk Considerations

### Specific Risk Considerations

Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect and Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect are securities trading and clearing linked programmes developed by The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited, Shanghai/Shenzhen Stock Exchanges, Hong Kong Securities Clearing Company Limited and China Securities Depository and Clearing Corporation Limited, with an aim to achieve mutual stock market access between the PRC (excluding Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan) and Hong Kong. A detailed description of the programmes as well as risks linked thereto can be found in Appendix II of this Prospectus.

The Fund has environmental and/or social characteristics (within the meaning of Article 8 SFDR). A Fund with these characteristics may have limited exposure to some companies, industries or sectors as a result and the Fund may forego certain investment opportunities, or dispose of certain holdings, that do not align with its sustainability criteria chosen by the Investment Manager. As investors may differ in their views of what constitutes sustainable investing, the Fund may also invest in companies that do not reflect the beliefs and values of any particular Investor. Please refer to Appendix II for more details on sustainability risks.

The Fund may invest in mainland China through QFI schemes or Regulated Markets. Investors should note that the QFI status may be suspended or revoked and that this may adversely affect the Fund's performance by requiring the Fund to dispose of its securities holdings. Please refer to Appendix II for more information of the risks regarding QFI status and QFI quota.

The reference in the Investment Policy to a fund investing two-thirds of its assets in a certain way applies in normal market conditions. See paragraph (A) at the start of this Appendix for further information.

The level of distribution costs in certain jurisdictions may impact the ability of the Investment Manager to meet the Fund's investment objective across all Share Classes after fees have been deducted.

## Profile of the Typical Investor

The Fund may be suitable for Investors who are more concerned with maximising long term returns than minimising possible short term losses.

## Fund Characteristics

Fund Currency	USD
Investment Manager	Schroder Investment Management (Hong Kong) Limited
Dealing Cut-off Time	13.00 Luxembourg time on Dealing Day
Dealing Frequency	Daily on Dealing Day
Settlement Period of Subscription and Redemption Proceeds <sup>1</sup>	3 Business Days from the relevant Dealing Day
Performance Fee	None
Redemption Charge	None
PEA / PIR Eligibility	No
Sustainability Criteria	<p>The Investment Manager applies governance and sustainability criteria when selecting investments for the Fund.</p> <p>In the selection and assessment of potential investment opportunities and holdings, companies are assessed on a proprietary stakeholder-based approach against criteria including, but not limited to (1) good governance practices; (2) impact on the environment and local communities; and (3) fair and equitable treatment of employees, suppliers and customers. Information and insights derived from Schroders' proprietary sustainability tools are utilised in this assessment and due diligence process.</p> <p>The Investment Manager's proprietary analysis and ongoing engagement with these companies may also help it derive a reasonable level of conviction that concrete steps will be or are being taken to transition out of business segments or practices that have not met the sustainability criteria or improve on their relevant areas of weakness. The Investment Manager may consider these companies eligible for investment ahead of seeing changes in the company's ratings and rankings across both internal and external evaluation metrics.</p> <p>The primary sources of information used to perform the analysis include the Investment Manager's proprietary tools and research, third-party research, NGO reports and expert networks. The Investment Manager also performs its own analysis of publicly available information provided by the companies, including information provided in company sustainability reports and other relevant company material.</p> <p>More details on the Investment Manager's approach to sustainability and its engagement with companies are available on the webpage <a href="https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/">https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/</a></p> <p>The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than its investment universe, based on the Investment Manager's rating system.</p> <p>The Investment Manager ensures that at least:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– 90% of the portion of the NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in developed countries; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with an investment grade credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by developed countries; and</li> <li>– 75% of the portion of the NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in emerging countries; equities issued by small and medium companies; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with a high yield credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by emerging countries,</li> </ul> <p>is rated against the sustainability criteria. For the purposes of this test, small companies are those with market capitalisation below €5 billion, medium companies are those between €5 billion and €10 billion and large companies are those above €10 billion.</p>

<sup>1</sup> Different subscription and redemption procedures may apply if applications are made through Distributors.



## General Share Class Features

Share Classes	Initial Charge <sup>2</sup>	Annual Distribution Charge <sup>3</sup>	Annual Management Charge
A Shares	Up to 5%	None	1.50%
AX Shares	Up to 5%	None	1.50%
A1 Shares	Up to 4%	0.50%	1.50%
B Shares	None	0.60%	1.50%
C Shares	Up to 1%	None	1.00%
CN Shares	Up to 3%	None	1.00%
CX Shares	Up to 1%	None	1.00%
D Shares	None	1.00%	1.50%
E Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.50%
IZ, IA, IB, IC, ID Shares	None	None	Up to 1%
Z Shares	None	None	Up to 1%

Annual Distribution Charge and Annual Management Charge percentages are stated as an annual charge with reference to the Net Asset Value of the Fund or the Net Asset Value per Share, as may be appropriate.

A share class hedging charge of up to 0.03% will be borne by the currency hedged Share Classes.

Not all Share Classes listed are available for subscription at the time of issue of this Prospectus. The Funds may also launch Bespoke Share Classes that are described under Appendix III at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>2</sup> The initial charge is applied against the total amount invested. The Management Company and Distributors are entitled to the initial charge, which can be partly or fully waived at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>3</sup> Annual Distribution Charges in respect of A1 and D Shares are paid at such intervals as may be agreed from time to time between the Company and those Distributors that are appointed specifically for the purpose of distributing such Shares. Annual Distribution Charges in respect of B Shares are payable quarterly.

# Schroder International Selection Fund Circular Economy

## Investment Objective

The Fund aims to provide capital growth by investing in equity and equity related securities of companies worldwide that contribute to the transition to a circular economy and which the Investment Manager deems to be sustainable investments.

## Investment Policy

The Fund is actively managed and invests its assets in a concentrated range of (i) sustainable investments, which are investments that the Investment Manager expects to contribute towards the transition to a circular economy (please see the Fund Characteristics section for more details) and (ii) investments that the Investment Manager deems to be neutral under its sustainability criteria, such as cash, Money Market Investments and derivatives used with the aim of reducing risk (hedging) or managing the Fund more efficiently.

Circular economy principles include, but are not limited to: reducing non-renewable raw material consumption, designing out waste and pollution, increasing levels of recycling, and keeping energy, labour and materials in more active use. The Fund typically holds between 25 – 40 companies.

The Fund does not directly invest in certain activities, industries or groups of issuers above the limits listed under “Sustainability-Related Disclosure” on the Fund’s webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

The Fund invests in companies that do not cause significant environmental or social harm and have good governance practices, as determined by the Investment Manager’s rating criteria (please see the Fund Characteristics section for more details).

The Investment Manager may also engage with companies held by the Fund to challenge identified areas of weakness on sustainability issues. More details on the Investment Manager’s approach to sustainability and its engagement with companies are available on the website <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/>

The Fund invests at least two-thirds of its assets in equity and equity related securities of companies worldwide.

The Fund may also invest up to one-third of its assets directly or indirectly in other securities (including other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies, Investment Funds, warrants and Money Market Investments, and hold cash (subject to the restrictions provided in Appendix I).

The Fund may use derivatives with the aim of reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently.

## Benchmark

The Fund does not have a target benchmark. The Fund's performance should be compared against the MSCI AC World (Net TR) index. The comparator benchmark is only included for performance comparison purposes and does not determine how the Investment Manager invests the Fund’s assets. The Fund’s investment universe is expected to overlap materially with the components of the comparator benchmark. The Investment Manager invests on a discretionary basis and there are no restrictions on the extent to which the Fund’s portfolio and performance may deviate from the comparator benchmark. The Investment Manager will invest in companies or sectors not included in the comparator benchmark. The benchmark(s) does/do not take into account the environmental and social characteristics or sustainable objective (as relevant) of the Fund.

The comparator benchmark has been selected because the Investment Manager believes that the benchmark is a suitable comparison for performance purposes given the Fund’s investment objective and policy.

## Further Information

The Fund is categorised as a “Specialist Equity Fund”.

More information relating to the environmental and social characteristics or sustainable investment objective (as applicable) of the Fund is provided in Appendix IV in accordance with SFDR and Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288.

## Risk Considerations

### Specific Risk Considerations

The reference in the Investment Policy to a fund investing two-thirds of its assets in a certain way applies in normal market conditions. See paragraph (A) at the start of this Appendix for further information.

The Fund has the objective of sustainable investment (within the meaning of Article 9 SFDR). A Fund with this objective may have limited exposure to some companies, industries or sectors as a result and the Fund may forego certain investment opportunities, or dispose of certain holdings, that do not align with its sustainability criteria chosen by the Investment Manager. As Investors may differ in their views of what constitutes sustainable investing, the Fund may also invest in companies that do not reflect the beliefs and values of any particular Investor. Please refer to Appendix II for more details on sustainability risks.

## Profile of the Typical Investor

The Fund may be suitable for Investors who are more concerned with maximising long-term returns than minimising possible short term losses.

## Fund Characteristics

Fund Currency	USD
Investment Manager	Schroder Investment Management Limited
Dealing Cut-off Time	13.00 Luxembourg time on Dealing Day
Dealing Frequency	Daily on Dealing Day

Settlement Period of Subscription and Redemption Proceeds <sup>1</sup>	3 Business Days from the relevant Dealing Day
Performance Fee	None
Redemption Charge	None
PEA / PIR Eligibility	No
Sustainability Criteria	<p>The Investment Manager applies sustainability criteria when selecting investments for the Fund.</p> <p>The Investment Manager carries out analysis to assess to what extent companies contribute to the circular economy transition.</p> <p>The Investment Manager's sustainability analysis is supported by in-house fundamental research and the use of Schroders' range of proprietary sustainability tools. Third party research is also used as a secondary consideration and generally provides a source of challenge or endorsement for the Investment Manager's views.</p> <p>The Investment Manager may also engage with companies in the portfolio with respect to their commitment to sustainability and their relationships with their key stakeholders.</p> <p>The Investment Manager ensures that at least 90% of the portion of the Fund's Net Asset Value composed of investments in companies is rated against the sustainability criteria.</p> <p>As a result of the application of sustainability criteria, at least 20% of the Fund's potential investment universe is excluded from the selection of investments.</p> <p>For the purposes of this test, the potential investment universe is the core universe of issuers that the Investment Manager may select for the Fund prior to the application of sustainability criteria, in accordance with the other limitations of the Investment Objective and Policy. This universe is comprised of equity and equity related securities of companies worldwide.</p>

## General Share Class Features

Share Classes	Initial Charge <sup>2</sup>	Annual Distribution Charge <sup>3</sup>	Annual Management Charge
A Shares	Up to 5%	None	1.50%
AX Shares	Up to 5%	None	1.50%
A1 Shares	Up to 4%	0.50%	1.50%
B Shares	None	0.60%	1.50%
C Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.75%
CN Shares	Up to 3%	None	0.75%
CX Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.75%
D Shares	None	1.00%	1.50%
E Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.375%
IZ, IA, IB, IC, ID Shares	None	None	Up to 0.75%
Z Shares	None	None	Up to 0.75%

Annual Distribution Charge and Annual Management Charge percentages are stated as an annual charge with reference to the Net Asset Value of the Fund or the Net Asset Value per Share, as may be appropriate.

A share class hedging charge of up to 0.03% will be borne by the currency hedged Share Classes.

Not all Share Classes listed are available for subscription at the time of issue of this Prospectus. The Funds may also launch Bespoke Share Classes that are described under Appendix III at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>1</sup> Different subscription and redemption procedures may apply if applications are made through Distributors.

<sup>2</sup> The initial charge is applied against the total amount invested. The Management Company and Distributors are entitled to the initial charge, which can be partly or fully waived at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>3</sup> Annual Distribution Charges in respect of A1 and D Shares are paid at such intervals as may be agreed from time to time between the Company and those Distributors that are appointed specifically for the purpose of distributing such Shares. Annual Distribution Charges in respect of B Shares are payable quarterly.

# Schroder International Selection Fund Commodity

## Investment Objective

The Fund aims to provide capital growth in excess of the Bloomberg Commodity Total Return index (BCOMTR Index) after fees have been deducted over a three to five year period by investing in commodity related instruments worldwide.

## Investment Policy

The Fund is actively managed and invests at least two-thirds of its assets in a range of commodity related instruments, principally comprising swaps on eligible commodity financial indices, commodities through eligible assets (as described under the definition of "Alternative Asset Classes" in Appendix III of this Prospectus) and to a lesser extent in equity and equity related securities in commodity related industries worldwide.

The Fund may be exposed to a range of commodity sectors from time to time but the Investment Manager anticipates that the Fund will be primarily invested in the energy, agriculture and metals sectors.

The Fund may also invest up to one-third of its assets directly or indirectly in other securities (including other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies, Investment Funds, warrants and Money Market Investments, and hold cash (subject to the restrictions provided in Appendix I).

The Fund intends to use derivatives with the aim of achieving investment gains, reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently. In particular, the aim is to use total return swaps on a continuous basis to gain net long exposure to commodity indices, although the swaps may contain both long and short exposures. The gross exposure of total return swaps will not exceed 450% and is expected to remain within the range of 150% to 250% of the Net Asset Value.

## Benchmark

The Fund's performance should be assessed against its target benchmark being to exceed the Bloomberg Commodity Total Return Index (BCOMTR Index). The Fund's investment universe is expected to overlap to a limited extent with the components of the target benchmark. The Investment Manager invests on a discretionary basis and there are no restrictions on the extent to which the Fund's portfolio and performance may deviate from the target benchmark. The Investment Manager will invest in

companies or sectors not included in the target benchmark in order to take advantage of specific investment opportunities.

The target benchmark has been selected because it is representative of the type of investments in which the Fund is likely to invest and it is, therefore, an appropriate target in relation to the return that the Fund aims to provide.

## Further Information

The Fund is classified as an "Alternative Asset Allocation" fund

## Risk Considerations

### Risk Management Method

Absolute Value at Risk

### Expected Leverage

450% of the total net assets

### This Fund is not a leveraged financial instrument

The Fund utilises financial derivative instruments for investment purposes and the global exposure is monitored under the absolute VaR approach in line with UCITS Risk Measurement Rules. Whilst these instruments generate leverage, the Fund itself is not a leveraged financial instrument as further described in the MIFID Directive. For further details on the absolute VaR approach please see Appendix 1. In addition to this regulatory restriction, Schroders implements internal controls on global exposure to constrain and/or highlight global exposure as appropriate.

### Specific Risk Considerations

The reference in the Investment Policy to a fund investing two-thirds of its assets in a certain way applies in normal market conditions. See paragraph (A) at the start of this Appendix for further information.

The level of distribution costs in certain jurisdictions may impact the ability of the Investment Manager to meet the Fund's investment objective across all Share Classes after fees have been deducted.

## Profile of the Typical Investor

The Fund may be suitable for Investors who are more concerned with maximising long term returns than minimising possible short term losses.

## Fund Characteristics

Fund Currency	USD
Investment Manager	Schroder Investment Management Limited
Dealing Cut-off Time	13.00 Luxembourg time on Dealing Day
Dealing Frequency	Daily on Dealing Day
Settlement Period of Subscription and Redemption Proceeds <sup>1</sup>	3 Business Days from the relevant Dealing Day

<sup>1</sup> Different subscription and redemption procedures may apply if applications are made through Distributors.

Performance Fee	None
Redemption Charge	None
PEA / PIR Eligibility	No

## General Share Class Features

Share Classes	Initial Charge <sup>2</sup>	Annual Distribution Charge <sup>3</sup>	Annual Management Charge
A Shares	Up to 5%	None	1.50%
AX Shares	Up to 5%	None	1.50%
A1 Shares	Up to 5%	0.50%	1.50%
B Shares	None	0.60%	1.50%
C Shares	Up to 1%	None	1.00%
CN Shares	Up to 3%	None	1.00%
CX Shares	Up to 1%	None	1.00%
D Shares	None	1.00%	1.50%
E Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.50%
IZ, IA, IB, IC, ID Shares	None	None	Up to 1.00%
Z Shares	None	None	Up to 1.00%

Annual Distribution Charge and Annual Management Charge percentages are stated as an annual charge with reference to the Net Asset Value of the Fund or the Net Asset Value per Share, as may be appropriate.

A share class hedging charge of up to 0.03% will be borne by the currency hedged Share Classes.

Not all Share Classes listed are available for subscription at the time of issue of this Prospectus. The Funds may also launch Bespoke Share Classes that are described under Appendix III at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>2</sup> The initial charge is applied against the total amount invested. The Management Company and Distributors are entitled to the initial charge, which can be partly or fully waived at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>3</sup> Annual Distribution Charges in respect of A1 and D Shares are paid at such intervals as may be agreed from time to time between the Company and those Distributors that are appointed specifically for the purpose of distributing such Shares. Annual Distribution Charges in respect of B Shares are payable quarterly.



# Schroder International Selection Fund Commodity Evolution

## Investment Objective

The Fund aims to provide capital growth in excess of the Bloomberg Commodity Total return index ex-petroleum and ex-livestock after fees have been deducted over a three to five year period by investing in commodity (excluding crude oil, oil products, coal and livestock) related instruments worldwide.

## Investment Policy

The Fund is actively managed and invests at least two-thirds of its assets in a range of commodity related instruments, principally comprising swaps on eligible commodity financial indices, commodities through eligible assets (as described under the definition of "Alternative Asset Classes" in Appendix III of this Prospectus) and to a lesser extent in equity and equity related securities in commodity related industries worldwide.

The Fund may be exposed to a range of commodity sectors from time to time but the Investment Manager anticipates that the Fund will be primarily invested in the energy (excluding crude oil and oil products), agriculture (excluding livestock) and metals sectors.

The Fund may also invest up to one-third of its assets directly or indirectly in other securities (including other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies, Investment Funds, warrants and Money Market Investments, and hold cash (subject to the restrictions provided in Appendix I).

The Fund intends to use derivatives with the aim of achieving investment gains, reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently. In particular, the aim is to use total return swaps on a continuous basis to gain net long exposure to commodity indices, although the swaps may contain both long and short exposures. The gross exposure of total return swaps will not exceed 450% and is expected to remain within the range of 150% to 250% of the Net Asset Value

## Benchmark

The Fund's performance should be assessed against its target benchmark being to exceed the Bloomberg Commodity Total Return Index (BCOMTR Index) ex-petroleum and ex-livestock. The Fund's investment universe is expected to overlap to a limited extent with the components of the target benchmark. The Investment Manager invests on a discretionary basis and there are no restrictions on the extent to which the Fund's portfolio and performance may deviate from the target benchmark. The

Investment Manager will invest in companies or sectors not included in the target benchmark in order to take advantage of specific investment opportunities.

The target benchmark has been selected because it is representative of the type of investments in which the Fund is likely to invest and it is, therefore, an appropriate target in relation to the return that the Fund aims to provide.

## Further Information

The Fund is classified as an "Alternative Asset Allocation" fund

## Risk Considerations

### Risk Management Method

Absolute Value at Risk

### Expected Leverage

450% of the total net assets

### This Fund is not a leveraged financial instrument

The Fund utilises financial derivative instruments for investment purposes and the global exposure is monitored under the absolute VaR approach in line with UCITS Risk Measurement Rules. Whilst these instruments generate leverage, the Fund itself is not a leveraged financial instrument as further described in the MIFID Directive. For further details on the absolute VaR approach please see Appendix 1. In addition to this regulatory restriction, Schroders implements internal controls on global exposure to constrain and/or highlight global exposure as appropriate.

### Specific Risk Considerations

The reference in the Investment Policy to a fund investing two-thirds of its assets in a certain way applies in normal market conditions. See paragraph (A) at the start of this Appendix for further information.

The level of distribution costs in certain jurisdictions may impact the ability of the Investment Manager to meet the Fund's investment objective across all Share Classes after fees have been deducted.

## Profile of the Typical Investor

The Fund may be suitable for Investors who are more concerned with maximising long term returns than minimising possible short term losses.

## Fund Characteristics

Fund Currency	USD
Investment Manager	Schroder Investment Management Limited
Dealing Cut-off Time	13.00 Luxembourg time on Dealing Day
Dealing Frequency	Daily on Dealing Day
Settlement Period of Subscription and Redemption Proceeds <sup>1</sup>	3 Business Days from the relevant Dealing Day

<sup>1</sup> Different subscription and redemption procedures may apply if applications are made through Distributors.

Performance Fee	None
Redemption Charge	None
PEA / PIR Eligibility	No

## General Share Class Features

Share Classes	Initial Charge <sup>2</sup>	Annual Distribution Charge <sup>3</sup>	Annual Management Charge
A Shares	Up to 5%	None	1.50%
AX Shares	Up to 5%	None	1.50%
A1 Shares	Up to 5%	0.50%	1.50%
B Shares	None	0.60%	1.50%
C Shares	Up to 1%	None	1.00%
CN Shares	Up to 3%	None	1.00%
CX Shares	Up to 1%	None	1.00%
D Shares	None	1.00%	1.50%
E Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.50%
IZ, IA, IB, IC, ID Shares	None	None	Up to 1.00%
Z Shares	None	None	Up to 1.00%

Annual Distribution Charge and Annual Management Charge percentages are stated as an annual charge with reference to the Net Asset Value of the Fund or the Net Asset Value per Share, as may be appropriate.

A share class hedging charge of up to 0.03% will be borne by the currency hedged Share Classes.

Not all Share Classes listed are available for subscription at the time of issue of this Prospectus. The Funds may also launch Bespoke Share Classes that are described under Appendix III at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>2</sup> The initial charge is applied against the total amount invested. The Management Company and Distributors are entitled to the initial charge, which can be partly or fully waived at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>3</sup> Annual Distribution Charges in respect of A1 and D Shares are paid at such intervals as may be agreed from time to time between the Company and those Distributors that are appointed specifically for the purpose of distributing such Shares. Annual Distribution Charges in respect of B Shares are payable quarterly.

# Schroder International Selection Fund Cross Asset Momentum

## Investment Objective

The Fund aims to provide capital growth in excess of 3-month USD T-Bills +3% per annum before fees have been deducted\* over a three to five year period by investing in a diversified range of assets and markets worldwide.

\*For the target return after fees for each Share Class please visit the Schroder webpage: <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/individual/funds-and-strategies/fund-administration/performance-targets-after-fees/>

**As of [ ] 2024 the Investment Objective section will change to:**

The Fund aims to provide a positive return after fees have been deducted over a three-year period by investing in a diversified range of assets and markets worldwide.

## Investment Policy

The Fund is actively managed and invests in asset classes including, but not limited to, equity and equity related securities, fixed and floating rate securities, currencies and commodities, in order to provide exposure to long and short strategies. The Fund will focus on momentum strategy, which attempts to take advantage of the tendency for recent price trends to continue.

The Fund is managed to maintain a balanced exposure between long and short positions (gained through derivatives). The Fund may invest in sub-investment grade securities (being securities with a credit rating below investment grade as measured by Standard & Poor's or any equivalent grade of other credit rating agencies). The exposure to commodities will be taken through eligible assets as described under the definition of "Alternative Asset Classes" in Appendix III of this Prospectus.

The Fund intends to use derivatives (including total return swaps) with the aim of achieving investment gains, reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently. Where the Fund uses total return swaps and contracts for difference, the underlying consists of instruments in which the Fund may invest according to its Investment Objective and Investment Policy. In particular, total return swaps and contracts for difference will be used on a continuous basis to gain long and short exposure on equity and equity related securities, fixed and floating rate securities and commodity indices. The gross exposure of total return swaps and contracts for difference will not exceed 400250%\* and is expected to remain within the range of 230% to 7120%\* of the Net Asset Value. In certain circumstances this proportion may be higher.

**As of [ ] 2024 the upper limit maximum gross exposure of total return swaps and contracts for difference will change from 250% to 400% and the expected range will change from "20% to 70%" to "30% to 120%".**

The Fund's holdings will be sufficiently liquid at all times to cover the Fund's obligations arising from its derivative long and short positions. The investment strategy of the Fund and the use of derivatives may lead to situations where it is considered appropriate that prudent levels of cash and Money Market Investments will be maintained, which may be substantial or even represent (exceptionally) 100% of the

Fund's assets. This will be limited to a maximum of six months (otherwise the Fund will be liquidated). During this period, the Fund will not fall within the scope of MMFR.

The Fund may also invest in open-ended Investment Funds.

## Benchmark

The Fund's performance should be assessed against its target benchmark, being to exceed 3-month USD T-Bills +3% per annum, and compared against 3-month USD T-Bills.

The target benchmark has been selected because the target return of the Fund is to deliver or exceed the return of that benchmark as stated in the investment objective. The comparator benchmark has been selected because the Investment Manager believes that the benchmark is a suitable comparison for performance purposes given the Fund's investment objective and policy.

**As of [ ] 2024 the benchmark section will change to:**

The Fund's performance should be assessed against its target, being to provide a positive return over a three year period, and compared against 3-month USD T-Bills.

The comparator benchmark has been selected because the Investment Manager believes that the benchmark is a suitable comparison for performance purposes given the Fund's investment objective and policy.

## Further Information

The Fund is categorised as "Asset Allocation Fund".

## Risk Considerations

### Risk Management Method

Absolute Value-at-Risk (VaR)

### Expected Leverage

250% of the total net assets

**As of [ ] 2024 the above will change to:**

5400% of the total net assets

In order to implement an efficiently diversified set of strategies and to achieve the risk target that is consistent with the Fund's risk profile, the Fund will rely extensively on derivatives that may generate a high level of leverage. The Fund uses derivatives such as interest rate and equity futures, forward foreign exchange contracts, total return swaps and options for investment purposes, which can increase the Fund's level of risk. These derivatives are also used to invest in strategies that can improve the diversification characteristics of the Fund and manage its risk. This can contribute to enhancing the Fund's return while seeking to maintain its risk within the target range. Strategies that contain a long and short position in the same asset class are expected to have lower volatility than a long only position in the same asset class. As a result, some of the strategies will create a substantial level of gross leverage, but are expected to improve the portfolio's diversification characteristics.

### This Fund is not a leveraged financial instrument

The Fund utilises financial derivative instruments for investment purposes and the global exposure is monitored under the absolute VaR approach in line with the UCITS Risk Measurement Rules. Whilst these instruments generate leverage, the Fund itself is not a leveraged financial instrument as further described in the MIFID Directive. For further details on the absolute VaR approach please see Appendix 1. In addition to this regulatory restriction, Schroders implements internal controls on global exposure to constrain and/or highlight global exposure as appropriate.

### Specific Risk Considerations

Long and short positions gained through index, commodity, and equity total return swaps may increase exposure to credit-related risks.

The Fund uses significant leverage through financial derivative instruments, which will magnify both gains and losses on its investments and result in greater fluctuations of its Net Asset Value. This significantly increases the risk of the Fund compared to an unleveraged fund. Leverage occurs when the overall economic exposure of the Fund exceeds its amount of assets invested.

### Fund Characteristics

Fund Currency	USD
Investment Manager	Schroder Investment Management Limited
Dealing Cut-off Time	13.00 Luxembourg time on the preceding Dealing Day
Dealing Frequency	Daily on Dealing Day
Settlement Period of Subscription and Redemption Proceeds <sup>1</sup>	3 Business Days from the relevant Dealing Day
Performance Fee	None
Redemption Charge	None
PEA / PIR Eligibility	No

### Profile of the Typical Investor

~~The Fund is suitable for Investors with a longer term investment horizon and who are more concerned with longer-term returns than short-term losses. The Fund is not intended for retail Investors; it is intended for institutional, professional and sophisticated Investors. A sophisticated Investor means an Investor who:~~

- ~~understands the Fund's strategy, characteristics and risks in order to make an informed decision; and~~
- ~~has knowledge of or investment experience in, financial products that use complex derivatives and/or derivative strategies (such as this Fund) and financial markets generally.~~

~~As of [ ] 2024 the Profile of the Typical Investor section will change to:~~

~~The Fund is suitable for Investors with a longer-term investment horizon and who are more concerned with longer-term returns than short-term losses. The Fund is not intended for retail Investors other than those who are advised by a professional advisor.~~

<sup>1</sup> Different subscription and redemption procedures may apply if applications are made through Distributors.

## General Share Class Features

Share Classes	Initial Charge <sup>2</sup>	Annual Distribution Charge <sup>3</sup>	Annual Management Charge
A Shares	Up to 5%	None	1.50%
AX Shares	Up to 5%	None	1.50%
A1 Shares	Up to 4%	0.50%	1.50%
B Shares	None	0.60%	1.50%
C Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.670%
CN Shares	Up to 3%	None	0.670%
CX Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.670%
D Shares	None	1.00%	1.50%
E Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.50%
IZ, IA, IB, IC, ID Shares	None	None	Up to 0.701%
Z Shares	None	None	Up to 0.701%

Annual Distribution Charge and Annual Management Charge percentages are stated as an annual charge with reference to the Net Asset Value of the Fund or the Net Asset Value per Share, as may be appropriate.

A share class hedging charge of up to 0.03% will be borne by the currency hedged Share Classes.

Not all Share Classes listed are available for subscription at the time of issue of this Prospectus. The Funds may also launch Bespoke Share Classes that are described under Appendix III at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>2</sup> The initial charge is applied against the total amount invested. The Management Company and Distributors are entitled to the initial charge, which can be partly or fully waived at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>3</sup> Annual Distribution Charges in respect of A1 and D Shares are paid at such intervals as may be agreed from time to time between the Company and those Distributors that are appointed specifically for the purpose of distributing such Shares. Annual Distribution Charges in respect of B Shares are payable quarterly.



# Schroder International Selection Fund Dynamic Income

## Investment Objective

The Fund aims to provide income and capital growth after fees have been deducted by investing in a diversified range of assets and markets worldwide including emerging markets.

## Investment Policy

The Fund is actively managed and invests directly, or indirectly through derivatives, in equity and equity-related securities, fixed and floating rate securities issued by governments, government agencies, supra-nationals and companies worldwide, including emerging markets, in various currencies and Alternative Asset Classes.

The Fund may invest:

- up to 40% of its assets in sub-investment grade securities (being securities with a credit rating below investment grade as measured by Standard & Poor's or any equivalent grade of other credit rating agencies) and unrated securities.
- up to 30% of its assets in emerging markets.
- up to 20% of its assets in asset-backed securities, commercial mortgage-backed securities, and/or residential mortgage-backed securities issued worldwide with an investment grade or sub-investment grade credit rating (as measured by Standard & Poor's or any equivalent grade of other credit rating agencies). Underlying assets may include credit card receivables, personal loans, auto loans, small business loans, leases, commercial mortgages and residential mortgages.
- Up to 15% of its assets in Alternative Asset Classes

The Fund may invest directly in China B-Shares and China H-Shares and may invest less than 15% of its assets (on a net basis) directly or indirectly (for example via participatory notes) in China A-Shares through Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect and Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect and shares listed on the STAR Board and the ChiNext. The Fund may also invest up to 10% of its assets in mainland China through Regulated Markets (including the CIBM via Bond Connect or CIBM Direct).

The exposure to Alternative Asset Classes is taken through eligible assets as described in Appendix III of this Prospectus.

The Fund intends to use derivatives (including total return swaps), long and short, with the aim of achieving investment gains, reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently. Where the Fund uses total return swaps and contracts for difference, the underlying consists of instruments in which the Fund may invest according to its Investment Objective and Investment Policy. In particular, the aim is to use total return swaps and contracts for difference on a temporary basis in market conditions including but not limited to during periods of expanding global economic growth and rising inflation or elevated geopolitical risk, or when credit spreads are expected to widen such during periods of falling economic growth, rising interest rates or elevated geopolitical risk. Contracts for difference and total return swaps are intended to be used to gain long and short exposure on equity and equity related securities, fixed and floating rate securities and commodity indices. The gross

exposure of total return swaps and contracts for difference will not exceed 30% and is expected to remain within the range of 0% to 20% of the Net Asset Value. In certain circumstances this proportion may be higher.

The Fund may invest in Money Market Investments and hold cash. The Fund may invest up to 10% of its assets in open-ended Investment Funds.

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than a bespoke asset-weighted blend\* of MSCI World Index (USD), MSCI Emerging Market Index (USD), Bloomberg Global Aggregate Corporate Bond Index (USD), Bloomberg Global High Yield excl CMBS & EMD 2% Index (USD), ICE BofA US Treasury Index (USD), JPM GBI Emerging Market Index - EM Local (USD), JPM EMBI Index EM Hard Currency (USD), Thomson Reuters FTSE Global Convertible Bonds Index (USD), based on the Investment Manager's rating criteria. More details on the investment process used to achieve this can be found in the Fund Characteristics section.

\*The blend will evolve over time in line with the actual asset allocation of the Fund.

The Fund does not directly invest in certain activities, industries or groups of issuers above the limits listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fundcentre>

## Benchmark

The Fund does not have a target benchmark. The Fund's income and volatility should be compared against 60% MSCI AC World Index (USD), 40% Bloomberg Global Aggregate USD. The comparator benchmark is included for income and volatility comparison purposes and does not determine how the Investment Manager invests the Fund's assets. The Fund's investment universe is expected to have limited overlap with the components of the comparator benchmark. The Investment Manager invests on a discretionary basis and there are no restrictions on the extent to which the Fund's portfolio and performance may deviate from the comparator benchmark. The Investment Manager will invest in companies or sectors not included in the comparator benchmark.

The comparator benchmark has been selected because the Investment Manager believes that the benchmark is a suitable comparison for income and volatility purposes given the Fund's investment objective and policy.

The benchmark(s) does/do not take into account the environmental and social characteristics or sustainable objective (as relevant) of the Fund.

## Further Information

The Fund is categorised as "Multi-Asset Fund".

More information relating to the environmental and social characteristics or sustainable investment objective (as applicable) of the Fund is provided in Appendix IV in accordance with SFDR and Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288.

## Risk Considerations

### Specific Risk Considerations

Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect and Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect are securities trading and clearing linked programmes developed by The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited, Shanghai/Shenzhen Stock Exchanges, Hong Kong Securities Clearing Company Limited and China Securities Depository and Clearing Corporation Limited, with an aim to achieve mutual stock market access between the PRC (excluding Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan) and Hong Kong. A detailed description of the programmes as well as risks linked thereto can be found in Appendix II of this Prospectus.

Long and short positions gained through index, bond and equity total return swaps may increase exposure to credit-related risks.

The Fund has environmental and/or social characteristics (within the meaning of Article 8 SFDR). A Fund with these characteristics may have limited exposure to some companies, industries or sectors as a result and the Fund

may forego certain investment opportunities, or dispose of certain holdings, that do not align with its sustainability criteria chosen by the Investment Manager. As Investors may differ in their views of what constitutes sustainable investing, the Fund may also invest in companies that do not reflect the beliefs and values of any particular Investor. Please refer to Appendix II for more details on sustainability risks.

A detailed description of the risks linked to asset-backed securities and mortgage-backed securities can be found in Appendix II of this Prospectus.

Risks related to emerging markets investments can be found under “Emerging and Less Developed Markets Securities Risks” in Appendix II of this prospectus.

### Profile of the Typical Investor

The Fund is a medium risk vehicle that will be suitable for Investors who are seeking long term growth potential and income through investment in a diversified portfolio offering exposure to a range of asset classes.

## Fund Characteristics

Fund Currency	USD
Investment Manager	Schroder Investment Management Limited
Dealing Cut-off Time	13.00 Luxembourg time on Dealing Day
Dealing Frequency	Daily on Dealing Day
Settlement Period of Subscription and Redemption Proceeds <sup>1</sup>	3 Business Days from the relevant Dealing Day
Performance Fee	None
Redemption Charge	None
Sustainability Criteria	<p>The Investment Manager applies governance and sustainability criteria when selecting investments for the Fund. The investable universe is assessed using a number of proprietary tools, as well as external rating services.</p> <p>The Investment Manager will assess companies against a variety of environmental, social and governance metrics, taking into account issues such as climate change, environmental performance, labour standards and board composition. The Investment Manager will decide whether an investment is eligible for inclusion taking into account the overall ESG score. The multi-asset nature of the Fund means that the Investment Manager will analyse the ESG scores across asset classes as an input into the asset allocation of the Fund. The Investment Manager may select investments, which it deems to contribute to one or more environmental or social objectives, provided that they do no significant harm to any other environmental or social objectives.</p> <p>The sources of information used to perform the analysis include information provided by the companies, such as company sustainability reports and other relevant company material, as well as Schroders' proprietary sustainability tools and third-party data.</p> <p>More details on the Investment Manager's approach to sustainability and its engagement with companies are available on the webpage <a href="https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/whatwe-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/">https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/whatwe-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/</a></p> <p>The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than its investment universe, based on the Investment Manager's rating system.</p> <p>The Investment Manager ensures that at least:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- 90% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in developed countries; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with an investment grade credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by developed countries; and</li><li>- 75% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in emerging countries; equities issued by small and medium companies; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with a high yield credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by emerging countries,</li></ul>

<sup>1</sup> Different subscription and redemption procedures may apply if applications are made through Distributors.

is rated against the sustainability criteria. For the purposes of this test, small companies are those with market capitalisation below €5 billion, medium companies are those between €5 billion and €10 billion and large companies are those above €10 billion.

PEA / PIR Eligibility No

## General Share Class Features

Share Classes	Initial Charge <sup>2</sup>	Annual Distribution Charge <sup>3</sup>	Annual Management Charge
A Shares	Up to 4%	None	1.25%
AX Shares	Up to 4%	None	1.25%
A1 Shares	Up to 3%	0.50%	1.25%
B Shares	None	0.60%	1.25%
C Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.75%
CN Shares	Up to 3%	None	0.75%
CX Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.75%
D Shares	None	1.00%	1.25%
E Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.375%
IZ, IA, IB, IC, ID Shares	None	None	Up to 0.75%
Z Shares	None	None	Up to 0.75%

Annual Distribution Charge and Annual Management Charge percentages are stated as an annual charge with reference to the Net Asset Value of the Fund or the Net Asset Value per Share, as may be appropriate.

A share class hedging charge of up to 0.03% will be borne by the currency hedged Share Classes.

Not all Share Classes listed are available for subscription at the time of issue of this Prospectus. The Funds may also launch Bespoke Share Classes that are described under Appendix III at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>2</sup> The initial charge is applied against the total amount invested. The Management Company and Distributors are entitled to the initial charge, which can be partly or fully waived at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>3</sup> Annual Distribution Charges in respect of A1 and D Shares are paid at such intervals as may be agreed from time to time between the Company and those Distributors that are appointed specifically for the purpose of distributing such Shares. Annual Distribution Charges in respect of B Shares are payable quarterly.

# Schroder International Selection Fund Emerging Asia

## Investment Objective

The Fund aims to provide capital growth in excess of the MSCI Emerging Markets Asia (Net TR) index after fees have been deducted over a three to five year period by investing in equity and equity related securities of companies in the emerging markets in Asia.

## Investment Policy

The Fund is actively managed and invests at least two-thirds of its assets in equity and equity related securities of companies in the emerging markets in Asia.

The Fund may invest directly in China B-Shares and China H-Shares and may invest less than 30% of its assets (on a net basis) directly or indirectly (for example via participatory notes) in China A-Shares through:

- Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect and Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect;
- the Qualified Foreign Investor (QFI) Scheme;
- shares listed on the STAR Board and the ChiNext; and
- Regulated Markets.

The Fund may also invest up to one-third of its assets directly or indirectly in other securities (including other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies, Investment Funds, warrants and Money Market Investments, and hold cash (subject to the restrictions provided in Appendix I).

The Fund may use derivatives with the aim of reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently.

## Benchmark

The Fund's performance should be assessed against its target benchmark being to exceed the MSCI Emerging Markets Asia (Net TR) index and compared against the Morningstar Asia ex Japan Equities Category. The Fund's investment universe is expected to overlap materially, directly or indirectly, with the components of the target benchmark. The comparator benchmark is only included for performance comparison purposes and does not determine how the Investment Manager invests the Fund's assets. The Investment Manager invests on a discretionary basis and there are no restrictions on the extent to which the Fund's portfolio and performance may deviate from the target benchmark. The Investment Manager will invest in companies or sectors not included in the target benchmark in order to take advantage of specific investment opportunities.

## Fund Characteristics

Fund Currency	USD
Investment Manager	Schroder Investment Management (Hong Kong) Limited
Dealing Cut-off Time	13.00 Luxembourg time on Dealing Day
Dealing Frequency	Daily on Dealing Day
Settlement Period of Subscription and Redemption Proceeds <sup>1</sup>	3 Business Days from the relevant Dealing Day

<sup>1</sup> Different subscription and redemption procedures may apply if applications are made through Distributors.

The target benchmark has been selected because it is representative of the type of investments in which the Fund is likely to invest and it is, therefore, an appropriate target in relation to the return that the Fund aims to provide. The comparator benchmark has been selected because the Investment Manager believes that the benchmark is a suitable comparison for performance purposes given the Fund's investment objective and policy.

## Further Information

The Fund is categorised as "Specialist Equity Fund".

## Risk Considerations

### Specific Risk Considerations

Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect and Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect are securities trading and clearing linked programmes developed by The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited, Shanghai/Shenzhen Stock Exchanges, Hong Kong Securities Clearing Company Limited and China Securities Depository and Clearing Corporation Limited, with an aim to achieve mutual stock market access between the PRC (excluding Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan) and Hong Kong. A detailed description of the programmes as well as risks linked thereto can be found in Appendix II of this Prospectus.

The Fund may invest in mainland China through QFI schemes or Regulated Markets. Investors should note that the QFI status may be suspended or revoked and that this may adversely affect the Fund's performance by requiring the Fund to dispose of its securities holdings. Please refer to Appendix II for more information of the risks regarding QFI status and QFI quota.

The reference in the Investment Policy to a fund investing two-thirds of its assets in a certain way applies in normal market conditions. See paragraph (A) at the start of this Appendix for further information.

Risks related to emerging markets investments can be found under "Emerging and Less Developed Markets Securities Risk" in Appendix II of this Prospectus.

The level of distribution costs in certain jurisdictions may impact the ability of the Investment Manager to meet the Fund's investment objective across all Share Classes after fees have been deducted.

## Profile of the Typical Investor

The Fund may be suitable for Investors who are more concerned with maximising long term returns than minimising possible short term losses.

Performance Fee	None
Redemption Charge	None
PEA / PIR Eligibility	No

## General Share Class Features

Share Classes	Initial Charge <sup>2</sup>	Annual Distribution Charge <sup>3</sup>	Annual Management Charge
A Shares	Up to 5%	None	1.50%
AX Shares	Up to 5%	None	1.50%
A1 Shares	Up to 4%	0.50%	1.50%
B Shares	None	0.60%	1.50%
C Shares	Up to 1%	None	1.00%
CN Shares	Up to 3%	None	1.00%
CX Shares	Up to 1%	None	1.00%
D Shares	None	1.00%	1.50%
E Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.50%
IZ, IA, IB, IC, ID Shares	None	None	Up to 1%
Z Shares	None	None	Up to 1%

Annual Distribution Charge and Annual Management Charge percentages are stated as an annual charge with reference to the Net Asset Value of the Fund or the Net Asset Value per Share, as may be appropriate.

A share class hedging charge of up to 0.03% will be borne by the currency hedged Share Classes.

Not all Share Classes listed are available for subscription at the time of issue of this Prospectus. The Funds may also launch Bespoke Share Classes that are described under Appendix III at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>2</sup> The initial charge is applied against the total amount invested. The Management Company and Distributors are entitled to the initial charge, which can be partly or fully waived at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>3</sup> Annual Distribution Charges in respect of A1 and D Shares are paid at such intervals as may be agreed from time to time between the Company and those Distributors that are appointed specifically for the purpose of distributing such Shares. Annual Distribution Charges in respect of B Shares are payable quarterly.



# Schroder International Selection Fund Emerging Europe

## Investment Objective

The Fund aims to provide capital growth by investing in equity and equity related securities of Central and Eastern European companies.

## Investment Policy

The Fund is actively managed and invests at least two-thirds of its assets in a concentrated portfolio of equity and equity related securities of Central and Eastern European companies, including the markets of the former Soviet Union and the Mediterranean emerging markets. The Fund may also invest in equity and equity related securities of North African and Middle Eastern companies.

The Fund typically holds 30-50 companies.

The Fund may also invest up to one-third of its assets directly or indirectly in other securities (including other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies, Investment Funds, warrants and Money Market Investments, and hold cash (subject to the restrictions provided in Appendix I).

The Fund may use derivatives with the aim of achieving investment gains, reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently.

**As of 15 August 2024 the following will become part of the Investment Policy Section**

**The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the MSCI EFM Europe + CIS (E+C) Index (Net TR), based on the Investment Manager's rating criteria. More details on the investment process used to achieve this can be found in the Fund Characteristics section.**

**The Fund does not directly invest in certain activities, industries or groups of issuers above the limits listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>**

For specific information regarding Russia, please refer to the Section "Special Information" below.

## Benchmark

The Fund does not have a target benchmark. The Fund's performance should be compared against its comparator benchmark, being the MSCI EFM Europe + CIS (E+C) Index (Net TR). The Fund's investment universe is expected to overlap materially, directly or indirectly, with the components of the comparator benchmark. The Investment Manager invests on a discretionary basis and there are no restrictions on the extent to which the Fund's portfolio and performance may deviate from the comparator benchmark. The Investment Manager will invest in companies or sectors not included in the comparator benchmark in order to take advantage of specific investment opportunities.

The comparator benchmark has been selected because it is representative of the type of investments in which the Fund is likely to invest and it is, therefore, an appropriate target in relation to the return that the Fund aims to provide.

## Further Information

The Fund is categorised as "Specialist Equity Fund".

**More information relating to the environmental and social characteristics or sustainable investment objective (as applicable) of the Fund is provided in Appendix IV in accordance with SFDR and Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288.**

## Risk Considerations

### Specific Risk Considerations

The reference in the Investment Policy to a fund investing two-thirds of its assets in a certain way applies in normal market conditions. See paragraph (A) at the start of this Appendix for further information.

Risks related to emerging markets investments can be found under "Emerging and Less Developed Markets Securities Risk" in Appendix II of this Prospectus.

The level of distribution costs in certain jurisdictions may impact the ability of the Investment Manager to meet the Fund's investment objective across all Share Classes after fees have been deducted.

**The Fund has environmental and/or social characteristics (within the meaning of Article 8 SFDR). A Fund with these characteristics may have limited exposure to some companies, industries or sectors as a result and the Fund may forego certain investment opportunities, or dispose of certain holdings, that do not align with its sustainability criteria chosen by the Investment Manager. As Investors may differ in their views of what constitutes sustainable investing, the Fund may also invest in companies that do not reflect the beliefs and values of any particular Investor. Please refer to Appendix II for more details on sustainability risks.**

## Special Information

In the context of the unprecedented geo-political situation caused by Russia's invasion of the Ukraine and the resultant impact of sanctions and the actions of governments and market counterparties on certain Russian issuers and assets, the following additional information is provided:

- (A) To permit the orderly functioning of the Fund, Russian equities and equity related securities (the "Russian Assets") held by the Fund as of 25 February 2022, have been ring fenced within the Fund (from an accounting perspective for the purposes of the calculation of the NAV) and allocated to two newly created share classes. Shares in such new classes, named X9 and Y9, have been allocated to shareholders on 18 July 2022 in a manner to reflect their respective percentage holdings in the Fund's total NAV as of 25 February 2022. No NAV per share is formally published (although an informative NAV will be made available on Schroders webpage). Subscriptions, redemptions and switching of shares is not possible.
- (B) Following the allocation of the Russian Assets to the new share classes that have been issued only to existing shareholders as at 18 July 2022, the Fund (through its share classes listed in the table above) has no more exposure to the Russian Assets and the Fund will not make any further investments in Russian equities and equity related securities until further notice. This is also reflected in the Fund's target benchmark from which all Russian equities have been removed.

- (C) The Fund will not include or consider the Russian Assets held within the X9 and Y9 share classes in relation to the promotion of its environmental and/or social characteristics (within the meaning of Article 8 SFDR).

## Profile of the Typical Investor

The Fund may be suitable for Investors who are more concerned with maximising long term returns than minimising possible short term losses.

## Fund Characteristics

Fund Currency	EUR
Investment Manager	Schroder Investment Management Limited
Dealing Cut-off Time	13.00 Luxembourg time on Dealing Day
Dealing Frequency	Daily on Dealing Day
Settlement Period of Subscription and Redemption Proceeds <sup>1</sup>	3 Business Days from the relevant Dealing Day
Performance Fee	None
Redemption Charge	None
PEA / PIR Eligibility	No

### Sustainability Criteria

**As of 15 August 2024 the following section will apply:**

The Investment Manager applies governance and sustainability criteria when selecting investments for the Fund.

The Investment Manager performs due diligence on potential holdings, including meetings with management, and assesses the company's governance, environmental and social profile across a range of factors. This process is supported by quantitative analysis provided by Schroders' proprietary sustainability tools, which are key inputs to assess how existing and potential investments for the portfolio are meeting the Fund's sustainability criteria. In some cases, companies which fall below the sustainability criteria may still be eligible for investment if, as a result of proprietary analysis and ongoing engagement with management, the Investment Manager believes the company will meet its sustainability criteria within a realistic time horizon.

For a company to be eligible to be held in the Fund, it is expected to show a commitment to its stakeholders, including customers, employees, suppliers, shareholders and regulators. The Fund selects companies whose businesses demonstrate good governance and aim to treat stakeholders equitably.

The sources of information used to perform the analysis include information provided by the companies, such as company sustainability reports and other relevant company material, as well as Schroders' proprietary sustainability tools and third-party data and reports.

More details on the Investment Manager's approach to sustainability and its engagement with companies are available on the webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/>

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than its investment universe, based on the Investment Manager's rating system.

The Investment Manager ensures that at least:

— 90% of the portion of the NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in developed countries; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with an investment grade credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by developed countries; and

— 75% of the portion of the NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in emerging countries; equities issued by small and medium companies; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with a high yield credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by emerging countries,

is rated against the sustainability criteria. For the purposes of this test, small companies are those with market capitalisation below €5 billion, medium companies are those between €5 billion and €10 billion and large companies are those above €10 billion.

<sup>1</sup> Different subscription and redemption procedures may apply if applications are made through Distributors.

## General Share Class Features

Share Classes	Initial Charge <sup>2</sup>	Annual Distribution Charge <sup>3</sup>	Annual Management Charge
A Shares	Up to 5%	None	1.50%
AX Shares	Up to 5%	None	1.50%
A1 Shares	Up to 4%	0.50%	1.50%
B Shares	None	0.60%	1.50%
C Shares	Up to 1%	None	1.00%
CN Shares	Up to 3%	None	1.00%
CX Shares	Up to 1%	None	1.00%
D Shares	None	1.00%	1.50%
E Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.50%
IZ, IA, IB, IC, ID Shares	None	None	Up to 1%
Z Shares	None	None	Up to 1%

Annual Distribution Charge and Annual Management Charge percentages are stated as an annual charge with reference to the Net Asset Value of the Fund or the Net Asset Value per Share, as may be appropriate.

A share class hedging charge of up to 0.03% will be borne by the currency hedged Share Classes.

Not all Share Classes listed are available for subscription at the time of issue of this Prospectus. The Funds may also launch Bespoke Share Classes that are described under Appendix III at the Directors' <sup>1</sup> discretion.

<sup>2</sup> The initial charge is applied against the total amount invested. The Management Company and Distributors are entitled to the initial charge, which can be partly or fully waived at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>3</sup> Annual Distribution Charges in respect of A1 and D Shares are paid at such intervals as may be agreed from time to time between the Company and those Distributors that are appointed specifically for the purpose of distributing such Shares. Annual Distribution Charges in respect of B Shares are payable quarterly.

# Schroder International Selection Fund Emerging Market Bond

## Investment Objective

The Fund aims to provide capital growth and income in excess of the JP Morgan Emerging Market Blend Equal Weighted index after fees have been deducted over a three to five year period by investing in fixed and floating rate securities issued by governments, government agencies, supra-nationals and companies from the emerging markets.

## Investment Policy

The Fund is actively managed and invests at least two-thirds of its assets in fixed and floating rate securities denominated in various currencies and issued by governments, government agencies, supra-nationals and companies from the emerging markets.

The Fund may invest:

- up to 20% of its assets in asset-backed securities and mortgage-backed securities; and
- in excess of 50% of its assets in securities that have a below investment grade credit rating (as measured by Standard & Poor's or any equivalent grade of other credit rating agencies for rated bonds and implied Schroders ratings for non-rated bonds).

The Fund may invest up to 10% of its assets in mainland China through the Qualified Foreign Investor ("QFI") scheme or Regulated Markets (including the CIBM via Bond Connect or CIBM Direct).

The Fund may also invest up to one-third of its assets directly or indirectly in other securities (including other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies, Investment Funds, warrants and Money Market Investments, and hold cash (subject to the restrictions provided in Appendix I).

The Fund intends to use derivatives (including total return swaps) with the aim of achieving investment gains, reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently. Where the Fund uses total return swaps and contracts for difference, the underlying consists of instruments in which the Fund may invest according to its Investment Objective and Investment Policy. In particular, the aim is to use total return swaps and contracts for difference on a temporary basis including but not limited to periods of rising inflation or increases in interest rates. Contracts for difference and total return swaps are intended to be used to gain long and short exposure on fixed and floating rate securities. The gross exposure of total return swaps and contracts for difference will not exceed 5% and is expected to remain within the range of 0% to 5% of the Net Asset Value. In certain circumstances this proportion may be higher.

## Benchmark

The Fund's performance should be assessed against its target benchmark being to exceed the JP Morgan Emerging Market Blend Equal Weighted index. The Fund's investment universe is expected to overlap to a limited extent with the components of the target benchmark. However, the Fund will likely reflect certain features of the target benchmark (namely credit quality/duration, currency exposure/exposure to particular issuers). The Investment Manager invests on a discretionary basis and there are no restrictions on the extent to which the Fund's portfolio and performance may deviate from the target benchmark. The Investment Manager will invest in companies or sectors not included in the target benchmark in order to take advantage of specific investment opportunities.

The target benchmark has been selected because it is representative of the type of investments in which the Fund is likely to invest and it is, therefore, an appropriate target in relation to the return that the Fund aims to provide.

## Further Information

The Fund is categorised as "Specialist Bond Fund".

## Risk Considerations

### Specific Risk Considerations

Long and short positions gained through bond total return swaps may increase exposure to credit-related risks. The Fund may invest in mainland China through QFI schemes or Regulated Markets. Investors should note that the QFI status may be suspended or revoked and that this may adversely affect the Fund's performance by requiring the Fund to dispose of its securities holdings. Please refer to Appendix II for more information of the risks regarding QFI status and QFI quota.

Risks related to emerging markets investments can be found under "Emerging and Less Developed Markets Securities Risk" in Appendix II of this Prospectus.

The reference in the Investment Policy to a fund investing two-thirds of its assets in a certain way applies in normal market conditions. See paragraph (A) at the start of this Appendix for further information.

The level of distribution costs in certain jurisdictions may impact the ability of the Investment Manager to meet the Fund's investment objective across all Share Classes after fees have been deducted.

## Profile of the Typical Investor

The Fund may be suitable for Investors who are seeking to combine capital growth opportunities with income in the relative stability of the debt markets over the long term.

## Fund Characteristics

Fund Currency	USD
Investment Manager	Schroder Investment Management North America Inc.
Dealing Cut-off Time	13.00 Luxembourg time on Dealing Day
Dealing Frequency	Daily on Dealing Day

Settlement Period of Subscription and Redemption Proceeds <sup>1</sup>	3 Business Days from the relevant Dealing Day
Performance Fee	None
Redemption Charge	None
PEA / PIR Eligibility	No

## General Share Class Features

Share Classes	Initial Charge <sup>2</sup>	Annual Distribution Charge <sup>3</sup>	Annual Management Charge
A Shares	Up to 3%	None	1.00%
AX Shares	Up to 3%	None	1.00%
A1 Shares	Up to 2%	0.50%	1.00%
B Shares	None	0.50%	1.00%
C Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.60%
CN Shares	Up to 3%	None	0.60%
CX Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.60%
D Shares	None	1.00%	1.00%
E Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.30%
IZ, IA, IB, IC, ID Shares	None	None	Up to 0.60%
Z Shares	None	None	Up to 0.60%

Annual Distribution Charge and Annual Management Charge percentages are stated as an annual charge with reference to the Net Asset Value of the Fund or the Net Asset Value per Share, as may be appropriate.

A share class hedging charge of up to 0.03% will be borne by the currency hedged Share Classes.

Not all Share Classes listed are available for subscription at the time of issue of this Prospectus. The Funds may also launch Bespoke Share Classes that are described under Appendix III at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>1</sup> Different subscription and redemption procedures may apply if applications are made through Distributors.

<sup>2</sup> The initial charge is applied against the total amount invested. The Management Company and Distributors are entitled to the initial charge, which can be partly or fully waived at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>3</sup> Annual Distribution Charges in respect of A1 and D Shares are paid at such intervals as may be agreed from time to time between the Company and those Distributors that are appointed specifically for the purpose of distributing such Shares. Annual Distribution Charges in respect of B Shares are payable quarterly.

# Schroder International Selection Fund Emerging Markets Equity Impact

## Investment Objective

The Fund aims to provide capital growth by investing in equity and equity related securities of emerging and frontier markets companies worldwide, or companies which derive a significant proportion of their revenues or profits from emerging markets or frontier markets countries worldwide, whose activities the Investment Manager considers create positive social or environmental impact and which the Investment Manager deems to be sustainable investments.

## Investment Policy

The Fund is actively managed and invests its assets in (i) sustainable investments, which are investments that are expected to contribute towards the advancement of an environmental or social objective linked to one or more of the UN SDGs and to deliver returns to shareholders over the long term (please see the Fund Characteristics section for more details), and (ii) investments that the Investment Manager deems to be neutral under its sustainability criteria such as cash and Money Market Investments and derivatives used with the aim of reducing risk (hedging) or managing the Fund more efficiently.

The Investment Manager will select companies from a universe of eligible companies that have been determined as meeting the Investment Manager's impact criteria. The impact criteria include an assessment of the company's contribution to the UN SDGs alongside the Investment Manager's assessment of the company's impact via its proprietary impact investment management framework and tools (including an impact scorecard).

The Fund is part of Schroders' Impact Driven strategies. As such, it applies highly selective investment criteria and its investment process is aligned with the Operating Principles for Impact Management which means that an assessment of impact is embedded in the steps of the investment process. All sustainable investments in the Fund are subject to this framework.

The Fund does not directly invest in certain activities, industries or groups of issuers above the limits listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

The Fund invests in companies that do not cause significant environmental or social harm and have good governance practices, as determined by the Investment Manager's rating criteria (please see the Fund Characteristics section for more details).

The Investment Manager may also engage with companies held by the Fund to seek to improve sustainability practices and enhance social and environmental impacts generated by underlying investee companies. More details on the Investment Manager's approach to sustainability and its engagement with companies are available on the webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/>

The Fund invests at least two-thirds of its assets in a concentrated range of equity and equity related securities of emerging and frontier markets companies or companies

which derive a significant proportion of their revenues or profits from emerging markets or frontier markets countries. This means typically holding fewer than 50 companies.

Companies held by the Fund are subject to a financial assessment by the Investment Manager to help identify the potential for long term shareholder returns.

The Fund may invest directly in China B-Shares and China H-Shares and may invest up to 30% of its assets (on a net basis) directly or indirectly (for example via participatory notes) in China A-Shares through Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect and Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect and shares listed on the STAR Board and the ChiNext.

The Fund may also invest up to one-third of its assets directly or indirectly in other securities (including other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies, Investment Funds, warrants and Money Market Investments, and hold cash (subject to the restrictions provided in Appendix I).

The Fund may use derivatives with the aim of achieving investment gains, reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently. The Fund may buy or sell equity index futures and buy and sell index options on indices or individual stocks. To obtain exposure to equity indices and individual stocks, the Fund may also enter into contracts for difference where the underlying investments are not delivered and settlement is made in cash. Contracts for difference may be used to gain long and short exposure or to hedge exposure on equity and equity related securities. The gross exposure of contracts for difference will not exceed 20% and is expected to remain within the range of 0% to 20% of the Net Asset Value.

## Benchmark

The Fund does not have a target benchmark. The Fund's performance should be compared against its comparator benchmark, being the MSCI Emerging Markets (Net TR) index. The comparator benchmark is only included for performance comparison purposes and does not determine how the Investment Manager invests the Fund's assets. The Fund's investment universe is expected to overlap materially with the components of the comparator benchmark. The Investment Manager invests on a discretionary basis and there are no restrictions on the extent to which the Fund's portfolio and performance may deviate from the comparator benchmark. The Investment Manager will invest in companies or sectors not included in the comparator benchmark. The benchmark(s) does/do not take into account the environmental and social characteristics or sustainable objective (as relevant) of the Fund.

The comparator benchmark has been selected because the Investment Manager believes that the benchmark is a suitable comparison for performance purposes given the Fund's investment objective and policy.

## Further Information

The Fund is categorised as "Specialist Equity Fund".



More information relating to the environmental and social characteristics or sustainable investment objective (as applicable) of the Fund is provided in Appendix IV in accordance with SFDR and Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288.

## Risk Considerations

### Specific Risk Considerations

The reference in the Investment Policy to a fund investing two-thirds of its assets in a certain way applies in normal market conditions. See paragraph (A) at the start of this Appendix for further information.

Risks related to emerging markets investments can be found under “Emerging and Less Developed Markets Securities Risk” in Appendix II of this Prospectus.

The Fund has the objective of sustainable investment (within the meaning of Article 9 SFDR). A Fund with this objective may have limited exposure to some companies, industries or sectors as a result and the Fund may forego certain investment opportunities, or dispose of certain holdings, that do not align with its sustainability criteria chosen by the Investment Manager. As Investors may differ in their views of what constitutes sustainable investing, the Fund may also invest in companies that do not reflect the beliefs and values of any particular Investor. Please refer to Appendix II for more details on sustainability risks.

### Profile of the Typical Investor

The Fund may be suitable for Investors who are more concerned with maximising long term returns than minimising possible short term losses.

## Fund Characteristics

Fund Currency	USD
Investment Manager	Schroder Investment Management Limited
Dealing Cut-off Time	13.00 Luxembourg time on Dealing Day
Dealing Frequency	Daily on Dealing Day
Settlement Period of Subscription and Redemption Proceeds <sup>1</sup>	3 Business Days from the relevant Dealing Day
Performance Fee	None
Redemption Charge	None
PEA / PIR Eligibility	No
Sustainability Criteria	<p>The Investment Manager applies sustainability criteria when selecting investments for the Fund.</p> <p>Investments are composed of companies whose products and services contribute positively to at least one of the UN SDGs. In order to identify companies with a direct link to a UN SDG, the Investment Manager applies a two step approach:</p> <p>The first is a revenue based approach that considers whether a certain percentage of the relevant company's revenues, capital expenditure or operating expenditure contributes to an environmental or social objective (as applicable).</p> <p>The second is a detailed impact assessment of the company via the completion of a proprietary impact scorecard. The Investment Manager considers different aspects of impact such as: what outcome and UN SDGs the company is contributing to; who is served by the outcome (such as the relevant stakeholder or industry); an assessment of our expected contribution (including Schroders influence and engagement); and consideration of impact risks. The assessment typically includes Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) that are used to track the company's impact over time.</p> <p>The company and impact scorecard are then validated and approved by Schroders' Impact Assessment Group (IAG), in order for the company to be eligible for inclusion in the Fund's investible universe. The IAG consists of members from Schroders' impact and sustainable investment teams and members of the investment team. There may be some limited instances where step 2 and the IAG approval may follow subsequently (such as a particularly time sensitive investment).</p> <p>The Investment Manager ensures that at least 90% of the portion of the Fund's Net Asset Value composed of investments in companies is rated against the sustainability criteria. As a result of the application of sustainability criteria, at least 20% of the Fund's potential investment universe is excluded from the selection of investments.</p> <p>For the purposes of this test, the potential investment universe is the core universe of issuers that the Investment Manager may select for the Fund prior to the application of sustainability criteria, in accordance with the other limitations of the Investment Objective and Policy. This universe is comprised of equity and equity related securities of emerging and frontier markets companies or companies which derive a significant proportion of their revenues or profits from emerging markets or frontier markets countries.</p>

<sup>1</sup> Different subscription and redemption procedures may apply if applications are made through Distributors.

## General Share Class Features

Share Classes	Initial Charge <sup>2</sup>	Annual Distribution Charge <sup>3</sup>	Annual Management Charge
A Shares	Up to 5%	None	1.50%
AX Shares	Up to 5%	None	1.50%
A1 Shares	Up to 4%	0.50%	1.50%
B Shares	None	0.60%	1.50%
C Shares	Up to 1%	None	1.00%
CN Shares	Up to 3%	None	1.00%
CX Shares	Up to 1%	None	1.00%
D Shares	None	1.00%	1.50%
E Shares	Up to 1%	None	Up to 0.50%
IZ, IA, IB, IC, ID Shares	None	None	Up to 1.00%
IE Shares	None	None	Up to 0.50%
Z Shares	None	None	Up to 1.00%

Annual Distribution Charge and Annual Management Charge percentages are stated as an annual charge with reference to the Net Asset Value of the Fund or the Net Asset Value per Share, as may be appropriate.

A share class hedging charge of up to 0.03% will be borne by the currency hedged Share Classes.

Not all Share Classes listed are available for subscription at the time of issue of this Prospectus. The Funds may also launch Bespoke Share Classes that are described under Appendix III at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>2</sup> The initial charge is applied against the total amount invested. The Management Company and Distributors are entitled to the initial charge, which can be partly or fully waived at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>3</sup> Annual Distribution Charges in respect of A1 and D Shares are paid at such intervals as may be agreed from time to time between the Company and those Distributors that are appointed specifically for the purpose of distributing such Shares. Annual Distribution Charges in respect of B Shares are payable quarterly.

# Schroder International Selection Fund Emerging Markets Hard Currency

## Investment Objective

The Fund aims to provide capital growth and income in excess of the JP Morgan EMBI Global Diversified index after fees have been deducted over a three to five year period by investing in fixed and floating rate securities denominated in hard currencies issued by governments, government agencies, supra-nationals and companies from the emerging markets.

## Investment Policy

The Fund is actively managed and invests at least two-thirds of its assets in fixed and floating rate securities denominated in hard currencies and issued by governments, government agencies, supra-nationals and companies from the emerging markets. Hard currency denominated securities refers to securities denominated in US Dollar, Euro, Sterling, Japanese Yen and Swiss Franc.

The Fund may invest:

- up to 20% of its assets in asset-backed securities and mortgage-backed securities;
- in excess of 50% of its assets in securities that have a below investment grade credit rating (as measured by Standard & Poor's or any equivalent grade of other credit rating agencies for rated bonds and implied Schrodors ratings for nonrated bonds); and
- up to 20% of its assets in securities issued by companies.

The Fund may invest in mainland China through the Qualified Foreign Investor ("QFI") scheme or Regulated Markets (including the CIBM via Bond Connect or CIBM Direct).

The Fund may also invest up to one-third of its assets directly or indirectly in other securities (including other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies, Investment Funds, warrants and Money Market Investments, and hold cash (subject to the restrictions provided in Appendix I).

The Fund intends to use derivatives (including total return swaps), long and short, with the aim of achieving investment gains, reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently. Where the Fund uses total return swaps and contracts for difference, the underlying consists of instruments in which the Fund may invest according to its Investment Objective and Investment Policy. In particular, the aim is to use total return swaps and contracts for difference on a temporary basis in market conditions including but not limited to periods of rising inflation or increases in interest rates. Contracts for difference and total return swaps are intended to be used to gain long and short exposure on fixed and floating rate securities. The gross exposure of total return swaps and contracts for difference will not exceed 10% and is expected to remain within the range of 0% to 5% of the Net Asset Value. In certain circumstances this proportion may be higher.

## Fund Characteristics

Fund Currency	USD
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## Benchmark

The Fund's performance should be assessed against its target benchmark being to exceed the JP Morgan EMBI Global Diversified index. The Fund's investment universe is expected to overlap to a limited extent with the components of the target benchmark. However, the Fund will likely reflect certain features of the target benchmark (namely credit quality/duration, currency exposure/exposure to particular issuers). The Investment Manager invests on a discretionary basis and there are no restrictions on the extent to which the Fund's portfolio and performance may deviate from the target benchmark. The Investment Manager will invest in companies or sectors not included in the benchmark in order to take advantage of specific investment opportunities.

The target benchmark has been selected because it is representative of the type of investments in which the Fund is likely to invest and it is, therefore, an appropriate target in relation to the return that the Fund aims to provide.

## Further Information

The Fund is categorised as "Specialist Bond Fund".

## Risk Considerations

### Specific Risk Considerations

Long and short positions gained through bond total return swaps may increase exposure to credit-related risks. The Fund may invest in mainland China through QFI schemes or Regulated Markets (including the CIBM via Bond Connect or CIBM Direct). Investors should note that the QFI status may be suspended or revoked and that this may adversely affect the Fund's performance by requiring the Fund to dispose of its securities holdings. Please refer to Appendix II for more information of the risks regarding QFI status, QFI quota, the CIBM and Bond Connect.

The reference in the Investment Policy to a fund investing two-thirds of its assets in a certain way applies in normal market conditions. See paragraph (A) at the start of this Appendix for further information.

Risks related to emerging markets investments can be found under "Emerging and Less Developed Markets Securities Risk" in Appendix II of this Prospectus.

The level of distribution costs in certain jurisdictions may impact the ability of the Investment Manager to meet the Fund's investment objective across all Share Classes after fees have been deducted.

## Profile of the Typical Investor

The Fund may be suitable for Investors who are seeking to combine capital growth opportunities with income in the relative stability of the debt markets over the long term.

Investment Manager	Schroder Investment Management North America Inc.
Dealing Cut-off Time	13.00 Luxembourg time on Dealing Day
Dealing Frequency	Daily on Dealing Day
Settlement Period of Subscription and Redemption Proceeds <sup>1</sup>	3 Business Days from the relevant Dealing Day
Performance Fee	None
Redemption Charge	None
PEA / PIR Eligibility	No

## General Share Class Features

Share Classes	Initial Charge <sup>2</sup>	Annual Distribution Charge <sup>3</sup>	Annual Management Charge
A Shares	Up to 3%	None	1.00%
AX Shares	Up to 3%	None	1.00%
A1 Shares	Up to 2%	0.50%	1.00%
B Shares	None	0.50%	1.00%
C Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.60%
CN Shares	Up to 3%	None	0.60%
CX Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.60%
D Shares	None	1.00%	1.00%
E Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.30%
IZ, IA, IB, IC, ID Shares	None	None	Up to 0.60%
Z Shares	None	None	Up to 0.60%

Annual Distribution Charge and Annual Management Charge percentages are stated as an annual charge with reference to the Net Asset Value of the Fund or the Net Asset Value per Share, as may be appropriate.

A share class hedging charge of up to 0.03% will be borne by the currency hedged Share Classes.

Not all Share Classes listed are available for subscription at the time of issue of this Prospectus. The Funds may also launch Bespoke Share Classes that are described under Appendix III at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>1</sup> Different subscription and redemption procedures may apply if applications are made through Distributors.

<sup>2</sup> The initial charge is applied against the total amount invested. The Management Company and Distributors are entitled to the initial charge, which can be partly or fully waived at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>3</sup> Annual Distribution Charges in respect of A1 and D Shares are paid at such intervals as may be agreed from time to time between the Company and those Distributors that are appointed specifically for the purpose of distributing such Shares. Annual Distribution Charges in respect of B Shares are payable quarterly.

# Schroder International Selection Fund Emerging Markets Local Currency Bond

## Investment Objective

The Fund aims to provide capital growth and income in excess of the JP Morgan GBI-EM Global Diversified index after fees have been deducted over a three to five year period by investing in fixed and floating rate securities denominated in local currencies issued by emerging markets governments, government agencies, supra-nationals and companies.

## Investment Policy

The Fund is actively managed and invests at least two-thirds of its assets in fixed and floating rate securities denominated in local currencies issued by governments, government agencies, supra-nationals and companies in emerging markets.

The Fund may invest in excess of 50% of its assets in fixed and floating rate securities that have a below investment grade credit rating (as measured by Standard & Poor's or any equivalent grade of other credit rating agencies for rated bonds and implied Schroders ratings for nonrated bonds).

The Fund may invest up to 15% of its assets in mainland China through Regulated Markets (including the CIBM via Bond Connect or CIBM Direct).

The Fund may also invest up to one-third of its assets directly or indirectly in other securities (including other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies, Investment Funds, warrants and Money Market Investments (subject to the restrictions provided in Appendix I).

The Fund may use derivatives with the aim of achieving investment gains, reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently.

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the JP Morgan GBI-EM Global Diversified index, based on the Investment Manager's rating system. More details on the investment process used to achieve this can be found in the Fund Characteristics section.

The Fund does not directly invest in certain activities, industries or groups of issuers above the limits listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

## Benchmark

The Fund's performance should be assessed against its target benchmark being to exceed the JP Morgan GBI-EM Global Diversified index. The Fund's investment universe is expected to overlap to a material extent with the components of the target benchmark. The Investment Manager invests on a discretionary basis and there are no restrictions on the extent to which the Fund's portfolio and

performance may deviate from the target benchmark. The Investment Manager will invest in companies or sectors not included in the benchmark in order to take advantage of specific investment opportunities. The benchmark(s) does/ do not take into account the environmental and social characteristics or sustainable objective (as relevant) of the Fund.

The target benchmark has been selected because it is representative of the type of investments in which the Fund is likely to invest and it is, therefore, an appropriate target in relation to the return that the Fund aims to provide.

## Further Information

The Fund is categorised as "Specialist Bond Fund".

More information relating to the environmental and social characteristics or sustainable investment objective (as applicable) of the Fund is provided in Appendix IV in accordance with SFDR and Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288.

## Risk Considerations

### Specific Risk Considerations

The reference in the Investment Policy to a fund investing two-thirds of its assets in a certain way applies in normal market conditions. See paragraph (A) at the start of this Appendix for further information.

Risks related to emerging markets investments can be found under "Emerging and Less Developed Markets Securities Risk" in Appendix II of this Prospectus.

The level of distribution costs in certain jurisdictions may impact the ability of the Investment Manager to meet the Fund's investment objective across all Share Classes after fees have been deducted.

The Fund has environmental and/or social characteristics (within the meaning of Article 8 SFDR). A Fund with these characteristics may have limited exposure to some companies, industries or sectors as a result and the Fund may forego certain investment opportunities, or dispose of certain holdings, that do not align with its sustainability criteria chosen by the Investment Manager. As Investors may differ in their views of what constitutes sustainable investing, the Fund may also invest in companies that do not reflect the beliefs and values of any particular Investor. Please refer to Appendix II for more details on sustainability risks.

## Profile of the Typical Investor

The Fund may be suitable for Investors who are seeking to combine capital growth opportunities with income in the relative stability of the debt markets over the long term.

## Fund Characteristics

Fund Currency	USD
Investment Manager	Schroder Investment Management Limited
Dealing Cut-off Time	13.00 Luxembourg time on Dealing Day

Dealing Frequency	Daily on Dealing Day
Settlement Period of Subscription and Redemption Proceeds <sup>1</sup>	3 Business Days from the relevant Dealing Day
Performance Fee	None
Redemption Charge	None
PEA / PIR Eligibility	No
Sustainability Criteria	<p>The Investment Manager applies governance and sustainability criteria when selecting investments for the Fund.</p> <p>Sustainability factors are assessed across both sovereign markets and credit allocation decisions.</p> <p>The Investment Manager assesses sovereign issuers across a range of environmental, social and governance factors, via the use of Schroders' proprietary sustainability tools which rank countries by measuring their performance against multiple sustainability-related indicators. In addition, the Investment Manager conducts qualitative analysis, which includes the use of information published by sovereigns and third party data, on ESG factors at a regional and country level to further enhance oversight and understanding. Countries that score below a predetermined threshold, determined by Schroders' proprietary sustainability tools and the analysis undertaken by the Investment Manager, will generally be excluded.</p> <p>Corporate issuers are also assessed across a range of environmental, social and governance factors. The primary sources of information used to perform corporate analysis are Schroders' proprietary sustainability tools, the Investment Manager's research, third-party analysis, NGO reports and expert networks. The Investment Manager also performs its own analysis of publicly available information provided by the issuers, including information provided in company sustainability reports and other relevant company material.</p> <p>More details on the Investment Manager's approach to sustainability and its engagement with companies are available on the webpage <a href="https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/">https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/</a></p> <p>The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than its investment universe, based on the Investment Manager's rating system.</p> <p>The Investment Manager ensures that at least:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– 90% of the portion of the NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in developed countries; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with an investment grade credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by developed countries; and</li> <li>– 75% of the portion of the NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in emerging countries; equities issued by small and medium companies; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with a high yield credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by emerging countries,</li> </ul> <p>is rated against the sustainability criteria. For the purposes of this test, small companies are those with market capitalisation below €5 billion, medium companies are those between €5 billion and €10 billion and large companies are those above €10 billion.</p>

<sup>1</sup> Different subscription and redemption procedures may apply if applications are made through Distributors.



## General Share Class Features

Share Classes	Initial Charge <sup>2</sup>	Annual Distribution Charge <sup>3</sup>	Annual Management Charge
A Shares	Up to 3%	None	1.00%
AX Shares	Up to 3%	None	1.00%
A1 Shares	Up to 2%	0.50%	1.00%
B Shares	None	0.50%	1.00%
C Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.60%
CN Shares	Up to 3%	None	0.60%
CX Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.60%
D Shares	None	1.00%	1.00%
E Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.30%
IZ, IA, IB, IC, ID Shares	None	None	Up to 0.60%
Z Shares	None	None	Up to 0.60%

Annual Distribution Charge and Annual Management Charge percentages are stated as an annual charge with reference to the Net Asset Value of the Fund or the Net Asset Value per Share, as may be appropriate.

A share class hedging charge of up to 0.03% will be borne by the currency hedged Share Classes.

Not all Share Classes listed are available for subscription at the time of issue of this Prospectus. The Funds may also launch Bespoke Share Classes that are described under Appendix III at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>2</sup> The initial charge is applied against the total amount invested. The Management Company and Distributors are entitled to the initial charge, which can be partly or fully waived at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>3</sup> Annual Distribution Charges in respect of A1 and D Shares are paid at such intervals as may be agreed from time to time between the Company and those Distributors that are appointed specifically for the purpose of distributing such Shares. Annual Distribution Charges in respect of B Shares are payable quarterly.

# Schroder International Selection Fund Emerging Markets Value

## Investment Objective

The Fund aims to provide capital growth in excess of the MSCI Emerging Markets (Net TR) Index after fees have been deducted over a three to five year period by investing in equity and equity related securities of emerging markets companies that have suffered a severe set back in either share price or profitability.

## Investment Policy

The Fund is actively managed and invests at least two-thirds of its assets in equity and equity related securities of emerging markets companies worldwide that the Investment Manager believes have suffered a severe set back in either share price or profitability, but where their long-term prospects are good.

The Fund may invest directly in China B-Shares and China H-Shares and may invest up to 10% of its assets (on a net basis) directly or indirectly (for example via participatory notes) in China A-Shares through Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect and Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect and shares listed on the STAR Board and the ChiNext.

The Fund may also invest up to one-third of its assets directly or indirectly in other securities (including in other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies, Investment Funds, warrants and Money Market Investments, and hold cash (subject to the restrictions provided in Appendix I).

The Fund may use derivatives with the aim of reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently.

## Benchmark

The Fund's performance should be assessed against its target benchmark, being to exceed the MSCI Emerging Markets (Net TR) index and compared against the MSCI Emerging Markets Value (Net TR) index and the Morningstar Global Emerging Markets Equity Category. The Fund's investment universe is expected to overlap to a limited extent with the components of the target benchmark and the MSCI Emerging Markets Value (Net TR) index. The comparator benchmarks are only included for performance comparison purposes and do not determine how the Investment Manager invests the Fund's assets. The Investment Manager invests on a discretionary basis and there are no restrictions on the extent to which the Fund's portfolio and performance may deviate from the target benchmark or the MSCI Emerging Markets Value (Net TR) index. The Investment Manager will invest in companies or sectors not included in the target benchmark or the MSCI Emerging Markets Value (Net TR) index in order to take advantage of specific investment opportunities.

## Fund Characteristics

Fund Currency	USD
Investment Manager	Schroder Investment Management Limited
Dealing Cut-off Time	13.00 Luxembourg time on Dealing Day
Dealing Frequency	Daily on Dealing Day

The target benchmark has been selected because it is representative of the type of investments in which the Fund is likely to invest, and it is, therefore, an appropriate target in relation to the return that the Fund aims to provide. Any comparator benchmark has been selected because the Investment Manager believes that the benchmark is a suitable comparison for performance purposes given the Fund's investment objective and policy.

## Further Information

The Fund is categorised as "Specialist Equity Fund".

## Risk Considerations

### Specific Risk Considerations

The portfolio will exhibit a strongly contrarian investment style and look to take maximum advantage of behavioural biases in emerging markets, and will likely exhibit higher investment volatility than global equity market indices. However, a value style is believed to exhibit a lower than average investment risk due to the supportive valuations of the stocks in the portfolio.

Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect and Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect are securities trading and clearing linked programmes developed by The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited, Shanghai/Shenzhen Stock Exchanges, Hong Kong Securities Clearing Company Limited and China Securities Depository and Clearing Corporation Limited, with an aim to achieve mutual stock market access between the PRC (excluding Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan) and Hong Kong. A detailed description of the programmes as well as risks linked thereto can be found in Appendix II of this Prospectus.

The reference in the Investment Policy to a fund investing two-thirds of its assets in a certain way applies in normal market conditions. See paragraph (A) at the start of this Appendix for further information.

Risks related to emerging markets investments can be found under "Emerging and Less Developed Markets Securities Risk" in Appendix II of this Prospectus.

The level of distribution costs in certain jurisdictions may impact the ability of the Investment Manager to meet the Fund's investment objective across all Share Classes after fees have been deducted

## Profile of the Typical Investor

The Fund may be suitable for Investors who are more concerned with maximising long term returns than minimising possible short term losses.

Settlement Period of Subscription and Redemption Proceeds <sup>1</sup>	3 Business Days from the relevant Dealing Day
Performance Fee	None
Redemption Charge	None
PEA / PIR Eligibility	No

## General Share Class Features

Share Classes	Initial Charge <sup>2</sup>	Annual Distribution Charge <sup>3</sup>	Annual Management Charge
A Shares	Up to 5%	None	1.50%
AX Shares	Up to 5%	None	1.50%
A1 Shares	Up to 4%	0.50%	1.50%
B Shares	None	0.60%	1.50%
C Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.75%
CN Shares	Up to 3%	None	0.75%
CX Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.75%
D Shares	None	1.00%	1.50%
E Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.375%
IZ, IA, IB, IC, ID Shares	None	None	Up to 0.75%
Z Shares	None	None	Up to 0.75%

Annual Distribution Charge and Annual Management Charge percentages are stated as an annual charge with reference to the Net Asset Value of the Fund or the Net Asset Value per Share, as may be appropriate.

A share class hedging charge of up to 0.03% will be borne by the currency hedged Share Classes.

Not all Share Classes listed are available for subscription at the time of issue of this Prospectus. The Funds may also launch Bespoke Share Classes that are described under Appendix III at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>1</sup> Different subscription and redemption procedures may apply if applications are made through Distributors.

<sup>2</sup> The initial charge is applied against the total amount invested. The Management Company and Distributors are entitled to the initial charge, which can be partly or fully waived at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>3</sup> Annual Distribution Charges in respect of A1 and D Shares are paid at such intervals as may be agreed from time to time between the Company and those Distributors that are appointed specifically for the purpose of distributing such Shares. Annual Distribution Charges in respect of B Shares are payable quarterly.

# Schroder International Selection Fund Emerging Markets

## Investment Objective

The Fund aims to provide capital growth in excess of the MSCI Emerging Markets (Net TR) index after fees have been deducted over a three to five year period by investing in equity and equity related securities of emerging markets companies.

## Investment Policy

The Fund is actively managed and invests at least two-thirds of its assets in equity and equity related securities of companies in emerging markets.

The Fund may invest directly in China B-Shares and China H-Shares and may invest less than 20% of its assets (on a net basis) directly or indirectly (for example via participatory notes) in China A-Shares through Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect and Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect and shares listed on the STAR Board and the ChiNext.

The Fund may also invest up to one-third of its assets directly or indirectly in other securities (including other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies, Investment Funds, warrants and Money Market Investments, and hold cash (subject to the restrictions provided in Appendix I).

The Fund may use derivatives with the aim of achieving investment gains, reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently.

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the MSCI Emerging Markets (Net TR) index, based on the Investment Manager's rating criteria. More details on the investment process used to achieve this can be found in the Fund Characteristics section.

The Fund does not directly invest in certain activities, industries or groups of issuers above the limits listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

## Benchmark

The Fund's performance should be assessed against its target benchmark being to exceed the MSCI Emerging Markets (Net TR) index. The Fund's investment universe is expected to overlap materially, directly or indirectly, with the components of the target benchmark. The Investment Manager invests on a discretionary basis and there are no restrictions on the extent to which the Fund's portfolio and performance may deviate from the target benchmark. The Investment Manager will invest in companies or sectors not included in the target benchmark in order to take advantage of specific investment opportunities.

The target benchmark has been selected because it is representative of the type of investments in which the Fund is likely to invest and it is, therefore, an appropriate target in relation to the return that the Fund aims to provide.

## Fund Characteristics

Fund Currency	USD
Investment Manager	Schroder Investment Management Limited
Dealing Cut-off Time	13.00 Luxembourg time on Dealing Day

The benchmark(s) does/do not take into account the environmental and social characteristics or sustainable objective (as relevant) of the Fund.

## Further Information

The Fund is categorised as "Specialist Equity Fund".

More information relating to the environmental and social characteristics or sustainable investment objective (as applicable) of the Fund is provided in Appendix IV in accordance with SFDR and Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288.

## Risk Considerations

### Specific Risk Considerations

Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect and Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect are securities trading and clearing linked programmes developed by The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited, Shanghai/Shenzhen Stock Exchanges, Hong Kong Securities Clearing Company Limited and China Securities Depository and Clearing Corporation Limited, with an aim to achieve mutual stock market access between the PRC (excluding Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan) and Hong Kong. A detailed description of the programmes as well as risks linked thereto can be found in Appendix II of this Prospectus.

The Fund has environmental and/or social characteristics (within the meaning of Article 8 SFDR). A Fund with these characteristics may have limited exposure to some companies, industries or sectors as a result and the Fund may forego certain investment opportunities, or dispose of certain holdings, that do not align with its sustainability criteria chosen by the Investment Manager. As Investors may differ in their views of what constitutes sustainable investing, the Fund may also invest in companies that do not reflect the beliefs and values of any particular Investor. Please refer to Appendix II for more details on sustainability risks.

The reference in the Investment Policy to a fund investing two-thirds of its assets in a certain way applies in normal market conditions. See paragraph (A) at the start of this Appendix for further information.

Risks related to emerging markets investments can be found under "Emerging and Less Developed Markets Securities Risk" in Appendix II of this Prospectus.

The level of distribution costs in certain jurisdictions may impact the ability of the Investment Manager to meet the Fund's investment objective across all Share Classes after fees have been deducted.

## Profile of the Typical Investor

The Fund may be suitable for Investors who are more concerned with maximising long term returns than minimising possible short term losses.

Dealing Frequency	Daily on Dealing Day
Settlement Period of Subscription and Redemption Proceeds <sup>1</sup>	3 Business Days from the relevant Dealing Day
Performance Fee	None
Redemption Charge	None
PEA / PIR Eligibility	No
Sustainability Criteria	<p>The Investment Manager applies governance and sustainability criteria when selecting investments for the Fund.</p> <p>The Investment Manager performs due diligence on potential holdings, including meetings with management, and assesses the company's governance, environmental and social profile across a range of factors. This process is supported by quantitative analysis provided by Schroders' proprietary sustainability tools, which are key inputs to assess how existing and potential investments for the portfolio are meeting the Fund's sustainability criteria. In some cases, companies which fall below the sustainability criteria may still be eligible for investment if, as a result of proprietary analysis and ongoing engagement with management, the Investment Manager believes the company will meet its sustainability criteria within a realistic time horizon.</p> <p>For a company to be eligible to be held in the Fund, it is expected to show a commitment to its stakeholders, including customers, employees, suppliers, shareholders and regulators. The Fund selects companies whose businesses demonstrate good governance and aim to treat stakeholders equitably.</p> <p>The sources of information used to perform the analysis include information provided by the companies, such as company sustainability reports and other relevant company material, as well as Schroders' proprietary sustainability tools and third-party data and reports.</p> <p>More details on the Investment Manager's approach to sustainability and its engagement with companies are available on the webpage <a href="https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/">https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/</a></p> <p>The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than its investment universe, based on the Investment Manager's rating system.</p> <p>The Investment Manager ensures that at least:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– 90% of the portion of the NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in developed countries; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with an investment grade credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by developed countries; and</li> <li>– 75% of the portion of the NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in emerging countries; equities issued by small and medium companies; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with a high yield credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by emerging countries,</li> </ul> <p>is rated against the sustainability criteria. For the purposes of this test, small companies are those with market capitalisation below €5 billion, medium companies are those between €5 billion and €10 billion and large companies are those above €10 billion.</p>

<sup>1</sup> Different subscription and redemption procedures may apply if applications are made through Distributors.

## General Share Class Features

Share Classes	Initial Charge <sup>2</sup>	Annual Distribution Charge <sup>3</sup>	Annual Management Charge
A Shares	Up to 5%	None	1.50%
AX Shares	Up to 5%	None	1.50%
A1 Shares	Up to 4%	0.50%	1.50%
B Shares	None	0.60%	1.50%
C Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.75%
CN Shares	Up to 3%	None	0.75%
CX Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.75%
D Shares	None	1.00%	1.50%
E Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.50%
IZ, IA, IB, IC, ID Shares	None	None	Up to 0.75%
Z Shares	None	None	Up to 0.75%

Annual Distribution Charge and Annual Management Charge percentages are stated as an annual charge with reference to the Net Asset Value of the Fund or the Net Asset Value per Share, as may be appropriate.

A share class hedging charge of up to 0.03% will be borne by the currency hedged Share Classes.

Not all Share Classes listed are available for subscription at the time of issue of this Prospectus. The Funds may also launch Bespoke Share Classes that are described under Appendix III at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>2</sup> The initial charge is applied against the total amount invested. The Management Company and Distributors are entitled to the initial charge, which can be partly or fully waived at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>3</sup> Annual Distribution Charges in respect of A1 and D Shares are paid at such intervals as may be agreed from time to time between the Company and those Distributors that are appointed specifically for the purpose of distributing such Shares. Annual Distribution Charges in respect of B Shares are payable quarterly.



# Schroder International Selection Fund Emerging Markets ex China

## Investment Objective

The Fund aims to provide capital growth in excess of the MSCI Emerging Markets ex China 10/40 (Net TR) index after fees have been deducted over a three to five year period by investing in equity and equity related securities of emerging markets companies excluding China.

## Investment Policy

The Fund is actively managed and invests at least two-thirds of its assets in equity and equity related securities of companies in emerging markets excluding China.

The Fund may also invest up to one-third of its assets directly or indirectly in other securities (including other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies, Investment Funds, warrants and Money Market Investments, and hold cash (subject to the restrictions provided in Appendix I).

The Fund may use derivatives with the aim of achieving investment gains, reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently.

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the MSCI Emerging Markets ex China 10/40 (Net TR) index, based on the Investment Manager's rating criteria. More details on the investment process used to achieve this can be found in the Fund Characteristics section.

The Fund does not directly invest in certain activities, industries or groups of issuers above the limits listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

## Benchmark

The Fund's performance should be assessed against its target benchmark being to exceed the MSCI Emerging Markets ex China 10/40 (Net TR) index. The Fund's investment universe is expected to overlap materially, directly or indirectly, with the components of the target benchmark. The Investment Manager invests on a discretionary basis and there are no restrictions on the extent to which the Fund's portfolio and performance may deviate from the target benchmark. The Investment Manager will invest in companies or sectors not included in the target benchmark in order to take advantage of specific investment opportunities.

The target benchmark has been selected because it is representative of the type of investments in which the Fund is likely to invest and it is, therefore, an appropriate target in relation to the return that the Fund aims to provide.

## Fund Characteristics

Fund Currency	USD
Investment Manager	Schroder Investment Management Limited
Dealing Cut-off Time	13.00 Luxembourg time on Dealing Day
Dealing Frequency	Daily on Dealing Day
Settlement Period of Subscription and Redemption Proceeds <sup>1</sup>	3 Business Days from the relevant Dealing Day

The benchmark(s) does/do not take into account the environmental and social characteristics or sustainable objective (as relevant) of the Fund.

## Further Information

The Fund is categorised as "Specialist Equity Fund".

More information relating to the environmental and social characteristics or sustainable investment objective (as applicable) of the Fund is provided in Appendix IV in accordance with SFDR and Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288.

## Risk Considerations

### Specific Risk Considerations

The Fund has environmental and/or social characteristics (within the meaning of Article 8 SFDR). A Fund with these characteristics may have limited exposure to some companies, industries or sectors as a result and the Fund may forego certain investment opportunities, or dispose of certain holdings, that do not align with its sustainability criteria chosen by the Investment Manager. As Investors may differ in their views of what constitutes sustainable investing, the Fund may also invest in companies that do not reflect the beliefs and values of any particular Investor. Please refer to Appendix II for more details on sustainability risks.

The reference in the Investment Policy to a fund investing two-thirds of its assets in a certain way applies in normal market conditions. See paragraph (A) at the start of this Appendix for further information.

Risks related to emerging markets investments can be found under "Emerging and Less Developed Markets Securities Risk" in Appendix II of this Prospectus.

The level of distribution costs in certain jurisdictions may impact the ability of the Investment Manager to meet the Fund's investment objective across all Share Classes after fees have been deducted.

## Profile of the Typical Investor

The Fund may be suitable for Investors who are more concerned with maximising long term returns than minimising possible short term losses.

<sup>1</sup> Different subscription and redemption procedures may apply if applications are made through Distributors.

Performance Fee	None
Redemption Charge	None
PEA / PIR Eligibility	No
Sustainability Criteria	<p>The Investment Manager applies governance and sustainability criteria when selecting investments for the Fund.</p> <p>The Investment Manager performs due diligence on potential holdings, including meetings with management, and assesses the company's governance, environmental and social profile across a range of factors. This process is supported by quantitative analysis provided by Schroders' proprietary sustainability tools, which are key inputs to assess how existing and potential investments for the portfolio are meeting the Fund's sustainability criteria. In some cases, companies which fall below the sustainability criteria may still be eligible for investment if, as a result of proprietary analysis and ongoing engagement with management, the Investment Manager believes the company will meet its sustainability criteria within a realistic time horizon.</p> <p>For a company to be eligible to be held in the Fund, it is expected to show a commitment to its stakeholders, including customers, employees, suppliers, shareholders and regulators. The Fund selects companies whose businesses demonstrate good governance and aim to treat stakeholders equitably.</p> <p>The sources of information used to perform the analysis include information provided by the companies, such as company sustainability reports and other relevant company material, as well as Schroders' proprietary sustainability tools and third-party data and reports.</p> <p>More details on the Investment Manager's approach to sustainability and its engagement with companies are available on the webpage <a href="https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/">https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/</a></p> <p>The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than its investment universe, based on the Investment Manager's rating system.</p> <p>The Investment Manager ensures that at least:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 90% of the portion of the NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in developed countries; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with an investment grade credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by developed countries; and</li> <li>- 75% of the portion of the NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in emerging countries; equities issued by small and medium companies; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with a high yield credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by emerging countries,</li> </ul> <p>is rated against the sustainability criteria. For the purposes of this test, small companies are those with market capitalisation below €5 billion, medium companies are those between €5 billion and €10 billion and large companies are those above €10 billion.</p>

## General Share Class Features

Share Classes	Initial Charge <sup>2</sup>	Annual Distribution Charge <sup>3</sup>	Annual Management Charge
A Shares	Up to 5%	None	1.50%
AX Shares	Up to 5%	None	1.50%
A1 Shares	Up to 4%	0.50%	1.50%
B Shares	None	0.60%	1.50%
C Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.75%
CN Shares	Up to 3%	None	0.75%
CX Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.75%
D Shares	None	1.00%	1.50%
E Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.50%
IZ, IA, IB, IC, ID Shares	None	None	Up to 0.75%
Z Shares	None	None	Up to 0.75%

Annual Distribution Charge and Annual Management Charge percentages are stated as an annual charge with reference to the Net Asset Value of the Fund or the Net Asset Value per Share, as may be appropriate.

A share class hedging charge of up to 0.03% will be borne by the currency hedged Share Classes.

Not all Share Classes listed are available for subscription at the time of issue of this Prospectus. The Funds may also launch Bespoke Share Classes that are described under Appendix III at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>2</sup> The initial charge is applied against the total amount invested. The Management Company and Distributors are entitled to the initial charge, which can be partly or fully waived at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>3</sup> Annual Distribution Charges in respect of A1 and D Shares are paid at such intervals as may be agreed from time to time between the Company and those Distributors that are appointed specifically for the purpose of distributing such Shares. Annual Distribution Charges in respect of B Shares are payable quarterly.

# Schroder International Selection Fund Emerging Markets Debt Total Return

## Investment Objective

The Fund aims to provide capital growth and income after fees have been deducted by investing in fixed and floating rate securities issued by governments, government agencies, supra nationals and companies in emerging markets.

The Fund is designed to participate in rising markets while aiming to mitigate losses in falling markets through the use of cash and derivatives. The mitigations of losses cannot be guaranteed.

## Investment Policy

The Fund is actively managed and invests at least two-thirds of its assets in fixed and floating rate securities, currencies and Money Market Investments in emerging markets. The fixed and floating rate securities are issued by governments, government agencies, supra-nationals and companies. The Fund may also hold cash.

In exceptional circumstances during periods of high market volatility, the Fund may hold up to 40% of its assets in deposits and Money Market Investments in developed markets. In such instances, the two-thirds referenced above will be measured against the Fund's assets excluding deposits and Money Market Investments in developed markets.

The Fund may invest in excess of 50% of its assets in fixed and floating rate securities that have a below investment grade credit rating (as measured by Standard & Poor's or any equivalent grade of other credit rating agencies).

The Fund may invest up to 15% of its assets in mainland China through Regulated Markets (including the CIBM via Bond Connect or CIBM Direct).

The Fund may also invest up to one-third of its assets directly or indirectly in other securities (including other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies, Investment Funds and warrants (subject to the restrictions provided in Appendix I).

The Fund may use derivatives with the aim of achieving investment gains, reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently.

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than 50% JPM GBI-EM Diversified Index and 50% JPM EMBI Diversified Index based on the Investment Manager's rating criteria. More details on the investment process used to achieve this can be found in the Fund Characteristics section.

The Fund does not directly invest in certain activities, industries or groups of issuers above the limits listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

## Benchmark

The Fund does not have a target benchmark. The Fund's performance should be compared against 50% JPM GBI-EM Diversified Index and 50% JPM EMBI Diversified Index. The

comparator is only included for performance comparison purposes and does not determine how the Investment Manager invests the Fund's assets. The Fund's investment universe is expected to overlap materially with the components of the comparator benchmark. The investment Manager invests on a discretionary basis and there are no restrictions on the extent to which the Fund's portfolio and performance may deviate from the comparator benchmark. The Investment Manager will invest in companies or sectors not included in the comparator.

The comparator benchmark has been selected because the Investment Manager believes that the benchmark is a suitable comparison for performance purposes given the Fund's investment objective and policy.

The benchmark(s) does/do not take into account the environmental and social characteristics or sustainable objective (as relevant) of the Fund.

## Further Information

More information relating to the environmental and social characteristics or sustainable investment objective (as applicable) of the Fund is provided in Appendix IV in accordance with SFDR and Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288.

## Risk Considerations

### Specific Risk Considerations

The Fund has environmental and/or social characteristics (within the meaning of Article 8 SFDR). A Fund with these characteristics may have limited exposure to some companies, industries or sectors as a result and the Fund may forego certain investment opportunities, or dispose of certain holdings, that do not align with its sustainability criteria chosen by the Investment Manager. As Investors may differ in their views of what constitutes sustainable investing, the Fund may also invest in companies that do not reflect the beliefs and values of any particular Investor. Please refer to Appendix II for more details on sustainability risks.

The reference in the Investment Policy to a fund investing two-thirds of its assets in a certain way applies in normal market conditions. See paragraph (A) at the start of this Appendix for further information.

Risks related to emerging markets investments can be found under "Emerging and Less Developed Markets Securities Risk" in Appendix II of this Prospectus.

The level of distribution costs in certain jurisdictions may impact the ability of the Investment Manager to meet the Fund's investment objective across all Share Classes after fees have been deducted.

## Profile of the Typical Investor

The Fund may be suitable for Investors who are seeking positive absolute return over the medium to longer term (at least 5 years) by investing in an actively managed portfolio. The Investor must be able to accept temporary capital losses due to the potentially volatile nature of the assets held.

## Fund Characteristics

Fund Currency	USD
Investment Manager	Schroder Investment Management Limited
Dealing Cut-off Time	13.00 Luxembourg time on Dealing Day
Dealing Frequency	Daily on Dealing Day
Settlement Period of Subscription and Redemption Proceeds <sup>1</sup>	3 Business Days from the relevant Dealing Day
Performance Fee	None
Redemption Charge	None
PEA / PIR Eligibility	No
Sustainability Criteria	<p>The Investment Manager applies governance and sustainability criteria when selecting investments for the Fund.</p> <p>Sustainability factors are assessed across both sovereign markets and credit allocation decisions.</p> <p>The Investment Manager assesses sovereign issuers across a range of environmental, social and governance factors, via the use of Schroders' proprietary sustainability tools which ranks countries by measuring their performance against multiple sustainability-related indicators. In addition, the Investment Manager conducts qualitative analysis, which includes the use of information published by sovereigns and third party data, on ESG factors at a regional and country level to further enhance oversight and understanding. Countries that score below a predetermined threshold, determined by Schroders' proprietary sustainability tools and the analysis undertaken by the Investment Manager, will generally be excluded.</p> <p>Corporate issuers are also assessed across a range of environmental, social and governance factors. The primary sources of information used to perform corporate analysis are the Investment Manager's proprietary tools and research, third-party research, NGO reports and expert networks. The Investment Manager also performs its own analysis of publicly available information provided by the issuers, including information provided in company sustainability reports and other relevant company material.</p> <p>More details on the Investment Manager's approach to sustainability and its engagement with companies are available on the webpage <a href="https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/">https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/</a></p> <p>The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than its investment universe, based on the Investment Manager's rating system.</p> <p>The Investment Manager ensures that at least:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 90% of the portion of the NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in developed countries; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with an investment grade credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by developed countries; and</li> <li>- 75% of the portion of the NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in emerging countries; equities issued by small and medium companies; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with a high yield credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by emerging countries,</li> </ul> <p>is rated against the sustainability criteria. For the purposes of this test, small companies are those with market capitalisation below €5 billion, medium companies are those between €5 billion and €10 billion and large companies are those above €10 billion.</p>

<sup>1</sup> Different subscription and redemption procedures may apply if applications are made through Distributors.

## General Share Class Features

Share Classes	Initial Charge <sup>2</sup>	Annual Distribution Charge <sup>3</sup>	Annual Management Charge
A Shares	Up to 3%	None	1.50%
AX Shares	Up to 3%	None	1.50%
A1 Shares	Up to 2%	0.50%	1.50%
B Shares	None	0.50%	1.50%
C Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.90%
CN Shares	Up to 3%	None	0.90%
CX Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.90%
D Shares	None	1.00%	1.50%
E Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.45%
IZ, IA, IB, IC, ID Shares	None	None	Up to 0.90%
Z Shares	None	None	Up to 0.90%

Annual Distribution Charge and Annual Management Charge percentages are stated as an annual charge with reference to the Net Asset Value of the Fund or the Net Asset Value per Share, as may be appropriate.

A share class hedging charge of up to 0.03% will be borne by the currency hedged Share Classes.

Not all Share Classes listed are available for subscription at the time of issue of this Prospectus. The Funds may also launch Bespoke Share Classes that are described under Appendix III at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>2</sup> The initial charge is applied against the total amount invested. The Management Company and Distributors are entitled to the initial charge, which can be partly or fully waived at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>3</sup> Annual Distribution Charges in respect of A1 and D Shares are paid at such intervals as may be agreed from time to time between the Company and those Distributors that are appointed specifically for the purpose of distributing such Shares. Annual Distribution Charges in respect of B Shares are payable quarterly.



# Schroder International Selection Fund Emerging Markets Equity Alpha

## Investment Objective

The Fund aims to provide capital growth in excess of the MSCI Emerging Markets (Net TR) index after fees have been deducted over a three to five year period by investing in equity and equity related securities of companies in emerging and frontier markets countries worldwide.

## Investment Policy

The Fund is actively managed and invests at least two-thirds of its assets in equity and equity related securities of companies in emerging and frontier market countries worldwide.

'Alpha' funds invest in companies in which the Investment Manager has a high conviction that the current share price does not reflect the future prospects for that business.

The Fund may invest directly in China B-Shares and China H-Shares and may invest less than 20% of its assets (on a net basis) directly or indirectly (for example via participatory notes) in China A-Shares through Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect and Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect and shares listed on the STAR Board and the ChiNext.

The Fund may also invest up to one-third of its assets directly or indirectly in other securities (including other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies, Investment Funds, warrants and Money Market Investments, and hold cash (subject to the restrictions provided in Appendix I).

The Fund may use derivatives with the aim of achieving investment gains, reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently.

## Benchmark

The Fund's performance should be assessed against its target benchmark being to exceed the MSCI Emerging Markets (Net TR) index. The Fund's investment universe is expected to overlap materially, directly or indirectly, with the components of the target benchmark. The Investment Manager invests on a discretionary basis and there are no restrictions on the extent to which the Fund's portfolio and performance may deviate from the target benchmark. The

Investment Manager will invest in companies or sectors not included in the target benchmark in order to take advantage of specific investment opportunities.

The target benchmark has been selected because it is representative of the type of investments in which the Fund is likely to invest and it is, therefore, an appropriate target in relation to the return that the Fund aims to provide.

## Further Information

The Fund is categorised as "Specialist Equity Fund".

## Risk Considerations

### Specific Risk Considerations

Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect and Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect are securities trading and clearing linked programmes developed by The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited, Shanghai/Shenzhen Stock Exchanges, Hong Kong Securities Clearing Company Limited and China Securities Depository and Clearing Corporation Limited, with an aim to achieve mutual stock market access between the PRC (excluding Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan) and Hong Kong. A detailed description of the programmes as well as risks linked thereto can be found in Appendix II of this Prospectus.

Risks related to emerging and frontier markets investments can be found under "Emerging and Less Developed Markets Securities Risk" in Appendix II of this Prospectus.

The reference in the Investment Policy to a fund investing two-thirds of its assets in a certain way applies in normal market conditions. See paragraph (A) at the start of this Appendix for further information.

The level of distribution costs in certain jurisdictions may impact the ability of the Investment Manager to meet the Fund's investment objective across all Share Classes after fees have been deducted.

## Profile of the Typical Investor

The Fund may be suitable for Investors who are more concerned with maximising long term returns than minimising possible short term losses.

## Fund Characteristics

Fund Currency	USD
Investment Manager	Schroder Investment Management Limited
Dealing Cut-off Time	13.00 Luxembourg time on Dealing Day
Dealing Frequency	Daily on Dealing Day
Settlement Period of Subscription and Redemption Proceeds <sup>1</sup>	3 Business Days from the relevant Dealing Day
Performance Fee	None
Redemption Charge	None
PEA / PIR Eligibility	No

<sup>1</sup> Different subscription and redemption procedures may apply if applications are made through Distributors.

## General Share Class Features

Share Classes	Initial Charge <sup>2</sup>	Annual Distribution Charge <sup>3</sup>	Annual Management Charge
A Shares	Up to 5%	None	1.50%
AX Shares	Up to 5%	None	1.50%
A1 Shares	Up to 4%	0.50%	1.50%
B Shares	None	0.60%	1.50%
C Shares	Up to 1%	None	1.00%
CN Shares	Up to 3%	None	1.00%
CX Shares	Up to 1%	None	1.00%
D Shares	None	1.00%	1.50%
E Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.40%
IZ, IA, IB, IC, ID Shares	None	None	Up to 1%
Z Shares	None	None	Up to 1%

Annual Distribution Charge and Annual Management Charge percentages are stated as an annual charge with reference to the Net Asset Value of the Fund or the Net Asset Value per Share, as may be appropriate.

A share class hedging charge of up to 0.03% will be borne by the currency hedged Share Classes.

Not all Share Classes listed are available for subscription at the time of issue of this Prospectus. The Funds may also launch Bespoke Share Classes that are described under Appendix III at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>2</sup> The initial charge is applied against the total amount invested. The Management Company and Distributors are entitled to the initial charge, which can be partly or fully waived at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>3</sup> Annual Distribution Charges in respect of A1 and D Shares are paid at such intervals as may be agreed from time to time between the Company and those Distributors that are appointed specifically for the purpose of distributing such Shares. Annual Distribution Charges in respect of B Shares are payable quarterly.

# Schroder International Selection Fund Emerging Markets Multi-Asset

## Investment Objective

The Fund aims to deliver capital growth and income over a three to five year period after fees have been deducted by investing in a diversified range of assets in emerging markets worldwide.

## Investment Policy

The Fund is actively managed and invests at least two-thirds of its assets directly in equity and equity related securities, fixed income securities and Alternative Asset Classes of emerging markets countries worldwide or companies which derive a significant proportion of their revenues or profits from emerging markets countries worldwide. The Fund may actively allocate its assets in Money Market Investments and currencies especially to mitigate losses in falling markets.

The Fund may invest:

- in excess of 50% of its assets in below investment grade (fixed and floating rate) securities (being securities with a credit rating below investment grade as measured by Standard & Poor's or any equivalent grade of other credit rating agencies) and unrated securities;
- in excess of 50% of its assets in emerging market debt (fixed and floating rate) securities;
- up to 20% of its assets in asset backed securities and mortgage-backed securities;
- up to 10% of its assets in Alternative Asset Classes (as defined in Appendix III of this Prospectus) indirectly through Exchange Traded Funds, REITs or open-ended Investment Funds; and
- up to 10% of its assets in open-ended Investment Funds.

The Fund may invest directly in China B-Shares and China H-Shares and may invest less than 25% of its assets (on a net basis) directly or indirectly (for example via participatory notes) in China A-Shares through Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect and Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect and shares listed on the STAR Board and the ChiNext. The Fund may also invest up to 15% of its assets in mainland China through Regulated Markets (including the CIBM via Bond Connect or CIBM Direct).

The Fund intends to use derivatives (including total return swaps), long and short, with the aim of achieving investment gains, reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently. Where the Fund uses total return swaps and contracts for difference, the underlying consists of instruments in which the Fund may invest according to its Investment Objective and Investment Policy. In particular, the aim is to use total return swaps and contracts for difference on a temporary basis in market conditions including but not limited to during periods of expanding global economic growth and rising inflation or elevated geopolitical risk, or when credit spreads are expected to widen such during periods of falling economic growth, rising interest rates or elevated geopolitical risk. Contracts for difference and total return swaps are intended to be used to gain long and short exposure on equity and equity related securities, fixed and floating rate securities and commodity indices. The gross exposure of total return swaps and contracts for difference will not exceed 30% and is expected to remain within the

range of 0% to 20% of the Net Asset Value. In certain circumstances this proportion may be higher. The Fund may hold cash.

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than 50% MSCI Emerging Market Index (USD), 16.7% JPM EMBI Index EM Hard Currency (USD), 16.7% JPM GBI Emerging Market Index - EM Local (USD), 16.7% JPM CEMB Index (USD), based on the Investment Manager's rating criteria. More details on the investment process used to achieve this can be found in the Fund Characteristics section.

The Fund does not directly invest in certain activities, industries or groups of issuers above the limits listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

## Benchmark

The Fund does not have a target benchmark. The Fund's performance and volatility should be compared against 50% MSCI Emerging Market Index (USD), 16.7% JPM EMBI Index EM Hard Currency (USD), 16.7% JPM GBI Emerging Market Index - EM Local (USD), 16.7% JPM CEMB Index (USD). The comparator benchmark is only included for performance and risk comparison purposes and does not determine how the Investment Manager invests the Fund's assets. The Fund's investment universe is expected to have limited overlap with the components of the comparator benchmark. The Investment Manager invests on a discretionary basis and there are no restrictions on the extent to which the Fund's portfolio and performance may deviate from the comparator benchmark. The Investment Manager will invest in companies or sectors not included in the comparator benchmark.

The comparator benchmark has been selected because the Investment Manager believes that the benchmark is a suitable comparison for performance purposes given the Fund's investment objective and policy. The benchmark(s) does/do not take into account the environmental and social characteristics or sustainable objective (as relevant) of the Fund.

## Further Information

The Fund is categorised as "Multi-Asset Fund".

More information relating to the environmental and social characteristics or sustainable investment objective (as applicable) of the Fund is provided in Appendix IV in accordance with SFDR and Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288.

## Risk Considerations

### Specific Risk Considerations

Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect and Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect are securities trading and clearing linked programmes developed by The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited, Shanghai/Shenzhen Stock Exchanges, Hong Kong Securities Clearing Company Limited and China Securities Depository and Clearing Corporation Limited, with an aim to achieve mutual stock market access between the PRC (excluding Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan) and Hong

Kong. A detailed description of the programmes as well as risks linked thereto can be found in Appendix II of this Prospectus.

The Fund has environmental and/or social characteristics (within the meaning of Article 8 SFDR). A Fund with these characteristics may have limited exposure to some companies, industries or sectors as a result and the Fund may forego certain investment opportunities, or dispose of certain holdings, that do not align with its sustainability criteria chosen by the Investment Manager. As Investors may differ in their views of what constitutes sustainable investing, the Fund may also invest in companies that do not reflect the beliefs and values of any particular Investor. Please refer to Appendix II for more details on sustainability risks.

A detailed description of the risks linked to asset-backed securities and mortgage-backed securities can be found in Appendix II of this Prospectus.

The reference in the Investment Policy to a fund investing two-thirds of its assets in a certain way applies in normal market conditions. See paragraph (A) at the start of this Appendix for further information.

Risks related to emerging markets investments can be found under “Emerging and Less Developed Markets Securities Risk” in Appendix II of this Prospectus.

## Profile of the Typical Investor

The Fund will be suitable for Investors who desire a sustainable level of income with some capital growth, offered through investment in a range of asset classes.

## Fund Characteristics

Fund Currency	USD
Investment Manager	Schroder Investment Management Limited
Dealing Cut-off Time	13.00 Luxembourg time on Dealing Day
Dealing Frequency	Daily on Dealing Day
Settlement Period of Subscription and Redemption Proceeds <sup>1</sup>	3 Business Days from the relevant Dealing Day
Performance Fee	None
Redemption Charge	None
PEA / PIR Eligibility	No
Sustainability Criteria	<p>The Investment Manager applies governance and sustainability criteria when selecting investments for the Fund. The investable universe is assessed using a number of proprietary tools, as well as external rating services.</p> <p>The Investment Manager will assess companies against a variety of environmental, social and governance metrics, taking into account issues such as climate change, environmental performance, labour standards and board composition. The Investment Manager will decide whether an investment is eligible for inclusion taking into account the overall ESG score. The multi-asset nature of the Fund means that the Investment Manager will analyse the ESG scores across asset classes as an input into the asset allocation of the Fund. The Investment Manager may select investments, which it deems to contribute to one or more environmental or social objectives, provided that they do no significant harm to any other environmental or social objectives.</p> <p>The sources of information used to perform the analysis include information provided by the companies, such as company sustainability reports and other relevant company material, as well as Schroders' proprietary sustainability tools and third-party data.</p> <p>More details on the Investment Manager's approach to sustainability and its engagement with companies are available on the webpage <a href="https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/">https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/</a></p> <p>The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than its investment universe, based on the Investment Manager's rating system.</p> <p>The Investment Manager ensures that at least:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– 90% of the portion of the NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in developed countries; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with an investment grade credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by developed countries; and</li> <li>– 75% of the portion of the NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in emerging countries; equities issued by small and medium companies; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with a high yield credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by emerging countries,</li> </ul> <p>is rated against the sustainability criteria. For the purposes of this test, small companies are those with market capitalisation below €5 billion, medium companies are those between €5 billion and €10 billion and large companies are those above €10 billion.</p>

<sup>1</sup> Different subscription and redemption procedures may apply if applications are made through Distributors.

## General Share Class Features

Share Classes	Initial Charge <sup>2</sup>	Annual Distribution Charge <sup>3</sup>	Annual Management Charge
A Shares	Up to 5%	None	1.25%
AX Shares	Up to 5%	None	1.25%
A1 Shares	Up to 4%	0.50%	1.25%
B Shares	None	0.60%	1.25%
C Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.75%
CN Shares	Up to 3%	None	0.75%
CX Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.75%
D Shares	None	1.00%	1.25%
E Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.375%
IZ, IA, IB, IC, ID Shares	None	None	Up to 0.75%
Z Shares	None	None	Up to 0.75%

Annual Distribution Charge and Annual Management Charge percentages are stated as an annual charge with reference to the Net Asset Value of the Fund or the Net Asset Value per Share, as may be appropriate.

A share class hedging charge of up to 0.03% will be borne by the currency hedged Share Classes.

Not all Share Classes listed are available for subscription at the time of issue of this Prospectus. The Funds may also launch Bespoke Share Classes that are described under Appendix III at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>2</sup> The initial charge is applied against the total amount invested. The Management Company and Distributors are entitled to the initial charge, which can be partly or fully waived at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>3</sup> Annual Distribution Charges in respect of A1 and D Shares are paid at such intervals as may be agreed from time to time between the Company and those Distributors that are appointed specifically for the purpose of distributing such Shares. Annual Distribution Charges in respect of B Shares are payable quarterly.

# Schroder International Selection Fund EURO Bond

## Investment Objective

The Fund aims to provide capital growth and income in excess of the Bloomberg EURO Aggregate index after fees have been deducted over a three to five year period by investing in fixed and floating rate securities denominated in Euro.

## Investment Policy

The Fund is actively managed and invests at least two-thirds of its assets in fixed and floating rate securities denominated in Euro issued by governments, government agencies, supra-nationals and companies worldwide.

The Fund may invest up to 30% of its assets in securities that have a below investment grade credit rating (as measured by Standard & Poor's or any equivalent grade of other credit rating agencies for rated bonds and implied Schrodors ratings for non-rated bonds). The Fund may invest up to 10% of its assets in contingent convertible bonds.

The Fund may also invest up to one-third of its assets directly or indirectly in other securities (including other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies, Investment Funds, warrants and Money Market Investments, and hold cash (subject to the restrictions provided in Appendix I).

The Fund may use derivatives, long and short, with the aim of achieving investment gains, reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently.

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the Bloomberg EURO Aggregate index based on the Investment Manager's rating criteria. More details on the investment process used to achieve this can be found in the Fund Characteristics section.

The Fund does not directly invest in certain activities, industries or groups of issuers above the limits listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schrodors.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

## Benchmark

The Fund's performance should be assessed against its target benchmark being to exceed the Bloomberg EURO Aggregate index. The Fund's investment universe is expected to overlap to a limited extent with the components of the target benchmark. However, the Fund will likely reflect certain features of the target benchmark (namely credit quality/duration, currency exposure/exposure to particular issuers). The Investment Manager invests on a discretionary basis and there are no restrictions on the extent to which the Fund's portfolio and performance may deviate from the target benchmark. The Investment Manager will invest in companies or sectors not included in the target benchmark in order to take advantage of specific investment opportunities.

The target benchmark has been selected because it is representative of the type of investments in which the Fund is likely to invest and it is, therefore, an appropriate target in relation to the return that the Fund aims to provide.

The benchmark(s) does/do not take into account the environmental and social characteristics or sustainable objective (as relevant) of the Fund.

## Further Information

The Fund is categorised as "Mainstream Bond Fund".

More information relating to the environmental and social characteristics or sustainable investment objective (as applicable) of the Fund is provided in Appendix IV in accordance with SFDR and Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288.

## Risk Considerations

### Risk Management Method

Relative Value-at-Risk (VaR)

### VaR Benchmark

Bloomberg EURO Aggregate index. This index tracks fixed-rate, investment-grade Euro-denominated securities.

### Expected Leverage

200% of the total net assets

The expected level of leverage may be higher when volatility decreases sustainably, when interest rates are expected to change or when credit spreads are expected to widen or tighten.

### This Fund is not a leveraged financial instrument

The Fund utilises financial derivative instruments for investment purposes and the global exposure is monitored under the relative VaR approach in line with UCITS Risk Measurement Rules. Whilst these instruments generate leverage, the Fund itself is not a leveraged financial instrument as further described in the MIFID Directive. For further details on the relative VaR approach please see Appendix 1. In addition to this regulatory restriction, Schrodors implements internal controls on global exposure to constrain and/or highlight global exposure as appropriate.

### Specific Risk Considerations

The Fund has environmental and/or social characteristics (within the meaning of Article 8 SFDR). A Fund with these characteristics may have limited exposure to some companies, industries or sectors as a result and the Fund may forego certain investment opportunities, or dispose of certain holdings, that do not align with its sustainability criteria chosen by the Investment Manager. As Investors may differ in their views of what constitutes sustainable investing, the Fund may also invest in companies that do not reflect the beliefs and values of any particular Investor. Please refer to Appendix II for more details on sustainability risks.

The reference in the Investment Policy to a fund investing two-thirds of its assets in a certain way applies in normal market conditions. See paragraph (A) at the start of this Appendix for further information.

The level of distribution costs in certain jurisdictions may impact the ability of the Investment Manager to meet the Fund's investment objective across all Share Classes after fees have been deducted.



## Profile of the Typical Investor

The Fund may be suitable for Investors who are seeking to combine capital growth opportunities with income in the relative stability of the debt markets over the long term.

## Fund Characteristics

Fund Currency	EUR
Investment Manager	Schroder Investment Management Limited
Dealing Cut-off Time	13.00 Luxembourg time on Dealing Day
Dealing Frequency	Daily on Dealing Day
Settlement Period of Subscription and Redemption Proceeds <sup>1</sup>	3 Business Days from the relevant Dealing Day
Performance Fee	None
Redemption Charge	None
PEA / PIR Eligibility	No
Sustainability Criteria	<p>The Investment Manager applies governance and sustainability criteria when selecting investments for the Fund.</p> <p>Sustainability factors are assessed – across both sovereign markets and credit allocation decisions – in tandem with macroeconomic factors throughout the Investment Manager's top-down thematic investment process.</p> <p>In assessing sustainability factors for sovereign issuers, the Investment Manager considers that countries with stable and non-corrupt governments are likely to be more willing and able to service their debts, while political considerations, including the impact of social and governance factors, can influence a country's inflation and currency profile and thus have a material impact on the real value of debt. Environmental impacts – which can be more pertinent over a longer-term horizon – are also incorporated. The Investment Manager's approach includes the use of Schroders' proprietary sustainability tools to rank countries by measuring their performance against multiple sustainability-related indicators.</p> <p>Credit selection decisions are delegated to the Investment Manager's specialist credit investment teams, who aim to identify issuers demonstrating good or improving sustainability credentials, and those that impose a high cost on the environment and society. This involves:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– The exclusion of issuers <u>with certain exposure to specific activities that the Investment Manager considers environmentally destructive or socially damaging, violate human rights and/ or have demonstrated gross misconduct that the Investment Manager deems to have businesses that are materially damaging to the environment or impose unjustifiable social costs.</u></li> <li>– The inclusion of issuers that <u>the investment Manager considers are well placed to deliver demonstrate</u> stable and improving sustainability trajectories <u>relative to their industry peers, and issuers demonstrating good governance based on the Investment Manager's sustainability rating methodology.</u></li> </ul> <p>The primary sources of information used to perform this analysis are the Investment Manager's proprietary tools and research, third-party research, NGO reports and expert networks. For corporate issuers, the Investment Manager also performs its own analysis of publicly available information provided by the companies, including information provided in company sustainability reports and other relevant company material.</p> <p>More details on the Investment Manager's approach to sustainability and its engagement with companies are available on the webpage <a href="https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/">https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/</a></p> <p>The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than its investment universe, based on the Investment Manager's rating system.</p> <p>The Investment Manager ensures that at least:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– 90% of the portion of the NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in developed countries; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with an investment grade credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by developed countries; and</li> <li>– 75% of the portion of the NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in emerging countries; equities issued by small and medium companies; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with a high yield credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by emerging countries,</li> </ul>

<sup>1</sup> Different subscription and redemption procedures may apply if applications are made through Distributors.

is rated against the sustainability criteria. For the purposes of this test, small companies are those with market capitalisation below €5 billion, medium companies are those between €5 billion and €10 billion and large companies are those above €10 billion.

## General Share Class Features

Share Classes	Initial Charge <sup>2</sup>	Annual Distribution Charge <sup>3</sup>	Annual Management Charge
A Shares	Up to 3%	None	0.75%
AX Shares	Up to 3%	None	0.75%
A1 Shares	Up to 2%	0.50%	0.75%
B Shares	None	0.50%	0.75%
C Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.375%
CN Shares	Up to 3%	None	0.375%
CX Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.375%
D Shares	None	1.00%	0.75%
E Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.25%
IZ, IA, IB, IC, ID Shares	None	None	Up to 0.50%
Z Shares	None	None	Up to 0.50%

Annual Distribution Charge and Annual Management Charge percentages are stated as an annual charge with reference to the Net Asset Value of the Fund or the Net Asset Value per Share, as may be appropriate.

A share class hedging charge of up to 0.03% will be borne by the currency hedged Share Classes.

Not all Share Classes listed are available for subscription at the time of issue of this Prospectus. The Funds may also launch Bespoke Share Classes that are described under Appendix III at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>2</sup> The initial charge is applied against the total amount invested. The Management Company and Distributors are entitled to the initial charge, which can be partly or fully waived at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>3</sup> Annual Distribution Charges in respect of A1 and D Shares are paid at such intervals as may be agreed from time to time between the Company and those Distributors that are appointed specifically for the purpose of distributing such Shares. Annual Distribution Charges in respect of B Shares are payable quarterly.

# Schroder International Selection Fund EURO Corporate Bond

## Investment Objective

The Fund aims to provide capital growth and income in excess of the ICE BofA Euro Corporate index after fees have been deducted over a three to five year period by investing in fixed and floating rate securities denominated in Euro issued by companies worldwide.

## Investment Policy

The Fund is actively managed and invests at least two-thirds of its assets in fixed and floating rate securities denominated in or hedged to Euro issued by companies and other non-sovereign bond issuers, governments, government agencies, supra-nationals and companies worldwide.

The Fund may invest:

- up to 30% of its assets in securities that have a below investment grade credit rating (as measured by Standard & Poor's or any equivalent grade of other credit rating agencies for rated bonds and implied Schrodgers ratings for non-rated bonds);
- up to 20% of its assets in sovereign government bonds;
- up to 20% of its assets in asset-backed securities and mortgage-backed securities; and
- up to 20% of its assets in convertible bonds including up to 10% of its assets in contingent convertible bonds.

The Fund may also invest up to one-third of its assets directly or indirectly in other securities (including other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies, Investment Funds, warrants and Money Market Investments, and hold cash (subject to the restrictions provided in Appendix I).

The Fund may use derivatives with the aim of achieving investment gains, reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently.

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the ICE BofA Euro Corporate index, based on the Investment Manager's rating system. More details on the investment process used to achieve this can be found in the Fund Characteristics section.

The Fund does not directly invest in certain activities, industries or groups of issuers above the limits listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

## Benchmark

The Fund's performance should be assessed against its target benchmark being to exceed the ICE BofA Euro Corporate index. The Fund's investment universe is expected to overlap to a limited extent with the components of the target benchmark. However, the Fund will likely reflect certain features of the target benchmark (namely credit quality/duration or exposure to particular issuers). The Investment Manager invests on a discretionary basis and there are no restrictions on the extent to which the Fund's portfolio and performance may deviate from the target benchmark. The Investment Manager will invest in companies or sectors not included in the target benchmark in order to take advantage of specific investment

opportunities. The benchmark(s) does/do not take into account the environmental and social characteristics or sustainable objective (as relevant) of the Fund.

The target benchmark has been selected because it is representative of the type of investments in which the Fund is likely to invest and it is, therefore, an appropriate target in relation to the return that the Fund aims to provide.

## Further Information

The Fund is categorised as "Specialist Bond Fund".

The duration hedged Share Classes of the Fund are closed to subscriptions or switches in from new Investors of the Fund as well as from existing shareholders.

More information relating to the environmental and social characteristics or sustainable investment objective (as applicable) of the Fund is provided in Appendix IV in accordance with SFDR and Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288.

## Risk Considerations

### Risk Management Method

Relative Value-at-Risk (VaR)

### VaR Benchmark

ICE BofA Euro Corporate Index. This index tracks the performance of EUR denominated investment grade corporate debt publicly issued in the Eurobond or Euro member domestic markets.

### Expected Leverage

150% of the total net assets

The expected level of leverage may be higher when volatility decreases sustainably, when interest rates are expected to change or when credit spreads are expected to widen or tighten.

### This Fund is not a leveraged financial instrument

The Fund utilises financial derivative instruments for investment purposes and the global exposure is monitored under the relative VaR approach in line with UCITS Risk Measurement Rules. Whilst these instruments generate leverage, the Fund itself is not a leveraged financial instrument as further described in the MIFID Directive. For further details on the relative VaR approach please see Appendix 1. In addition to this regulatory restriction, Schroders implements internal controls on global exposure to constrain and/or highlight global exposure as appropriate.

### Specific Risk Considerations

A detailed description of the risks linked to contingent convertible bonds, below-investment grade securities, asset-backed securities and mortgage-backed securities can be found in Appendix II of this Prospectus.

The reference in the Investment Policy to a fund investing two-thirds of its assets in a certain way applies in normal market conditions. See paragraph (A) at the start of this Appendix for further information.

The level of distribution costs in certain jurisdictions may impact the ability of the Investment Manager to meet the Fund's investment objective across all Share Classes after fees have been deducted.

The Fund has environmental and/or social characteristics (within the meaning of Article 8 SFDR). A Fund with these characteristics may have limited exposure to some companies, industries or sectors as a result and the Fund may forego certain investment opportunities, or dispose of certain holdings, that do not align with its sustainability criteria chosen by the Investment Manager. As Investors

may differ in their views of what constitutes sustainable investing, the Fund may also invest in companies that do not reflect the beliefs and values of any particular Investor. Please refer to Appendix II for more details on sustainability risks.

## Profile of the Typical Investor

The Fund may be suitable for Investors who are seeking to combine capital growth opportunities with income in the relative stability of the debt markets over the long term.

## Fund Characteristics

Fund Currency	EUR
Investment Manager	Schroder Investment Management (Europe) S.A. – German Branch
Dealing Cut-off Time	13.00 Luxembourg time on Dealing Day
Dealing Frequency	Daily on Dealing Day
Settlement Period of Subscription and Redemption Proceeds <sup>1</sup>	3 Business Days from the relevant Dealing Day
Performance Fee	None
Redemption Charge	None
PEA / PIR Eligibility	No
Sustainability Criteria	<p>The Investment Manager applies governance and sustainability criteria when selecting investments for the Fund.</p> <p>The strategy aims to identify issuers demonstrating good or improving sustainability credentials, and those that impose a high cost on the environment and society. This involves:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– The exclusion of issuers <u>with certain exposure to specific activities that the Investment Manager considers environmentally destructive or socially damaging, violate human rights and/ or have demonstrated gross misconduct that the Investment Manager deems to have businesses that are materially damaging to the climate and impose unjustifiable social costs.</u></li> <li>– The inclusion of issuers that <u>the Investment Manager considers are well placed to deliver demonstrate</u> stable and improving sustainability trajectories <u>relative to their industry peers, and issuers demonstrating good governance based on the Investment Manager's sustainability rating methodology.</u></li> </ul> <p>The Investment Manager may also engage with companies to encourage transparency, the transition to a circular economy with lower carbon emissions intensity and responsible social behaviour that promotes sustainable growth and alpha generation.</p> <p>The primary sources of information used to perform the analysis are the Investment Manager's proprietary tools and research, third-party research, NGO reports and expert networks. The Investment Manager also performs its own analysis of publicly available information provided by the companies, including information provided in company sustainability reports and other relevant company material.</p> <p>More details on the Investment Manager's approach to sustainability and its engagement with companies are available on the webpage <a href="https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/">https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/</a></p> <p>The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than its investment universe, based on the Investment Manager's rating system.</p> <p>The Investment Manager ensures that at least:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– 90% of the portion of the NAV composed of fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with an investment grade credit rating; sovereign debt issued by developed countries; and equities issued by large companies domiciled in developed countries; and</li> <li>– 75% of the portion of the NAV composed of fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with a high yield credit rating; sovereign debt issued by emerging countries equities issued by large companies domiciled in emerging countries; equities issued by small and medium companies,</li> </ul> <p>is rated against the sustainability criteria. For the purposes of this test, small companies are those with market capitalisation below €5 billion, medium companies are those between €5 billion and €10 billion and large companies are those above €10 billion.</p>

<sup>1</sup> Different subscription and redemption procedures may apply if applications are made through Distributors.

## General Share Class Features

Share Classes	Initial Charge <sup>2</sup>	Annual Distribution Charge <sup>3</sup>	Annual Management Charge
A Shares	Up to 3%	None	0.75%
AX Shares	Up to 3%	None	0.75%
A1 Shares	Up to 2%	0.50%	0.75%
B Shares	None	0.50%	0.75%
C Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.45%
CN Shares	Up to 3%	None	0.45%
CX Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.45%
D Shares	None	1.00%	0.75%
E Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.225%
IZ, IA, IB, IC, ID Shares	None	None	Up to 0.45%
Z Shares	None	None	Up to 0.45%

Annual Distribution Charge and Annual Management Charge percentages are stated as an annual charge with reference to the Net Asset Value of the Fund or the Net Asset Value per Share, as may be appropriate.

A share class hedging charge of up to 0.03% will be borne by the currency hedged Share Classes.

Not all Share Classes listed are available for subscription at the time of issue of this Prospectus. The Funds may also launch Bespoke Share Classes that are described under Appendix III at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>2</sup> The initial charge is applied against the total amount invested. The Management Company and Distributors are entitled to the initial charge, which can be partly or fully waived at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>3</sup> Annual Distribution Charges in respect of A1 and D Shares are paid at such intervals as may be agreed from time to time between the Company and those Distributors that are appointed specifically for the purpose of distributing such Shares. Annual Distribution Charges in respect of B Shares are payable quarterly.

# Schroder International Selection Fund EURO Credit Conviction

## Investment Objective

The Fund aims to provide capital growth and income in excess of the iBoxx EUR Corporates BBB (TR) index after fees have been deducted over a three to five year period by investing in fixed and floating rate securities denominated in Euro issued by companies worldwide.

## Investment Policy

The Fund is actively managed and invests at least two-thirds of its assets in fixed and floating rate securities denominated in Euro issued by governments, government agencies, supra-nationals and companies, worldwide.

The Fund may invest:

- up to 30% of its assets in securities that have a below investment grade credit rating (as measured by Standard & Poor's or any equivalent grade of other credit rating agencies for rated bonds and implied Schroders ratings for non-rated bonds);
- up to 20% of its assets in sovereign government bonds;
- up to 20% of its assets in asset-backed securities and mortgage-backed securities; and
- up to 20% of its assets in convertible bonds including up to 10% of its assets in contingent convertible bonds.

The Fund may also invest up one-third of its assets directly or indirectly in other securities (including other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies, Investment Funds, warrants and Money Market Investments, and hold cash (subject to the restrictions provided in Appendix I).

The Fund may also invest in derivatives to create long and short exposure to the underlying assets of these derivatives. The Fund may use derivatives with the aim of achieving investment gains, reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently.

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the iBoxx EUR Corporates BBB (TR) index, based on the Investment Manager's rating criteria. More details on the investment process used to achieve this can be found in the Fund Characteristics section.

The Fund does not directly invest in certain activities, industries or groups of issuers above the limits listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

## Benchmark

The Fund's performance should be assessed against its target benchmark being to exceed the iBoxx EUR Corporates BBB (TR) index. The Fund's investment universe is expected to overlap to a limited extent with the components of the target benchmark. However, the Fund will likely reflect certain features of the target benchmark (namely credit quality/duration, exposure to particular issuers). The Investment Manager invests on a discretionary basis and there are no restrictions on the extent to which the Fund's portfolio and performance may deviate from the target benchmark. The Investment Manager will invest in

companies or sectors not included in the target benchmark in order to take advantage of specific investment opportunities.

The target benchmark has been selected because it is representative of the type of investments in which the Fund is likely to invest and it is, therefore, an appropriate target in relation to the return that the Fund aims to provide.

The benchmark(s) does/do not take into account the environmental and social characteristics or sustainable objective (as relevant) of the Fund.

## Further Information

The Fund is categorised as "Specialist Bond Fund".

More information relating to the environmental and social characteristics or sustainable investment objective (as applicable) of the Fund is provided in Appendix IV in accordance with SFDR and Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288.

## Risk Considerations

### Risk Management Method

Relative Value-at-Risk (VaR)

### VaR Benchmark

iBoxx Euro Corporate Bond BBB index. This index tracks the performance of EUR denominated investment grade corporate debt publicly issued in the Eurobond or Euro member domestic markets.

### Expected Leverage

150% of the total net assets

The expected level of leverage may be higher when volatility decreases sustainably, when interest rates are expected to change or when credit spreads are expected to widen or tighten.

### This Fund is not a leveraged financial instrument

The Fund utilises financial derivative instruments for investment purposes and the global exposure is monitored under the relative VaR approach in line with UCITS Risk Measurement Rules. Whilst these instruments generate leverage, the Fund itself is not a leveraged financial instrument as further described in the MIFID Directive. For further details on the relative VaR approach please see Appendix 1. In addition to this regulatory restriction, Schroders implements internal controls on global exposure to constrain and/or highlight global exposure as appropriate.

### Specific Risk Considerations

The Fund has environmental and/or social characteristics (within the meaning of Article 8 SFDR). A Fund with these characteristics may have limited exposure to some companies, industries or sectors as a result and the Fund may forego certain investment opportunities, or dispose of certain holdings, that do not align with its sustainability criteria chosen by the Investment Manager. As Investors may differ in their views of what constitutes sustainable investing, the Fund may also invest in companies that do not



reflect the beliefs and values of any particular Investor. Please refer to Appendix II for more details on sustainability risks.

The reference in the Investment Policy to a fund investing two-thirds of its assets in a certain way applies in normal market conditions. See paragraph (A) at the start of this Appendix for further information.

The level of distribution costs in certain jurisdictions may impact the ability of the Investment Manager to meet the Fund's investment objective across all Share Classes after fees have been deducted.

## Profile of the Typical Investor

The Fund may be suitable for Investors who are seeking to combine capital growth opportunities with income in the relative stability of the debt markets over the long term.

## Fund Characteristics

Fund Currency	EUR
Investment Manager	Schroder Investment Management (Europe) S.A. – German Branch
Dealing Cut-off Time	13.00 Luxembourg time on Dealing Day
Dealing Frequency	Daily on Dealing Day
Settlement Period of Subscription and Redemption Proceeds <sup>1</sup>	3 Business Days from the relevant Dealing Day
Performance Fee	None
Redemption Charge	None
PEA / PIR Eligibility	No
Sustainability Criteria	<p>The Investment Manager applies governance and sustainability criteria when selecting investments for the Fund.</p> <p>The strategy aims to identify issuers demonstrating good or improving sustainability credentials, and those that impose a high cost on the environment and society. This involves:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– The exclusion of issuers <u>with certain exposure to specific activities that the Investment Manager considers environmentally destructive or socially damaging, violate human rights and/ or have demonstrated gross misconduct that the Investment Manager deems to have businesses that are materially damaging to the climate and impose unjustifiable social costs.</u></li> <li>– The inclusion of issuers that <u>the Investment Manager considers are well placed to deliver demonstrate stable and improving sustainability trajectories relative to their industry peers, and issuers demonstrating good governance based on the Investment Manager's sustainability rating methodology.</u></li> </ul> <p>The Investment Manager may also engage with companies to encourage transparency, the transition to a circular economy with lower carbon emissions intensity and responsible social behaviour that promotes sustainable growth and alpha generation.</p> <p>The primary sources of information used to perform the analysis are the Investment Manager's proprietary tools and research, third-party research, NGO reports and expert networks. The Investment Manager also performs its own analysis of publicly available information provided by the companies, including information provided in company sustainability reports and other relevant company material.</p> <p>More details on the Investment Manager's approach to sustainability and its engagement with companies are available on the webpage <a href="https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/">https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/</a></p> <p>The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than its investment universe, based on the Investment Manager's rating system.</p> <p>The Investment Manager ensures that at least:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– 90% of the portion of the NAV composed of fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with an investment grade credit rating; sovereign debt issued by developed countries; and equities issued by large companies domiciled in developed countries; and</li> <li>– 75% of the portion of the NAV composed of fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with a high yield credit rating; sovereign debt issued by emerging countries equities issued by large companies domiciled in emerging countries; equities issued by small and medium companies,</li> </ul> <p>is rated against the sustainability criteria. For the purposes of this test, small companies are those with market capitalisation below €5 billion, medium companies are those between €5 billion and €10 billion and large companies are those above €10 billion.</p>

<sup>1</sup> Different subscription and redemption procedures may apply if applications are made through Distributors.

## General Share Class Features

Share Classes	Initial Charge <sup>2</sup>	Annual Distribution Charge <sup>3</sup>	Annual Management Charge
A Shares	Up to 3%	None	1.00%
AX Shares	Up to 3%	None	1.00%
A1 Shares	Up to 2%	0.50%	1.00%
B Shares	None	0.50%	1.00%
C Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.50%
CN Shares	Up to 3%	None	0.50%
CX Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.50%
D Shares	None	1.00%	1.00%
E Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.25%
IZ, IA, IB, IC, ID Shares	None	None	Up to 0.50%
Z Shares	None	None	Up to 0.50%

Annual Distribution Charge and Annual Management Charge percentages are stated as an annual charge with reference to the Net Asset Value of the Fund or the Net Asset Value per Share, as may be appropriate.

A share class hedging charge of up to 0.03% will be borne by the currency hedged Share Classes.

Not all Share Classes listed are available for subscription at the time of issue of this Prospectus. The Funds may also launch Bespoke Share Classes that are described under Appendix III at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>2</sup> The initial charge is applied against the total amount invested. The Management Company and Distributors are entitled to the initial charge, which can be partly or fully waived at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>3</sup> Annual Distribution Charges in respect of A1 and D Shares are paid at such intervals as may be agreed from time to time between the Company and those Distributors that are appointed specifically for the purpose of distributing such Shares. Annual Distribution Charges in respect of B Shares are payable quarterly.

# Schroder International Selection Fund EURO Credit Conviction Short Duration

## Investment Objective

The Fund aims to provide income and capital growth in excess of the ICE BofA 1-5 Year BBB Euro Corporate total return index over a three to five year period after fees have been deducted by investing in fixed and floating rate securities denominated in Euro issued by companies worldwide.

## Investment Policy

The Fund is actively managed and invests at least two-thirds of its assets, long (directly or indirectly through derivatives) or short (through derivatives), in fixed and floating rate securities denominated in Euro issued by governments, government agencies, supra-nationals and companies worldwide.

The Fund may invest:

- up to 30% of its assets in securities that have a below investment grade credit rating (as measured by Standard & Poor's or any equivalent grade of other credit rating agencies for rated bonds and implied Schroders ratings for non-rated bonds);
- up to 20% of its assets in sovereign government bonds;
- up to 40% of its assets in asset-backed securities and mortgage-backed securities; and
- up to 20% of its assets in convertible bonds including up to 10% of its assets in contingent convertible bonds.

The Fund may invest in asset-backed securities, commercial mortgage-backed securities, and/or residential mortgage-backed securities issued worldwide with an investment grade credit rating (as measured by Standard & Poor's or any equivalent grade of other credit rating agencies). Underlying assets may include credit card receivables, personal loans, auto loans, small business loans, leases, commercial mortgages and residential mortgages.

The Fund may also invest up to one-third of its assets directly or indirectly in other securities (including other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies, Investment Funds, warrants and Money Market Investments, and hold cash (subject to the restrictions provided in Appendix I).

The Fund may also invest in derivatives to create long and short exposure to the underlying assets of these derivatives. The Fund may use derivatives with the aim of achieving investment gains, reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently.

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the ICE BofA 1-5 Year BBB Euro Corporate total return index, based on the Investment Manager's rating criteria. More details on the investment process used to achieve this can be found in the Fund Characteristics section.

The Fund does not directly invest in certain activities, industries or groups of issuers above the limits listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

## Benchmark

The Fund's performance should be assessed against its target benchmark, being to exceed the ICE BofA 1-5 Year BBB Euro Corporate Index total return index. The Fund's investment universe is expected to overlap materially with the components of the target benchmark.

The Investment Manager invests on a discretionary basis and there are no restrictions on the extent to which the Fund's portfolio and performance may deviate from the target benchmark. The Investment Manager will invest in companies or sectors not included in the target benchmark in order to take advantage of specific investment opportunities. The target benchmark has been selected because it is representative of the type of investments in which the Fund is likely to invest and it is, therefore, an appropriate target in relation to the return that the Fund aims to provide.

The benchmark(s) does/do not take into account the environmental and social characteristics or sustainable objective (as relevant) of the Fund.

## Further Information

More information relating to the environmental and social characteristics or sustainable investment objective (as applicable) of the Fund is provided in Appendix IV in accordance with SFDR and Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288.

## Risk Considerations

### Risk Management Method

Absolute Value-at-Risk (VaR)

**As of 15 August { } 2024 the above section will change to:**

Relative Value-at-Risk (VaR)

### VaR Benchmark

ICE BofA 1-5 Year BBB Euro Corporate Index total return index

This index tracks the performance of EUR denominated investment grade corporate debt publicly issued in the Eurobond or Euro member domestic markets.

### Expected Leverage

300% of the total net assets

The expected level of leverage may be higher when there is unusually high or low volatility.

**As of 15 August { } 2024 the above section will change to:**

150% of the total net assets

The expected level of leverage may be higher when volatility decreases sustainably, when interest rates are expected to change or when credit spreads are expected to widen or tighten.

### This Fund is not a leveraged financial instrument

The Fund utilises financial derivative instruments for investment purposes and the global exposure is monitored under the absolute VaR approach in line with UCITS Risk Measurement Rules. Whilst these instruments generate leverage, the Fund itself is not a leveraged financial instrument as further described in the MIFID Directive. For further details on the absolute VaR approach please see Appendix 1. In addition to this regulatory restriction, Schroders implements internal controls on global exposure to constrain and/or highlight global exposure as appropriate.

**As of 15 August- } 2024 the above section will change to:**

The Fund utilises financial derivative instruments for investment purposes and the global exposure is monitored under the relative VaR approach in line with UCITS Risk Measurement Rules. Whilst these instruments generate leverage, the Fund itself is not a leveraged financial instrument as further described in the MIFID Directive. For further details on the relative VaR approach please see Appendix 1. In addition to this regulatory restriction, Schroders implements internal controls on global exposure to constrain and/or highlight global exposure as appropriate.

### Specific Risk Considerations

The Fund has environmental and/or social characteristics (within the meaning of Article 8 SFDR). A Fund with these characteristics may have limited exposure to some

companies, industries or sectors as a result and the Fund may forego certain investment opportunities, or dispose of certain holdings, that do not align with its sustainability criteria chosen by the Investment Manager. As Investors may differ in their views of what constitutes sustainable investing, the Fund may also invest in companies that do not reflect the beliefs and values of any particular Investor. Please refer to Appendix II for more details on sustainability risks.

The reference in the Investment Policy to a fund investing two-thirds of its assets in a certain way applies in normal market conditions. See paragraph (A) at the start of this Appendix for further information.

The level of distribution costs in certain jurisdictions may impact the ability of the Investment Manager to meet the Fund's investment objective across all share classes after fees have been deducted.

### Profile of the Typical Investor

The Fund may be suitable for Investors who are seeking positive absolute return over the medium to longer term (at least 5 years) by investing in an actively managed portfolio. The Investor must be able to accept temporary capital losses due to the potentially volatile nature of the assets held.

### Fund Characteristics

Fund Currency	EUR
Investment Manager	Schroder Investment Management (Europe) S.A. – German Branch
Dealing Cut-off Time	13.00 Luxembourg time on Dealing Day
Dealing Frequency	Daily on Dealing Day
Settlement Period of Subscription and Redemption Proceeds <sup>1</sup>	3 Business Days from the relevant Dealing Day
Performance Fee	None
Redemption Charge	None
PEA / PIR Eligibility	No
Sustainability Criteria	<p>The Investment Manager applies governance and sustainability criteria when selecting investments for the Fund.</p> <p>The strategy aims to identify issuers demonstrating good or improving sustainability credentials, and those that impose a high cost on the environment and society. This involves:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- The exclusion of issuers <u>with certain exposure to specific activities that the Investment Manager considers environmentally destructive or socially damaging, violate human rights and/ or have demonstrated gross misconduct that the Investment Manager deems to have businesses that are materially damaging to the climate and impose unjustifiable social costs.</u></li><li>- The inclusion of issuers that <u>the Investment Manager considers are well placed to deliver demonstrate</u> stable and improving sustainability trajectories <u>relative to their industry peers., and issuers demonstrating good governance based on the Investment Manager's sustainability rating methodology.</u></li></ul> <p>The Investment Manager may also engage with companies to encourage transparency, the transition to a circular economy with lower carbon emissions intensity and responsible social behaviour that promotes sustainable growth and alpha generation.</p>

<sup>1</sup> Different subscription and redemption procedures may apply if applications are made through Distributors.

The primary sources of information used to perform the analysis are the Investment Manager's proprietary tools and research, third-party research, NGO reports and expert networks. The Investment Manager also performs its own analysis of publicly available information provided by the companies, including information provided in company sustainability reports and other relevant company material.

More details on the Investment Manager's approach to sustainability and its engagement with companies are available on the webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/>

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than its investment universe, based on the Investment Manager's rating system.

The Investment Manager ensures that at least:

- 90% of the portion of the NAV composed of fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with an investment grade credit rating; sovereign debt issued by developed countries; and equities issued by large companies domiciled in developed countries; and
- 75% of the portion of the NAV composed of fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with a high yield credit rating; sovereign debt issued by emerging countries equities issued by large companies domiciled in emerging countries; equities issued by small and medium companies,

is rated against the sustainability criteria. For the purposes of this test, small companies are those with market capitalisation below €5 billion, medium companies are those between €5 billion and €10 billion and large companies are those above €10 billion.

## General Share Class Features

Share Classes	Initial Charge <sup>2</sup>	Annual Distribution Charge <sup>3</sup>	Annual Management Charge
A Shares	Up to 3%	None	1.20%
AX Shares	Up to 3%	None	1.20%
A1 Shares	Up to 2%	0.50%	1.20%
B Shares	None	0.30%	1.20%
C Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.60%
CN Shares	Up to 3%	None	0.60%
CX Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.60%
D Shares	None	1.00%	1.20%
E Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.30%
IZ, IA, IB, IC, ID Shares	None	None	Up to 0.60%
Z Shares	None	None	Up to 0.60%

Annual Distribution Charge and Annual Management Charge percentages are stated as an annual charge with reference to the Net Asset Value of the Fund or the Net Asset Value per Share, as may be appropriate.

A share class hedging charge of up to 0.03% will be borne by the currency hedged Share Classes.

Not all Share Classes listed are available for subscription at the time of issue of this Prospectus. The Funds may also launch Bespoke Share Classes that are described under Appendix III at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>2</sup> The initial charge is applied against the total amount invested. The Management Company and Distributors are entitled to the initial charge, which can be partly or fully waived at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>3</sup> Annual Distribution Charges in respect of A1 and D Shares are paid at such intervals as may be agreed from time to time between the Company and those Distributors that are appointed specifically for the purpose of distributing such Shares. Annual Distribution Charges in respect of B Shares are payable quarterly.

# Schroder International Selection Fund EURO Equity

## Investment Objective

The Fund aims to provide capital growth in excess of the MSCI European Monetary Union (Net TR) index after fees have been deducted over a three to five year period by investing in equity and equity related securities of companies in countries participating in the European Monetary Union.

## Investment Policy

The Fund is actively managed and invests at least 75% of its assets in equity and equity related securities of companies that are incorporated in the European Economic Area. The Fund invests at least two-thirds of its assets in equity and equity related securities of companies in countries whose currency is the Euro.

The Fund may also invest up one-third of its assets directly or indirectly in other securities (including other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies, Investment Funds, warrants and Money Market Investments, and hold cash (subject to the restrictions provided in Appendix I).

The Fund may use derivatives with the aim of reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently.

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than MSCI European Monetary Union (Net TR) index, based on the Investment Manager's rating system. More details on the investment process used to achieve this can be found in the Fund Characteristics section.

The Fund does not directly invest in certain activities, industries or groups of issuers above the limits listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

## Benchmark

The Fund's performance should be assessed against its target benchmark being to exceed the MSCI European Monetary Union (Net TR) index and compared against the Morningstar Eurozone Large Cap Equity Category. The Fund's investment universe is expected to overlap materially with the components of the target benchmark. The comparator benchmark is only included for performance comparison purposes and does not determine how the Investment Manager invests the Fund's assets. The Investment Manager invests on a discretionary basis and there are no restrictions on the extent to which the Fund's portfolio and performance may deviate from the target benchmark. The Investment Manager will invest in companies or sectors not included in the target benchmark in order to take advantage of specific investment opportunities.

## Fund Characteristics

Fund Currency	EUR
Investment Manager	Schroder Investment Management Limited
Dealing Cut-off Time	13.00 Luxembourg time on Dealing Day
Dealing Frequency	Daily on Dealing Day

The target benchmark has been selected because it is representative of the type of investments in which the Fund is likely to invest and it is, therefore, an appropriate target in relation to the return that the Fund aims to provide. The comparator benchmark has been selected because the Investment Manager believes that the benchmark is a suitable comparison for performance purposes given the Fund's investment objective and policy. The benchmark(s) does/do not take into account the environmental and social characteristics or sustainable objective (as relevant) of the Fund.

## Further Information

The Fund is categorised as "Mainstream Equity Fund".

More information relating to the environmental and social characteristics or sustainable investment objective (as applicable) of the Fund is provided in Appendix IV in accordance with SFDR and Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288.

## Risk Considerations

### Specific Risk Considerations

The reference in the Investment Policy to a fund investing 75% of its assets in a certain way applies in normal market conditions. See paragraph (A) at the start of this Appendix for further information.

The level of distribution costs in certain jurisdictions may impact the ability of the Investment Manager to meet the Fund's investment objective across all Share Classes after fees have been deducted.

The Fund has environmental and/or social characteristics (within the meaning of Article 8 SFDR). A Fund with these characteristics may have limited exposure to some companies, industries or sectors as a result and the Fund may forego certain investment opportunities, or dispose of certain holdings, that do not align with its sustainability criteria chosen by the Investment Manager. As Investors may differ in their views of what constitutes sustainable investing, the Fund may also invest in companies that do not reflect the beliefs and values of any particular Investor. Please refer to Appendix II for more details on sustainability risks.

## Profile of the Typical Investor

The Fund may be suitable for Investors who are seeking long term growth potential offered through investment in equities.



Settlement Period of Subscription and Redemption Proceeds <sup>1</sup>	3 Business Days from the relevant Dealing Day
Performance Fee	None
Redemption Charge	None
PEA / PIR Eligibility <sup>2</sup>	PEA eligible
Sustainability Criteria	<p>The Investment Manager applies governance and sustainability criteria when selecting investments for the Fund.</p> <p>Companies in the investment universe are assessed on their governance, environmental and social profile, across a range of factors. This analysis is supported by quantitative analysis gained from Schroders in-house ESG data tools. The Investment Manager assesses a company's environment and social impact, as well as governance practices, using proprietary sustainability tools. In addition, the Investment Manager also performs its own research and analysis before deciding whether a company is eligible for inclusion in the Fund, based on its overall sustainability profile. Proprietary tools will be key inputs to measure how companies in the portfolio are meeting the sustainability credentials outlined above.</p> <p>The sources of information used to perform the analysis include information provided by the companies, such as company sustainability reports and other relevant company material, as well as Schroders' proprietary sustainability tools and third-party data.</p> <p>More details on the Investment Manager's approach to sustainability and its engagement with companies are available on the webpage <a href="https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/">https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/</a></p> <p>The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than its investment universe, based on the Investment Manager's rating system.</p> <p>The Investment Manager ensures that at least:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 90% of the portion of the NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in developed countries; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with an investment grade credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by developed countries; and</li> <li>- 75% of the portion of the NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in emerging countries; equities issued by small and medium companies; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with a high yield credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by emerging countries,</li> </ul> <p>is rated against the sustainability criteria. For the purposes of this test, small companies are those with market capitalisation below €5 billion, medium companies are those between €5 billion and €10 billion and large companies are those above €10 billion.</p>

<sup>1</sup> Different subscription and redemption procedures may apply if applications are made through Distributors.

<sup>2</sup> To ensure eligibility for the French Plan d'Epargne en Actions (PEA), the Fund invests at least 75% of its assets in equity securities issued by companies which have their head office in the European Union, or in an EEA state that has signed a tax agreement with France, including a clause on combating fraud and tax avoidance.

## General Share Class Features

Share Classes	Initial Charge <sup>3</sup>	Annual Distribution Charge <sup>4</sup>	Annual Management Charge
A Shares	Up to 5%	None	1.50%
AX Shares	Up to 5%	None	1.50%
A1 Shares	Up to 4%	0.50%	1.50%
B Shares	None	0.60%	1.50%
C Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.75%
CN Shares	Up to 3%	None	0.75%
CX Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.75%
D Shares	None	1.00%	1.50%
E Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.375%
IZ, IA, IB, IC, ID Shares	None	None	Up to 0.75%
Z Shares	None	None	Up to 0.75%

Annual Distribution Charge and Annual Management Charge percentages are stated as an annual charge with reference to the Net Asset Value of the Fund or the Net Asset Value per Share, as may be appropriate.

A share class hedging charge of up to 0.03% will be borne by the currency hedged Share Classes.

Not all Share Classes listed are available for subscription at the time of issue of this Prospectus. The Funds may also launch Bespoke Share Classes that are described under Appendix III at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>3</sup> The initial charge is applied against the total amount invested. The Management Company and Distributors are entitled to the initial charge, which can be partly or fully waived at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>4</sup> Annual Distribution Charges in respect of A1 and D Shares are paid at such intervals as may be agreed from time to time between the Company and those Distributors that are appointed specifically for the purpose of distributing such Shares. Annual Distribution Charges in respect of B Shares are payable quarterly.

# Schroder International Selection Fund EURO Government Bond

## Investment Objective

The Fund aims to provide income and capital growth in excess of the ICE BofA Euro Government index after fees have been deducted over a three to five year period by investing in fixed and floating rate securities issued by Eurozone governments.

## Investment Policy

The Fund is actively managed and invests at least two-thirds of its assets in fixed and floating rate securities with an investment grade or sub-investment grade credit rating (as measured by Standard & Poor's or any equivalent grade of other credit rating agencies for rated bonds and implied Schroders ratings for non-rated bonds) issued by governments of countries whose currency is the Euro.

The Fund may also invest up one-third of its assets directly or indirectly in other securities (including other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies, Investment Funds, warrants and Money Market Investments, and hold cash (subject to the restrictions provided in Appendix I).

The Fund may use derivatives, long and short, with the aim of achieving investment gains, reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently.

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the ICE BofA Euro Government index based on the Investment Manager's rating criteria. More details on the investment process used to achieve this can be found in the Fund Characteristics section.

The Fund does not directly invest in certain activities, industries or groups of issuers above the limits listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

## Benchmark

The Fund's performance should be assessed against its target benchmark being to exceed the ICE BofA Euro Government index. The Fund's investment universe is expected to overlap to a limited extent with the components of the target benchmark. However, the Fund will likely reflect certain features of the target benchmark (namely credit quality/duration, currency exposure/exposure to particular issuers). The Investment Manager invests on a discretionary basis and there are no restrictions on the extent to which the Fund's portfolio and performance may deviate from the target benchmark. The Investment Manager will invest in companies or sectors not included in the target benchmark in order to take advantage of specific investment opportunities.

The target benchmark has been selected because it is representative of the type of investments in which the Fund is likely to invest and it is, therefore, an appropriate target in relation to the return that the Fund aims to provide.

The benchmark(s) does/do not take into account the environmental and social characteristics or sustainable objective (as relevant) of the Fund.

## Further Information

The Fund is categorised as "Mainstream Bond Fund".

More information relating to the environmental and social characteristics or sustainable investment objective (as applicable) of the Fund is provided in Appendix IV in accordance with SFDR and Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288.

## Risk Considerations

### Risk Management Method

Relative Value-at-Risk (VaR)

### VaR Benchmark

ICE BofA Euro Government Index. This index tracks the performance of EUR denominated sovereign debt publicly issued by Euro member countries in either the Eurobond or the issuer's own domestic market.

### Expected Leverage

150% of the total net assets

The expected level of leverage may be higher when volatility decreases sustainably, when interest rates are expected to change or when credit spreads are expected to widen or tighten.

### This Fund is not a leveraged financial instrument

The Fund utilises financial derivative instruments for investment purposes and the global exposure is monitored under the relative VaR approach in line with UCITS Risk Measurement Rules. Whilst these instruments generate leverage, the Fund itself is not a leveraged financial instrument as further described in the MIFID Directive. For further details on the relative VaR approach please see Appendix 1. In addition to this regulatory restriction, Schroders implements internal controls on global exposure to constrain and/or highlight global exposure as appropriate.

### Specific Risk Considerations

The Fund has environmental and/or social characteristics (within the meaning of Article 8 SFDR). A Fund with these characteristics may have limited exposure to some companies, industries or sectors as a result and the Fund may forego certain investment opportunities, or dispose of certain holdings, that do not align with its sustainability criteria chosen by the Investment Manager. As Investors may differ in their views of what constitutes sustainable investing, the Fund may also invest in companies that do not reflect the beliefs and values of any particular Investor. Please refer to Appendix II for more details on sustainability risks.

The reference in the Investment Policy to a fund investing two-thirds of its assets in a certain way applies in normal market conditions. See paragraph (A) at the start of this Appendix for further information.

The level of distribution costs in certain jurisdictions may impact the ability of the Investment Manager to meet the Fund's investment objective across all Share Classes after fees have been deducted.

## Profile of the Typical Investor

The Fund may be suitable for Investors who are seeking to combine capital growth opportunities with income in the relative stability of the debt markets over the long term.

## Fund Characteristics

Fund Currency	EUR
Investment Manager	Schroder Investment Management Limited
Dealing Cut-off Time	13.00 Luxembourg time on Dealing Day
Dealing Frequency	Daily on Dealing Day
Settlement Period of Subscription and Redemption Proceeds <sup>1</sup>	3 Business Days from the relevant Dealing Day
Performance Fee	None
Redemption Charge	None
PEA / PIR Eligibility	No
Sustainability Criteria	<p>The Investment Manager applies governance and sustainability criteria when selecting investments for the Fund.</p> <p>Sustainability factors are assessed – across both sovereign markets and credit allocation decisions – in tandem with macroeconomic factors throughout the Investment Manager's top-down thematic investment process.</p> <p>In assessing sustainability factors for sovereign issuers, the Investment Manager considers that countries with stable and non-corrupt governments are likely to be more willing and able to service their debts, while political considerations, including the impact of social and governance factors, can influence a country's inflation and currency profile and thus have a material impact on the real value of debt. Environmental impacts – which can be more pertinent over a longer-term horizon – are also incorporated. The Investment Manager's approach includes the use of Schroders' proprietary sustainability tools to rank countries by measuring their performance against multiple sustainability-related indicators.</p> <p>Credit selection decisions are delegated to the Investment Manager's specialist credit investment teams, who aim to identify issuers demonstrating good or improving sustainability credentials, and those that impose a high cost on the environment and society. This involves:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– The exclusion of issuers <u>with certain exposure to specific activities that the Investment Manager considers environmentally destructive or socially damaging, violate human rights and/ or have demonstrated gross misconduct that the Investment Manager deems to have businesses that are materially damaging to the environment or impose unjustifiable social costs.</u></li> <li>– The inclusion of issuers that <u>the Investment Manager considers are well placed to deliver demonstrate stable and improving sustainability trajectories relative to their industry peers., and issuers demonstrating good governance based on the Investment Manager's sustainability rating methodology.</u></li> </ul> <p>The primary sources of information used to perform this analysis are the Investment Manager's proprietary tools and research, third-party research, NGO reports and expert networks. For corporate issuers, the Investment Manager also performs its own analysis of publicly available information provided by the companies, including information provided in company sustainability reports and other relevant company material.</p> <p>More details on the Investment Manager's approach to sustainability and its engagement with companies are available on the webpage <a href="https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/">https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/</a></p> <p>The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than its investment universe, based on the Investment Manager's rating system.</p> <p>The Investment Manager ensures that at least:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– 90% of the portion of the NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in developed countries; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with an investment grade credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by developed countries; and</li> <li>– 75% of the portion of the NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in emerging countries; equities issued by small and medium companies; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with a high yield credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by emerging countries,</li> </ul> <p>is rated against the sustainability criteria. For the purposes of this test, small companies are those with market capitalisation below €5 billion, medium companies are those between €5 billion and €10 billion and large companies are those above €10 billion.</p>

<sup>1</sup> Different subscription and redemption procedures may apply if applications are made through Distributors.

## General Share Class Features

Share Classes	Initial Charge <sup>2</sup>	Annual Distribution Charge <sup>3</sup>	Annual Management Charge
A Shares	Up to 3%	None	0.40%
AX Shares	Up to 3%	None	0.40%
A1 Shares	Up to 2%	0.50%	0.40%
B Shares	None	0.50%	0.40%
C Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.20%
CN Shares	Up to 3%	None	0.20%
CX Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.20%
D Shares	None	1.00%	0.40%
E Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.10%
IZ, IA, IB, IC, ID Shares	None	None	Up to 0.20%
Z Shares	None	None	Up to 0.20%

Annual Distribution Charge and Annual Management Charge percentages are stated as an annual charge with reference to the Net Asset Value of the Fund or the Net Asset Value per Share, as may be appropriate.

A share class hedging charge of up to 0.03% will be borne by the currency hedged Share Classes.

Not all Share Classes listed are available for subscription at the time of issue of this Prospectus. The Funds may also launch Bespoke Share Classes that are described under Appendix III at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>2</sup> The initial charge is applied against the total amount invested. The Management Company and Distributors are entitled to the initial charge, which can be partly or fully waived at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>3</sup> Annual Distribution Charges in respect of A1 and D Shares are paid at such intervals as may be agreed from time to time between the Company and those Distributors that are appointed specifically for the purpose of distributing such Shares. Annual Distribution Charges in respect of B Shares are payable quarterly.

# Schroder International Selection Fund EURO High Yield

## Investment Objective

The Fund aims to provide capital growth and income in excess of the ICE BofA Euro High Yield Constrained index after fees have been deducted over a three to five year period by investing in sub-investment grade fixed and floating rate securities denominated in Euro issued by companies worldwide.

## Investment Policy

The Fund is actively managed and invests at least two-thirds of its assets in fixed and floating rate securities denominated in EUR issued by governments, government agencies, supra-nationals and companies worldwide. The Fund also invests at least two-thirds of its assets in sub-investment grade fixed and floating rate securities (being securities with a credit rating below investment grade as measured by Standard & Poor's or any equivalent grade of other credit rating agencies).

The Fund may invest up to 10% of its assets in contingent convertible bonds.

The Fund may also invest up to one-third of its asset directly or indirectly in other securities (including other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies, Investment Funds, warrants and Money Market Investments, and hold cash (subject to the restrictions provided in Appendix I).

The Fund may also invest in derivatives to create long and short exposure to the underlying assets of these derivatives. The Fund may use derivatives with the aim of achieving investment gains, reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently.

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the ICE BofA Euro High Yield Constrained index, based on the Investment Manager's rating criteria. More details on the investment process used to achieve this can be found in the Fund Characteristics section.

The Fund does not directly invest in certain activities, industries or groups of issuers above the limits listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

## Benchmark

The Fund's performance should be assessed against its target benchmark being to exceed the ICE BofA Euro High Yield Constrained index. The Fund's investment universe is expected to overlap to a limited extent with the components of the target benchmark. However, the Fund will likely reflect certain features of the target benchmark (namely credit quality/duration, exposure to particular issuers). The Investment Manager invests on a discretionary basis and

there are no restrictions on the extent to which the Fund's portfolio and performance may deviate from the target benchmark. The Investment Manager will invest in companies or sectors not included in the target benchmark in order to take advantage of specific investment opportunities.

The target benchmark has been selected because it is representative of the type of investments in which the Fund is likely to invest and it is, therefore, an appropriate target in relation to the return that the Fund aims to provide.

The benchmark(s) does/do not take into account the environmental and social characteristics or sustainable objective (as relevant) of the Fund.

## Further Information

The Fund is categorised as "Specialist Bond Fund".

More information relating to the environmental and social characteristics or sustainable investment objective (as applicable) of the Fund is provided in Appendix IV in accordance with SFDR and Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288.

## Risk Considerations

### Specific Risk Considerations

The Fund has environmental and/or social characteristics (within the meaning of Article 8 SFDR). A Fund with these characteristics may have limited exposure to some companies, industries or sectors as a result and the Fund may forego certain investment opportunities, or dispose of certain holdings, that do not align with its sustainability criteria chosen by the Investment Manager. As Investors may differ in their views of what constitutes sustainable investing, the Fund may also invest in companies that do not reflect the beliefs and values of any particular Investor. Please refer to Appendix II for more details on sustainability risks.

The reference in the Investment Policy to a fund investing two-thirds of its assets in a certain way applies in normal market conditions. See paragraph (A) at the start of this Appendix for further information.

The level of distribution costs in certain jurisdictions may impact the ability of the Investment Manager to meet the Fund's investment objective across all Share Classes after fees have been deducted.

## Profile of the Typical Investor

The Fund may be suitable for Investors who are seeking to combine capital growth opportunities with income in the relative stability of the debt markets over the long term.

## Fund Characteristics

Fund Currency	EUR
Investment Manager	Schroder Investment Management Limited
Dealing Cut-off Time	13.00 Luxembourg time on Dealing Day
Dealing Frequency	Daily on Dealing Day



Settlement Period of Subscription and Redemption Proceeds <sup>1</sup>	3 Business Days from the relevant Dealing Day
Performance Fee	None
Redemption Charge	None
PEA / PIR Eligibility	No
Sustainability Criteria	<p>The Investment Manager applies governance and sustainability criteria when selecting investments for the Fund.</p> <p>The strategy aims to identify issuers demonstrating good or improving sustainability credentials, and those that impose a high cost on the environment and society. This involves:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The exclusion of issuers <u>with certain exposure to specific activities that the Investment Manager considers environmentally destructive or socially damaging, violate human rights and/ or have demonstrated gross misconduct that the Investment Manager deems to have businesses that are materially damaging to the climate and impose unjustifiable social costs.</u></li> <li>- The inclusion of issuers that <u>the Investment Manager considers are well placed to deliver demonstrate</u> stable and improving sustainability trajectories <u>relative to their industry peers, and issuers demonstrating good governance based on the Investment Manager's sustainability rating methodology.</u></li> </ul> <p>The Investment Manager may also engage with companies to encourage transparency, the transition to a circular economy with lower carbon emissions intensity and responsible social behaviour that promotes sustainable growth and alpha generation.</p> <p>The primary sources of information used to perform the analysis are the Investment Manager's proprietary tools and research, third-party research, NGO reports and expert networks. The Investment Manager also performs its own analysis of publicly available information provided by the companies, including information provided in company sustainability reports and other relevant company material.</p> <p>More details on the Investment Manager's approach to sustainability and its engagement with companies are available on the webpage <a href="https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/">https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/</a></p> <p>The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than its investment universe, based on the Investment Manager's rating system.</p> <p>The Investment Manager ensures that at least:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 90% of the portion of the NAV composed of fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with an investment grade credit rating; sovereign debt issued by developed countries; and equities issued by large companies domiciled in developed countries; and</li> <li>- 75% of the portion of the NAV composed of fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with a high yield credit rating; sovereign debt issued by emerging countries equities issued by large companies domiciled in emerging countries; equities issued by small and medium companies,</li> </ul> <p>is rated against the sustainability criteria. For the purposes of this test, small companies are those with market capitalisation below €5 billion, medium companies are those between €5 billion and €10 billion and large companies are those above €10 billion.</p>

<sup>1</sup> Different subscription and redemption procedures may apply if applications are made through Distributors.

## General Share Class Features

Share Classes	Initial Charge <sup>2</sup>	Annual Distribution Charge <sup>3</sup>	Annual Management Charge
A Shares	Up to 3%	None	1.00%
AX Shares	Up to 3%	None	1.00%
A1 Shares	Up to 2%	0.50%	1.00%
B Shares	None	0.50%	1.00%
C Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.60%
CN Shares	Up to 3%	None	0.60%
CX Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.60%
D Shares	None	1.00%	1.00%
E Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.30%
IZ, IA, IB, IC, ID Shares	None	None	Up to 0.60%
Z Shares	None	None	Up to 0.60%

Annual Distribution Charge and Annual Management Charge percentages are stated as an annual charge with reference to the Net Asset Value of the Fund or the Net Asset Value per Share, as may be appropriate.

A share class hedging charge of up to 0.03% will be borne by the currency hedged Share Classes.

Not all Share Classes listed are available for subscription at the time of issue of this Prospectus. The Funds may also launch Bespoke Share Classes that are described under Appendix III at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>2</sup> The initial charge is applied against the total amount invested. The Management Company and Distributors are entitled to the initial charge, which can be partly or fully waived at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>3</sup> Annual Distribution Charge in respect of A1 and D Shares are paid at such intervals as may be agreed from time to time between the Company and those Distributors that are appointed specifically for the purpose of distributing such Shares. Annual Distribution charges in respect of B Shares are payable quarterly.

# Schroder International Selection Fund EURO Short Term Bond

## Investment Objective

The Fund aims to provide capital growth and income in excess of the Bloomberg Euro Aggregate (1-3 Y) index after fees have been deducted over a three to five year period by investing in short term fixed and floating rate securities denominated in Euro.

## Investment Policy

The Fund is actively managed and invests at least two-thirds of its assets in short term fixed and floating rate securities with an investment grade or sub-investment grade credit rating (as measured by Standard & Poor's or any equivalent grade of other credit rating agencies for rated bonds and implied Schroders ratings for non-rated bonds) denominated in Euro, issued by governments, government agencies, supra-nationals and companies worldwide.

The average duration of the securities held by the Fund does not exceed 3 years and the effective maturity of any such security does not exceed 5 years.

The Fund may also invest up to one-third of its assets directly or indirectly in other securities (including other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies, Investment Funds, warrants and Money Market Investments, and hold cash (subject to the restrictions provided in Appendix I).

The Fund may use derivatives, long and short, with the aim of achieving investment gains, reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently.

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the Bloomberg Euro Aggregate (1-3 Y) index, based on the Investment Manager's rating criteria. More details on the investment process used to achieve this can be found in the Fund Characteristics section.

The Fund does not directly invest in certain activities, industries or groups of issuers above the limits listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

## Benchmark

The Fund's performance should be assessed against its target benchmark being to exceed the Bloomberg Euro Aggregate (1-3 Y) index. The Fund's investment universe is expected to overlap to a limited extent with the components of the target benchmark. However, the Fund will likely reflect certain features of the target benchmark (namely credit quality/duration, currency exposure/exposure to particular issuers). The Investment Manager invests on a discretionary basis and there are no restrictions on the extent to which the Fund's portfolio and performance may deviate from the target benchmark. The Investment Manager will invest in companies or sectors not included in the target benchmark in order to take advantage of specific investment opportunities.

The target benchmark has been selected because it is representative of the type of investments in which the Fund is likely to invest and it is, therefore, an appropriate target in relation to the return that the Fund aims to provide.

The benchmark(s) does/do not take into account the environmental and social characteristics or sustainable objective (as relevant) of the Fund.

## Further Information

The Fund is categorised as "Mainstream Bond Fund".

More information relating to the environmental and social characteristics or sustainable investment objective (as applicable) of the Fund is provided in Appendix IV in accordance with SFDR and Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288.

## Risk Considerations

### Risk Management Method

Relative Value-at-Risk (VaR)

### VaR Benchmark

Bloomberg Euro Aggregate 1-3 Year index. This index is composed of fixed-rate euro-zone government and corporate bonds with a residual maturity comprised between 1 and 3 years.

### Expected Leverage

200% of the total net assets

The expected level of leverage may be higher when volatility decreases sustainably, when interest rates are expected to change or when credit spreads are expected to widen or tighten.

### This Fund is not a leveraged financial instrument

The Fund utilises financial derivative instruments for investment purposes and the global exposure is monitored under the relative VaR approach in line with UCITS Risk Measurement Rules. Whilst these instruments generate leverage, the Fund itself is not a leveraged financial instrument as further described in the MIFID Directive. For further details on the relative VaR approach please see Appendix 1. In addition to this regulatory restriction, Schroders implements internal controls on global exposure to constrain and/or highlight global exposure as appropriate.

### Specific Risk Considerations

The Fund has environmental and/or social characteristics (within the meaning of Article 8 SFDR). A Fund with these characteristics may have limited exposure to some companies, industries or sectors as a result and the Fund may forego certain investment opportunities, or dispose of certain holdings, that do not align with its sustainability criteria chosen by the Investment Manager. As Investors may differ in their views of what constitutes sustainable investing, the Fund may also invest in companies that do not reflect the beliefs and values of any particular Investor. Please refer to Appendix II for more details on sustainability risks.

The reference in the Investment Policy to a fund investing two-thirds of its assets in a certain way applies in normal market conditions. See paragraph (A) at the start of this Appendix for further information.

The level of distribution costs in certain jurisdictions may impact the ability of the Investment Manager to meet the Fund's investment objective across all Share Classes after fees have been deducted.

## Profile of the Typical Investor

The Fund may be suitable for Investors who are seeking to combine capital growth opportunities with income in the relative stability of the debt markets over the long term.

## Fund Characteristics

Fund Currency	EUR
Investment Manager	Schroder Investment Management Limited
Dealing Cut-off Time	13.00 Luxembourg time on Dealing Day
Dealing Frequency	Daily on Dealing Day
Settlement Period of Subscription and Redemption Proceeds <sup>1</sup>	3 Business Days from the relevant Dealing Day
Performance Fee	None
Redemption Charge	None
PEA / PIR Eligibility	No
Sustainability Criteria	<p>The Investment Manager applies governance and sustainability criteria when selecting investments for the Fund.</p> <p>Sustainability factors are assessed – across both sovereign markets and credit allocation decisions – in tandem with macroeconomic factors throughout the Investment Manager's top-down thematic investment process.</p> <p>In assessing sustainability factors for sovereign issuers, the Investment Manager considers that countries with stable and non-corrupt governments are likely to be more willing and able to service their debts, while political considerations, including the impact of social and governance factors, can influence a country's inflation and currency profile and thus have a material impact on the real value of debt. Environmental impacts – which can be more pertinent over a longer-term horizon – are also incorporated. The Investment Manager's approach includes the use of Schroders' proprietary sustainability tools to rank countries by measuring their performance against multiple sustainability-related indicators.</p> <p>Credit selection decisions are delegated to the Investment Manager's specialist credit investment teams, who aim to identify issuers demonstrating good or improving sustainability credentials, and those that impose a high cost on the environment and society. This involves:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– The exclusion of issuers <u>with certain exposure to specific activities that the Investment Manager considers environmentally destructive or socially damaging, violate human rights and/ or have demonstrated gross misconduct that the Investment Manager deems to have businesses that are materially damaging to the environment or impose unjustifiable social costs.</u></li> <li>– The inclusion of issuers that <u>the Investment Manager considers are well placed to deliver demonstrate</u> stable and improving sustainability trajectories <u>relative to their industry peers, and issuers demonstrating good governance based on the Investment Manager's sustainability rating methodology.</u></li> </ul> <p>The primary sources of information used to perform this analysis are the Investment Manager's proprietary tools and research, third-party research, NGO reports and expert networks. For corporate issuers, the Investment Manager also performs its own analysis of publicly available information provided by the companies, including information provided in company sustainability reports and other relevant company material.</p> <p>More details on the Investment Manager's approach to sustainability and its engagement with companies are available on the webpage <a href="https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/">https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/</a></p> <p>The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than its investment universe, based on the Investment Manager's rating system.</p> <p>The Investment Manager ensures that at least:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– 90% of the portion of the NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in developed countries; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with an investment grade credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by developed countries; and</li> <li>– 75% of the portion of the NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in emerging countries; equities issued by small and medium companies; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with a high yield credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by emerging countries,</li> </ul>

<sup>1</sup> Different subscription and redemption procedures may apply if applications are made through Distributors.

is rated against the sustainability criteria. For the purposes of this test, small companies are those with market capitalisation below €5 billion, medium companies are those between €5 billion and €10 billion and large companies are those above €10 billion.

## General Share Class Features

Share Classes	Initial Charge <sup>2</sup>	Annual Distribution Charge <sup>3</sup>	Annual Management Charge
A Shares	Up to 3%	None	0.50%
AX Shares	Up to 3%	None	0.50%
A1 Shares	Up to 2%	0.50%	0.50%
B Shares	None	0.10%	0.50%
C Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.20%
CN Shares	Up to 3%	None	0.20%
CX Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.20%
D Shares	None	1.00%	0.50%
E Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.10%
IZ, IA, IB, IC, ID Shares	None	None	Up to 0.20%
Z Shares	None	None	Up to 0.20%

Annual Distribution Charge and Annual Management Charge percentages are stated as an annual charge with reference to the Net Asset Value of the Fund or the Net Asset Value per Share, as may be appropriate.

A share class hedging charge of up to 0.03% will be borne by the currency hedged Share Classes.

Not all Share Classes listed are available for subscription at the time of issue of this Prospectus. The Funds may also launch Bespoke Share Classes that are described under Appendix III at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>2</sup> The initial charge is applied against the total amount invested. The Management Company and Distributors are entitled to the initial charge, which can be partly or fully waived at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>3</sup> Annual Distribution Charge in respect of A1 and D Shares are paid at such intervals as may be agreed from time to time between the Company and those Distributors that are appointed specifically for the purpose of distributing such Shares. Annual Distribution charges in respect of B Shares are payable quarterly.

# Schroder International Selection Fund European Alpha Absolute Return

## Investment Objective

The Fund aims to provide an absolute return after fees have been deducted by investing directly, or indirectly through derivatives, in equity and equity related securities of European companies.

Absolute return means the Fund seeks to provide a positive return over a period of 12 months in all market conditions, but this cannot be guaranteed and your capital is at risk.

## Investment Policy

The Fund is actively managed and invests at least two-thirds of its assets directly, or indirectly through derivatives, in equity and equity related securities of European companies.

'Alpha' funds invest in companies in which the Investment Manager has a high conviction that the current share price does not reflect the future prospects for that business.

The investment strategy of the Fund and the use of derivatives may lead to situations where it is considered appropriate that prudent levels of cash and Money Market Investments will be maintained which may represent (exceptionally) 100% of the Fund's assets. This will be limited to a maximum of six months (otherwise the Fund will be liquidated). During this period, the Fund will not fall within the scope of MMFR.

The Fund may also invest up to one-third of its assets directly or indirectly in other securities (including other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies, Investment Funds and warrants (subject to the restrictions provided in Appendix I).

The Fund intends to use derivatives (including total return swaps) with the aim of achieving investment gains, reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently. The Fund may have synthetic long and short positions and may be net long or short when long and short positions are combined. Where the Fund uses total return swaps and contracts for difference, the underlying consists of instruments in which the Fund may invest according to its Investment Objective and Investment Policy. In particular, the aim is to use total return swaps on a temporary basis in market conditions including but not limited to during periods of market crisis or unrest. Contracts for difference will be used on a continuous basis. Contracts for difference and total return swaps will be used to gain long and short exposure or to hedge exposure on equity and equity related securities. The gross exposure of total return swaps and contracts for difference will not exceed 250% and is expected to remain within the range of 0% to 50% of the Net Asset Value for total return swaps and 40% to 170% for contracts for difference. In certain circumstances this proportion may be higher.

The Fund maintains a positive absolute sustainability score, based on the Investment Manager's rating system. More details on the investment process used to achieve this can be found in the Fund Characteristics section.

The Fund does not directly invest in certain activities, industries or groups of issuers above the limits listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

## Benchmark

The Fund's performance should be assessed against its objective of providing a positive return over a 12-month period in all market conditions, and compared against the MSCI Europe (Net TR) index and the Euro Short Term Rate (or an alternative reference rate). The comparator benchmarks are only included for performance comparison purposes and do not determine how the Investment Manager invests the Fund's assets. In relation to the MSCI Europe (Net TR) index, the Fund's investment universe is expected to overlap materially, directly or indirectly, with the components of the comparator benchmark. The Investment Manager invests on a discretionary basis and there are no restrictions on the extent to which the Fund's portfolio and performance may deviate from the MSCI Europe (Net TR) index. The Investment Manager will invest in companies or sectors not included in the MSCI Europe (Net TR) index.

The target benchmark has been selected because the target return of the Fund is to deliver or exceed the return of that benchmark as stated in the investment objective. Any comparator benchmark has been selected because the Investment Manager believes that the benchmark is a suitable comparison for performance purposes given the Fund's investment objective and policy.

The benchmark(s) does/do not take into account the environmental and social characteristics or sustainable objective (as relevant) of the Fund.

## Further Information

The Fund is categorised as "Absolute Return Fund" which is managed with a view to generating a positive return (i.e. greater than zero) over a rolling period of no more than 12 months. The Investment Manager will seek to generate such a return even in falling markets (or in expectation of falling markets) by either shorting (on a covered basis) the various sources of return and/or moving into cash and Money Market Investments. There is no guarantee that such objective may be achieved.

The Fund bears in its name the word "Alpha", which means that the Investment Manager adopts an active management strategy, by aggressively positioning the portfolio according to prevailing market conditions. This could be on the basis of particular sectors, themes or styles, or on a selected number of investments which the Investment Manager believes have the potential to provide enhanced returns relative to the market.

The reference in the Investment Policy to the Fund investing two-thirds of its assets in a certain way, the percentage is calculated based on the Fund's global exposure (the remaining percentage of the Fund will also be calculated based on the Fund's global exposure).

More information relating to the environmental and social characteristics or sustainable investment objective (as applicable) of the Fund is provided in Appendix IV in accordance with SFDR and Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288.



## Risk Considerations

### Risk Management Method

Absolute Value-at-Risk (VaR)

### Expected Leverage

300% of the total net assets

The expected level of leverage may be higher when volatility decreases sustainably, or when bearish markets are expected.

### This Fund is not a leveraged financial instrument

The Fund utilises financial derivative instruments for investment purposes and the global exposure is monitored under the absolute VaR approach in line with UCITS Risk Measurement Rules. Whilst these instruments generate leverage, the Fund itself is not a leveraged financial instrument as further described in the MIFID Directive. For further details on the absolute VaR approach please see Appendix 1. In addition to this regulatory restriction, Schroders implements internal controls on global exposure to constrain and/or highlight global exposure as appropriate.

### Specific Risk Considerations

The Fund has environmental and/or social characteristics (within the meaning of Article 8 SFDR). A Fund with these characteristics may have limited exposure to some

companies, industries or sectors as a result and the Fund may forego certain investment opportunities, or dispose of certain holdings, that do not align with its sustainability criteria chosen by the Investment Manager. As Investors may differ in their views of what constitutes sustainable investing, the Fund may also invest in companies that do not reflect the beliefs and values of any particular Investor. Please refer to Appendix II for more details on sustainability risks.

The reference in the Investment Policy to a fund investing two-thirds of its assets in a certain way applies in normal market conditions. See paragraph (A) at the start of this Appendix for further information.

The level of distribution costs in certain jurisdictions may impact the ability of the Investment Manager to meet the Fund's investment objective across all Share Classes after fees have been deducted.

### Profile of the Typical Investor

The Fund may be suitable for Investors who are seeking positive absolute return over the medium to longer term (at least 5 years) by investing in an actively managed portfolio. The Investor must be able to accept temporary capital losses due to the potentially volatile nature of the assets held.

## Fund Characteristics

Fund Currency	EUR
Investment Manager	Schroder Investment Management Limited
Dealing Cut-off Time	13.00 Luxembourg time on Dealing Day
Dealing Frequency	Daily on Dealing Day
Settlement Period of Subscription and Redemption Proceeds <sup>1</sup>	3 Business Days from the relevant Dealing Day
Performance Fee	20% of the outperformance over the Euro Short Term Rate <sup>2</sup> , subject to a High Water Mark as per the methodology in section 3.1. Performance fee will be applied to all Share Classes except the I Shares
Redemption Charge	None
PEA / PIR Eligibility	No
Sustainability Criteria	<p>The Investment Manager applies governance and sustainability criteria when selecting investments for the Fund.</p> <p>Companies in the investment universe are assessed on their governance, environmental and social profile, across a range of factors. This analysis is a combination of quantitative and qualitative inputs, gained from Schroders' proprietary sustainability tools as well as the Investment Manager's own research and analysis.</p> <p>These factors are considered as part of the investment decision making process to determine which companies the Investment Manager includes within the Fund.</p> <p>The sources of information used to perform the analysis include information provided by the companies, such as company sustainability reports and other relevant company material, as well as Schroders' proprietary sustainability tools and third-party data.</p> <p>More details on the Investment Manager's approach to sustainability and its engagement with companies are available on the webpage <a href="https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/">https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/</a></p>

<sup>1</sup> Different subscription and redemption procedures may apply if applications are made through Distributors.

<sup>2</sup> For the avoidance of doubt, the above mentioned benchmarks are solely used for performance fee calculation purposes, and they should therefore under no circumstances be considered as indicative of a specific investment style. In relation to currency hedged Share Classes, currency hedged versions of the above mentioned benchmarks (including currency equivalent cash benchmarks) are used for performance fee calculation purposes.

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than its investment universe, based on the Investment Manager's rating system.

The Investment Manager ensures that at least:

- 90% of the portion of the NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in developed countries; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with an investment grade credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by developed countries; and
- 75% of the portion of the NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in emerging countries; equities issued by small and medium companies; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with a high yield credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by emerging countries,

is rated against the sustainability criteria. For the purposes of this test, small companies are those with market capitalisation below €5 billion, medium companies are those between €5 billion and €10 billion and large companies are those above €10 billion.

## General Share Class Features

Share Classes	Initial Charge <sup>3</sup>	Annual Distribution Charge <sup>4</sup>	Annual Management Charge
A Shares	Up to 3%	None	1.25%
AX Shares	Up to 3%	None	1.25%
A1 Shares	Up to 2%	0.50%	1.25%
B Shares	None	0.50%	1.25%
C Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.75%
CN Shares	Up to 3%	None	0.75%
CX Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.75%
D Shares	None	1.00%	1.50%
E Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.375%
IZ, IA, IB, IC, ID Shares	None	None	Up to 0.75%
Z Shares	None	None	Up to 0.75%

Annual Distribution Charge and Annual Management Charge percentages are stated as an annual charge with reference to the Net Asset Value of the Fund or the Net Asset Value per Share, as may be appropriate.

A share class hedging charge of up to 0.03% will be borne by the currency hedged Share Classes.

Not all Share Classes listed are available for subscription at the time of issue of this Prospectus. The Funds may also launch Bespoke Share Classes that are described under Appendix III at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>3</sup> The initial charge is applied against the total amount invested. The Management Company and Distributors are entitled to the initial charge, which can be partly or fully waived at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>4</sup> Annual Distribution Charges in respect of A1 and D Shares are paid at such intervals as may be agreed from time to time between the Company and those Distributors that are appointed specifically for the purpose of distributing such Shares. Annual Distribution Charges in respect of B Shares are payable quarterly.

# Schroder International Selection Fund European Dividend Maximiser

## Investment Objective

The Fund aims to deliver an income of 7% per year by investing in equities or equity related securities of European companies. This is not guaranteed and could change depending on market conditions.

## Investment Policy

The Fund is actively managed and invests at least two thirds of its assets in equities or equity related securities of European companies, which are selected for their income and capital growth potential. To enhance the yield of the Fund, the Investment Manager selectively sells short dated call options over individual securities held by the Fund, generating extra income by agreeing strike prices above which potential capital growth is sold.

The Fund may also invest up to one-third of its assets directly or indirectly in other securities (including other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies, Investment Funds, warrants and Money Market Investments, and hold cash (subject to the restrictions provided in Appendix I).

The Fund may use derivatives with the aim of achieving investment gains, reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently.

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the MSCI Europe (Net TR) index, based on the Investment Manager's rating system. It also maintains a carbon intensity below that of the MSCI Europe (Net TR) index. More details on the investment process used to achieve this can be found in the Fund Characteristics section.

The Fund does not directly invest in certain activities, industries or groups of issuers above the limits listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

## Benchmark

The Fund's performance should be assessed against the income target of 7% per year, and compared against the MSCI Europe (Net TR) index and the Morningstar Europe Equity Income Category. The comparator benchmarks are only included for performance comparison purposes and do not determine how the Investment Manager invests the Fund's assets. In relation to the MSCI Europe (Net TR) index, the Fund's investment universe is expected to overlap materially with the components of the comparator benchmark. The Investment Manager invests on a discretionary basis and there are no restrictions on the extent to which the Fund's portfolio and performance may deviate from the MSCI Europe (Net TR) index. The Investment Manager will invest in companies or sectors not

included in the MSCI Europe (Net TR) index. The benchmark (s) does/do not take into account the environmental and social characteristics or sustainable objective (as relevant) of the Fund.

The income target has been selected because the Investment Manager deploys strategies that aim to deliver the level of income stated in the investment objective. Any comparator benchmark has been selected because the Investment Manager believes that the benchmark is a suitable comparison for performance purposes given the Fund's investment objective and policy.

## Further Information

The Fund is categorised as "Specialist Equity Fund".

More information relating to the environmental and social characteristics or sustainable investment objective (as applicable) of the Fund is provided in Appendix IV in accordance with SFDR and Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288.

## Risk Considerations

### Specific Risk Considerations

This Fund makes use of derivatives in a way that is fundamental to its investment objective. It is expected that the strategy will typically underperform a similar portfolio with no derivative overlay in periods when the underlying stock prices are rising, and outperform when the underlying stock prices are falling.

The reference in the Investment Policy to a fund investing two-thirds of its assets in a certain way applies in normal market conditions. See paragraph (A) at the start of this Appendix for further information.

The Fund has environmental and/or social characteristics (within the meaning of Article 8 SFDR). A Fund with these characteristics may have limited exposure to some companies, industries or sectors as a result and the Fund may forego certain investment opportunities, or dispose of certain holdings, that do not align with its sustainability criteria chosen by the Investment Manager. As Investors may differ in their views of what constitutes sustainable investing, the Fund may also invest in companies that do not reflect the beliefs and values of any particular Investor. Please refer to Appendix II for more details on sustainability risks.

## Profile of the Typical Investor

The Fund may be suitable for Investors who are more concerned with maximising long term returns than minimising possible short term losses.

## Fund Characteristics

Fund Currency	EUR
Investment Manager	Schroder Investment Management Limited
Dealing Cut-off Time	13.00 Luxembourg time on Dealing Day
Dealing Frequency	Daily on Dealing Day

Settlement Period of Subscription and Redemption Proceeds <sup>1</sup>	3 Business Days from the relevant Dealing Day
Performance Fee	None
Redemption Charge	None
PEA / PIR Eligibility	No
Sustainability Criteria	<p>The Investment Manager applies governance and sustainability criteria when selecting investments for the Fund.</p> <p>Companies in the investment universe are assessed on their governance, environmental and social profile, across a range of factors. This analysis is supported by quantitative analysis gained from Schroders in-house ESG data tools. The Investment Manager assesses a company's environment and social impact, as well as governance practices, using proprietary sustainability tools. In addition, the Investment Manager also performs its own research and analysis before deciding whether a company is eligible for inclusion in the Fund, based on its overall sustainability profile. Proprietary tools will be key inputs to measure how companies in the portfolio are meeting the sustainability credentials outlined above.</p> <p>The sources of information used to perform the analysis include information provided by the companies, such as company sustainability reports and other relevant company material, as well as Schroders' proprietary sustainability tools and third-party data.</p> <p>Companies in the investment universe are subject to analysis related to their individual total scope 1 &amp; 2 carbon emissions. The sources of information used to perform the analysis include Schroders' proprietary sustainability tools and third-party data.</p> <p>More details on the Investment Manager's approach to sustainability and its engagement with companies are available on the webpage <a href="https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/">https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/</a></p> <p>The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than its investment universe, based on the Investment Manager's rating system.</p> <p>The Investment Manager ensures that at least:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 90% of the portion of the NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in developed countries; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with an investment grade credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by developed countries; and</li> <li>- 75% of the portion of the NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in emerging countries; equities issued by small and medium companies; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with a high yield credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by emerging countries,</li> </ul> <p>is rated against the sustainability criteria. For the purposes of this test, small companies are those with market capitalisation below €5 billion, medium companies are those between €5 billion and €10 billion and large companies are those above €10 billion.</p>

<sup>1</sup> Different subscription and redemption procedures may apply if applications are made through Distributors.

## General Share Class Features

Share Classes	Initial Charge <sup>2</sup>	Annual Distribution Charge <sup>3</sup>	Annual Management Charge
A Shares	Up to 5%	None	1.50%
AX Shares	Up to 5%	None	1.50%
A1 Shares	Up to 4%	0.50%	1.50%
B Shares	None	0.60%	1.50%
C Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.75%
CN Shares	Up to 3%	None	0.75%
CX Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.75%
D Shares	None	1.00%	1.50%
E Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.50%
IZ, IA, IB, IC, ID Shares	None	None	Up to 0.75%
Z Shares	None	None	Up to 0.75%

Annual Distribution Charge and Annual Management Charge percentages are stated as an annual charge with reference to the Net Asset Value of the Fund or the Net Asset Value per Share, as may be appropriate.

A share class hedging charge of up to 0.03% will be borne by the currency hedged Share Classes.

Not all Share Classes listed are available for subscription at the time of issue of this Prospectus. The Funds may also launch Bespoke Share Classes that are described under Appendix III at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>2</sup> The initial charge is applied against the total amount invested. The Management Company and Distributors are entitled to the initial charge, which can be partly or fully waived at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>3</sup> Annual Distribution Charges in respect of A1 and D Shares are paid at such intervals as may be agreed from time to time between the Company and those Distributors that are appointed specifically for the purpose of distributing such Shares. Annual Distribution Charges in respect of B Shares are payable quarterly.

# Schroder International Selection Fund European Equity

## ImpactInnovators

**As of 8 May 2024 the Fund's name will change to Schroder International Selection Fund European Equity Impact**

### Investment Objective

The Fund aims to provide capital growth in excess of the MSCI Europe (Net TR) index after fees have been deducted over a three to five year period by investing in equity and equity related securities of European companies which help to advance the UN SDGs and which the Investment Manager deems to be sustainable investments.

**As of 8 May 2024 the Investment Objective section will change to:**

The Fund aims to provide capital growth in excess of the MSCI Europe (Net TR) index after fees have been deducted over a three to five year period by investing in equity and equity related securities of European companies whose activities the Investment Manager considers create positive social or environmental impact and which the Investment Manager deems to be sustainable investments.

### Investment Policy

The Fund is actively managed and invests its assets in (i) sustainable investments, which are investments in companies that contribute towards the advancement of one or more of the UN SDGs using a science or engineering-driven, innovation-led approach (please see the Fund Characteristics section for more details), and (ii) investments that the Investment Manager deems to be neutral under its sustainability criteria.

The Fund does not directly invest in certain activities, industries or groups of issuers above the limits listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

The Fund invests in companies that do not cause significant environmental or social harm and have good governance practices, as determined by the Investment Manager's rating criteria (please see the Fund Characteristics section for more details).

The Investment Manager may engage with companies held by the Fund to challenge identified areas of weakness on sustainability issues. More details on the Investment Manager's approach to sustainability and its engagement with companies are available on the webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/>

The Fund will invest at least two thirds of its assets in a concentrated range of equity and equity related securities of European companies. This means typically holding fewer than 30 companies.

The Fund may also invest up to one-third of its assets directly or indirectly in other securities (including other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies; Investment Funds, warrants and Money Market Investments, and hold cash (subject to the restrictions provided in Appendix I).

The Fund may use derivatives with the aim of achieving investment gains, reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently.

**As of 8 May 2024 the Investment Policy section will change to:**

The Fund is actively managed and invests its assets in (i) sustainable investments, which are investments in companies that contribute towards the advancement of an environmental or social objective linked to one or more of the UN SDGs using a science or engineering-driven, innovation-led approach (please see the Fund Characteristics section for more details), and (ii) investments that the Investment Manager deems to be neutral under its sustainability criteria such as cash and Money Market Investments and derivatives used with the aim of reducing risk (hedging) or managing the Fund more efficiently.

The Investment Manager will select companies from a universe of eligible companies that have been determined as meeting the Investment Manager's impact criteria. The impact criteria include an assessment of the company's contribution to the UN SDGs alongside the Investment Manager's assessment of the company's impact via its proprietary impact investment management framework and tools (including an impact scorecard).

The Fund is part of Schroders' Impact Driven strategies. As such, it applies highly selective investment criteria and its investment process is aligned with the Operating Principles for Impact Management which means that an assessment of impact is embedded in the steps of the investment process. All sustainable investments in the Fund are subject to this framework.

The Fund does not directly invest in certain activities, industries or groups of issuers above the limits listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

The Fund invests in companies that do not cause significant environmental or social harm and have good governance practices, as determined by the Investment Manager's rating criteria (please see the Fund Characteristics section for more details).

The Investment Manager may also engage with companies held by the Fund to seek to improve sustainability practices and enhance social and environmental impacts generated by underlying investee companies. More details on the Investment Manager's approach to sustainability and its engagement with companies are available on the webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/>

The Fund will invest at least two thirds of its assets in a concentrated range of equity and equity related securities of European companies. This means typically holding fewer than 30 companies.

The Fund may also invest up to one-third of its assets directly or indirectly in other securities (including other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies,



Investment Funds, warrants and Money Market Investments, and hold cash (subject to the restrictions provided in Appendix I).

The Fund may use derivatives with the aim of achieving investment gains, reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently.

## Benchmark

The Fund's performance should be assessed against its target benchmark being to exceed the MSCI Europe (Net TR) index, and compared against the Morningstar Europe Flex Cap Equity Category. The Fund's investment universe is expected to overlap materially with the components of the target benchmark. The comparator benchmark is only included for performance comparison purposes and does not determine how the Investment Manager invests the Fund's assets. The Investment Manager invests on a discretionary basis and there are no restrictions on the extent to which the Fund's portfolio and performance may deviate from the target benchmark. The Investment Manager will invest in companies or sectors not included in the target benchmark in order to take advantage of specific investment opportunities. The benchmark(s) does/do not take into account the environmental and social characteristics or sustainable objective (as relevant) of the Fund.

The target benchmark has been selected because it is representative of the type of investments in which the Fund is likely to invest and it is, therefore, an appropriate target in relation to the return that the Fund aims to provide. The comparator benchmark has been selected because the Investment Manager believes that the benchmark is a suitable comparison for performance purposes given the Fund's investment objective and policy.

## Further Information

The Fund is categorised as "Specialist Equity Fund".

## Fund Characteristics

Fund Currency	EUR
Investment Manager	Schroder Investment Management Limited
Dealing Cut-off Time	13.00 Luxembourg time on Dealing Day
Dealing Frequency	Daily on Dealing Day
Settlement Period of Subscription and Redemption Proceeds <sup>1</sup>	3 Business Days from the relevant Dealing Day
Performance Fee	None
Redemption Charge	None
PEA / PIR Eligibility	No
Sustainability Criteria	<p><b>The Investment Manager applies sustainability criteria when selecting investments for the Fund:</b></p> <p>The Investment Manager seeks to identify science and engineering-led European companies whose business contributes to addressing challenges faced in society such as reducing CO2 emissions; tackling air pollution and managing the use of scarce resources. The Investment Manager also seeks to identify companies that provide solutions to address the needs of growing and aging populations in areas including healthcare, transport, food and access to crucial services. The Investment Manager will assess how a company is helping to solve problems in society by drawing links between the products and services it sells and one, if not several, of the UN SDGs.</p> <p>Companies held by the Fund are expected to show a commitment to their stakeholders, including customers, employees, suppliers and regulators. The Fund invests in those companies which consider stakeholders fairly and have good governance.</p>

More information relating to the environmental and social characteristics or sustainable investment objective (as applicable) of the Fund is provided in Appendix IV in accordance with SFDR and Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288.

## Risk Considerations

### Specific Risk Considerations

This Fund makes use of derivatives in a way that is fundamental to its investment objective. It is possible that this will lead to a higher volatility in the price of Shares.

The reference in the Investment Policy to a fund investing two thirds of its assets in a certain way applies in normal market conditions. See paragraph (A) at the start of this Appendix for further information.

The level of distribution costs in certain jurisdictions may impact the ability of the Investment Manager to meet the Fund's investment objective across all Share Classes after fees have been deducted.

The Fund has the objective of sustainable investment (within the meaning of Article 9 SFDR). A Fund with this objective may have limited exposure to some companies, industries or sectors as a result and the Fund may forego certain investment opportunities, or dispose of certain holdings, that do not align with its sustainability criteria chosen by the Investment Manager. As Investors may differ in their views of what constitutes sustainable investing, the Fund may also invest in companies that do not reflect the beliefs and values of any particular Investor. Please refer to Appendix II for more details on sustainability risks.

### Profile of the Typical Investor

The Fund may be suitable for Investors who are more concerned with maximising long term returns than minimising possible short term losses.

<sup>1</sup> Different subscription and redemption procedures may apply if applications are made through Distributors.

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Companies meeting the above criteria are considered as potential holdings in the Fund. The Investment Manager performs its own due diligence on potential holdings including, where possible, meetings with senior management.

This analysis is supported by quantitative analysis gained from Schroders' proprietary sustainability tools. Such tools are key inputs to measure how companies in the portfolio are meeting the sustainability credentials outlined above.

The Investment Manager ensures that at least 90% of the portion of the Fund's Net Asset Value composed of investments in companies is rated against the sustainability criteria. As a result of the application of sustainability criteria, at least 20% of the Fund's potential investment universe is excluded from the selection of investments.

For the purposes of this test, the potential investment universe is the core universe of issuers that the Investment Manager may select for the Fund prior to the application of sustainability criteria, in accordance with the other limitations of the Investment Objective and Policy. This universe is comprised of equity and equity related securities of European companies.

**As of 8 May the Sustainability Criteria section will change to:**

The Investment Manager applies sustainability criteria when selecting investments for the Fund.

The Investment Manager seeks to identify science and engineering-led European companies whose business contributes to addressing challenges faced in society such as reducing CO2 emissions, tackling air pollution and managing the use of scarce resources. The Investment Manager also seeks to identify companies that provide solutions to address the needs of growing and aging populations in areas including healthcare, transport, food and access to crucial services.

Investments are composed of companies whose products and services contribute positively to at least one of the UN SDGs. In order to identify companies with a direct link to a UN SDG, the Investment Manager applies a two step approach:

The first is a revenue based approach that considers whether a certain percentage of the relevant company's revenues, capital expenditure or operating expenditure contributes to an environmental or social objective (as applicable).

The second is a detailed impact assessment of the company via the completion of a proprietary impact scorecard. The Investment Manager considers different aspects of impact such as: what outcome and UN SDGs the company is contributing to; who is served by the outcome (such as the relevant stakeholder or industry); an assessment of our expected contribution (including Schroders influence and engagement); and consideration of impact risks. The assessment typically includes Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) that are used to track the company's impact over time.

The company and impact scorecard are then validated and approved by Schroders' Impact Assessment Group (IAG), in order for the company to be eligible for inclusion in the Fund's investible universe. The IAG consists of members from Schroders' impact and sustainable investment teams and members of the investment team. There may be some limited instances where step 2 and the IAG approval may follow subsequently (such as a particularly time sensitive investment).

The Investment Manager ensures that at least 90% of the portion of the Fund's Net Asset Value composed of investments in companies is rated against the sustainability criteria. As a result of the application of sustainability criteria, at least 20% of the Fund's potential investment universe is excluded from the selection of investments.

For the purposes of this test, the potential investment universe is the core universe of issuers that the Investment Manager may select for the Fund prior to the application of sustainability criteria, in accordance with the other limitations of the Investment Objective and Policy. This universe is comprised of equity and equity related securities of European companies.

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## General Share Class Features

Share Classes	Initial Charge <sup>2</sup>	Annual Distribution Charge <sup>3</sup>	Annual Management Charge
A Shares	Up to 5%	None	1.50%
AX Shares	Up to 5%	None	1.50%
A1 Shares	Up to 4%	0.50%	1.50%
B Shares	None	0.60%	1.50%
C Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.75%
CN Shares	Up to 3%	None	0.75%
CX Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.75%
D Shares	None	1.00%	1.50%
E Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.25%
IZ, IA, IB, IC, ID Shares	None	None	Up to 0.75%
Z Shares	None	None	Up to 0.75%

Annual Distribution Charge and Annual Management Charge percentages are stated as an annual charge with reference to the Net Asset Value of the Fund or the Net Asset Value per Share, as may be appropriate.

A share class hedging charge of up to 0.03% will be borne by the currency hedged Share Classes.

Not all Share Classes listed are available for subscription at the time of issue of this Prospectus. The Funds may also launch Bespoke Share Classes that are described under Appendix III at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>2</sup> The initial charge is applied against the total amount invested. The Management Company and Distributors are entitled to the initial charge, which can be partly or fully waived at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>3</sup> Annual Distribution Charges in respect of A1 and D Shares are paid at such intervals as may be agreed from time to time between the Company and those Distributors that are appointed specifically for the purpose of distributing such Shares. Annual Distribution Charges in respect of B Shares are payable quarterly.

# Schroder International Selection Fund European Smaller Companies

## Investment Objective

The Fund aims to provide capital growth in excess of the MSCI Europe Small Cap (NDR) index after fees have been deducted over a three to five year period by investing in equity or equity related securities of small-sized European companies.

## Investment Policy

The Fund is actively managed and invests at least two-thirds of its assets in equity and equity related securities of small-sized European companies. These are companies which, at the time of purchase, are considered to be in the bottom 30% by market capitalisation of the European equities market.

The Fund may also invest up to one-third of its assets directly or indirectly in other securities (including other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies, Investment Funds, warrants and Money Market Investments, and hold cash (subject to the restrictions provided in Appendix I).

The Fund may use derivatives with the aim of achieving investment gains, reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently.

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the MSCI Europe Small Cap (NDR) index, based on the Investment Manager's rating criteria. More details on the investment process used to achieve this can be found in the Fund Characteristics section.

The Fund does not directly invest in certain activities, industries or groups of issuers above the limits listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

## Benchmark

The Fund's performance should be assessed against its target benchmark being to exceed the MSCI Europe Small Cap (NDR) index. The Fund's investment universe is expected to overlap materially with the components of the target benchmark. The Investment Manager invests on a discretionary basis and there are no restrictions on the extent to which the Fund's portfolio and performance may deviate from the target benchmark. The Investment Manager will invest in companies or sectors not included in the target benchmark in order to take advantage of specific investment opportunities.

## Fund Characteristics

Fund Currency	EUR
Investment Manager	Schroder Investment Management Limited
Dealing Cut-off Time	13.00 Luxembourg time on Dealing Day
Dealing Frequency	Daily on Dealing Day
Settlement Period of Subscription and Redemption Proceeds <sup>1</sup>	3 Business Days from the relevant Dealing Day
Performance Fee	None

The target benchmark has been selected because it is representative of the type of investments in which the Fund is likely to invest and it is, therefore, an appropriate target in relation to the return that the Fund aims to provide.

The benchmark(s) does/do not take into account the environmental and social characteristics or sustainable objective (as relevant) of the Fund.

## Further Information

The Fund is categorised as "Specialist Equity Fund".

More information relating to the environmental and social characteristics or sustainable investment objective (as applicable) of the Fund is provided in Appendix IV in accordance with SFDR and Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288.

## Risk Considerations

### Specific Risk Considerations

The Fund has environmental and/or social characteristics (within the meaning of Article 8 SFDR). A Fund with these characteristics may have limited exposure to some companies, industries or sectors as a result and the Fund may forego certain investment opportunities, or dispose of certain holdings, that do not align with its sustainability criteria chosen by the Investment Manager. As Investors may differ in their views of what constitutes sustainable investing, the Fund may also invest in companies that do not reflect the beliefs and values of any particular Investor. Please refer to Appendix II for more details on sustainability risks.

The reference in the Investment Policy to a fund investing two-thirds of its assets in a certain way applies in normal market conditions. See paragraph (A) at the start of this Appendix for further information.

The level of distribution costs in certain jurisdictions may impact the ability of the Investment Manager to meet the Fund's investment objective across all Share Classes after fees have been deducted.

## Profile of the Typical Investor

The Fund may be suitable for Investors who are more concerned with maximising long term returns than minimising possible short term losses.

<sup>1</sup> Different subscription and redemption procedures may apply if applications are made through Distributors.

Redemption Charge	None
PEA / PIR Eligibility	No
Sustainability Criteria	<p>The Investment Manager applies governance and sustainability criteria when selecting investments for the Fund.</p> <p>Companies in the investment universe are assessed on their governance, environmental and social profile. The Investment Manager performs due diligence on potential holdings and this can include meetings with company management. The Investment Manager aims to identify the impact a business has on society whilst assessing relationships with key stakeholders such as employees, suppliers and regulators. This research is supported by quantitative analysis gained from Schroders' proprietary sustainability tools which are key inputs to assessing how existing and potential investments are meeting the Fund's sustainability criteria.</p> <p>The sources of information used to perform the analysis include information provided by the companies, such as company sustainability reports and other relevant company material, as well as Schroders' proprietary sustainability tools and third-party data.</p> <p>More details on the Investment Manager's approach to sustainability and its engagement with companies are available on the webpage <a href="https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/">https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/</a></p> <p>The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than its investment universe, based on the Investment Manager's rating system.</p> <p>The Investment Manager ensures that at least:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– 90% of the portion of the NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in developed countries; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with an investment grade credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by developed countries; and</li> <li>– 75% of the portion of the NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in emerging countries; equities issued by small and medium companies; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with a high yield credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by emerging countries,</li> </ul> <p>is rated against the sustainability criteria. For the purposes of this test, small companies are those with market capitalisation below €5 billion, medium companies are those between €5 billion and €10 billion and large companies are those above €10 billion.</p>

## General Share Class Features

Share Classes	Initial Charge <sup>2</sup>	Annual Distribution Charge <sup>3</sup>	Annual Management Charge
A Shares	Up to 5%	None	1.50%
AX Shares	Up to 5%	None	1.50%
A1 Shares	Up to 4%	0.50%	1.50%
B Shares	None	0.60%	1.50%
C Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.75%
CN Shares	Up to 3%	None	0.75%
CX Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.75%
D Shares	None	1.00%	0.75%
E Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.50%
IZ, IA, IB, IC, ID Shares	None	None	Up to 0.75%
Z Shares	None	None	Up to 0.75%

Annual Distribution Charge and Annual Management Charge percentages are stated as an annual charge with reference to the Net Asset Value of the Fund or the Net Asset Value per Share, as may be appropriate.

A share class hedging charge of up to 0.03% will be borne by the currency hedged Share Classes.

Not all Share Classes listed are available for subscription at the time of issue of this Prospectus. The Funds may also launch Bespoke Share Classes that are described under Appendix III at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>2</sup> The initial charge is applied against the total amount invested. The Management Company and Distributors are entitled to the initial charge, which can be partly or fully waived at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>3</sup> Annual Distribution Charges in respect of A1 and D Shares are paid at such intervals as may be agreed from time to time between the Company and those Distributors that are appointed specifically for the purpose of distributing such Shares. Annual Distribution Charges in respect of B Shares are payable quarterly.

# Schroder International Selection Fund European Special Situations

## Investment Objective

The Fund aims to provide capital growth in excess of the MSCI Europe (Net TR) index after fees have been deducted over a three to five year period by investing in equity and equity related securities of European companies.

## Investment Policy

The Fund is actively managed and invests in a select portfolio of securities in special situations, where the Investment Manager believes a special situation to be a company whose future prospects are not fully reflected in its valuation.

The Fund may also invest up to one-third of its assets directly or indirectly in other securities (including other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies, Investment Funds, warrants and Money Market Investments, and hold cash (subject to the restrictions provided in Appendix I).

The Fund may use derivatives with the aim of reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently.

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than MSCI Europe Net TR index, based on the Investment Manager's rating system. More details on the investment process used to achieve this can be found in the Fund Characteristics section.

The Fund does not directly invest in certain activities, industries or groups of issuers above the limits listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

## Benchmark

The Fund's performance should be assessed against its target benchmark being to exceed the MSCI Europe (Net TR) index. The Fund's investment universe is expected to overlap materially with the components of the target benchmark. The Investment Manager invests on a discretionary basis and there are no restrictions on the extent to which the Fund's portfolio and performance may deviate from the target benchmark. The Investment Manager will invest in companies or sectors not included in the target benchmark in order to take advantage of specific

investment opportunities. The benchmark(s) does/do not take into account the environmental and social characteristics or sustainable objective (as relevant) of the Fund.

The target benchmark has been selected because it is representative of the type of investments in which the Fund is likely to invest and it is, therefore, an appropriate target in relation to the return that the Fund aims to provide.

## Further Information

The Fund is categorised as "Specialist Equity Fund".

More information relating to the environmental and social characteristics or sustainable investment objective (as applicable) of the Fund is provided in Appendix IV in accordance with SFDR and Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288.

## Risk Considerations

### Specific Risk Considerations

The level of distribution costs in certain jurisdictions may impact the ability of the Investment Manager to meet the Fund's investment objective across all Share Classes after fees have been deducted.

The Fund has environmental and/or social characteristics (within the meaning of Article 8 SFDR). A Fund with these characteristics may have limited exposure to some companies, industries or sectors as a result and the Fund may forego certain investment opportunities, or dispose of certain holdings, that do not align with its sustainability criteria chosen by the Investment Manager. As Investors may differ in their views of what constitutes sustainable investing, the Fund may also invest in companies that do not reflect the beliefs and values of any particular Investor. Please refer to Appendix II for more details on sustainability risks.

## Profile of the Typical Investor

The Fund may be suitable for Investors who are more concerned with maximising long term returns than minimising possible short term losses.

## Fund Characteristics

Fund Currency	EUR
Investment Manager	Schroder Investment Management Limited
Dealing Cut-off Time	13.00 Luxembourg time on Dealing Day
Dealing Frequency	Daily on Dealing Day
Settlement Period of Subscription and Redemption Proceeds <sup>1</sup>	3 Business Days from the relevant Dealing Day
Performance Fee	None.
Redemption Charge	None
PEA / PIR Eligibility	No
Sustainability Criteria	The Investment Manager applies sustainability criteria when selecting investments for the Fund.

<sup>1</sup> Different subscription and redemption procedures may apply if applications are made through Distributors.



Companies held by the Fund are expected to show a commitment to their stakeholders, including customers, employees, suppliers and regulators. The Fund invests in those companies which consider stakeholders fairly and have good governance.

Companies in the investment universe are assessed on their governance, environmental and social profile, across a range of factors. The Investment Manager performs its own due diligence on all potential holdings including, where possible, meetings with senior management.

This analysis is supported by quantitative analysis gained from Schroders' proprietary sustainability tools. Such are key inputs to measure how companies in the portfolio are meeting the sustainability credentials outlined above.

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than its investment universe, based on the Investment Manager's rating system.

The Investment Manager ensures that at least:

- 90% of the portion of the NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in developed countries; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with an investment grade credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by developed countries; and
- 75% of the portion of the NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in emerging countries; equities issued by small and medium companies; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with a high yield credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by emerging countries,

is rated against the sustainability criteria. For the purposes of this test, small companies are those with market capitalisation below €5 billion, medium companies are those between €5 billion and €10 billion and large companies are those above €10 billion.

## General Share Class Features

Share Classes	Initial Charge <sup>2</sup>	Annual Distribution Charge <sup>3</sup>	Annual Management Charge
A Shares	Up to 5%	None	1.50%
AX Shares	Up to 5%	None	1.50%
A1 Shares	Up to 4%	0.50%	1.50%
B Shares	None	0.60%	1.50%
C Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.75%
CN Shares	Up to 3%	None	0.75%
CX Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.75%
D Shares	None	1.00%	0.75%
E Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.50%
IZ, IA, IB, IC, ID Shares	None	None	Up to 0.75%
Z Shares	None	None	Up to 0.75%

Annual Distribution Charge and Annual Management Charge percentages are stated as an annual charge with reference to the Net Asset Value of the Fund or the Net Asset Value per Share, as may be appropriate.

A share class hedging charge of up to 0.03% will be borne by the currency hedged Share Classes.

Not all Share Classes listed are available for subscription at the time of issue of this Prospectus. The Funds may also launch Bespoke Share Classes that are described under Appendix III at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>2</sup> The initial charge is applied against the total amount invested. The Management Company and Distributors are entitled to the initial charge, which can be partly or fully waived at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>3</sup> Annual Distribution Charges in respect of A1 and D Shares are paid at such intervals as may be agreed from time to time between the Company and those Distributors that are appointed specifically for the purpose of distributing such Shares. Annual Distribution Charges in respect of B Shares are payable quarterly.

# Schroder International Selection Fund European Sustainable Equity

## Investment Objective

The Fund aims to provide capital growth in excess of the MSCI Europe (Net TR) index after fees have been deducted over a three to five year period by investing in equity and equity related securities of European companies which meet the Investment Manager's sustainability criteria.

## Investment Policy

The Fund is actively managed and invests at least two-thirds of its assets in equity and equity related securities of European companies.

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than MSCI Europe (Net TR) index, based on the Investment Manager's rating system. More details on the investment process used to achieve this can be found in the Fund Characteristics section.

The Fund does not directly invest in certain activities, industries or groups of issuers above the limits listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

The Fund invests in companies that have good governance practices, as determined by the Investment Manager's rating criteria (please see the Fund Characteristics section for more details).

The Investment Manager may also engage with companies held by the Fund to challenge identified areas of weakness on sustainability issues. More details on the Investment Manager's approach to sustainability and its engagement with companies are available on the webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/>

The Fund may also invest up to one-third of its assets directly or indirectly in other securities (including other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies, Investment Funds, warrants and Money Market Investments, and hold cash (subject to the restrictions provided in Appendix I).

The Fund may use derivatives with the aim of achieving investment gains, reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently.

## Benchmark

The Fund's performance should be assessed against its target benchmark, being to exceed the MSCI Europe (Net TR) index and compared against the Morningstar Europe Large Cap Blend Equity Category. The Fund's investment universe is expected to overlap to a limited extent with the components of the target benchmark. The comparator benchmark is only included for performance comparison purposes and does not determine how the Investment Manager invests the Fund's assets. The Investment Manager invests on a discretionary basis and there are no

restrictions on the extent to which the Fund's portfolio and performance may deviate from the target benchmark. The Investment Manager will invest in companies or sectors not included in the target benchmark in order to take advantage of specific investment opportunities.

The benchmark(s) does/do not take into account the environmental and social characteristics or sustainable objective (as relevant) of the Fund.

The target benchmark has been selected because it is representative of the type of investments in which the Fund is likely to invest and it is, therefore, an appropriate target in relation to the return that the Fund aims to provide. The comparator benchmark has been selected because the Investment Manager believes that the benchmark is a suitable comparison for performance purposes given the Fund's investment objective and policy.

## Further Information

The Fund is categorised as "Specialist Equity Fund".

More information relating to the environmental and social characteristics or sustainable investment objective (as applicable) of the Fund is provided in Appendix IV in accordance with SFDR and Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288.

## Risk Considerations

### Specific Risk Considerations

The reference in the Investment Policy to a fund investing two-thirds of its assets in a certain way applies in normal market conditions. See paragraph (A) at the start of this Appendix for further information.

The level of distribution costs in certain jurisdictions may impact the ability of the Investment Manager to meet the Fund's investment objective across all Share Classes after fees have been deducted.

The Fund has environmental and/or social characteristics (within the meaning of Article 8 SFDR). A Fund with these characteristics may have limited exposure to some companies, industries or sectors as a result and the Fund may forego certain investment opportunities, or dispose of certain holdings, that do not align with its sustainability criteria chosen by the Investment Manager. As Investors may differ in their views of what constitutes sustainable investing, the Fund may also invest in companies that do not reflect the beliefs and values of any particular Investor. Please refer to Appendix II for more details on sustainability risks.

## Profile of the Typical Investor

The Fund may be suitable for Investors who are more concerned with maximising long term returns than minimising possible short term losses.

## Fund Characteristics

Fund Currency	EUR
Investment Manager	Schroder Investment Management Limited
Dealing Cut-off Time	13.00 Luxembourg Time on Dealing Day

Dealing Frequency	Daily on Dealing Day
Settlement Period of Subscription and Redemption Proceeds <sup>1</sup>	3 Business Days from the relevant Dealing Day
Performance Fee	None
Redemption Charge	None
PEA / PIR Eligibility	No
Sustainability Criteria	<p>The Investment Manager applies sustainability criteria when selecting investments for the Fund.</p> <p>Companies in the investment universe are assessed on their governance, environmental and social profile, across a range of factors. This analysis is supported by quantitative analysis gained from Schroders' proprietary sustainability tools. The Investment Manager assesses a company's environment and social impact, as well as governance practices, using proprietary sustainability tools. In addition, the Investment Manager also performs its own research and analysis before deciding whether a company is eligible for inclusion in the Fund, based on its overall sustainability profile. Proprietary tools will be key inputs to measure how companies in the portfolio are meeting the sustainability credentials outlined above.</p> <p>The sources of information used to perform the analysis include information provided by the companies, such as company sustainability reports and other relevant company material, as well as Schroders' proprietary sustainability tools and third-party data.</p> <p>The Investment Manager ensures that at least 90% of the portion of the Fund's Net Asset Value composed of investments in companies is rated against the sustainability criteria. As a result of the application of sustainability criteria, at least 20% of the Fund's potential investment universe is excluded from the selection of investments.</p> <p>For the purposes of this test, the potential investment universe is the core universe of issuers that the Investment Manager may select for the Fund prior to the application of sustainability criteria, in accordance with the other limitations of the Investment Objective and Policy. This universe is comprised of equity and equity related securities of European companies.</p>

## General Share Class Features

Share Classes	Initial Charge <sup>2</sup>	Annual Distribution Charge <sup>3</sup>	Annual Management Charge
A Shares	Up to 5%	None	1.25%
AX Shares	Up to 5%	None	1.25%
A1 Shares	Up to 4%	0.50%	1.25%
B Shares	None	0.60%	1.25%
C Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.625%
CN Shares	Up to 3%	None	0.625%
CX Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.625%
D Shares	None	1.00%	1.25%
E Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.375%
IZ, IA, IB, IC, ID Shares	None	None	Up to 0.625%
Z Shares	None	None	Up to 0.625%

Annual Distribution Charge and Annual Management Charge percentages are stated as an annual charge with reference to the Net Asset Value of the Fund or the Net Asset Value per Share, as may be appropriate.

A share class hedging charge of up to 0.03% will be borne by the currency hedged Share Classes.

Not all Share Classes listed are available for subscription at the time of issue of this Prospectus. The Funds may also launch Bespoke Share Classes that are described under Appendix III at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>1</sup> Different subscription and redemption procedures may apply if applications are made through Distributors.

<sup>2</sup> The initial charge is applied against the total amount invested. The Management Company and Distributors are entitled to the initial charge, which can be partly or fully waived at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>3</sup> Annual Distribution Charges in respect of A1 and D Shares are paid at such intervals as may be agreed from time to time between the Company and those Distributors that are appointed specifically for the purpose of distributing such Shares. Annual Distribution Charges in respect of B Shares are payable quarterly.

# Schroder International Selection Fund European Value

## Investment Objective

The Fund aims to provide capital growth in excess of the MSCI Europe (Net TR) index after fees have been deducted over a three to five year period by investing in equity and equity related securities of European companies.

## Investment Policy

The Fund is actively managed and invests at least two-thirds of its assets in a concentrated range of equities of European companies. The Fund typically holds 30 - 70 companies.

The Fund applies a disciplined value investment approach, seeking to invest in a select portfolio of companies that the Investment Manager believes are significantly undervalued relative to their long-term earnings potential.

The Fund may also invest up to one-third of its assets directly or indirectly in other securities (including other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies, Investment Funds, warrants and Money Market Investments, and hold cash (subject to the restrictions provided in Appendix I).

The Fund may use derivatives with the aim of achieving investment gains, reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently.

## Benchmark

The Fund's performance should be assessed against its target benchmark, being to exceed the MSCI Europe (Net TR) index and compared against the MSCI Europe Value (Net TR) index and the Morningstar Europe Flex Cap Equity Category. The Fund's investment universe is expected to overlap to a limited extent with the components of the target benchmark and the MSCI Europe Value (Net TR) index. The comparator benchmarks are only included for performance comparison purposes and do not determine how the Investment Manager invests the Fund's assets. The

Investment Manager invests on a discretionary basis and there are no restrictions on the extent to which the Fund's portfolio and performance may deviate from the target benchmark or the MSCI Europe Value (Net TR) index. The Investment Manager will invest in companies or sectors not included in the target benchmark or the MSCI Europe Value (Net TR) index in order to take advantage of specific investment opportunities.

The target benchmark has been selected because it is representative of the type of investments in which the Fund is likely to invest, and it is, therefore, an appropriate target in relation to the return that the Fund aims to provide. Any comparator benchmark has been selected because the Investment Manager believes that the benchmark is a suitable comparison for performance purposes given the Fund's investment objective and policy.

## Further Information

The Fund is categorised as "Specialist Equity Fund".

## Risk Considerations

### Specific Risk Considerations

The reference in the Investment Policy to a fund investing two-thirds of its assets in a certain way applies in normal market conditions. See paragraph (A) at the start of this Appendix for further information.

The level of distribution costs in certain jurisdictions may impact the ability of the Investment Manager to meet the Fund's investment objective across all Share Classes after fees have been deducted.

## Profile of the Typical Investor

The Fund may be suitable for Investors who are more concerned with maximising long term returns than minimising possible short term losses.

## Fund Characteristics

Fund Currency	EUR
Investment Manager	Schroder Investment Management Limited
Dealing Cut-off Time	13.00 Luxembourg time on Dealing Day
Dealing Frequency	Daily on Dealing Day
Settlement Period of Subscription and Redemption Proceeds <sup>1</sup>	3 Business Days from the relevant Dealing Day
Performance Fee	None
Redemption Charge	None
PEA / PIR Eligibility	No

<sup>1</sup> Different subscription and redemption procedures may apply if applications are made through Distributors.

## General Share Class Features

Share Classes	Initial Charge <sup>2</sup>	Annual Distribution Charge <sup>3</sup>	Annual Management Charge
A Shares	Up to 5%	None	1.50%
AX Shares	Up to 5%	None	1.50%
A1 Shares	Up to 4%	0.50%	1.50%
B Shares	None	0.60%	1.50%
C Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.75%
CN Shares	Up to 3%	None	0.75%
CX Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.75%
D Shares	None	1.00%	1.50%
E Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.50%
IZ, IA, IB, IC, ID Shares	None	None	Up to 1%
Z Shares	None	None	Up to 1%

Annual Distribution Charge and Annual Management Charge percentages are stated as an annual charge with reference to the Net Asset Value of the Fund or the Net Asset Value per Share, as may be appropriate.

A share class hedging charge of up to 0.03% will be borne by the currency hedged Share Classes.

Not all Share Classes listed are available for subscription at the time of issue of this Prospectus. The Funds may also launch Bespoke Share Classes that are described under Appendix III at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>2</sup> The initial charge is applied against the total amount invested. The Management Company and Distributors are entitled to the initial charge, which can be partly or fully waived at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>3</sup> Annual Distribution Charges in respect of A1 and D Shares are paid at such intervals as may be agreed from time to time between the Company and those Distributors that are appointed specifically for the purpose of distributing such Shares. Annual Distribution Charges in respect of B Shares are payable quarterly.

# Schroder International Selection Fund Frontier Markets Equity

## Investment Objective

The Fund aims to provide capital growth in excess of the MSCI Frontier Emerging Markets (FEM) index (Net TR) with emerging markets capped at 10% after fees have been deducted over a three to five year period by investing in equity and equity related securities of frontier emerging markets companies.

## Investment Policy

The Fund is actively managed and invests at least two-thirds of its assets in equity and equity related securities of frontier emerging markets companies worldwide.

The Fund typically holds 50-70 companies.

'Frontier emerging markets' are countries included in the MSCI Frontier Emerging Markets (FEM) index or any other recognised frontier markets financial index, or additional countries that the Investment Manager deems to be frontier emerging market countries.

The Fund may also invest up to one-third of its assets directly or indirectly in other securities (including other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies, Investment Funds, warrants and Money Market Investments, and hold cash (subject to the restrictions provided in Appendix I).

The Fund may use derivatives with the aim of achieving investment gains, reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently.

## Benchmark

The Fund's performance should be assessed against its target benchmark being to exceed the MSCI Frontier Emerging Markets (FEM) index (Net TR) with emerging markets capped at 10%. The Fund's investment universe is expected to overlap materially, directly or indirectly, with the components of the target benchmark. The Investment Manager invests on a discretionary basis and there are no restrictions on the extent to which the Fund's portfolio and

performance may deviate from the target benchmark. The Investment Manager will invest in companies or sectors not included in the target benchmark in order to take advantage of specific investment opportunities.

The target benchmark has been selected because it is representative of the type of investments in which the Fund is likely to invest and it is, therefore, an appropriate target in relation to the return that the Fund aims to provide.

## Further Information

The Fund is categorised as "Specialist Equity Fund".

Frontier emerging markets are countries included in the MSCI Frontier Emerging Markets (FEM) index or any other recognised frontier markets financial index, or additional countries that the Investment Manager deems to be frontier emerging market countries.

## Risk Considerations

### Specific Risk Considerations

Risks related to emerging and frontier markets investments can be found under "Emerging and Less Developed Markets Securities Risk" in Appendix II of this Prospectus.

The reference in the Investment Policy to a fund investing two-thirds of its assets in a certain way applies in normal market conditions. See paragraph (A) at the start of this Appendix for further information.

The level of distribution costs in certain jurisdictions may impact the ability of the Investment Manager to meet the Fund's investment objective across all Share Classes after fees have been deducted.

## Profile of the Typical Investor

The Fund may be suitable for Investors who are more concerned with maximising long term returns than minimising possible short term losses.

## Fund Characteristics

Fund Currency	USD
Investment Manager	Schroder Investment Management Limited
Dealing Cut-off Time	13.00 Luxembourg time on Dealing Day
Dealing Frequency	Daily on Dealing Day
Settlement Period of Subscription and Redemption Proceeds <sup>1</sup>	3 Business Days from the relevant Dealing Day
Performance Fee	None
Redemption Charge	None
PEA / PIR Eligibility	No

<sup>1</sup> Different subscription and redemption procedures may apply if applications are made through Distributors.



## General Share Class Features

Share Classes	Initial Charge <sup>2</sup>	Annual Distribution Charge <sup>3</sup>	Annual Management Charge
A Shares	Up to 5%	None	1.50%
AX Shares	Up to 5%	None	1.50%
A1 Shares	Up to 4%	0.50%	1.50%
B Shares	None	0.60%	1.50%
C Shares	Up to 1%	None	1.00%
CN Shares	Up to 3%	None	1.00%
CX Shares	Up to 1%	None	1.00%
D Shares	None	1.00%	1.50%
E Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.50%
IZ, IA, IB, IC, ID Shares	None	None	Up to 1%
Z Shares	None	None	Up to 1%

Annual Distribution Charge and Annual Management Charge percentages are stated as an annual charge with reference to the Net Asset Value of the Fund or the Net Asset Value per Share, as may be appropriate.

A share class hedging charge of up to 0.03% will be borne by the currency hedged Share Classes.

Not all Share Classes listed are available for subscription at the time of issue of this Prospectus. The Funds may also launch Bespoke Share Classes that are described under Appendix III at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>2</sup> The initial charge is applied against the total amount invested. The Management Company and Distributors are entitled to the initial charge, which can be partly or fully waived at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>3</sup> Annual Distribution Charges in respect of A1 and D Shares are paid at such intervals as may be agreed from time to time between the Company and those Distributors that are appointed specifically for the purpose of distributing such Shares. Annual Distribution Charges in respect of B Shares are payable quarterly.

# Schroder International Selection Fund Global Bond

## Investment Objective

The Fund aims to provide capital growth and income in excess of the Bloomberg Global Aggregate Bond index after fees have been deducted over a three to five year period by investing in fixed and floating rate securities.

## Investment Policy

The Fund is actively managed and invests at least two-thirds of its assets in fixed and floating rate securities with an investment grade or sub-investment grade credit rating (as measured by Standard & Poor's or any equivalent grade of other credit rating agencies) issued by governments, government agencies, supra-nationals and companies worldwide in various currencies.

The Fund may invest:

- up to 10% of its assets in contingent convertible bonds;
- up to 30% of its assets in securities that have a below investment grade credit rating (as measured by Standard & Poor's or any equivalent grade of other credit rating agencies for rated bonds and implied Schrodors ratings for non-rated bonds); and
- up to 40% of its assets in asset-backed securities, commercial mortgage-backed securities, and/or residential mortgage-backed securities issued worldwide with an investment grade or sub-investment grade credit rating (as measured by Standard & Poor's or any equivalent grade of other credit rating agencies). Underlying assets may include credit card receivables, personal loans, auto loans, small business loans, leases, commercial mortgages and residential mortgages.

The Fund may invest up to 15% of its assets in mainland China through Regulated Markets (including the CIBM via Bond Connect or CIBM Direct).

The Fund may also invest up to one-third of its assets directly or indirectly in other securities (including other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies, Investment Funds, warrants and Money Market Investments, and hold cash (subject to the restrictions provided in Appendix I).

The Fund may use derivatives with the aim of achieving investment gains, reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently.

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the Bloomberg Global Aggregate Bond index, based on the Investment Manager's rating criteria. More details on the investment process used to achieve this can be found in the Fund Characteristics section.

The Fund does not directly invest in certain activities, industries or groups of issuers above the limits listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schrodors.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

## Benchmark

The Fund's performance should be assessed against its target benchmark being to exceed the Bloomberg Global Aggregate Bond index. The Fund's investment universe is expected to overlap to a limited extent with the components of the target benchmark. However, the Fund will likely

reflect certain features of the target benchmark (namely credit quality/duration, currency exposure/exposure to particular issuers). The Investment Manager invests on a discretionary basis and there are no restrictions on the extent to which the Fund's portfolio and performance may deviate from the target benchmark. The Investment Manager will invest in companies or sectors not included in the target benchmark in order to take advantage of specific investment opportunities.

The target benchmark has been selected because it is representative of the type of investments in which the Fund is likely to invest and it is, therefore, an appropriate target in relation to the return that the Fund aims to provide.

The benchmark(s) does/do not take into account the environmental and social characteristics or sustainable objective (as relevant) of the Fund.

## Further Information

The Fund is categorised as "Mainstream Bond Fund".

The Investment Manager of the Fund undertakes the hedging of the Shares of the hedged Share Classes by considering the relevant underlying currency exposures within the benchmark of the Fund. Performance of these hedged Share Classes may therefore vary significantly from equivalent Share Classes in the Fund Currency.

More information relating to the environmental and social characteristics or sustainable investment objective (as applicable) of the Fund is provided in Appendix IV in accordance with SFDR and Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288.

## Risk Considerations

### Risk Management Method

Relative Value-at-Risk (VaR)

### VaR Benchmark

Bloomberg Global Aggregate Bond Index. This USD unhedged index provides a broad-based measure of the global investment grade fixed-rate debt markets.

### Expected Leverage

400% of the total net assets

The expected level of leverage may be higher when volatility decreases sustainably, when interest rates are expected to change or when credit spreads are expected to widen or tighten.

### This Fund is not a leveraged financial instrument

The Fund utilises financial derivative instruments for investment purposes and the global exposure is monitored under the relative VaR approach in line with UCITS Risk Measurement Rules. Whilst these instruments generate leverage, the Fund itself is not a leveraged financial instrument as further described in the MIFID Directive. For further details on the relative VaR approach please see Appendix 1. In addition to this regulatory restriction, Schrodors implements internal controls on global exposure to constrain and/or highlight global exposure as appropriate.

## Specific Risk Considerations

The Fund has environmental and/or social characteristics (within the meaning of Article 8 SFDR). A Fund with these characteristics may have limited exposure to some companies, industries or sectors as a result and the Fund may forego certain investment opportunities, or dispose of certain holdings, that do not align with its sustainability criteria chosen by the Investment Manager. As investors may differ in their views of what constitutes sustainable investing, the Fund may also invest in companies that do not reflect the beliefs and values of any particular Investor. Please refer to Appendix II for more details on sustainability risks.

The reference in the Investment Policy to a fund investing two-thirds of its assets in a certain way applies in normal market conditions. See paragraph (A) at the start of this Appendix for further information.

The level of distribution costs in certain jurisdictions may impact the ability of the Investment Manager to meet the Fund's investment objective across all Share Classes after fees have been deducted.

## Profile of the Typical Investor

The Fund may be suitable for Investors who are seeking to combine capital growth opportunities with income in the relative stability of the debt markets over the long term.

## Fund Characteristics

Fund Currency	USD
Investment Manager	Schroder Investment Management Limited
Dealing Cut-off Time	13.00 Luxembourg time on Dealing Day
Dealing Frequency	Daily on Dealing Day
Settlement Period of Subscription and Redemption Proceeds <sup>1</sup>	3 Business Days from the relevant Dealing Day
Performance Fee	None
Redemption Charge	None
PEA / PIR Eligibility	No
Sustainability Criteria	<p>The Investment Manager applies governance and sustainability criteria when selecting investments for the Fund.</p> <p>Sustainability factors are assessed – across both sovereign markets and credit allocation decisions – in tandem with macroeconomic factors throughout the Investment Manager's top-down thematic investment process.</p> <p>In assessing sustainability factors for sovereign issuers, the Investment Manager considers that countries with stable and non-corrupt governments are likely to be more willing and able to service their debts, while political considerations, including the impact of social and governance factors, can influence a country's inflation and currency profile and thus have a material impact on the real value of debt. Environmental impacts – which can be more pertinent over a longer-term horizon – are also incorporated. The Investment Manager's approach includes the use of Schroders' proprietary sustainability tools to rank countries by measuring their performance against multiple sustainability related indicators.</p> <p>Credit selection decisions are delegated to the Investment Manager's specialist credit investment teams, who aim to identify issuers demonstrating good or improving sustainability credentials, and those that impose a high cost on the environment and society. This involves:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- The exclusion of issuers <b>with certain exposure to specific activities that the Investment Manager considers environmentally destructive or socially damaging, violate human rights and/ or have demonstrated gross misconduct that the Investment Manager deems to have businesses that are materially damaging to the environment or impose unjustifiable social costs;</b> and</li><li>- The inclusion of issuers that <b>the Investment Manager considers are well placed to deliver demonstrate stable and improving sustainability trajectories relative to their industry peers, and issuers demonstrating good governance based on the Investment Manager's sustainability rating methodology.</b></li></ul> <p>The primary sources of information used to perform this analysis are the Investment Manager's proprietary tools and research, third-party research, NGO reports and expert networks. For corporate issuers, the Investment Manager also performs its own analysis of publicly available information provided by the companies, including information provided in company sustainability reports and other relevant company material.</p> <p>More details on the Investment Manager's approach to sustainability and its engagement with companies are available on the webpage <a href="https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/">https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/</a></p> <p>The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than its investment universe, based on the Investment Manager's rating system.</p>

<sup>1</sup> Different subscription and redemption procedures may apply if applications are made through Distributors.

The Investment Manager ensures that at least:

- 90% of the portion of the NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in developed countries; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with an investment grade credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by developed countries; and
- 75% of the portion of the NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in emerging countries; equities issued by small and medium companies; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with a high yield credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by emerging countries,

is rated against the sustainability criteria. For the purposes of this test, small companies are those with market capitalisation below €5 billion, medium companies are those between €5 billion and €10 billion and large companies are those above €10 billion.

## General Share Class Features

Share Classes	Initial Charge <sup>2</sup>	Annual Distribution Charge <sup>3</sup>	Annual Management Charge
A Shares	Up to 3%	None	0.75%
AX Shares	Up to 3%	None	0.75%
A1 Shares	Up to 2%	0.50%	0.75%
B Shares	None	0.50%	0.75%
C Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.50%
CN Shares	Up to 3%	None	0.50%
CX Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.50%
D Shares	None	1.00%	0.75%
E Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.25%
IZ, IA, IB, IC, ID Shares	None	None	Up to 0.50%
Z Shares	None	None	Up to 0.50%

Annual Distribution Charge and Annual Management Charge percentages are stated as an annual charge with reference to the Net Asset Value of the Fund or the Net Asset Value per Share, as may be appropriate.

A share class hedging charge of up to 0.03% will be borne by the currency hedged Share Classes.

Not all Share Classes listed are available for subscription at the time of issue of this Prospectus. The Funds may also launch Bespoke Share Classes that are described under Appendix III at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>2</sup> The initial charge is applied against the total amount invested. The Management Company and Distributors are entitled to the initial charge, which can be partly or fully waived at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>3</sup> Annual Distribution Charges in respect of A1 and D Shares are paid at such intervals as may be agreed from time to time between the Company and those Distributors that are appointed specifically for the purpose of distributing such Shares. Annual Distribution Charges in respect of B Shares are payable quarterly.

# Schroder International Selection Fund Global Cities

## Investment Objective

The Fund aims to provide capital growth and income in excess of the FTSE EPRA NAREIT Developed index (Net TR, USD) after fees have been deducted over a three to five year period by investing in equity and equity related securities of real estate companies worldwide and which the Investment Manager deems to be sustainable investments.

## Investment Policy

The Fund is actively managed and invests its assets in (i) sustainable investments, which are investments that contribute towards more environmentally resilient and innovative cities and infrastructure (please see the Fund Characteristics section for more details), and (ii) investments that the Investment Manager deems to be neutral under its sustainability criteria such as cash and Money Market Investments and derivatives used with the aim of reducing risk (hedging) or managing the Fund more efficiently.

The Fund does not directly invest in certain activities, industries or groups of issuers above the limits listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

The Fund invests in companies that do not cause significant environmental or social harm and have good governance practices, as determined by the Investment Manager's rating criteria (please see the Fund Characteristics section for more details).

The Investment Manager may also engage with companies held by the Fund to challenge identified areas of weakness on sustainability issues. More details on the Investment Manager's approach to sustainability and its engagement with companies are available on the webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/>

The Fund invests at least two-thirds of its assets in equity and equity related securities of real estate companies worldwide with a focus on companies that invest in cities that the Investment Manager believes will exhibit continued economic growth, supported by factors such as strong infrastructure and supportive planning regimes.

The Fund may also invest up to one-third of its assets directly or indirectly in other securities (including other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies, Investment Funds, warrants and Money Market Investments, and hold cash (subject to the restrictions provided in Appendix I).

The Fund may use derivatives with the aim of reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently.

## Benchmark

The Fund's performance should be assessed against its target benchmark, being to exceed the FTSE EPRA NAREIT Developed index (Net TR, USD). The Fund's investment

universe is expected to overlap materially with the components of the target benchmark. The Investment Manager invests on a discretionary basis and there are no restrictions on the extent to which the Fund's portfolio and performance may deviate from the target benchmark. The Investment Manager will invest in companies or sectors not included in the target benchmark in order to take advantage of specific investment opportunities. The benchmark(s) does/do not take into account the environmental and social characteristics or sustainable objective (as relevant) of the Fund.

The target benchmark has been selected because it is representative of the type of investments in which the Fund is likely to invest and it is, therefore, an appropriate target in relation to the return that the Fund aims to provide.

## Further Information

The Fund is categorised as "Specialist Equity Fund".

More information relating to the environmental and social characteristics or sustainable investment objective (as applicable) of the Fund is provided in Appendix IV in accordance with SFDR and Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288.

## Risk Considerations

### Specific Risk Considerations

The reference in the Investment Policy to a fund investing two-thirds of its assets in a certain way applies in normal market conditions. See paragraph (A) at the start of this Appendix for further information.

The level of distribution costs in certain jurisdictions may impact the ability of the Investment Manager to meet the Fund's investment objective across all Share Classes after fees have been deducted.

The Fund has the objective of sustainable investment (within the meaning of Article 9 SFDR). A Fund with this objective may have limited exposure to some companies, industries or sectors as a result and the Fund may forego certain investment opportunities, or dispose of certain holdings, that do not align with its sustainability criteria chosen by the Investment Manager. As Investors may differ in their views of what constitutes sustainable investing, the Fund may also invest in companies that do not reflect the beliefs and values of any particular Investor. Please refer to Appendix II for more details on sustainability risks.

## Profile of the Typical Investor

The Fund may be suitable for Investors who are more concerned with maximising long term returns than minimising possible short term losses.

## Fund Characteristics

Fund Currency	USD
Investment Manager	Schroder Investment Management Limited

Dealing Cut-off Time	13.00 Luxembourg time on Dealing Day
Dealing Frequency	Daily on Dealing Day
Settlement Period of Subscription and Redemption Proceeds <sup>1</sup>	3 Business Days from the relevant Dealing Day
Performance Fee	None
Redemption Charge	None
PEA / PIR Eligibility	No
Sustainability Criteria	<p>The Investment Manager applies sustainability criteria when selecting investments for the Fund. The investment universe is analysed in two distinct phases. Each phase leads to companies being excluded based on weak sustainability metrics, <u>reducing the universe from about 900 companies to 200 companies in the investible universe</u>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Stage 1 analyses cities on a range of environmental and social metrics. Companies are then scored based on their exposure to the superior/ inferior locations. <u>At least 25% of companies are removed from the Fund's investment universe.</u></li> <li>– Stage 2 focusses on determining the quantum to be invested in each company, using both internal (i.e. Schroders' proprietary sustainability tools) and external sustainability measurement tools. The analysis awards a sustainability score to each company. The process excludes <u>the bottom quartile of companies</u> (based on their sustainability score) from investment by the Fund.</li> </ul> <p>The Investment Manager may also engage with companies in the portfolio, which are expected to demonstrate a clear commitment to sustainability both in their relationships with stakeholders and in their efforts to mitigate their impact on the natural environment.</p> <p>The Investment Manager performs its analysis using its own research and Schroders' sustainable proprietary tools. Third party research is used as a secondary consideration and generally provides a source of challenge or endorsement for its proprietary view.</p> <p>The Investment Manager ensures that at least 90% of the portion of the Fund's Net Asset Value composed of investments in companies is rated against the sustainability criteria. As a result of the application of sustainability criteria, at least 20% of the Fund's potential investment universe is excluded from the selection of investments.</p> <p>For the purposes of this test, the potential investment universe is the core universe of issuers that the Investment Manager may select for the Fund prior to the application of sustainability criteria, in accordance with the other limitations of the Investment Objective and Policy. This universe is comprised of equity and equity related securities of real estate companies worldwide.</p>

## General Share Class Features

Share Classes	Initial Charge <sup>2</sup>	Annual Distribution Charge <sup>3</sup>	Annual Management Charge
A Shares	Up to 5%	None	1.50%
AX Shares	Up to 5%	None	1.50%
A1 Shares	Up to 4%	0.50%	1.50%
B Shares	None	0.60%	1.50%
C Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.75%
CN Shares	Up to 3%	None	0.75%
CX Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.75%
D Shares	None	1.00%	1.50%
E Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.50%
IZ, IA, IB, IC, ID Shares	None	None	Up to 1%
Z Shares	None	None	Up to 1%

Annual Distribution Charge and Annual Management Charge percentages are stated as an annual charge with reference to the Net Asset Value of the Fund or the Net Asset Value per Share, as may be appropriate.

A share class hedging charge of up to 0.03% will be borne by the currency hedged Share Classes.

<sup>1</sup> Different subscription and redemption procedures may apply if applications are made through Distributors.

<sup>2</sup> The initial charge is applied against the total amount invested. The Management Company and Distributors are entitled to the initial charge, which can be partly or fully waived at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>3</sup> Annual Distribution Charges in respect of A1 and D Shares are paid at such intervals as may be agreed from time to time between the Company and those Distributors that are appointed specifically for the purpose of distributing such Shares. Annual Distribution Charges in respect of B Shares are payable quarterly.



Not all Share Classes listed are available for subscription at the time of issue of this Prospectus. The Funds may also launch Bespoke Share Classes that are described under Appendix III at the Directors' discretion.

# Schroder International Selection Fund Global Climate Change Equity

## Investment Objective

The Fund aims to provide capital growth by investing in equity and equity related securities of companies worldwide which the Investment Manager believes will benefit from efforts to accommodate or limit the impact of global climate change and which meet the Investment Manager's sustainability criteria.

## Investment Policy

The Fund is actively managed and invests at least two-thirds of its assets in equity and equity related securities of companies worldwide.

The Fund maintains a higher overall level of avoided emissions than MSCI All Country World (Net TR) index, based on the Investment Manager's rating system. More details on the investment process used to achieve this can be found in the Fund Characteristics section.

The Fund does not directly invest in certain activities, industries or groups of issuers above the limits listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

The Fund invests in companies that have good governance practices, as determined by the Investment Manager's rating criteria (please see the Fund Characteristics section for more details).

The Investment Manager may also engage with companies held by the Fund to challenge identified areas of weakness on sustainability issues. More details on the Investment Manager's approach to sustainability and its engagement with companies are available on the webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/>

The Fund may invest directly in China B-Shares and China H-Shares and may invest up to 10% of its assets (on a net basis) directly or indirectly (for example via participatory notes) in China A-Shares through Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect and Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect and shares listed on the STAR Board and the ChiNext.

The Fund may also invest up to one-third of its assets directly or indirectly in other securities (including other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies, Investment Funds, warrants and Money Market Investments, and hold cash (subject to the restrictions provided in Appendix I).

The Fund may use derivatives with the aim of reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently.

## Benchmark

The Fund does not have a target benchmark. The Fund's performance should be compared against the MSCI All Country World (Net TR) index. The comparator benchmark is

only included for performance comparison purposes and does not determine how the Investment Manager invests the Fund's assets. The Fund's investment universe is expected to overlap materially with the components of the comparator benchmark. The Investment Manager invests on a discretionary basis and there are no restrictions on the extent to which the Fund's portfolio and performance may deviate from the comparator benchmark. The Investment Manager will invest in companies or sectors not included in the comparator benchmark. The benchmark(s) does/do not take into account the environmental and social characteristics or sustainable objective (as relevant) of the Fund.

The comparator benchmark has been selected because the Investment Manager believes that the benchmark is a suitable comparison for performance purposes given the Fund's investment objective and policy.

## Further Information

The Fund is categorised as "Specialist Equity Fund".

More information relating to the environmental and social characteristics or sustainable investment objective (as applicable) of the Fund is provided in Appendix IV in accordance with SFDR and Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288.

## Risk Considerations

### Specific Risk Considerations

The reference in the Investment Policy to a fund investing two-thirds of its assets in a certain way applies in normal market conditions. See paragraph (A) at the start of this Appendix for further information.

The Fund has environmental and/or social characteristics (within the meaning of Article 8 SFDR). A Fund with these characteristics may have limited exposure to some companies, industries or sectors as a result and the Fund may forego certain investment opportunities, or dispose of certain holdings, that do not align with its sustainability criteria chosen by the Investment Manager. As Investors may differ in their views of what constitutes sustainable investing, the Fund may also invest in companies that do not reflect the beliefs and values of any particular Investor. Please refer to Appendix II for more details on sustainability risks.

## Profile of the Typical Investor

The Fund may be suitable for Investors who are more concerned with maximising long term returns than minimising possible short term losses.

## Fund Characteristics

Fund Currency	USD
Investment Manager	Schroder Investment Management Limited
Dealing Cut-off Time	13.00 Luxembourg time on Dealing Day

Dealing Frequency	Daily on Dealing Day
Settlement Period of Subscription and Redemption Proceeds <sup>1</sup>	3 Business Days from the relevant Dealing Day
Performance Fee	None
Redemption Charge	None
PEA / PIR Eligibility	No
Sustainability Criteria	<p>The Investment Manager applies sustainability criteria when selecting investments for the Fund.</p> <p>When assessing the significance of climate change on the long-term business outlook for a company, a company is assessed on a number of factors which include but are not limited to:</p> <p>If the company has significant direct industry exposure to climate change trends (mitigation – reducing greenhouse gas emissions through energy efficiency, renewable power, and cleaner vehicles; or adaptation – those that are preparing for the impacts of climate change, for example water stress, coastal flooding, community health issues, or supply chain disruptions, among other issues).</p> <p>The proportion of business segments that are potentially exposed to climate change trends.</p> <p>If the company has significant investment and research and development spending related to the transition to a lower carbon economy.</p> <p>A product portfolio that takes into account the physical and transition risks posed by climate change.</p> <p>The impact on the company of rising carbon costs in the context of its industry and competitive environment.</p> <p>The Investment Manager will then decide on a case by case basis whether a company is eligible for inclusion in the Fund's investment universe, based on this assessment. In addition, the Investment Manager's ESG analysis seeks to evaluate the materiality and impact of a range of ESG factors on the sustainability of future earnings growth and as potential risk factors that may affect a company's valuation. The Investment Manager's decision will focus on ratings in the areas that are most relevant to the particular business of that company.</p> <p>The Investment Manager performs its own analysis of information provided by the companies, including information provided in company sustainability reports and other relevant company material. The research draws information from a wide variety of publicly available corporate information and company meetings, broker reports and outputs from industry bodies, research organisations, think tanks, legislators, consultants, NGOs and academics. Third party research is used as a secondary consideration, and generally provides a source of challenge or endorsement for the Investment Manager's proprietary view.</p> <p>The Investment Manager ensures that at least 90% of the portion of the Fund's Net Asset Value composed of investments in companies is rated against the sustainability criteria. As a result of the application of sustainability criteria, at least 20% of the Fund's potential investment universe is excluded from the selection of investments.</p> <p>For the purposes of this test, the potential investment universe is the core universe of issuers that the Investment Manager may select for the Fund prior to the application of sustainability criteria, in accordance with the other limitations of the Investment Objective and Policy. This universe is comprised of equity and equity related securities of companies worldwide.</p>

<sup>1</sup> Different subscription and redemption procedures may apply if applications are made through Distributors.

## General Share Class Features

Share Classes	Initial Charge <sup>2</sup>	Annual Distribution Charge <sup>3</sup>	Annual Management Charge
A Shares	Up to 5%	None	1.50%
AX Shares	Up to 5%	None	1.50%
A1 Shares	Up to 4%	0.50%	1.50%
B Shares	None	0.60%	1.50%
C Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.75%
CN Shares	Up to 3%	None	0.75%
CX Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.75%
D Shares	None	1.00%	1.50%
E Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.50%
IZ, IA, IB, IC, ID Shares	None	None	Up to 1%
Z Shares	None	None	Up to 1%

Annual Distribution Charge and Annual Management Charge percentages are stated as an annual charge with reference to the Net Asset Value of the Fund or the Net Asset Value per Share, as may be appropriate.

A share class hedging charge of up to 0.03% will be borne by the currency hedged Share Classes.

Not all Share Classes listed are available for subscription at the time of issue of this Prospectus. The Funds may also launch Bespoke Share Classes that are described under Appendix III at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>2</sup> The initial charge is applied against the total amount invested. The Management Company and Distributors are entitled to the initial charge, which can be partly or fully waived at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>3</sup> Annual Distribution Charges in respect of A1 and D Shares are paid at such intervals as may be agreed from time to time between the Company and those Distributors that are appointed specifically for the purpose of distributing such Shares. Annual Distribution Charges in respect of B Shares are payable quarterly.

# Schroder International Selection Fund Global Climate Leaders

## Investment Objective

The Fund aims to provide capital growth by investing in equity and equity related securities of companies worldwide which the Investment Manager believes will contribute to the global reduction of carbon usage, in line with the Paris Agreement to limit climate change, and which meet the Investment Manager's sustainability criteria.

## Investment Policy

The Fund is actively managed and invests at least two-thirds of its assets in equity and equity related securities of companies worldwide.

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the MSCI All Country World (Net TR) Index, based on the Investment Manager's rating system. More details on the investment process used to achieve this can be found in the Fund Characteristics section.

The Fund invests in companies that have set targets in relation to the decarbonisation of their business consistent with limiting climate change to 1.5°C warming or less under the Paris Agreement.

The Fund does not directly invest in certain activities, industries or groups of issuers above the limits listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

The Fund invests in companies that have good governance practices, as determined by the Investment Manager's rating criteria (please see the Fund Characteristics section for more details).

The Fund may invest in companies that the Investment Manager believes will improve their sustainability practices within a reasonable timeframe, typically up to two years.

The Investment Manager may also engage with companies held by the Fund to challenge identified areas of weakness on sustainability issues. More details on the Investment Manager's approach to sustainability and its engagement with companies are available on the webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/>

The Fund may invest directly in China B-Shares and China H-Shares and may invest up to 30% of its assets (on a net basis) directly or indirectly (for example via participatory notes) in China A-Shares through Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect and Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect and shares listed on the STAR Board and the ChiNext.

The Fund may also invest up to one-third of its assets directly or indirectly in other securities (including other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies, Investment Funds, warrants and Money Market Investments, and hold cash (subject to the restrictions provided in Appendix I)

The Fund may use derivatives with the aim of reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently.

## Benchmark

The Fund does not have a target benchmark. The Fund's performance should be compared against the MSCI AC World (Net TR) Index and the MSCI All Country World Climate Paris Aligned Index. The comparator benchmarks are only included for performance comparison purposes and do not determine how the Investment Manager invests the Fund's assets. The Fund's investment universe is expected to overlap materially with the components of the comparator benchmarks. The Investment Manager invests on a discretionary basis and there are no restrictions on the extent to which the Fund's portfolio and performance may deviate from the comparator benchmarks. The Investment Manager will invest in companies or sectors not included in the comparator benchmarks. The benchmark(s) does/do not take into account the environmental and social characteristics or sustainable objective (as relevant) of the Fund.

The comparator benchmarks have been selected because the Investment Manager believes that the benchmarks are a suitable comparison for performance purposes given the Fund's investment objective and policy.

## Further Information

The Fund is categorised as "Specialist Equity Fund".

More information relating to the environmental and social characteristics or sustainable investment objective (as applicable) of the Fund is provided in Appendix IV in accordance with SFDR and Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288.

## Risk Considerations

### Specific Risk Considerations

The reference in the Investment Policy to a fund investing two-thirds of its assets in a certain way applies in normal market conditions. See paragraph (A) at the start of this Appendix for further information.

The Fund has environmental and/or social characteristics (within the meaning of Article 8 SFDR). A Fund with these characteristics may have limited exposure to some companies, industries or sectors as a result and the Fund may forego certain investment opportunities, or dispose of certain holdings, that do not align with its sustainability criteria chosen by the Investment Manager. As Investors may differ in their views of what constitutes sustainable investing, the Fund may also invest in companies that do not reflect the beliefs and values of any particular Investor. Please refer to Appendix II for more details on sustainability risks.

## Profile of the Typical Investor

The Fund may be suitable for Investors who are more concerned with maximising long-term returns than minimising possible short-term losses.

## Fund Characteristics

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Fund Currency	USD
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Investment Manager	Schroder Investment Management Limited
Dealing Cut-off Time	13.00 Luxembourg time on Dealing Day
Dealing Frequency	Daily on Dealing Day
Settlement Period of Subscription and Redemption Proceeds <sup>1</sup>	3 Business Days from the relevant Dealing Day
Performance Fee	None
Redemption Charge	None
PEA / PIR Eligibility	No
Sustainability Criteria	<p>The Investment Manager applies sustainability criteria when selecting investments for the Fund.</p> <p>When deciding whether a company is eligible for the Fund's portfolio, the Investment Manager will assess it against a number of criteria which include but are not limited to the company's emissions reduction target and whether the Investment Manager believes that the company is an ambitious and clear climate leader within its industry. The Investment Manager will decide on a case by case basis whether a company is eligible for inclusion in the Fund's investment universe, based on this assessment. The Investment Manager's decision will focus on ratings in the areas that are most relevant to the particular business of that company.</p> <p>The Investment Manager performs its own analysis of information provided by the companies, including information provided in company sustainability reports and other relevant company material. The research draws information from a wide variety of publicly available corporate information and company meetings, broker reports and outputs from industry bodies, research organisations, think tanks, legislators, consultants, NGOs and academics. Third party research is used as a secondary consideration, and generally provides a source of challenge or endorsement for the Investment Manager's proprietary view.</p> <p>The Investment Manager ensures that at least 90% of the portion of the Fund's Net Asset Value composed of investments in companies is rated against the sustainability criteria. As a result of the application of sustainability criteria, at least 20% of the Fund's potential investment universe is excluded from the selection of investments.</p> <p>For the purposes of this test, the potential investment universe is the core universe of issuers that the Investment Manager may select for the Fund prior to the application of sustainability criteria, in accordance with the other limitations of the Investment Objective and Policy. This universe is comprised of equity and equity related securities of companies worldwide.</p>

## General Share Class Features

Share Classes	Initial Charge <sup>2</sup>	Annual Distribution Charge <sup>3</sup>	Annual Management Charge
A Shares	Up to 5%	None	1.50%
AX Shares	Up to 5%	None	1.50%
A1 Shares	Up to 4%	0.50%	1.50%
B Shares	None	0.60%	1.50%
C Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.75%
CN Shares	Up to 3%	None	0.75%
CX Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.75%
D Shares	None	1.00%	1.50%
E Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.375%
IZ, IA, IB, IC, ID Shares	None	None	Up to 1%
Z Shares	None	None	Up to 1%

Distribution Charge and Management Fee percentages are stated as an annual charge with reference to the Net Asset Value of the Fund or the Net Asset Value per Share, as may be appropriate.

A share class hedging charge of up to 0.03% will be borne by the currency hedged Share Classes.

<sup>1</sup> Different subscription and redemption procedures may apply if applications are made through Distributors.

<sup>2</sup> The initial charge is applied against the total amount invested. The Management Company and Distributors are entitled to the initial charge, which can be partly or fully waived at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>3</sup> Annual Distribution Charges in respect of A1 and D Shares are paid at such intervals as may be agreed from time to time between the Company and those Distributors that are appointed specifically for the purpose of distributing such Shares. Annual Distribution Charges in respect of B Shares are payable quarterly.



Not all Share Classes listed are available for subscription at the time of issue of this Prospectus. The Funds may also launch Bespoke Share Classes that are described under Appendix III at the Directors' discretion.

# Schroder International Selection Fund Global Convertible Bond

## Investment Objective

The Fund aims to provide capital growth in excess of the **Thomson Reuters FTSE** Global Focus Hedged Convertible Bond index (USD) after fees have been deducted over a three to five year period by investing in convertible securities issued by companies worldwide.

## Investment Policy

The Fund is actively managed and invests at least two-thirds of its assets in a diversified range of convertible securities and other similar transferable securities, such as convertible preference securities, exchangeable bonds or exchangeable notes issued by companies worldwide. The Fund may also invest in fixed and floating rate securities, equity and equity related securities of companies worldwide.

Convertible bonds are typically corporate bonds that can be converted into shares at a given price. As such, the Investment Manager believes investors can gain exposure to global equity markets with the defensive benefits and less volatile characteristics of a bond investment.

The Fund may invest in excess of 50% of its assets in securities that have a below investment grade credit rating (as measured by Standard & Poor's or any equivalent grade of other credit rating agencies for rated bonds and implied Schroders ratings for non-rated bonds).

The Fund may also invest up to one-third of its assets directly or indirectly in other securities (including other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies, Investment Funds, warrants and Money Market Investments, and hold cash (subject to the restrictions provided in Appendix I).

The Fund may use derivatives with the aim of achieving investment gains, reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently.

## Benchmark

The Fund's performance should be assessed against its target benchmark being to exceed the **Thomson Reuters FTSE** Global Focus Hedged Convertible Bond index (USD). The Fund's investment universe is expected to overlap materially with the components of the target benchmark. The Investment Manager invests on a discretionary basis and there are no restrictions on the extent to which the Fund's portfolio and performance may deviate from the target benchmark. The Investment Manager will invest in companies or sectors not included in the target benchmark in order to take advantage of specific investment opportunities.

The target benchmark has been selected because it is representative of the type of investments in which the Fund is likely to invest and it is, therefore, an appropriate target in relation to the return that the Fund aims to provide.

## Further Information

The Fund is categorised as "Specialist Bond Fund".

## Risk Considerations

### Specific Risk Considerations

The reference in the Investment Policy to a fund investing two-thirds of its assets in a certain way applies in normal market conditions. See paragraph (A) at the start of this Appendix for further information.

The level of distribution costs in certain jurisdictions may impact the ability of the Investment Manager to meet the Fund's investment objective across all Share Classes after fees have been deducted.

## Profile of the Typical Investor

The Fund may be suitable for Investors who are seeking to combine capital growth opportunities with income in the relative stability of the debt markets over the long term.

## Fund Characteristics

Fund Currency	USD
Investment Manager	Schroder Investment Management (Switzerland) AG
Dealing Cut-off Time	13.00 Luxembourg time on Dealing Day
Dealing Frequency	Daily on Dealing Day
Settlement Period of Subscription and Redemption Proceeds <sup>1</sup>	3 Business Days from the relevant Dealing Day
Performance Fee	None
Redemption Charge	None
PEA / PIR Eligibility	No

<sup>1</sup> Different subscription and redemption procedures may apply if applications are made through Distributors.

## General Share Class Features

Share Classes	Initial Charge <sup>2</sup>	Annual Distribution Charge <sup>3</sup>	Annual Management Charge
A Shares	Up to 3%	None	1.25%
AX Shares	Up to 3%	None	1.25%
A1 Shares	Up to 2%	0.50%	1.25%
B Shares	None	0.50%	1.25%
C Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.75%
CN Shares	Up to 3%	None	0.75%
CX Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.75%
D Shares	None	1.00%	1.25%
E Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.375%
IZ, IA, IB, IC, ID Shares	None	None	Up to 0.75%
Z Shares	None	None	Up to 0.75%

Annual Distribution Charge and Annual Management Charge percentages are stated as an annual charge with reference to the Net Asset Value of the Fund or the Net Asset Value per Share, as may be appropriate.

A share class hedging charge of up to 0.03% will be borne by the currency hedged Share Classes.

Not all Share Classes listed are available for subscription at the time of issue of this Prospectus. The Funds may also launch Bespoke Share Classes that are described under Appendix III at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>2</sup> The initial charge is applied against the total amount invested. The Management Company and Distributors are entitled to the initial charge, which can be partly or fully waived at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>3</sup> Annual Distribution Charges in respect of A1 and D Shares are paid at such intervals as may be agreed from time to time between the Company and those Distributors that are appointed specifically for the purpose of distributing such Shares. Annual Distribution Charges in respect of B Shares are payable quarterly.

# Schroder International Selection Fund Global Corporate Bond

## Investment Objective

The Fund aims to provide income and capital growth in excess of the Bloomberg Global Aggregate – Corporate index hedged to USD after fees have been deducted over a three to five year period by investing in fixed and floating rate securities issued by companies worldwide.

## Investment Policy

The Fund is actively managed and invests at least two-thirds of its assets in fixed and floating rate securities denominated in various currencies and issued by companies worldwide.

The Fund invests in the full credit spectrum of fixed income investments. The Fund may invest:

- up to 40% of its assets in securities that have a below investment grade credit rating (as measured by Standard & Poor's or any equivalent grade of other credit rating agencies for rated bonds and implied Schrodgers ratings for non-rated bonds);
- up to 20% of its assets in securities issued by governments and government agencies; and
- up to 10% of its assets in contingent convertible bonds.

The Fund may also invest up to one-third of its assets directly or indirectly in other securities (including other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies, Investment Funds, warrants and Money Market Investments, and hold cash (subject to the restrictions provided in Appendix I).

The Fund may use derivatives, long and short, with the aim of achieving investment gains, reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently. The Fund may use leverage.

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the Bloomberg Global Aggregate – Corporate index Hedged to USD, based on the Investment Manager's rating criteria. More details on the investment process used to achieve this can be found in the Fund Characteristics section.

The Fund does not directly invest in certain activities, industries or groups of issuers above the limits listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

## Benchmark

The Fund's performance should be assessed against its target benchmark being to exceed the Bloomberg Global Aggregate – Corporate index Hedged to USD and compared against the Morningstar Global Corporate Bond Category Hedged to USD. The Fund's investment universe is expected to overlap materially with the components of the target benchmark. The comparator benchmark is only included for performance comparison purposes and does not determine how the Investment Manager invests the Fund's assets. The Investment Manager invests on a discretionary basis and there are no restrictions on the extent to which the Fund's portfolio and performance may deviate from the target benchmark. The Investment Manager will invest in

companies or sectors not included in the target benchmark in order to take advantage of specific investment opportunities.

The target benchmark has been selected because it is representative of the type of investments in which the Fund is likely to invest and it is, therefore, an appropriate target in relation to the return that the Fund aims to provide. The comparator benchmark has been selected because the Investment Manager believes that the benchmark is a suitable comparison for performance purposes given the Fund's investment objective and policy.

The benchmark(s) does/do not take into account the environmental and social characteristics or sustainable objective (as relevant) of the Fund.

## Further Information

The Fund is categorised as "Specialist Bond Fund".

More information relating to the environmental and social characteristics or sustainable investment objective (as applicable) of the Fund is provided in Appendix IV in accordance with SFDR and Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288.

## Risk Considerations

### Risk Management Method

Relative Value-at-Risk (VaR)

### VaR Benchmark

Barclays Global Aggregate Credit Component USD hedged Index. This USD hedged index provides a broad-based measure of the global investment-grade fixed income markets. This index excludes sovereign and securitised securities.

### Expected Leverage

200% of the total net assets

The expected level of leverage may be higher when volatility decreases sustainably, when interest rates are expected to change or when credit spreads are expected to widen or tighten.

### This Fund is not a leveraged financial instrument

The Fund utilises financial derivative instruments for investment purposes and the global exposure is monitored under the relative VaR approach in line with UCITS Risk Measurement Rules. Whilst these instruments generate leverage, the Fund itself is not a leveraged financial instrument as further described in the MIFID Directive. For further details on the relative VaR approach please see Appendix 1. In addition to this regulatory restriction, Schroders implements internal controls on global exposure to constrain and/or highlight global exposure as appropriate.

### Specific Risk Considerations

The Fund has environmental and/or social characteristics (within the meaning of Article 8 SFDR). A Fund with these characteristics may have limited exposure to some companies, industries or sectors as a result and the Fund may forego certain investment opportunities, or dispose of certain holdings, that do not align with its sustainability

criteria chosen by the Investment Manager. As Investors may differ in their views of what constitutes sustainable investing, the Fund may also invest in companies that do not reflect the beliefs and values of any particular Investor. Please refer to Appendix II for more details on sustainability risks.

The reference in the Investment Policy to a fund investing two-thirds of its assets in a certain way applies in normal market conditions. See paragraph (A) at the start of this Appendix for further information.

The level of distribution costs in certain jurisdictions may impact the ability of the Investment Manager to meet the Fund's investment objective across all Share Classes after fees have been deducted.

## Profile of the Typical Investor

The Fund may be suitable for Investors who are seeking to combine capital growth opportunities with income in the relative stability of the debt markets over the long term.

## Fund Characteristics

Fund Currency	USD
Investment Manager	Schroder Investment Management North America Inc.
Dealing Cut-off Time	13.00 Luxembourg time on Dealing Day
Dealing Frequency	Daily on Dealing Day
Settlement Period of Subscription and Redemption Proceeds <sup>1</sup>	3 Business Days from the relevant Dealing Day
Performance Fee	None
Redemption Charge	None
PEA / PIR Eligibility	No
Sustainability Criteria	<p>The Investment Manager applies governance and sustainability criteria when selecting investments for the Fund.</p> <p>The strategy aims to identify issuers demonstrating good or improving sustainability credentials, and those that impose a high cost on the environment and society. This involves:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The exclusion of issuers <del>with certain exposure to specific activities that the Investment Manager considers environmentally destructive or socially damaging, violate human rights and/ or have demonstrated gross misconduct that the Investment Manager deems to have businesses that are materially damaging to the climate and impose unjustifiable social costs.</del></li> <li>- The inclusion of issuers that <del>the Investment Manager considers are well placed to deliver demonstrate</del> stable and improving sustainability trajectories <del>relative to their industry peers., and issuers demonstrating good governance based on the Investment Manager's sustainability rating methodology.</del></li> </ul> <p>The Investment Manager may also engage with companies to encourage transparency, the transition to a circular economy with lower carbon emissions intensity and responsible social behaviour that promotes sustainable growth and alpha generation.</p> <p>The primary sources of information used to perform the analysis are the Investment Manager's proprietary tools and research, third-party research, NGO reports and expert networks. The Investment Manager also performs its own analysis of publicly available information provided by the companies, including information provided in company sustainability reports and other relevant company material.</p> <p>More details on the Investment Manager's approach to sustainability and its engagement with companies are available on the webpage <a href="https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/">https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/</a></p> <p>The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than its investment universe, based on the Investment Manager's rating system.</p> <p>The Investment Manager ensures that at least:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 90% of the portion of the NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in developed countries; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with an investment grade credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by developed countries; and</li> <li>- 75% of the portion of the NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in emerging countries; equities issued by small and medium companies; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with a high yield credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by emerging countries,</li> </ul> <p>is rated against the sustainability criteria. For the purposes of this test, small companies are those with market capitalisation below €5 billion, medium companies are those between €5 billion and €10 billion and large companies are those above €10 billion.</p>

<sup>1</sup> Different subscription and redemption procedures may apply if applications are made through Distributors.

## General Share Class Features

Share Classes	Initial Charge <sup>2</sup>	Annual Distribution Charge <sup>3</sup>	Annual Management Charge
A Shares	Up to 3%	None	0.75%
AX Shares	Up to 3%	None	0.75%
A1 Shares	Up to 2%	0.50%	0.75%
B Shares	None	0.50%	0.75%
C Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.45%
CN Shares	Up to 3%	None	0.45%
CX Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.45%
D Shares	None	1.00%	0.75%
E Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.225%
IZ, IA, IB, IC, ID Shares	None	None	Up to 0.45%
Z Shares	None	None	Up to 0.45%

Annual Distribution Charge and Annual Management Charge percentages are stated as an annual charge with reference to the Net Asset Value of the Fund or the Net Asset Value per Share, as may be appropriate.

A share class hedging charge of up to 0.03% will be borne by the currency hedged Share Classes.

Not all Share Classes listed are available for subscription at the time of issue of this Prospectus. The Funds may also launch Bespoke Share Classes that are described under Appendix III at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>2</sup> The initial charge is applied against the total amount invested. The Management Company and Distributors are entitled to the initial charge, which can be partly or fully waived at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>3</sup> Annual Distribution Charges in respect of A1 and D Shares are paid at such intervals as may be agreed from time to time between the Company and those Distributors that are appointed specifically for the purpose of distributing such Shares. Annual Distribution Charges in respect of B Shares are payable quarterly.



# Schroder International Selection Fund Global Credit High Income

## Investment Objective

The Fund aims to provide capital growth and income by investing in fixed and floating rate securities issued by governments and companies worldwide. The Fund aims to mitigate losses in falling markets. The mitigation of losses cannot be guaranteed.

## Investment Policy

The Fund is actively managed and invests at least two-thirds of its assets in fixed and floating rate investment grade and high yield securities issued by governments, government agencies, supra-nationals and companies worldwide, including emerging market countries.

The Fund may invest:

- in excess of 50% of its assets in securities that have a below investment grade credit rating (as measured by Standard & Poor's or any equivalent grade of other credit rating agencies for rated bonds and implied Schroders ratings for non-rated bonds);
- up to 20% of its assets in asset-backed securities and mortgage-backed securities;
- up to 10% of its assets in convertible bonds (including contingent convertible bonds);
- up to 10% of its assets in open-ended Investment Funds; and
- in Money Market Investments and hold cash.

The Investment Manager aims to mitigate losses by diversifying the Fund's asset allocation away from areas of the market identified as having a high risk of material negative return.

The Fund may also invest up to one-third of its assets directly or indirectly in other securities (including other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies, and warrants (subject to the restrictions provided in Appendix I).

The Fund may use derivatives, long and short, with the aim of achieving investment gains, reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently.

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the Bloomberg Multiverse ex Treasury BBB+ to CCC+ USD, EUR, GBP index based on the Investment Manager's rating criteria. More details on the investment process used to achieve this can be found in the Fund Characteristics section.

The Fund does not directly invest in certain activities, industries or groups of issuers above the limits listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

## Benchmark

The Fund does not have a target benchmark. The Fund's performance should be compared against the Bloomberg Multiverse ex Treasury BBB+ to CCC+ USD, EUR, GBP index, the Bloomberg Global High Yield USD index, and the JP Morgan EMBI Global Total Return index. The comparator benchmarks are only included for performance comparison purposes and do not determine how the Investment

Manager invests the Fund's assets. The Fund's investment universe is expected to overlap to a limited extent with the components of the comparator benchmarks. However, the Fund will likely reflect certain features of the comparator benchmark (namely credit quality/duration, currency exposure/exposure to particular issuers). The Investment Manager invests on a discretionary basis and there are no restrictions on the extent to which the Fund's portfolio and performance may deviate from the comparator benchmarks. The Investment Manager will invest in companies or sectors not included in the comparator benchmarks.

Any comparator benchmark has been selected because the Investment Manager believes that the benchmark is a suitable comparison for performance purposes given the Fund's investment objective and policy.

The benchmark(s) does/do not take into account the environmental and social characteristics or sustainable objective (as relevant) of the Fund.

## Further Information

The Fund is categorised as "Specialist Bond Fund".

More information relating to the environmental and social characteristics or sustainable investment objective (as applicable) of the Fund is provided in Appendix IV in accordance with SFDR and Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288.

## Risk Considerations

### Risk Management Method

Absolute Value at Risk (VaR)

### Expected Leverage

500% of the total net assets

The expected level of leverage may be higher when there is unusually high or low volatility.

### This Fund is not a leveraged financial instrument

The Fund utilises financial derivative instruments for investment purposes and the global exposure is monitored under the absolute VaR approach in line with UCITS Risk Measurement Rules. Whilst these instruments generate leverage, the Fund itself is not a leveraged financial instrument as further described in the MIFID Directive. For further details on the absolute VaR approach please see Appendix 1. In addition to this regulatory restriction, Schroders implements internal controls on global exposure to constrain and/or highlight global exposure as appropriate.

### Specific Risk Considerations

A detailed description of the risks linked to contingent convertible bonds, below-investment grade securities, asset-backed securities and mortgage-backed securities can be found in Appendix II of this Prospectus.

The Fund has environmental and/or social characteristics (within the meaning of Article 8 SFDR). A Fund with these characteristics may have limited exposure to some companies, industries or sectors as a result and the Fund may forego certain investment opportunities, or dispose of

certain holdings, that do not align with its sustainability criteria chosen by the Investment Manager. As Investors may differ in their views of what constitutes sustainable investing, the Fund may also invest in companies that do not reflect the beliefs and values of any particular Investor. Please refer to Appendix II for more details on sustainability risks.

The reference in the Investment Policy to a fund investing two-thirds of its assets in a certain way applies in normal market conditions. See paragraph (A) at the start of this Appendix for further information.

Risks related to emerging markets investments can be found under “Emerging and Less Developed Markets Securities Risk” in Appendix II of this Prospectus.

The level of distribution costs in certain jurisdictions may impact the ability of the Investment Manager to meet the Fund’s investment objective across all Share Classes after fees have been deducted.

## Profile of the Typical Investor

The Fund may be suitable for Investors who are seeking to combine capital growth opportunities with income in the relative stability of the debt markets over the long term.

## Fund Characteristics

Fund Currency	USD
Investment Manager	Schroder Investment Management Limited
Dealing Cut-off Time	13.00 Luxembourg time on Dealing Day
Dealing Frequency	Daily on Dealing Day
Settlement Period of Subscription and Redemption Proceeds <sup>1</sup>	3 Business Days from the relevant Dealing Day
Performance Fee	None
Redemption Charge	None
PEA / PIR Eligibility	No
Sustainability Criteria	<p>The Investment Manager applies governance and sustainability criteria when selecting investments for the Fund.</p> <p>The strategy aims to identify issuers demonstrating good or improving sustainability credentials, and those that impose a high cost on the environment and society. This involves:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The exclusion of issuers <u>with certain exposure to specific activities that the Investment Manager considers environmentally destructive or socially damaging, violate human rights and/ or have demonstrated gross misconduct that the Investment Manager deems to have businesses that are materially damaging to the climate and impose unjustifiable social costs.</u></li> <li>- The inclusion of issuers that <u>the Investment Manager considers are well placed to deliver demonstrate</u> stable and improving sustainability trajectories <u>relative to their industry peers., and issuers demonstrating good governance based on the Investment Manager’s sustainability rating methodology.</u></li> </ul> <p>The Investment Manager may also engage with companies to encourage transparency, the transition to a circular economy with lower carbon emissions intensity and responsible social behaviour that promotes sustainable growth and alpha generation.</p> <p>The primary sources of information used to perform the analysis are the Investment Manager’s proprietary tools and research, third-party research, NGO reports and expert networks. The Investment Manager also performs its own analysis of publicly available information provided by the companies, including information provided in company sustainability reports and other relevant company material.</p> <p>More details on the Investment Manager’s approach to sustainability and its engagement with companies are available on the webpage <a href="https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/">https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/</a></p> <p>The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than its investment universe, based on the Investment Manager’s rating system.</p> <p>The Investment Manager ensures that at least:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 90% of the portion of the NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in developed countries; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with an investment grade credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by developed countries; and</li> <li>- 75% of the portion of the NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in emerging countries; equities issued by small and medium companies; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with a high yield credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by emerging countries,</li> </ul>

<sup>1</sup> Different subscription and redemption procedures may apply if applications are made through Distributors.

is rated against the sustainability criteria. For the purposes of this test, small companies are those with market capitalisation below €5 billion, medium companies are those between €5 billion and €10 billion and large companies are those above €10 billion.

## General Share Class Features

Share Classes	Initial Charge <sup>2</sup>	Annual Distribution Charge <sup>3</sup>	Annual Management Charge
A Shares	Up to 3%	None	1.20%
AX Shares	Up to 3%	None	1.20%
A1 Shares	Up to 2%	0.50%	1.20%
B Shares	None	0.50%	1.20%
C Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.60%
CN Shares	Up to 3%	None	0.60%
CX Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.60%
D Shares	None	1.00%	1.20%
E Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.30%
IZ, IA, IB, IC, ID Shares	None	None	Up to 0.60%
Z Shares	None	None	Up to 0.60%

Annual Distribution Charge and Annual Management Charge percentages are stated as an annual charge with reference to the Net Asset Value of the Fund or the Net Asset Value per Share, as may be appropriate.

A share class hedging charge of up to 0.03% will be borne by the currency hedged Share Classes.

Not all Share Classes listed are available for subscription at the time of issue of this Prospectus. The Funds may also launch Bespoke Share Classes that are described under Appendix III at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>2</sup> The initial charge is applied against the total amount invested. The Management Company and Distributors are entitled to the initial charge, which can be partly or fully waived at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>3</sup> Annual Distribution Charges in respect of A1 and D Shares are paid at such intervals as may be agreed from time to time between the Company and those Distributors that are appointed specifically for the purpose of distributing such Shares. Annual Distribution Charges in respect of B Shares are payable quarterly.

# Schroder International Selection Fund Global Credit Income

## Investment Objective

The Fund aims to provide income and capital growth by investing in fixed and floating rate securities issued by governments and companies worldwide. The Fund aims to mitigate losses in falling markets. The mitigation of losses cannot be guaranteed.

## Investment Policy

The Fund is actively managed and invests at least two-thirds of its assets in fixed and floating rate investment grade and high yield securities issued by governments, government agencies, supra-nationals and companies worldwide, including emerging market countries.

The Fund may invest:

- in excess of 50% of its assets in securities that have a below investment grade credit rating (as measured by Standard & Poor's or any equivalent grade of other credit rating agencies for rated bonds and implied Schrodgers ratings for non-rated bonds);
- up to 20% of its assets in asset-backed securities and mortgage-backed securities;
- up to 10% of its assets in convertible bonds (including contingent convertible bonds); and
- up to 10% of its assets in open-ended Investment Funds.

The Investment Manager aims to mitigate losses by diversifying the Fund's asset allocation away from areas of the market identified as having a high risk of material negative return.

The Fund may also invest up to one-third of its assets directly or indirectly in other securities (including other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies, warrants and Money Market Investments, and hold cash (subject to the restrictions provided in Appendix I).

The Fund may use derivatives, long and short, with the aim of achieving investment gains, reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently.

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than Bloomberg Multiverse ex Treasury A+ to B- USD Hedged index, based on the Investment Manager's rating system. More details on the investment process used to achieve this can be found in the Fund Characteristics section.

The Fund does not directly invest in certain activities, industries or groups of issuers above the limits listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

## Benchmark

The Fund does not have a target benchmark. The Fund's performance should be compared against the Bloomberg Multiverse ex Treasury A+ to B- USD Hedged index, the Bloomberg Global Aggregate Corporate USD index, the Bloomberg Global High Yield USD index, and the JP Morgan EMBI Global Total Return index. The comparator benchmarks are only included for performance comparison purposes and do not determine how the Investment Manager invests the Fund's assets. The Fund's investment

universe is expected to overlap materially with the components of the comparator benchmarks. The Investment Manager invests on a discretionary basis and there are no restrictions on the extent to which the Fund's portfolio and performance may deviate from the comparator benchmarks. The Investment Manager will invest in companies or sectors not included in the comparator benchmarks. The benchmark(s) does/do not take into account the environmental and social characteristics or sustainable objective (as relevant) of the Fund. Any comparator benchmark has been selected because the Investment Manager believes that the benchmark is a suitable comparison for performance purposes given the Fund's investment objective and policy.

## Further Information

The Fund is categorised as "Specialist Bond Fund".

More information relating to the environmental and social characteristics or sustainable investment objective (as applicable) of the Fund is provided in Appendix IV in accordance with SFDR and Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288.

## Risk Considerations

### Risk Management Method

Absolute Value-at-Risk (VaR)

### Expected Leverage

500% of the total net assets

The expected level of leverage may be higher when there is unusually high or low volatility.

### This Fund is not a leveraged financial instrument

The Fund utilises financial derivative instruments for investment purposes and the global exposure is monitored under the absolute VaR approach in line with UCITS Risk Measurement Rules. Whilst these instruments generate leverage, the Fund itself is not a leveraged financial instrument as further described in the MIFID Directive. For further details on the absolute VaR approach please see Appendix 1. In addition to this regulatory restriction, Schroders implements internal controls on global exposure to constrain and/or highlight global exposure as appropriate.

### Specific Risk Considerations

The reference in the Investment Policy to a fund investing two-thirds of its assets in a certain way applies in normal market conditions. See paragraph (A) at the start of this Appendix for further information.

Risks related to emerging markets investments can be found under "Emerging and Less Developed Markets Securities Risk" in Appendix II of this Prospectus.

The Fund has environmental and/or social characteristics (within the meaning of Article 8 SFDR). A Fund with these characteristics may have limited exposure to some companies, industries or sectors as a result and the Fund may forego certain investment opportunities, or dispose of certain holdings, that do not align with its sustainability criteria chosen by the Investment Manager. As Investors may differ in their views of what constitutes sustainable

investing, the Fund may also invest in companies that do not reflect the beliefs and values of any particular Investor. Please refer to Appendix II for more details on sustainability risks.

## Profile of the Typical Investor

The Fund may be suitable for Investors who are seeking income, combined with capital growth opportunities in the relative stability of the debt markets over the long term.

## Fund Characteristics

Fund Currency	USD
Investment Manager	Schroder Investment Management Limited
Dealing Cut-off Time	13.00 Luxembourg time on Dealing Day
Dealing Frequency	Daily on Dealing Day
Settlement Period of Subscription and Redemption Proceeds <sup>1</sup>	3 Business Days from the relevant Dealing Day
Performance Fee	None
Redemption Charge	None
PEA / PIR Eligibility	No
Sustainability Criteria	<p>The Investment Manager applies governance and sustainability criteria when selecting investments for the Fund.</p> <p>The strategy aims to identify issuers demonstrating good or improving sustainability credentials, and those that impose a high cost on the environment and society. This involves:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The exclusion of issuers <u>with certain exposure to specific activities that the Investment Manager considers environmentally destructive or socially damaging, violate human rights and/ or have demonstrated gross misconduct that the Investment Manager deems to have businesses that are materially damaging to the climate and impose unjustifiable social costs.</u></li> <li>- The inclusion of issuers that <u>the Investment Manager considers are well placed to deliver demonstrate</u> stable and improving sustainability trajectories <u>relative to their industry peers., and issuers demonstrating good governance based on the Investment Manager's sustainability rating methodology.</u></li> </ul> <p>The Investment Manager may also engage with companies to encourage transparency, the transition to a circular economy with lower carbon emissions intensity and responsible social behaviour that promotes sustainable growth and alpha generation.</p> <p>The primary sources of information used to perform the analysis are the Investment Manager's proprietary tools and research, third-party research, NGO reports and expert networks. The Investment Manager also performs its own analysis of publicly available information provided by the companies, including information provided in company sustainability reports and other relevant company material.</p> <p>More details on the Investment Manager's approach to sustainability and its engagement with companies are available on the webpage <a href="https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/">https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/</a></p> <p>The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than its investment universe, based on the Investment Manager's rating system.</p> <p>The Investment Manager ensures that at least:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 90% of the portion of the NAV composed of fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with an investment grade credit rating; sovereign debt issued by developed countries; and equities issued by large companies domiciled in developed countries; and</li> <li>- 75% of the portion of the NAV composed of fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with a high yield credit rating; sovereign debt issued by emerging countries equities issued by large companies domiciled in emerging countries; equities issued by small and medium companies,</li> </ul> <p>is rated against the sustainability criteria. For the purposes of this test, small companies are those with market capitalisation below €5 billion, medium companies are those between €5 billion and €10 billion and large companies are those above €10 billion.</p>

<sup>1</sup> Different subscription and redemption procedures may apply if applications are made through Distributors.

## General Share Class Features

Share Classes	Initial Charge <sup>2</sup>	Annual Distribution Charge <sup>3</sup>	Annual Management Charge
A Shares	Up to 3%	None	1.10%
AX Shares	Up to 3%	None	1.10%
A1 Shares	Up to 2%	0.50%	1.10%
B Shares	None	0.50%	1.10%
C Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.55%
CN Shares	Up to 3%	None	0.55%
CX Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.55%
D Shares	None	1.00%	1.10%
E Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.275%
IZ, IA, IB, IC, ID Shares	None	None	Up to 0.55%
Z Shares	None	None	Up to 0.55%

Annual Distribution Charge and Annual Management Charge percentages are stated as an annual charge with reference to the Net Asset Value of the Fund or the Net Asset Value per Share, as may be appropriate.

A share class hedging charge of up to 0.03% will be borne by the currency hedged Share Classes.

Not all Share Classes listed are available for subscription at the time of issue of this Prospectus. The Funds may also launch Bespoke Share Classes that are described under Appendix III at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>2</sup> The initial charge is applied against the total amount invested. The Management Company and Distributors are entitled to the initial charge, which can be partly or fully waived at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>3</sup> Annual Distribution Charges in respect of A1 and D Shares are paid at such intervals as may be agreed from time to time between the Company and those Distributors that are appointed specifically for the purpose of distributing such Shares. Annual Distribution Charges in respect of B Shares are payable quarterly.



# Schroder International Selection Fund Global Disruption

## Investment Objective

The Fund aims to provide capital growth by investing in equity and equity related securities of companies worldwide which benefit from disruption.

## Investment Policy

The Fund is actively managed and invests at least two-thirds of its assets in equity and equity related securities of companies worldwide.

Disruption typically means innovation (whether due to technology or otherwise) which changes a particular industry by creating new markets, products or service models. Disruption can be observed in many industries such as e-commerce, media & communications and banking & payments. The Investment Manager believes that companies benefitting from disruptive innovation, either as the disruptor or otherwise, can experience a rapid acceleration in, and durability of, growth. The Investment Manager seeks to invest in companies benefiting from disruption before this is fully reflected in market expectations.

The Fund may also invest up to one-third of its assets directly or indirectly in other securities (including other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies, Investment Funds, warrants and Money Market Investments, and hold cash (subject to the restrictions provided in Appendix I).

The Fund may use derivatives with the aim of reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently.

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the MSCI AC World (Net TR) index based on the Investment Manager's rating criteria. More details on the investment process used to achieve this can be found in the Fund Characteristics section.

The Fund does not directly invest in certain activities, industries or groups of issuers above the limits listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

## Benchmark

The Fund does not have a target benchmark. The Fund's performance should be compared against the MSCI AC World (Net TR) index. The comparator benchmark is only included for performance purposes and does not determine how the Investment Manager invests the Fund's assets. The Fund's investment universe is expected

to overlap materially with the components of the comparator benchmark. The Investment Manager invests on a discretionary basis and there are no restrictions on the extent to which the Fund's portfolio and performance may deviate from the comparator benchmark. The Investment Manager will invest in companies or sectors not included in the comparator benchmark.

The comparator benchmark has been selected because the Investment Manager believes that the benchmark is a suitable comparison for performance purposes given the Fund's investment objective and policy.

The benchmark(s) does/do not take into account the environmental and social characteristics or sustainable objective (as relevant) of the Fund.

## Further Information

The Fund is categorised as a "Specialist Equity Fund".

More information relating to the environmental and social characteristics or sustainable investment objective (as applicable) of the Fund is provided in Appendix IV in accordance with SFDR and Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288.

## Risk Considerations

### Specific Risk Considerations

The Fund has environmental and/or social characteristics (within the meaning of Article 8 SFDR). A Fund with these characteristics may have limited exposure to some companies, industries or sectors as a result and the Fund may forego certain investment opportunities, or dispose of certain holdings, that do not align with its sustainability criteria chosen by the Investment Manager. As Investors may differ in their views of what constitutes sustainable investing, the Fund may also invest in companies that do not reflect the beliefs and values of any particular Investor. Please refer to Appendix II for more details on sustainability risks.

The reference in the Investment Policy to a fund investing two-thirds of its assets in a certain way applies in normal market conditions. See paragraph (A) at the start of this Appendix for further information.

## Profile of the Typical Investor

The Fund may be suitable for investors who are more concerned with maximising long term returns that minimising possible short term losses.

## Fund Characteristics

Fund Currency	USD
Investment Manager	Schroder Investment Management Limited
Dealing Cut-off Time	13.00 Luxembourg time on Dealing Day
Dealing Frequency	Daily on Dealing Day
Settlement Period of Subscription and Redemption Proceeds <sup>1</sup>	3 Business Days from the relevant Dealing Day
Performance Fee	None

<sup>1</sup> Different subscription and redemption procedures may apply if applications are made through Distributors.

Redemption Charge	None
PEA / PIR Eligibility	No
Sustainability Criteria	<p>The Investment Manager applies governance and sustainability criteria when selecting investments for the Fund.</p> <p>The Investment Manager evaluates issuers against a range of environmental, social and governance factors in order to decide whether an issuer is eligible for the Fund's portfolio. This analysis is performed by global sector specialists and local analyst teams and is supported by Schroders' dedicated Sustainable Investment team. The Investment Manager uses Schroders' proprietary sustainability tools to provide a baseline assessment that contributes to the overall ESG appraisal of a company. Additionally, meetings with company management inform the Investment Manager's view, providing further insights on corporate culture and senior management commitment to corporate social responsibility, with third party ESG research used primarily as a benchmarking exercise to confirm proprietary analysis.</p> <p>More details on the Investment Manager's approach to sustainability and its engagement with companies are available on the webpage <a href="https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/">https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/</a></p> <p>The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than its investment universe, based on the Investment Manager's rating system.</p> <p>The Investment Manager ensures that at least:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– 90% of the portion of the NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in developed countries; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with an investment grade credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by developed countries; and</li> <li>– 75% of the portion of the NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in emerging countries; equities issued by small and medium companies; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with a high yield credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by emerging countries,</li> </ul> <p>is rated against the sustainability criteria. For the purposes of this test, small companies are those with market capitalisation below €5 billion, medium companies are those between €5 billion and €10 billion and large companies are those above €10 billion.</p>

## General Share Class Features

Share Classes	Initial Charge <sup>2</sup>	Annual Distribution Charge <sup>3</sup>	Annual Management Charge
A Shares	Up to 5%	None	1.50%
AX Shares	Up to 5%	None	1.50%
A1 Shares	Up to 4%	0.50%	1.50%
B Shares	None	0.60%	1.50%
C Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.75%
CN Shares	Up to 3%	None	0.75%
CX Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.75%
D Shares	None	1.00%	1.50%
E Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.375%
IZ, IA, IB, IC, ID Shares	None	None	Up to 0.75%
Z Shares	None	None	Up to 0.75%

Annual Distribution Charge and Annual Management Charge percentages are stated as an annual charge with reference to the Net Asset Value of the Fund or the Net Asset Value per Share, as may be appropriate.

A share class hedging charge of up to 0.03% will be borne by the currency hedged Share Classes.

Not all Share Classes listed are available for subscription at the time of issue of this Prospectus. The Funds may also launch Bespoke Share Classes that are described under Appendix III at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>2</sup> The initial charge is applied against the total amount invested. The Management Company and Distributors are entitled to the initial charge, which can be partly or fully waived at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>3</sup> Annual Distribution Charges in respect of A1 and D Shares are paid at such intervals as may be agreed from time to time between the Company and those Distributors that are appointed specifically for the purpose of distributing such Shares. Annual Distribution Charges in respect of B Shares are payable quarterly.

# Schroder International Selection Fund Global Diversified Growth

## Investment Objective

The Fund aims to provide long term capital growth and income of 3 Month Euribor + 4.5% per annum before fees have been deducted\* over a five to seven year period by investing in a diversified range of assets and markets worldwide. The Fund aims to provide a volatility (a measure of how much the Fund's returns may vary over a year) of up to two-thirds that of global equities over the same period.

\*For the target return after fees for each Share Class please visit the Schroder webpage:  
<https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/funds-and-strategies/fund-administration/performance-targets-after-fees/>

## Investment Policy

The Fund is actively managed and invests directly or indirectly through derivatives or open-ended Investment Funds (including other Schroder Funds) and Exchange Traded Funds in a wide range of assets including equity and fixed income securities and Alternative Asset Classes.

The Fund may invest in sub-investment grade securities (being securities with a credit rating below investment grade as measured by Standard & Poor's or any equivalent grade of other credit rating agencies). The Fund may invest up to 20% of its assets in asset-backed securities and mortgage-backed securities. The exposure to Alternative Asset Classes is taken through eligible assets as described in Appendix III of this Prospectus.

The Fund intends to use derivatives (including total return swaps), long and short, with the aim of achieving investment gains, reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently. Where the Fund uses total return swaps and contracts for difference, the underlying consists of instruments in which the Fund may invest according to its Investment Objective and Investment Policy. In particular, the aim is to use total return swaps and contracts for difference on a temporary basis in market conditions including but not limited to during periods of expanding global economic growth and rising inflation or elevated geopolitical risk, or when credit spreads are expected to widen such during periods of falling economic growth, rising interest rates or elevated geopolitical risk. Contracts for difference and total return swaps are intended to be used to gain long and short exposure on equity and equity related securities, fixed and floating rate securities and commodity indices. The gross exposure of total return swaps and contracts for difference will not exceed 25% and is expected to remain within the range of 0% to 15% of the Net Asset Value. In certain circumstances this proportion may be higher.

The Fund may invest up to 100% of its assets in open-ended Investment Funds (including other Schroder Funds). The Fund may invest in another fund that charges a performance fee.

The Fund may invest in Money Market Investments and hold cash.

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than a bespoke asset-weighted blend\* of MSCI World Index (hedged to EUR), MSCI Emerging Market Index (hedged to EUR), Barclays Global Aggregate Corporate Bond Index (hedged to EUR), Barclays Global High Yield excl CMBS & EMD 2% Index (hedged to EUR), ICE BofA US Treasury Index

(hedged to EUR), JPM GBI Emerging Market Index - EM Local (hedged to EUR), JPM EMBI Index EM Hard Currency (hedged to EUR), ~~Thomson Reuters~~FTSE Global Convertible Bonds Index (hedged to EUR), based on the Investment Manager's rating system. More details on the investment process used to achieve this can be found in the Fund Characteristics section.\*The blend will evolve over time in line with the actual asset allocation of the Fund.

The Fund does not directly invest in certain activities, industries or groups of issuers above the limits listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

## Benchmark

The Fund's performance should be assessed against its target benchmark, being to deliver the 3 Month Euribor +4.5% and compared against the Harmonised Index of Consumer Prices and the MSCI AC World (Net TR) Hedged to EUR index. The comparator benchmarks are only included for performance comparison purposes and do not determine how the Investment Manager invests the Fund's assets. In relation to the MSCI AC World (Net TR) Hedged to EUR index, the Fund's investment universe is expected to overlap to a limited extent with the components of the comparator benchmark. The Investment Manager invests on a discretionary basis and there are no restrictions on the extent to which the Fund's portfolio and performance may deviate from the MSCI AC World (Net TR) Hedged to EUR index. The Investment Manager will invest in companies or sectors not included in the MSCI AC World (Net TR) Hedged to EUR index.

The target benchmark has been selected because the target return of the Fund is to deliver or exceed the return of that benchmark as stated in the investment objective. Any comparator benchmark has been selected because the Investment Manager believes that the benchmark is a suitable comparison for performance purposes given the Fund's investment objective and policy.

The benchmark(s) does/do not take into account the environmental and social characteristics or sustainable objective (as relevant) of the Fund.

Schroders is in the process of assessing the potential alternatives to EURIBOR and will notify investors of any decision to move away from EURIBOR in due course.

## Further Information

The Fund is categorised as "Multi-Asset Fund".

More information relating to the environmental and social characteristics or sustainable investment objective (as applicable) of the Fund is provided in Appendix IV in accordance with SFDR and Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288.

## Risk Considerations

**As of 8 May 2024 the following sections "Risk Management Method", "Expected leverage" and "This Fund is not a leveraged financial instrument" will apply**

### Risk Management Method

Absolute Value-at-Risk (VaR)

## Expected Leverage

225% of the total net assets

The expected level of leverage may be higher when volatility decreases sustainably, when interest rates are expected to change or when credit spreads are expected to widen or tighten.

## This Fund is not a leveraged financial instrument

The Fund utilises financial derivative instruments for investment purposes and the global exposure is monitored under the absolute VaR approach in line with UCITS Risk Measurement Rules. Whilst these instruments generate leverage, the Fund itself is not a leveraged financial instrument as further described in the MIFID Directive. For further details on the absolute VaR approach please see Appendix 1. In addition to this regulatory restriction, Schroders implements internal controls on global exposure to constrain and/or highlight global exposure as appropriate.

## Specific Risk Considerations

Long and short positions gained through index and equity total return swaps may increase exposure to credit-related risks.

The Fund may seek exposure to each of real estate, private equity and commodities through investment in transferable securities, Investment Trusts and REITs, derivatives on Financial Indices, Investment Funds and ETFs which invest in such asset classes. The exposure to commodities will be taken through eligible assets as described under the definition of "Alternative Asset Classes" in Appendix III of this Prospectus.

## Fund Characteristics

Fund Currency	EUR
Investment Manager	Schroder Investment Management Limited
Dealing Cut-off Time	13.00 Luxembourg time on Dealing Day
Dealing Frequency	Daily on Dealing Day
Settlement Period of Subscription and Redemption Proceeds <sup>1</sup>	3 Business Days from the relevant Dealing Day
Performance Fee	None
Redemption Charge	None
PEA / PIR Eligibility	No
Sustainability Criteria	<p>The Investment Manager applies governance and sustainability criteria when selecting investments for the Fund. The investable universe is assessed using a number of proprietary tools, as well as external rating services.</p> <p>The Investment Manager will assess companies against a variety of environmental, social and governance metrics, taking into account issues such as climate change, environmental performance, labour standards and board composition. The Investment Manager will decide whether an investment is eligible for inclusion taking into account the overall ESG score. The multi-asset nature of the Fund means that the Investment Manager will analyse the ESG scores across asset classes as an input into the asset allocation of the Fund. The Investment Manager may select investments, which it deems to contribute to one or more environmental or social objectives, provided that they do no significant harm to any other environmental or social objectives.</p> <p>The sources of information used to perform the analysis include information provided by the companies, such as company sustainability reports and other relevant company material, as well as Schroders' proprietary sustainability tools and third-party data.</p>

A detailed description of the risks linked to asset-backed securities and mortgage-backed securities can be found in Appendix II of this Prospectus.

Risks related to emerging markets investments can be found under "Emerging and Less Developed Markets Securities Risk" in Appendix II of this Prospectus.

The Fund has environmental and/or social characteristics (within the meaning of Article 8 SFDR). A Fund with these characteristics may have limited exposure to some companies, industries or sectors as a result and the Fund may forego certain investment opportunities, or dispose of certain holdings, that do not align with its sustainability criteria chosen by the Investment Manager. As Investors may differ in their views of what constitutes sustainable investing, the Fund may also invest in companies that do not reflect the beliefs and values of any particular Investor. Please refer to Appendix II for more details on sustainability risks.

The reference in the Investment Policy to a fund investing two-thirds of its assets in a certain way applies in normal market conditions. See paragraph (A) at the start of this Appendix for further information.

The level of distribution costs in certain jurisdictions may impact the ability of the Investment Manager to meet the Fund's investment objective across all Share Classes after fees have been deducted.

## Profile of the Typical Investor

The Fund will be suitable for Investors who are more concerned with maximising long-term returns than minimising possible short-term losses.

<sup>1</sup> Different subscription and redemption procedures may apply if applications are made through Distributors.

More details on the Investment Manager's approach to sustainability and its engagement with companies are available on the webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/>

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than its investment universe, based on the Investment Manager's rating system.

The Investment Manager ensures that at least:

- 90% of the portion of the NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in developed countries; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with an investment grade credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by developed countries; and
- 75% of the portion of the NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in emerging countries; equities issued by small and medium companies; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with a high yield credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by emerging countries,

is rated against the sustainability criteria. For the purposes of this test, small companies are those with market capitalisation below €5 billion, medium companies are those between €5 billion and €10 billion and large companies are those above €10 billion.

## General Share Class Features

Share Classes	Initial Charge <sup>2</sup>	Annual Distribution Charge <sup>3</sup>	Annual Management Charge
A Shares	Up to 5%	None	1.25%
AX Shares	Up to 5%	None	1.25%
A1 Shares	Up to 4%	0.50%	1.25%
B Shares	None	0.60%	1.25%
C Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.625%
CN Shares	Up to 3%	None	0.625%
CX Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.625%
D Shares	None	1.00%	1.25%
E Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.375%
IZ, IA, IB, IC, ID Shares	None	None	Up to 0.55%
Z Shares	None	None	Up to 0.55%

Annual Distribution Charge and Annual Management Charge percentages are stated as an annual charge with reference to the Net Asset Value of the Fund or the Net Asset Value per Share, as may be appropriate.

A share class hedging charge of up to 0.03% will be borne by the currency hedged Share Classes.

Not all Share Classes listed are available for subscription at the time of issue of this Prospectus. The Funds may also launch Bespoke Share Classes that are described under Appendix III at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>2</sup> The initial charge is applied against the total amount invested. The Management Company and Distributors are entitled to the initial charge, which can be partly or fully waived at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>3</sup> Annual Distribution Charges in respect of A1 and D Shares are paid at such intervals as may be agreed from time to time between the Company and those Distributors that are appointed specifically for the purpose of distributing such Shares. Annual Distribution Charges in respect of B Shares are payable quarterly.



# Schroder International Selection Fund Global Dividend Maximiser

## Investment Objective

The Fund aims to deliver an income of 7% per year by investing in equities or equity related securities of companies worldwide. This is not guaranteed and could change depending on market conditions.

## Investment Policy

The Fund is actively managed and invests at least two thirds of its assets (excluding cash) in equities or equity related securities worldwide, which are selected for their income and capital growth potential. To enhance the yield of the Fund the Investment Manager selectively sells short dated call options over individual securities held by the Fund, generating extra income by agreeing strike prices above which potential capital growth is sold.

The Fund may invest directly in China B-Shares and China H-Shares and may invest up to 10% of its assets (on a net basis) directly or indirectly (for example via participatory notes) in China A-Shares through Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect and Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect and shares listed on the STAR Board and the ChiNext.

The Fund may also invest up to one-third of its assets directly or indirectly in other securities (including other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies, Investment Funds, warrants and Money Market Investments, and hold cash (subject to the restrictions provided in Appendix I).

The Fund may use derivatives with the aim of achieving investment gains, reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently.

## Benchmark

The Fund's performance should be assessed against the income target of 7% per year, and compared against the MSCI World (Net TR) index, MSCI World Value (Net TR) index and Morningstar Global Equity Income Category. The comparator benchmarks are only included for performance comparison purposes and do not determine how the Investment Manager invests the Fund's assets. In relation to the MSCI World (Net TR) index and MSCI World Value (Net TR) index, the Fund's investment universe is expected to overlap materially with the components of the comparator benchmarks. The Investment Manager invests on a discretionary basis and there are no restrictions on the extent to which the Fund's portfolio and performance may

deviate from the MSCI World (Net TR) index and the MSCI World Value (Net TR) index. The Investment Manager will invest in companies or sectors not included in the MSCI World (Net TR) index and the MSCI World Value (Net TR) index.

The income target has been selected because the Investment Manager deploys strategies that aim to deliver the level of income stated in the investment objective. Any comparator benchmark has been selected because the Investment Manager believes that the benchmark is a suitable comparison for performance purposes given the Fund's investment objective and policy.

## Further Information

The Fund is categorised as "Specialist Equity Fund".

## Risk Considerations

### Specific Risk Considerations

This Fund makes use of derivatives in a way that is fundamental to its investment objective. It is expected that the strategy will typically underperform a similar portfolio with no derivative overlay in periods when the underlying stock prices are rising, and outperform when the underlying stock prices are falling.

Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect and Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect are securities trading and clearing linked programmes developed by The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited, Shanghai/Shenzhen Stock Exchanges, Hong Kong Securities Clearing Company Limited and China Securities Depository and Clearing Corporation Limited, with an aim to achieve mutual stock market access between the PRC (excluding Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan) and Hong Kong. A detailed description of the programmes as well as risks linked thereto can be found in Appendix II of this Prospectus.

The reference in the Investment Policy to a fund investing two-thirds of its assets in a certain way applies in normal market conditions. See paragraph (A) at the start of this Appendix for further information.

## Profile of the Typical Investor

The Fund may be suitable for Investors who are more concerned with maximising long term returns than minimising possible short term losses.

## Fund Characteristics

Fund Currency	USD
Investment Manager	Schroder Investment Management Limited
Dealing Cut-off Time	13.00 Luxembourg time on Dealing Day
Dealing Frequency	Daily on Dealing Day
Settlement Period of Subscription and Redemption Proceeds <sup>1</sup>	3 Business Days from the relevant Dealing Day

<sup>1</sup> Different subscription and redemption procedures may apply if applications are made through Distributors.



Performance Fee	None
Redemption Charge	None
PEA / PIR Eligibility	No

## General Share Class Features

Share Classes	Initial Charge <sup>2</sup>	Annual Distribution Charge <sup>3</sup>	Annual Management Charge
A Shares	Up to 5%	None	1.50%
AX Shares	Up to 5%	None	1.50%
A1 Shares	Up to 4%	0.50%	1.50%
B Shares	None	0.60%	1.50%
C Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.75%
CN Shares	Up to 3%	None	0.75%
CX Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.75%
D Shares	None	1.00%	1.50%
E Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.50%
IZ, IA, IB, IC, ID Shares	None	None	Up to 0.75%
Z Shares	None	None	Up to 0.75%

Annual Distribution Charge and Annual Management Charge percentages are stated as an annual charge with reference to the Net Asset Value of the Fund or the Net Asset Value per Share, as may be appropriate.

A share class hedging charge of up to 0.03% will be borne by the currency hedged Share Classes.

Not all Share Classes listed are available for subscription at the time of issue of this Prospectus. The Funds may also launch Bespoke Share Classes that are described under Appendix III at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>2</sup> The initial charge is applied against the total amount invested. The Management Company and Distributors are entitled to the initial charge, which can be partly or fully waived at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>3</sup> Annual Distribution Charges in respect of A1 and D Shares are paid at such intervals as may be agreed from time to time between the Company and those Distributors that are appointed specifically for the purpose of distributing such Shares. Annual Distribution Charges in respect of B Shares are payable quarterly.

# Schroder International Selection Fund Global Emerging Market Opportunities

## Investment Objective

The Fund aims to provide capital growth and income in excess of the MSCI Emerging Markets (Net TR) index after fees have been deducted over a three to five year period by investing in equity and equity related securities of companies in emerging market countries worldwide.

## Investment Policy

The Fund is actively managed and invests at least two-thirds of its assets in equity and equity related securities of companies in emerging market countries worldwide.

The Fund may invest up to 40% of its assets in cash and global bonds in order to protect returns when the Investment Manager believes stock markets are expected to be particularly weak.

The Fund may invest directly in China-B Share and China H-Shares and may invest less than 20% of its assets (on a net basis) directly or indirectly (for example via participatory notes) in China A-Shares through Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect and Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect and shares listed on the STAR Board and the ChiNext.

The Fund may also invest up to one-third of its assets directly or indirectly in other securities (including other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies, Investment Funds, warrants and Money Market Investments, and hold cash (subject to the restrictions provided in Appendix I).

The Fund may use derivatives with the aim of achieving investment gains, reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently.

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the MSCI Emerging Markets (Net TR) index, based on the Investment Manager's rating criteria. More details on the investment process used to achieve this can be found in the Fund Characteristics section.

The Fund does not directly invest in certain activities, industries or groups of issuers above the limits listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

## Benchmark

The Fund's performance should be assessed against its target benchmark being to exceed the MSCI Emerging Markets (Net TR) index. The Fund's investment universe is expected to overlap materially, directly or indirectly, with the components of the target benchmark. The Investment Manager invests on a discretionary basis and there are no restrictions on the extent to which the Fund's portfolio and performance may deviate from the target benchmark. The Investment Manager will invest in companies or sectors not included in the target benchmark in order to take advantage of specific investment opportunities.

The target benchmark has been selected because it is representative of the type of investments in which the Fund is likely to invest and it is, therefore, an appropriate target in relation to the return that the Fund aims to provide.

The benchmark(s) does/do not take into account the environmental and social characteristics or sustainable objective (as relevant) of the Fund.

## Further Information

The Fund is categorised as "Specialist Equity Fund".

More information relating to the environmental and social characteristics or sustainable investment objective (as applicable) of the Fund is provided in Appendix IV in accordance with SFDR and Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288.

## Risk Considerations

### Specific Risk Considerations

The reference in the Investment Policy to a fund investing two-thirds of its assets in a certain way applies in normal market conditions. See paragraph (A) at the start of this Appendix for further information.

The level of distribution costs in certain jurisdictions may impact the ability of the Investment Manager to meet the Fund's investment objective across all Share Classes after fees have been deducted.

Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect and Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect are securities trading and clearing linked programmes developed by The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited, Shanghai/Shenzhen Stock Exchanges, Hong Kong Securities Clearing Company Limited and China Securities Depository and Clearing Corporation Limited, with an aim to achieve mutual stock market access between the PRC (excluding Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan) and Hong Kong. A detailed description of the programmes as well as risks linked thereto can be found in Appendix II of this Prospectus.

Risks related to emerging markets investments can be found under "Emerging and Less Developed Markets Securities Risk" in Appendix II of this Prospectus.

The Fund has environmental and/or social characteristics (within the meaning of Article 8 SFDR). A Fund with these characteristics may have limited exposure to some companies, industries or sectors as a result and the Fund may forego certain investment opportunities, or dispose of certain holdings, that do not align with its sustainability criteria chosen by the Investment Manager. As investors may differ in their views of what constitutes sustainable investing, the Fund may also invest in companies that do not reflect the beliefs and values of any particular Investor. Please refer to Appendix II for more details on sustainability risks.

## Profile of the Typical Investor

The Fund may be suitable for Investors who are more concerned with maximising long term returns than minimising possible short term losses.

## Fund Characteristics

Fund Currency	USD
Investment Manager	Schroder Investment Management Limited
Dealing Cut-off Time	13.00 Luxembourg time on Dealing Day
Dealing Frequency	Daily on Dealing Day
Settlement Period of Subscription and Redemption Proceeds <sup>1</sup>	3 Business Days from the relevant Dealing Day
Performance Fee	None
Redemption Charge	None
PEA / PIR Eligibility	No
Sustainability Criteria	<p>The Investment Manager applies governance and sustainability criteria when selecting investments for the Fund.</p> <p>The Investment Manager performs due diligence on potential holdings, including meetings with management, and assesses the company's governance, environmental and social profile across a range of factors. This process is supported by quantitative analysis provided by Schroders' proprietary sustainability tools, which are key inputs to assess how existing and potential investments for the portfolio are meeting the Fund's sustainability criteria. In some cases, companies which fall below the sustainability criteria may still be eligible for investment if, as a result of proprietary analysis and ongoing engagement with management, the Investment Manager believes the company will meet its sustainability criteria within a realistic time horizon.</p> <p>For a company to be eligible to be held in the Fund, it is expected to show a commitment to its stakeholders, including customers, employees, suppliers, shareholders and regulators. The Fund selects companies whose businesses demonstrate good governance and aim to treat stakeholders equitably.</p> <p>The sources of information used to perform the analysis include information provided by the companies, such as company sustainability reports and other relevant company material, as well as Schroders' proprietary sustainability tools and third-party data and reports.</p> <p>More details on the Investment Manager's approach to sustainability and its engagement with companies are available on the webpage <a href="https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/">https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/</a></p> <p>The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than its investment universe, based on the Investment Manager's rating system.</p> <p>The Investment Manager ensures that at least:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 90% of the portion of the NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in developed countries; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with an investment grade credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by developed countries; and</li> <li>- 75% of the portion of the NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in emerging countries; equities issued by small and medium companies; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with a high yield credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by emerging countries,</li> </ul> <p>is rated against the sustainability criteria. For the purposes of this test, small companies are those with market capitalisation below €5 billion, medium companies are those between €5 billion and €10 billion and large companies are those above €10 billion.</p>

<sup>1</sup> Different subscription and redemption procedures may apply if applications are made through Distributors.

## General Share Class Features

Share Classes	Initial Charge <sup>2</sup>	Annual Distribution Charge <sup>3</sup>	Annual Management Charge
A Shares	Up to 5%	None	1.50%
AX Shares	Up to 5%	None	1.50%
A1 Shares	Up to 4%	0.50%	1.50%
B Shares	None	0.60%	1.50%
C Shares	Up to 1%	None	1.00%
CN Shares	Up to 3%	None	1.00%
CX Shares	Up to 1%	None	1.00%
D Shares	None	1.00%	1.50%
E Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.50%
IZ, IA, IB, IC, ID Shares	None	None	Up to 1%
Z Shares	None	None	Up to 1%

Annual Distribution Charge and Annual Management Charge percentages are stated as an annual charge with reference to the Net Asset Value of the Fund or the Net Asset Value per Share, as may be appropriate.

A share class hedging charge of up to 0.03% will be borne by the currency hedged Share Classes.

Not all Share Classes listed are available for subscription at the time of issue of this Prospectus. The Funds may also launch Bespoke Share Classes that are described under Appendix III at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>2</sup> The initial charge is applied against the total amount invested. The Management Company and Distributors are entitled to the initial charge, which can be partly or fully waived at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>3</sup> Annual Distribution Charges in respect of A1 and D Shares are paid at such intervals as may be agreed from time to time between the Company and those Distributors that are appointed specifically for the purpose of distributing such Shares. Annual Distribution Charges in respect of B Shares are payable quarterly.

# Schroder International Selection Fund Global Emerging Markets Smaller Companies

## Investment Objective

The Fund aims to provide capital growth in excess of the MSCI Emerging Markets Small Cap (Net TR) index after fees have been deducted over a three to five year period by investing in equity and equity related securities of small-sized companies in global emerging market countries.

## Investment Policy

The Fund is actively managed and invests at least two-thirds of its assets in equity and equity related securities of small-sized companies of global emerging market countries, including companies outside these countries which have a substantial business exposure to global emerging markets. Small-sized companies are companies which, at the time of purchase, are considered to be in the bottom 30% by market capitalisation of the global emerging market companies.

**The Fund typically holds 60-120 companies.\***

**\* As of 8 May 2024 the above holding range will no longer apply**

The Fund may invest directly in China B-Shares and China H-Shares and may invest up to 30% of its assets (on a net basis) directly or indirectly (for example via participatory notes) in China A-Shares through Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect and Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect and shares listed on the STAR Board and the ChiNext.

The Fund may also invest up to one-third of its assets directly or indirectly in other securities (including other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies, Investment Funds, warrants and Money Market Investments, and hold cash (subject to the restrictions provided in Appendix I).

The Fund may use derivatives with the aim of achieving investment gains, reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently.

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the MSCI Emerging Markets Small Cap (Net TR) index, based on the Investment Manager's rating criteria. More details on the investment process used to achieve this can be found in the Fund Characteristics section.

The Fund does not directly invest in certain activities, industries or groups of issuers above the limits listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

## Benchmark

The Fund's performance should be assessed against its target benchmark being to exceed the MSCI Emerging Markets Small Cap (Net TR) index. The Fund's investment universe is expected to overlap to a limited extent with the components of the target benchmark. The Investment Manager invests on a discretionary basis and there are no restrictions on the extent to which the Fund's portfolio and performance may deviate from the target benchmark. The Investment Manager will invest in companies or sectors not included in the target benchmark in order to take advantage of specific investment opportunities.

The target benchmark has been selected because it is representative of the type of investments in which the Fund is likely to invest and it is, therefore, an appropriate target in relation to the return that the Fund aims to provide.

The benchmark(s) does/do not take into account the environmental and social characteristics or sustainable objective (as relevant) of the Fund

## Further Information

The Fund is categorised as "Specialist Equity Fund".

More information relating to the environmental and social characteristics or sustainable investment objective (as applicable) of the Fund is provided in Appendix IV in accordance with SFDR and Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288.

## Risk Considerations

### Specific Risk Considerations

The reference in the Investment Policy to a fund investing two-thirds of its assets in a certain way applies in normal market conditions. See paragraph (A) at the start of this Appendix for further information.

Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect and Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect are securities trading and clearing linked programmes developed by The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited, Shanghai/Shenzhen Stock Exchanges, Hong Kong Securities Clearing Company Limited and China Securities Depository and Clearing Corporation Limited, with an aim to achieve mutual stock market access between the PRC (excluding Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan) and Hong Kong. A detailed description of the programmes as well as risks linked thereto can be found in Appendix II of this Prospectus.

Risks related to emerging markets investments can be found under "Emerging and Less Developed Markets Securities Risk" in Appendix II of this Prospectus.

The Fund has environmental and/or social characteristics (within the meaning of Article 8 SFDR). A Fund with these characteristics may have limited exposure to some companies, industries or sectors as a result and the Fund may forego certain investment opportunities, or dispose of certain holdings, that do not align with its sustainability criteria chosen by the Investment Manager. As Investors may differ in their views of what constitutes sustainable investing, the Fund may also invest in companies that do not reflect the beliefs and values of any particular Investor. Please refer to Appendix II for more details on sustainability risks.

The level of distribution costs in certain jurisdictions may impact the ability of the Investment Manager to meet the Fund's investment objective across all Share Classes after fees have been deducted.

## Profile of the Typical Investor

The Fund may be suitable for Investors who are more concerned with maximising long term returns than minimising possible short term losses.

## Fund Characteristics

Fund Currency	USD
Investment Manager	Schroder Investment Management Limited
Dealing Cut-off Time	13.00 Luxembourg time on Dealing Day
Dealing Frequency	Daily on Dealing Day
Settlement Period of Subscription and Redemption Proceeds <sup>1</sup>	3 Business Days from the relevant Dealing Day
Performance Fee	None
Redemption Charge	None
PEA / PIR Eligibility	No
Sustainability Criteria	<p>The Investment Manager applies governance and sustainability criteria when selecting investments for the Fund.</p> <p>The Investment Manager performs due diligence on potential holdings, including meetings with management, and assesses the company's governance, environmental and social profile across a range of factors. This process is supported by quantitative analysis provided by Schroders' proprietary sustainability tools, which are key inputs to assess how existing and potential investments for the portfolio are meeting the Fund's sustainability criteria. In some cases, companies which fall below the sustainability criteria may still be eligible for investment if, as a result of proprietary analysis and ongoing engagement with management, the Investment Manager believes the company will meet its sustainability criteria within a realistic time horizon.</p> <p>For a company to be eligible to be held in the Fund, it is expected to show a commitment to its stakeholders, including customers, employees, suppliers, shareholders and regulators. The Fund selects companies whose businesses demonstrate good governance and aim to treat stakeholders equitably.</p> <p>The sources of information used to perform the analysis include information provided by the companies, such as company sustainability reports and other relevant company material, as well as Schroders' proprietary sustainability tools and third-party data and reports.</p> <p>More details on the Investment Manager's approach to sustainability and its engagement with companies are available on the webpage <a href="https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/">https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/</a></p> <p>The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than its investment universe, based on the Investment Manager's rating system.</p> <p>The Investment Manager ensures that at least:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 90% of the portion of the NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in developed countries; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with an investment grade credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by developed countries; and</li> <li>- 75% of the portion of the NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in emerging countries; equities issued by small and medium companies; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with a high yield credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by emerging countries,</li> </ul> <p>is rated against the sustainability criteria. For the purposes of this test, small companies are those with market capitalisation below €5 billion, medium companies are those between €5 billion and €10 billion and large companies are those above €10 billion.</p>

<sup>1</sup> Different subscription and redemption procedures may apply if applications are made through Distributors.



## General Share Class Features

Share Classes	Initial Charge <sup>2</sup>	Annual Distribution Charge <sup>3</sup>	Annual Management Charge
A Shares	Up to 5%	None	1.50%
AX Shares	Up to 5%	None	1.50%
A1 Shares	Up to 4%	0.50%	1.50%
B Shares	None	0.60%	1.50%
C Shares	Up to 1%	None	1.00%
CN Shares	Up to 3%	None	1.00%
CX Shares	Up to 1%	None	1.00%
D Shares	None	1.00%	1.50%
E Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.50%
IZ, IA, IB, IC, ID Shares	None	None	Up to 1%
Z Shares	None	None	Up to 1%

Annual Distribution Charge and Annual Management Charge percentages are stated as an annual charge with reference to the Net Asset Value of the Fund or the Net Asset Value per Share, as may be appropriate.

A share class hedging charge of up to 0.03% will be borne by the currency hedged Share Classes.

Not all Share Classes listed are available for subscription at the time of issue of this Prospectus. The Funds may also launch Bespoke Share Classes that are described under Appendix III at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>2</sup> The initial charge is applied against the total amount invested. The Management Company and Distributors are entitled to the initial charge, which can be partly or fully waived at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>3</sup> Annual Distribution Charges in respect of A1 and D Shares are paid at such intervals as may be agreed from time to time between the Company and those Distributors that are appointed specifically for the purpose of distributing such Shares. Annual Distribution Charges in respect of B Shares are payable quarterly.

# Schroder International Selection Fund Global Energy

## Investment Objective

The Fund aims to provide capital growth in excess of the MSCI World SMID Energy index after fees have been deducted over a three to five year period by investing in equity and equity related securities of companies in the energy sector.

## Investment Policy

The Fund is actively managed and invests at least two-thirds of its assets in a concentrated range of equities of small and mid-sized companies in the energy sector. These are companies which, at the time of purchase, are considered to be in the bottom 80% by market capitalisation of the energy sector. The Fund typically holds fewer than 50 companies.

The Fund may also invest up to one-third of its assets directly or indirectly in other securities (including other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies, Investment Funds, warrants and Money Market Investments, and hold cash (subject to the restrictions provided in Appendix I).

The Fund may use derivatives with the aim of achieving investment gains, reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently.

**As of 15 August-1 } 2024 the above will change to:**

**The Fund may use derivatives with the aim of reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently.**

## Benchmark

The Fund's performance should be assessed against its target benchmark being to exceed the MSCI World SMID Energy index. The Fund's investment universe is expected to

overlap materially with the components of the target benchmark. The Investment Manager invests on a discretionary basis and there are no restrictions on the extent to which the Fund's portfolio and performance may deviate from the target benchmark. The Investment Manager will invest in companies or sectors not included in the target benchmark in order to take advantage of specific investment opportunities.

The target benchmark has been selected because it is representative of the type of investments in which the Fund is likely to invest and it is, therefore, an appropriate target in relation to the return that the Fund aims to provide.

## Further Information

The Fund is categorised as "Specialist Equity Fund".

## Risk Considerations

### Specific Risk Considerations

The reference in the Investment Policy to a fund investing two-thirds of its assets in a certain way applies in normal market conditions. See paragraph (A) at the start of this Appendix for further information.

The level of distribution costs in certain jurisdictions may impact the ability of the Investment Manager to meet the Fund's investment objective across all Share Classes after fees have been deducted.

## Profile of the Typical Investor

The Fund may be suitable for Investors who are more concerned with maximising long term returns than minimising possible short term losses.

## Fund Characteristics

Fund Currency	USD
Investment Manager	Schroder Investment Management Limited
Dealing Cut-off Time	13.00 Luxembourg time on Dealing Day
Dealing Frequency	Daily on Dealing Day
Settlement Period of Subscription and Redemption Proceeds <sup>1</sup>	3 Business Days from the relevant Dealing Day
Performance Fee	None
Redemption Charge	None
PEA / PIR Eligibility	No

<sup>1</sup> Different subscription and redemption procedures may apply if applications are made through Distributors.

## General Share Class Features

Share Classes	Initial Charge <sup>2</sup>	Annual Distribution Charge <sup>3</sup>	Annual Management Charge
A Shares	Up to 5%	None	1.50%
AX Shares	Up to 5%	None	1.50%
A1 Shares	Up to 4%	0.50%	1.50%
B Shares	None	0.60%	1.50%
C Shares	Up to 1%	None	1.00%
CN Shares	Up to 3%	None	1.00%
CX Shares	Up to 1%	None	1.00%
D Shares	None	1.00%	1.50%
E Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.50%
IZ, IA, IB, IC, ID Shares	None	None	Up to 1%
Z Shares	None	None	Up to 1%

Annual Distribution Charge and Annual Management Charge percentages are stated as an annual charge with reference to the Net Asset Value of the Fund or the Net Asset Value per Share, as may be appropriate.

A share class hedging charge of up to 0.03% will be borne by the currency hedged Share Classes.

Not all Share Classes listed are available for subscription at the time of issue of this Prospectus. The Funds may also launch Bespoke Share Classes that are described under Appendix III at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>2</sup> The initial charge is applied against the total amount invested. The Management Company and Distributors are entitled to the initial charge, which can be partly or fully waived at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>3</sup> Annual Distribution Charges in respect of A1 and D Shares are paid at such intervals as may be agreed from time to time between the Company and those Distributors that are appointed specifically for the purpose of distributing such Shares. Annual Distribution Charges in respect of B Shares are payable quarterly.

# Schroder International Selection Fund Global Energy Transition

## Investment Objective

The Fund aims to provide capital growth by investing in equity and equity related securities of companies worldwide that the Investment Manager believes are associated with the global transition towards lower-carbon sources of energy and which the Investment Manager deems to be sustainable investments.

## Investment Policy

The Fund is actively managed and invests its assets in (i) sustainable investments, which are investments in companies that (a) generate at least 50% of their revenue from activities that contribute towards the global transition towards lower-carbon sources of energy, such as lower-carbon energy production, distribution, storage, transport and associated supply chain, material provider and technology companies or (b) generate a lower percentage of their revenue from these activities where the Investment Manager considers they are playing critical roles in the transition based on the company's capital expenditure, operating expenditure or market share (please see the Fund Characteristics for more details) and (ii) investments that the Investment Manager deems to be neutral under its sustainability criteria such as cash and Money Market Investments and derivatives used with the aim of reducing risk (hedging) or managing the Fund more efficiently.

The Fund does not directly invest in certain activities, industries or groups of issuers above the limits listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre> which includes companies that generate any revenue from fossil fuel and nuclear power.

The Fund invests in companies that do not cause significant environmental or social harm and have good governance practices, as determined by the Investment Manager's rating criteria (please see the Fund Characteristics section for more details).

The Investment Manager may also engage with companies held by the Fund to challenge identified areas of weakness on sustainability issues. More details on the Investment Manager's approach to sustainability and its engagement with companies are available on the webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/>

The Fund invests at least two-thirds of its assets in a concentrated range of equity and equity related securities of companies worldwide. The Fund typically holds fewer than 60 companies.

The Fund may also invest up to one-third of its assets directly or indirectly in other securities (including other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies, Investment Funds, warrants and Money Market Investments, and hold cash (subject to the restrictions provided in Appendix I).

The Fund may use derivatives with the aim of reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently.

## Benchmark

The Fund does not have a target benchmark. The Fund's performance should be compared against the MSCI Global Alternative Energy (Net TR) index and the MSCI AC World (Net TR) index. The comparator benchmarks are only included for performance comparison purposes and do not determine how the Investment Manager invests the Fund's assets. The Fund's investment universe is expected to overlap to a limited extent with the components of the comparator benchmarks. The Investment Manager invests on a discretionary basis and there are no restrictions on the extent to which the Fund's portfolio and performance may deviate from the comparator benchmarks. The Investment Manager will invest in companies or sectors not included in the comparator benchmarks. The benchmark(s) does/do not take into account the environmental and social characteristics or sustainable objective (as relevant) of the Fund.

Any comparator benchmark has been selected because the Investment Manager believes that the benchmark is a suitable comparison for performance purposes given the Fund's investment objective and policy.

## Further Information

The Fund is categorised as "Specialist Equity Fund".

More information relating to the environmental and social characteristics or sustainable investment objective (as applicable) of the Fund is provided in Appendix IV in accordance with SFDR and Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288.

## Risk Considerations

### Specific Risk Considerations

The reference in the Investment Policy to a fund investing two-thirds of its assets in a certain way applies in normal market conditions. See paragraph (A) at the start of this Appendix for further information.

The Fund has the objective of sustainable investment (within the meaning of Article 9 SFDR). A Fund with this objective may have limited exposure to some companies, industries or sectors as a result and the Fund may forego certain investment opportunities, or dispose of certain holdings, that do not align with its sustainability criteria chosen by the Investment Manager. As Investors may differ in their views of what constitutes sustainable investing, the Fund may also invest in companies that do not reflect the beliefs and values of any particular Investor. Please refer to Appendix II for more details on sustainability risks.

## Profile of the Typical Investor

The Fund may be suitable for Investors who are more concerned with maximising long term returns than minimising possible short term losses.

## Fund Characteristics

Fund Currency	USD
Investment Manager	Schroder Investment Management Limited

Dealing Cut-off Time	13.00 Luxembourg time on Dealing Day
Dealing Frequency	Daily on Dealing Day
Settlement Period of Subscription and Redemption Proceeds <sup>1</sup>	3 Business Days from the relevant Dealing Day
Performance Fee	None
Redemption Charge	None
PEA / PIR Eligibility	No
Sustainability Criteria	<p>The Investment Manager applies sustainability criteria when selecting investments for the Fund.</p> <p>Companies are assessed against eight ESG criteria: (1) management quality; (2) balance sheet sustainability; (3) corporate governance; (4) regulatory risk management; (5) supply chain management; (6) customer management; (7) employee management; and (8) environmental management. The company will receive an overall score out of ten and is placed within one of the following categories based on this score:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 'Lagging' (score of 1 – 3): Companies that show poor corporate governance, unconvincing management, weak balance sheets, poor stakeholder relations, and fail to demonstrate an awareness of ESG issues they face.</li> <li>- 'Neutral' (score of 4 – 6): Companies that show adequate corporate governance, suitable management, reasonably robust balance sheets, have reasonable relationships with stakeholders and some awareness of ESG issues. These companies do not exhibit ESG risks necessarily, but at the same time are not best in class companies with the potential to maintain market leading growth.</li> <li>- 'Best-in-class' (score of 7 – 10): Companies that have strong corporate governance, quality management, strong balance sheets, good relationships with stakeholders and a good awareness and management of ESG issues. These companies should be able to attract the best employees, to continue to lead the industry in terms of productivity, have strong supply chain links, acting as the 'supplier of choice' for customers, and are mindful of their environmental impact.</li> </ul> <p>The Fund will generally only invest in companies that are rated as 'neutral' or 'best-in-class'.</p> <p>The Investment Manager performs its own analysis of information provided by the companies, including information provided in company sustainability reports and other relevant company material. Third party research is used by the team as a secondary consideration, and generally provides a source of challenge or endorsement for their own view.</p> <p>The Investment Manager ensures that at least 90% of the portion of the Fund's Net Asset Value composed of investments in companies is rated against the sustainability criteria.</p>

<sup>1</sup> Different subscription and redemption procedures may apply if applications are made through Distributors.

## General Share Class Features

Share Classes	Initial Charge <sup>2</sup>	Annual Distribution Charge <sup>3</sup>	Annual Management Charge
A Shares	Up to 5%	None	1.50%
AX Shares	Up to 5%	None	1.50%
A1 Shares	Up to 4%	0.50%	1.50%
B Shares	None	0.60%	1.50%
C Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.75%
CN Shares	Up to 3%	None	0.75%
CX Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.75%
D Shares	None	1.00%	1.50%
E Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.375%
IZ, IA, IB, IC, ID Shares	None	None	Up to 0.75%
Z Shares	None	None	Up to 0.75%

Annual Distribution Charge and Annual Management Charge percentages are stated as an annual charge with reference to the Net Asset Value of the Fund or the Net Asset Value per Share, as may be appropriate.

A share class hedging charge of up to 0.03% will be borne by the currency hedged Share Classes.

Not all Share Classes listed are available for subscription at the time of issue of this Prospectus. The Funds may also launch Bespoke Share Classes that are described under Appendix III at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>2</sup> The initial charge is applied against the total amount invested. The Management Company and Distributors are entitled to the initial charge, which can be partly or fully waived at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>3</sup> Annual Distribution Charges in respect of A1 and D Shares are paid at such intervals as may be agreed from time to time between the Company and those Distributors that are appointed specifically for the purpose of distributing such Shares. Annual Distribution Charges in respect of B Shares are payable quarterly.



# Schroder International Selection Fund Global Equity

## Investment Objective

The Fund aims to provide capital growth in excess of the MSCI All Country (AC) World (Net TR) index after fees have been deducted over a three to five year period by investing in equity and equity related securities of companies worldwide.

## Investment Policy

The Fund is actively managed and invests at least two-thirds of its assets in equity and equity related securities of companies worldwide.

The Investment Manager seeks to identify companies that it believes will deliver future earnings growth above the level expected by the market typically on a three to five year horizon (we refer to this as 'a positive growth gap').

The Fund may also invest up to one-third of its assets directly or indirectly in other securities (including other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies, Investment Funds, warrants and Money Market Investments, and hold cash (subject to the restrictions provided in Appendix I).

The Fund may use derivatives with the aim of reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently.

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the MSCI All Country (AC) World (Net TR) index based on the Investment Manager's rating criteria. More details on the investment process used to achieve this can be found in the Fund Characteristics section.

The Fund does not directly invest in certain activities, industries or groups of issuers above the limits listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

## Benchmark

The Fund's performance should be assessed against its target benchmark being to exceed the MSCI All Country (AC) World (Net TR) index. The Fund's investment universe is expected to overlap materially with the components of the target benchmark. The Investment Manager invests on a discretionary basis and there are no restrictions on the extent to which the Fund's portfolio and performance may deviate from the target benchmark. The Investment Manager will invest in companies or sectors not included in the target benchmark in order to take advantage of specific investment opportunities.

## Fund Characteristics

Fund Currency	USD
Investment Manager	Schroder Investment Management Limited
Dealing Cut-off Time	13.00 Luxembourg time on Dealing Day
Dealing Frequency	Daily on Dealing Day
Settlement Period of Subscription and Redemption Proceeds <sup>1</sup>	3 Business Days from the relevant Dealing Day
Performance Fee	None

The target benchmark has been selected because it is representative of the type of investments in which the Fund is likely to invest, and it is, therefore, an appropriate target in relation to the return that the Fund aims to provide.

The benchmark(s) does/do not take into account the environmental and social characteristics or sustainable objective (as relevant) of the Fund.

## Further Information

The Fund is categorised as "Mainstream Equity Fund".

More information relating to the environmental and social characteristics or sustainable investment objective (as applicable) of the Fund is provided in Appendix IV in accordance with SFDR and Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288.

## Risk Considerations

### Specific Risk Considerations

The Fund has environmental and/or social characteristics (within the meaning of Article 8 SFDR). A Fund with these characteristics may have limited exposure to some companies, industries or sectors as a result and the Fund may forego certain investment opportunities, or dispose of certain holdings, that do not align with its sustainability criteria chosen by the Investment Manager. As Investors may differ in their views of what constitutes sustainable investing, the Fund may also invest in companies that do not reflect the beliefs and values of any particular Investor. Please refer to Appendix II for more details on sustainability risks.

The reference in the Investment Policy to a fund investing two-thirds of its assets in a certain way applies in normal market conditions. See paragraph (A) at the start of this Appendix for further information.

The level of distribution costs in certain jurisdictions may impact the ability of the Investment Manager to meet the Fund's investment objective across all Share Classes after fees have been deducted.

## Profile of the Typical Investor

The Fund may be suitable for Investors who are seeking long term growth potential offered through investment in equities.

<sup>1</sup> Different subscription and redemption procedures may apply if applications are made through Distributors.

Redemption Charge	None
PEA / PIR Eligibility	No
Sustainability Criteria	<p>The Investment Manager applies governance and sustainability criteria when selecting investments for the Fund.</p> <p>The Investment Manager evaluates issuers against a range of environmental, social and governance factors in order to decide whether an issuer is eligible for the Fund's portfolio. This analysis is performed by global sector specialists and local analyst teams and is supported by Schroders' dedicated Sustainable Investment team. The Investment Manager uses Schroders' proprietary sustainability tools to provide a baseline assessment that contributes to the overall ESG appraisal of a company. Additionally, meetings with company management inform the Investment Manager's view, providing further insights on corporate culture and senior management commitment to corporate social responsibility. While it is not necessary for every investment selected to exhibit positive ESG characteristics, the Investment Manager will ensure that in aggregate, the portfolio demonstrates a positive score relative to the benchmark specified in the investment policy.</p> <p>More details on the Investment Manager's approach to sustainability and its engagement with companies are available on the webpage <a href="https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/">https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/</a></p> <p>The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than its investment universe, based on the Investment Manager's rating system.</p> <p>The Investment Manager ensures that at least:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 90% of the portion of the NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in developed countries; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with an investment grade credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by developed countries; and</li> <li>- 75% of the portion of the NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in emerging countries; equities issued by small and medium companies; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with a high yield credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by emerging countries,</li> </ul> <p>is rated against the sustainability criteria. For the purposes of this test, small companies are those with market capitalisation below €5 billion, medium companies are those between €5 billion and €10 billion and large companies are those above €10 billion.</p>

## General Share Class Features

Share Classes	Initial Charge <sup>2</sup>	Annual Distribution Charge <sup>3</sup>	Annual Management Charge
A Shares	Up to 5%	None	1.25%
AX Shares	Up to 5%	None	1.25%
A1 Shares	Up to 4%	0.50%	1.50%
B Shares	None	0.60%	1.25%
C Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.45%
CN Shares	Up to 3%	None	0.45%
CX Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.45%
D Shares	None	1.00%	1.25%
E Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.375%
IZ, IA, IB, IC, ID Shares	None	None	Up to 0.45%
Z Shares	None	None	Up to 0.45%

Annual Distribution Charge and Annual Management Charge percentages are stated as an annual charge with reference to the Net Asset Value of the Fund or the Net Asset Value per Share, as may be appropriate.

A share class hedging charge of up to 0.03% will be borne by the currency hedged Share Classes.

Not all Share Classes listed are available for subscription at the time of issue of this Prospectus. The Funds may also launch Bespoke Share Classes that are described under Appendix III at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>2</sup> The initial charge is applied against the total amount invested. The Management Company and Distributors are entitled to the initial charge, which can be partly or fully waived at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>3</sup> Annual Distribution Charges in respect of A1 and D Shares are paid at such intervals as may be agreed from time to time between the Company and those Distributors that are appointed specifically for the purpose of distributing such Shares. Annual Distribution Charges in respect of B Shares are payable quarterly.

# Schroder International Selection Fund Global Equity Alpha

## Investment Objective

The Fund aims to provide capital growth in excess of the MSCI World (Net TR) index after fees have been deducted over a three to five year period by investing in equity and equity related securities of companies worldwide.

## Investment Policy

The Fund is actively managed and invests at least two-thirds of its assets in equity and equity related securities of companies worldwide.

'Alpha' funds invest in companies in which the Investment Manager has a high conviction that the current share price does not reflect the future prospects for that business.

The Investment Manager seeks to identify companies which it believes will deliver future earnings growth above the level expected by the market typically on a three to five year horizon (we term this as 'a positive growth gap').

The Fund may also invest up to one-third of its assets directly or indirectly in other securities (including other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies, Investment Funds, warrants and Money Market Investments, and hold cash (subject to the restrictions provided in Appendix I).

The Fund may use derivatives with the aim of reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently.

## Benchmark

The Fund's performance should be assessed against its target benchmark, being to exceed the MSCI World (Net TR) index. The Fund's investment universe is expected to overlap materially with the components of the target benchmark. The Investment Manager invests on a discretionary basis and there are no restrictions on the extent to which the Fund's portfolio and performance may deviate from the target benchmark. The Investment

Manager will invest in companies or sectors not included in the target benchmark in order to take advantage of specific investment opportunities.

The target benchmark has been selected because it is representative of the type of investments in which the Fund is likely to invest, and it is, therefore, an appropriate target in relation to the return that the Fund aims to provide.

## Further Information

The Fund is categorised as "Alpha Equity Fund".

The Fund bears in its name the word "Alpha", which means that the Investment Manager adopts an active management strategy, by aggressively positioning the portfolio according to prevailing market conditions. This could be on the basis of particular sectors, themes or styles, or on a selected number of investments which the Investment Manager believes have the potential to provide enhanced returns relative to the market.

## Risk Considerations

### Specific Risk Considerations

The reference in the Investment Policy to a fund investing two-thirds of its assets in a certain way applies in normal market conditions. See paragraph (A) at the start of this Appendix for further information.

The level of distribution costs in certain jurisdictions may impact the ability of the Investment Manager to meet the Fund's investment objective across all Share Classes after fees have been deducted.

## Profile of the Typical Investor

The Fund may be suitable for Investors who are more concerned with maximising long term returns than minimising possible short term losses.

## Fund Characteristics

Fund Currency	USD
Investment Manager	Schroder Investment Management (Europe) S.A. – German Branch
Dealing Cut-off Time	13.00 Luxembourg time on Dealing Day
Dealing Frequency	Daily on Dealing Day
Settlement Period of Subscription and Redemption Proceeds <sup>1</sup>	3 Business Days from the relevant Dealing Day
Performance Fee	None
Redemption Charge	None
PEA / PIR Eligibility	No

<sup>1</sup> Different subscription and redemption procedures may apply if applications are made through Distributors.

## General Share Class Features

Share Classes	Initial Charge <sup>2</sup>	Annual Distribution Charge <sup>3</sup>	Annual Management Charge
A Shares	Up to 5%	None	1.50%
AX Shares	Up to 5%	None	1.50%
A1 Shares	Up to 4%	0.50%	1.50%
B Shares	None	0.60%	1.50%
C Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.65%
CN Shares	Up to 3%	None	0.65%
CX Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.65%
D Shares	None	1.00%	1.50%
E Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.50%
IZ, IA, IB, IC, ID Shares	None	None	Up to 0.65%
Z Shares	None	None	Up to 1%

Annual Distribution Charge and Annual Management Charge percentages are stated as an annual charge with reference to the Net Asset Value of the Fund or the Net Asset Value per Share, as may be appropriate.

A share class hedging charge of up to 0.03% will be borne by the currency hedged Share Classes.

Not all Share Classes listed are available for subscription at the time of issue of this Prospectus. The Funds may also launch Bespoke Share Classes that are described under Appendix III at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>2</sup> The initial charge is applied against the total amount invested. The Management Company and Distributors are entitled to the initial charge, which can be partly or fully waived at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>3</sup> Annual Distribution Charges in respect of A1 and D Shares are paid at such intervals as may be agreed from time to time between the Company and those Distributors that are appointed specifically for the purpose of distributing such Shares. Annual Distribution Charges in respect of B Shares are payable quarterly.

# Schroder International Selection Fund Global Equity Impact

## Investment Objective

The Fund aims to provide capital growth by investing in equity and equity related securities of companies worldwide, including emerging markets, whose activities the Investment Manager considers create positive social or environmental impact and which the Investment Manager deems to be sustainable investments.

## Investment Policy

The Fund is actively managed and invests its assets in (i) sustainable investments, which are investments that the Investment Manager expects to contribute towards the advancement of an environmental or social objective linked to one or more of the UN SDGs, and to deliver returns to shareholders over the long term (please see the Fund Characteristics section for more details), and (ii) investments that the Investment Manager deems to be neutral under its sustainability criteria such as cash and Money Market Investments and derivatives used with the aim of reducing risk (hedging) or managing the Fund more efficiently.

The Investment Manager will select companies from a universe of eligible companies that have been determined as meeting the Investment Manager's impact criteria. The impact criteria include an assessment of a company's contribution to the UN SDGs alongside the Investment Manager's assessment of the company's impact via its proprietary impact investment management framework and tools (including an impact scorecard).

The Fund is part of Schroders' Impact Driven strategies. As such, it applies highly selective investment criteria and its investment process is aligned with the Operating Principles for Impact Management which means that an assessment of impact is embedded in the steps of the investment process. All sustainable investments in the Fund are subject to this framework.

The Fund does not directly invest in certain activities, industries or groups of issuers above the limits listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

The Fund invests in companies that do not cause significant environmental or social harm and have good governance practices, as determined by the Investment Manager's rating criteria (please see the Fund Characteristics section for more details).

The Investment Manager may also engage with companies held by the Fund to seek to improve sustainability practices and enhance social and environmental impacts generated by underlying investee companies. More details on the Investment Manager's approach to sustainability and its engagement with companies are available on the webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/>.

The Fund invests at least two-thirds of its assets in equity and equity related securities of companies worldwide, including emerging markets. The Fund typically holds 40 – 80 companies.

The Fund may invest up to 15% of its assets in emerging markets.

The Fund may also invest up to one-third of its assets directly or indirectly in other securities (including other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies, Investment Funds, warrants and Money Market Investments, and hold cash (subject to the restrictions provided in Appendix I).

The Fund may use derivatives with the aim of reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently.

## Benchmark

The Fund does not have a target benchmark. The Fund's performance should be compared against its comparator benchmark being the MSCI AC World index. The comparator benchmark is only included for performance comparison purposes and does not determine how the Investment Manager invests the Fund's assets.

The Fund's investment universe is expected to overlap materially with the components of the comparator benchmark. The Investment Manager invests on a discretionary basis and there are no restrictions on the extent to which the Fund's portfolio and performance may deviate from the comparator benchmark. The Investment Manager will invest in companies or sectors not included in the comparator benchmark.

The comparator benchmark has been selected because the Investment Manager believes that the benchmark is a suitable comparison for performance purposes given the Fund's investment objective and policy.

The benchmark does not take into account the environmental and social characteristics or sustainable objective (as relevant) of the Fund.

## Further Information

The Fund is categorised as "Specialist Equity Fund".

More information relating to the environmental and social characteristics or sustainable investment objective (as applicable) of the Fund is provided in Appendix IV in accordance with SFDR and Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288.

## Risk Considerations

### Specific Risk Considerations

The Fund has the objective of sustainable investment (within the meaning of Article 9 SFDR). A Fund with this objective may have limited exposure to some companies, industries or sectors as a result and the Fund may forego certain investment opportunities, or dispose of certain holdings, that do not align with its sustainability criteria chosen by the Investment Manager. As Investors may differ in their views of what constitutes sustainable investing, the Fund may also invest in companies that do not reflect the beliefs and values of any particular Investor. Please refer to Appendix II for more details on sustainability risks.

The reference in the Investment Policy to a fund investing two-thirds of its assets in a certain way applies in normal market conditions. See paragraph (A) at the start of this Appendix for further information.

The level of distribution costs in certain jurisdictions may impact the ability of the Investment Manager to meet the Fund's investment objective across all Share Classes after fees have been deducted.

## Profile of the Typical Investor

The Fund may be suitable for Investors who are more concerned with maximising long term returns than minimising possible short term losses.

## Fund Characteristics

Fund Currency	USD
Investment Manager	Schroder Investment Management North America Inc.
Dealing Cut-off Time	13.00 Luxembourg time on Dealing Day
Dealing Frequency	Daily on Dealing Day
Settlement Period of Subscription and Redemption Proceeds <sup>1</sup>	3 Business Days from the relevant Dealing Day
Performance Fee	None
Redemption Charge	None
PEA / PIR Eligibility	No
Sustainability Criteria	<p>The Investment Manager applies sustainability criteria when selecting investments for the Fund.</p> <p>Investments are composed of companies whose products and services contribute positively to at least one of the UN SDGs. In order to identify companies with a direct link to a UN SDG, the Investment Manager applies a two step approach:</p> <p>The first is a revenue based approach that considers whether a certain percentage of the relevant company's revenues, capital expenditure or operating expenditure contributes to an environmental or social objective (as applicable).</p> <p>The second is a detailed impact assessment of the company via the completion of a proprietary impact scorecard. The Investment Manager considers different aspects of impact such as: what outcome and UN SDGs the company is contributing to; who is served by the outcome (such as the relevant stakeholder or industry); an assessment of our expected contribution (including Schroders influence and engagement); and consideration of impact risks. The assessment typically includes Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) that are used to track the company's impact over time.</p> <p>The company and impact scorecard are then validated and approved by Schroders' Impact Assessment Group (IAG), in order for the company to be eligible for inclusion in the Fund's investible universe. The IAG consists of members from Schroders' impact and sustainable investment teams and portfolio managers from the Investment team. There may be some limited instances where step 2 and the IAG approval may follow subsequently (such as a particularly time sensitive investment).</p> <p>The Investment Manager has identified three types of companies that will typically be considered for inclusion in the portfolio.</p> <p>The first type are highly innovative and impactful companies whose business model solves a direct need within the UN SDGs. These are growth companies whose solution to an UN SDG gap can be scaled.</p> <p>The second type are companies that are already generating revenues that have an impact, but do not articulate or highlight that impact as a deliberate intent. We expect these companies can better articulate and measure their impact. This is expected to be the largest group in the Fund's portfolio.</p> <p>The third type will tend to have the lowest level of revenue link. These are companies whose business models are transitioning towards high impact activities and where the Investment Manager sees the ability to help guide such companies on that journey with active engagement. This is expected to be the smallest group in the fund's portfolio.</p> <p>The Investment Manager ensures that at least 90% of the portion of the Fund's Net Asset Value composed of investments in companies is rated against the sustainability criteria. As a result of the application of sustainability criteria, at least 20% of the Fund's potential investment universe is excluded from the selection of investments.</p> <p>For the purposes of this test, the potential investment universe is the core universe of companies that the Investment Manager may select for the Fund prior to the application of sustainability criteria, in accordance with the other limitations of the Investment Objective and Policy. This universe is comprised of equity and equity related securities of companies worldwide.</p>

<sup>1</sup> Different subscription and redemption procedures may apply if applications are made through Distributors.



## General Share Class Features

Share Classes	Initial Charge <sup>2</sup>	Annual Distribution Charge <sup>3</sup>	Annual Management Charge
A Shares	Up to 5%	None	1.50%
AX Shares	Up to 5%	None	1.50%
A1 Shares	Up to 4%	0.50%	1.50%
B Shares	None	0.60%	1.50%
C Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.85%
CN Shares	Up to 3%	None	0.85%
CX Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.85%
D Shares	None	1.00%	1.50%
E Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.50%
IZ, IA, IB, IC, ID Shares	None	None	Up to 1%
Z Shares	None	None	Up to 1%

Annual Distribution Charge and Annual Management Charge percentages are stated as an annual charge with reference to the Net Asset Value of the Fund or the Net Asset Value per Share, as may be appropriate.

A share class hedging charge of up to 0.03% will be borne by the currency hedged Share Classes.

Not all Share Classes listed are available for subscription at the time of issue of this Prospectus. The Funds may also launch Bespoke Share Classes that are described under Appendix III at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>2</sup> The initial charge is applied against the total amount invested. The Management Company and Distributors are entitled to the initial charge, which can be partly or fully waived at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>3</sup> Annual Distribution Charges in respect of A1 and D Shares are paid at such intervals as may be agreed from time to time between the Company and those Distributors that are appointed specifically for the purpose of distributing such Shares. Annual Distribution Charges in respect of B Shares are payable quarterly.

# Schroder International Selection Fund Global Equity Yield

## Investment Objective

The Fund aims to provide income and capital growth in excess of the MSCI World (Net TR) index after fees have been deducted over a three to five year period by investing in equity and equity related securities of companies worldwide.

## Investment Policy

The Fund is actively managed and invests at least two-thirds of its assets in equity and equity related securities of companies worldwide.

The Fund will invest in a diversified portfolio of equity and equity related securities whose dividend yield in aggregate is greater than the average market yield. Equities with below average dividend yield may be included in the portfolio when the Investment Manager considers that they have the potential to pay above average yield in future.

The Fund will not be managed for yield alone: total return (dividend yield plus capital growth) will be equally important.

The Fund may invest directly in China B-Shares and China H-Shares and may invest up to 10% of its assets (on a net basis) directly or indirectly (for example via participatory notes) in China A-Shares through Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect and Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect and shares listed on the STAR Board and the ChiNext.

The Fund may also invest up to one-third of its assets directly or indirectly in other securities (including other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies, Investment Funds, warrants and Money Market Investments, and hold cash (subject to the restrictions provided in Appendix I).

The Fund may use derivatives with the aim of achieving investment gains, reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently.

## Benchmark

The Fund's performance should be assessed against its target benchmark, being to exceed the MSCI World (Net TR) index and compared against the MSCI World Value (Net TR) index and the Morningstar Global Income Equity Category. The Fund's investment universe is expected to overlap to a limited extent with the components of the target benchmark and the MSCI World Value (Net TR) index. The comparator benchmarks are only included for performance comparison purposes and do not determine how the Investment

Manager invests the Fund's assets. The Investment Manager invests on a discretionary basis and there are no restrictions on the extent to which the Fund's portfolio and performance may deviate from the target benchmark or the MSCI World Value (Net TR) index. The Investment Manager will invest in companies or sectors not included in the target benchmark or the MSCI World Value (Net TR) index in order to take advantage of specific investment opportunities.

The target benchmark has been selected because it is representative of the type of investments in which the Fund is likely to invest, and it is, therefore, an appropriate target in relation to the return that the Fund aims to provide. Any comparator benchmark has been selected because the Investment Manager believes that the benchmark is a suitable comparison for performance purposes given the Fund's investment objective and policy.

## Further Information

The Fund is categorised as "Specialist Equity Fund".

## Risk Considerations

### Specific Risk Considerations

Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect and Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect are securities trading and clearing linked programmes developed by The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited, Shanghai/Shenzhen Stock Exchanges, Hong Kong Securities Clearing Company Limited and China Securities Depository and Clearing Corporation Limited, with an aim to achieve mutual stock market access between the PRC (excluding Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan) and Hong Kong. A detailed description of the programmes as well as risks linked thereto can be found in Appendix II of this Prospectus.

The reference in the Investment Policy to a fund investing two-thirds of its assets in a certain way applies in normal market conditions. See paragraph (A) at the start of this Appendix for further information.

The level of distribution costs in certain jurisdictions may impact the ability of the Investment Manager to meet the Fund's investment objective across all Share Classes after fees have been deducted.

## Profile of the Typical Investor

The Fund may be suitable for Investors who are more concerned with maximising long term returns than minimising possible short term losses.

## Fund Characteristics

Fund Currency	USD
Investment Manager	Schroder Investment Management Limited
Dealing Cut-off Time	13.00 Luxembourg time on Dealing Day
Dealing Frequency	Daily on Dealing Day
Settlement Period of Subscription and Redemption Proceeds <sup>1</sup>	3 Business Days from the relevant Dealing Day

<sup>1</sup> Different subscription and redemption procedures may apply if applications are made through Distributors.

Performance Fee	None
Redemption Charge	None
PEA / PIR Eligibility	No

## General Share Class Features

Share Classes	Initial Charge <sup>2</sup>	Annual Distribution Charge <sup>3</sup>	Annual Management Charge
A Shares	Up to 5%	None	1.50%
AX Shares	Up to 5%	None	1.50%
A1 Shares	Up to 4%	0.50%	1.50%
B Shares	None	0.60%	1.50%
C Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.75%
CN Shares	Up to 3%	None	0.75%
CX Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.75%
D Shares	None	1.00%	1.50%
E Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.50%
IZ, IA, IB, IC, ID Shares	None	None	Up to 0.75%
Z Shares	None	None	Up to 0.75%

Annual Distribution Charge and Annual Management Charge percentages are stated as an annual charge with reference to the Net Asset Value of the Fund or the Net Asset Value per Share, as may be appropriate.

A share class hedging charge of up to 0.03% will be borne by the currency hedged Share Classes.

Not all Share Classes listed are available for subscription at the time of issue of this Prospectus. The Funds may also launch Bespoke Share Classes that are described under Appendix III at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>2</sup> The initial charge is applied against the total amount invested. The Management Company and Distributors are entitled to the initial charge, which can be partly or fully waived at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>3</sup> Annual Distribution Charges in respect of A1 and D Shares are paid at such intervals as may be agreed from time to time between the Company and those Distributors that are appointed specifically for the purpose of distributing such Shares. Annual Distribution Charges in respect of B Shares are payable quarterly.

# Schroder International Selection Fund Global Gold

## Investment Objective

The Fund aims to provide capital growth in excess of the FTSE Gold Mines UCITS capped index after fees have been deducted over a three to five year period by investing in equity and equity related securities of companies in the gold industry.

## Investment Policy

The Fund is actively managed and invests at least two-thirds of its assets in equity and equity related securities of companies worldwide involved in the gold industry. It will also invest in gold and other precious metals through eligible assets (as described under the definition of "Alternative Asset Classes" in Appendix III of this Prospectus, excluding Alternative Investment Funds) and gold and other precious metals transferable securities.

The Fund may hold up to 40% of its assets in cash and Money Market Investments. The Fund will not be exposed to any physical commodities directly, nor enter into any contracts relating to physical commodities.

The Fund may also invest up to one-third of its assets directly or indirectly in other securities (including other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies, Investment Funds and warrants (subject to the restrictions provided in Appendix I).

The Fund may use derivatives with the aim of reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently.

## Benchmark

The Fund's performance should be assessed against its target benchmark being to exceed the FTSE Gold Mines UCITS capped index<sup>1</sup>. The Fund's investment universe is

expected to overlap to a limited extent with the components of the target benchmark. The Investment Manager invests on a discretionary basis and there are no restrictions on the extent to which the Fund's portfolio and performance may deviate from the target benchmark. The Investment Manager will invest in companies or sectors not included in the target benchmark in order to take advantage of specific investment opportunities.

The target benchmark has been selected because it is representative of the type of investments in which the Fund is likely to invest and it is, therefore, an appropriate target in relation to the return that the Fund aims to provide.

## Further Information

The Fund is categorised as "Specialist Equity Fund".

## Risk Considerations

### Specific Risk Considerations

The reference in the Investment Policy to a fund investing two-thirds of its assets in a certain way applies in normal market conditions. See paragraph (A) at the start of this Appendix for further information.

The level of distribution costs in certain jurisdictions may impact the ability of the Investment Manager to meet the Fund's investment objective across all Share Classes after fees have been deducted.

## Profile of the Typical Investor

The Fund may be suitable for Investors who are more concerned with maximising long term returns than minimising possible short term losses.

## Fund Characteristics

Fund Currency	USD
Investment Manager	Schroder Investment Management Limited
Dealing Cut-off Time	13.00 Luxembourg time on Dealing Day
Dealing Frequency	Daily on Dealing Day
Settlement Period of Subscription and Redemption Proceeds <sup>1</sup>	3 Business Days from the relevant Dealing Day
Performance Fee	None
Redemption Charge	None
PEA / PIR Eligibility	No

<sup>1</sup> Different subscription and redemption procedures may apply if applications are made through Distributors.

## General Share Class Features

Share Classes	Initial Charge <sup>2</sup>	Annual Distribution Charge <sup>3</sup>	Annual Management Charge
A Shares	Up to 5%	None	1.50%
AX Shares	Up to 5%	None	1.50%
A1 Shares	Up to 4%	0.50%	1.50%
B Shares	None	0.60%	1.50%
C Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.75%
CN Shares	Up to 3%	None	0.75%
CX Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.75%
D Shares	None	1.00%	1.50%
E Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.375%
IZ, IA, IB, IC, ID Shares	None	None	Up to 0.75%
Z Shares	None	None	Up to 0.75%

Annual Distribution Charge and Annual Management Charge percentages are stated as an annual charge with reference to the Net Asset Value of the Fund or the Net Asset Value per Share, as may be appropriate.

A share class hedging charge of up to 0.03% will be borne by the currency hedged Share Classes.

Not all Share Classes listed are available for subscription at the time of issue of this Prospectus. The Funds may also launch Bespoke Share Classes that are described under Appendix III at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>2</sup> The initial charge is applied against the total amount invested. The Management Company and Distributors are entitled to the initial charge, which can be partly or fully waived at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>3</sup> Annual Distribution Charges in respect of A1 and D Shares are paid at such intervals as may be agreed from time to time between the Company and those Distributors that are appointed specifically for the purpose of distributing such Shares. Annual Distribution Charges in respect of B Shares are payable quarterly.

# Schroder International Selection Fund Global High Yield

## Investment Objective

The Fund aims to provide income and capital growth in excess of the Bloomberg Global HYxCMBSxEMG index USD Hedged 2% cap after fees have been deducted over a three to five year period by investing in below investment grade fixed and floating rate securities issued worldwide.

## Investment Policy

The Fund is actively managed and invests at least two-thirds of its assets in fixed and floating rate securities that have a below investment grade credit rating (as measured by Standard & Poor's or any equivalent grade of other credit rating agencies). The securities may be denominated in various currencies and issued by governments, government agencies, supra-nationals and companies worldwide.

The Fund may invest up to 10% of its assets in contingent convertible bonds.

The Fund may also invest up to one-third of its assets directly or indirectly in other securities (including other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies, Investment Funds, warrants and Money Market Investments, and hold cash (subject to the restrictions provided in Appendix I).

The Fund may use derivatives, long and short, with the aim of achieving investment gains, reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently. The Fund may use leverage.

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the Bloomberg Global HYxCMBSxEMG index USD Hedged 2% cap, based on the Investment Manager's rating criteria. More details on the investment process used to achieve this can be found in the Fund Characteristics section.

The Fund does not directly invest in certain activities, industries or groups of issuers above the limits listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

## Benchmark

The Fund's performance should be assessed against its target benchmark being to exceed the Bloomberg Global HYxCMBSxEMG index USD Hedged 2% cap and compared against the Morningstar Global High Yield Category. The Fund's investment universe is expected to overlap materially with the components of the target benchmark. The comparator benchmark is only included for performance comparison purposes and does not determine how the Investment Manager invests the Fund's assets. The Investment Manager invests on a discretionary basis and there are no restrictions on the extent to which the Fund's portfolio and performance may deviate from the target benchmark. The Investment Manager will invest in companies or sectors not included in the target benchmark in order to take advantage of specific investment opportunities. The Bloomberg Global HYxCMBSxEMG index USD Hedged 2% cap measures the market of non-investment grade, fixed-rate, taxable corporate bonds. The index follows the same rules as the uncapped index but limits the exposure of each issuer to 2% of the total market value and redistributes any excess market value index-wide on a pro-rata basis.

The target benchmark has been selected because it is representative of the type of investments in which the Fund is likely to invest and it is, therefore, an appropriate target in relation to the return that the Fund aims to provide. The comparator benchmark has been selected because the Investment Manager believes that the benchmark is a suitable comparison for performance purposes given the Fund's investment objective and policy.

The benchmark(s) does/do not take into account the environmental and social characteristics or sustainable objective (as relevant) of the Fund.

## Further Information

The Fund is categorised as "Specialist Bond Fund".

More information relating to the environmental and social characteristics or sustainable investment objective (as applicable) of the Fund is provided in Appendix IV in accordance with SFDR and Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288.

## Risk Considerations

### Risk Management Method

Relative Value-at-Risk (VaR)

### VaR Benchmark

Bloomberg Global High Yield ex CMBS ex EMG 2% Cap Index USD hedged. This USD hedged index provides a broad-based measure of the global non-investment grade debt market, caps issuers at 2% and excludes emerging markets as well as CMBS.

### Expected Leverage

100% of the total net assets

The expected level of leverage may be higher when volatility decreases sustainably, when interest rates are expected to change or when credit spreads are expected to widen or tighten.

### This Fund is not a leveraged financial instrument

The Fund utilises financial derivative instruments for investment purposes and the global exposure is monitored under the relative VaR approach in line with UCITS Risk Measurement Rules. Whilst these instruments generate leverage, the Fund itself is not a leveraged financial instrument as further described in the MIFID Directive. For further details on the relative VaR approach please see Appendix 1. In addition to this regulatory restriction, Schroders implements internal controls on global exposure to constrain and/or highlight global exposure as appropriate.

The level of distribution costs in certain jurisdictions may impact the ability of the Investment Manager to meet the Fund's investment objective across all Share Classes after fees have been deducted.

### Specific Risk Considerations

The Fund has environmental and/or social characteristics (within the meaning of Article 8 SFDR). A Fund with these characteristics may have limited exposure to some companies, industries or sectors as a result and the Fund may forego certain investment opportunities, or dispose of



certain holdings, that do not align with its sustainability criteria chosen by the Investment Manager. As Investors may differ in their views of what constitutes sustainable investing, the Fund may also invest in companies that do not reflect the beliefs and values of any particular Investor. Please refer to Appendix II for more details on sustainability risks.

The reference in the Investment Policy to a fund investing two-thirds of its assets in a certain way applies in normal market conditions. See paragraph (A) at the start of this Appendix for further information.

## Profile of the Typical Investor

The Fund may be suitable for Investors who are seeking to combine capital growth opportunities with income in the relative stability of the debt markets over the long term.

## Fund Characteristics

Fund Currency	USD
Investment Manager	Schroder Investment Management North America Inc.
Dealing Cut-off Time	13.00 Luxembourg time on Dealing Day
Dealing Frequency	Daily on Dealing Day
Settlement Period of Subscription and Redemption Proceeds <sup>1</sup>	3 Business Days from the relevant Dealing Day
Performance Fee	None
Redemption Charge	None
PEA / PIR Eligibility	No
Sustainability Criteria	<p>The Investment Manager applies governance and sustainability criteria when selecting investments for the Fund.</p> <p>The strategy aims to identify issuers demonstrating good or improving sustainability credentials, and those that impose a high cost on the environment and society. This involves:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The exclusion of issuers <u>with certain exposure to specific activities that the Investment Manager considers environmentally destructive or socially damaging, violate human rights and/ or have demonstrated gross misconduct that the Investment Manager deems to have businesses that are materially damaging to the climate and impose unjustifiable social costs.</u></li> <li>- The inclusion of issuers that <u>the Investment Manager considers are well placed to deliver demonstrate stable and improving sustainability trajectories relative to their industry peers, and issuers demonstrating good governance based on the Investment Manager's sustainability rating methodology.</u></li> </ul> <p>The Investment Manager may also engage with companies to encourage transparency, the transition to a circular economy with lower carbon emissions intensity and responsible social behaviour that promotes sustainable growth and alpha generation.</p> <p>The primary sources of information used to perform the analysis are the Investment Manager's proprietary tools and research, third-party research, NGO reports and expert networks. The Investment Manager also performs its own analysis of publicly available information provided by the companies, including information provided in company sustainability reports and other relevant company material.</p> <p>More details on the Investment Manager's approach to sustainability and its engagement with companies are available on the webpage <a href="https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/">https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/</a></p> <p>The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than its investment universe, based on the Investment Manager's rating system.</p> <p>The Investment Manager ensures that at least:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 90% of the portion of the NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in developed countries; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with an investment grade credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by developed countries; and</li> <li>- 75% of the portion of the NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in emerging countries; equities issued by small and medium companies; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with a high yield credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by emerging countries,</li> </ul> <p>is rated against the sustainability criteria. For the purposes of this test, small companies are those with market capitalisation below €5 billion, medium companies are those between €5 billion and €10 billion and large companies are those above €10 billion.</p>

<sup>1</sup> Different subscription and redemption procedures may apply if applications are made through Distributors.

## General Share Class Features

Share Classes	Initial Charge <sup>2</sup>	Annual Distribution Charge <sup>3</sup>	Annual Management Charge
A Shares	Up to 3%	None	1.00%
AX Shares	Up to 3%	None	1.00%
A1 Shares	Up to 2%	0.50%	1.00%
B Shares	None	0.50%	1.00%
C Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.60%
CN Shares	Up to 3%	None	0.60%
CX Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.60%
D Shares	None	1.00%	1.00%
E Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.30%
IZ, IA, IB, IC, ID Shares	None	None	Up to 0.60%
Z Shares	None	None	Up to 0.60%

Annual Distribution Charge and Annual Management Charge percentages are stated as an annual charge with reference to the Net Asset Value of the Fund or the Net Asset Value per Share, as may be appropriate.

A share class hedging charge of up to 0.03% will be borne by the currency hedged Share Classes.

Not all Share Classes listed are available for subscription at the time of issue of this Prospectus. The Funds may also launch Bespoke Share Classes that are described under Appendix III at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>2</sup> The initial charge is applied against the total amount invested. The Management Company and Distributors are entitled to the initial charge, which can be partly or fully waived at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>3</sup> Annual Distribution Charges in respect of A1 and D Shares are paid at such intervals as may be agreed from time to time between the Company and those Distributors that are appointed specifically for the purpose of distributing such Shares. Annual Distribution Charges in respect of B Shares are payable quarterly.

# Schroder International Selection Fund Global Inflation Linked Bond

## Investment Objective

The Fund aims to provide capital growth and income in excess of the ICE BofA Global Governments Inflation-Linked EUR Hedged index after fees have been deducted over a three to five year period by investing in inflation-linked fixed income securities.

## Investment Policy

The Fund is actively managed and invests at least two-thirds of its assets in inflation-linked fixed income securities with an investment grade or sub-investment grade credit rating (as measured by Standard & Poor's or any equivalent grade of other credit rating agencies for rated bonds and implied Schrodgers ratings for non-rated bonds) issued by governments, government agencies, supra-nationals and companies worldwide.

The Fund may also invest up to one-third of its assets directly or indirectly in other securities (including other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies, Investment Funds, warrants and Money Market Investments, and hold cash (subject to the restrictions provided in Appendix I).

The Fund may use derivatives, long and short, with the aim of achieving investment gains, reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently.

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the ICE BofA Global Governments Inflation-Linked EUR Hedged index based on the Investment Manager's rating criteria. More details on the investment process used to achieve this can be found in the Fund Characteristics section.

The Fund does not directly invest in certain activities, industries or groups of issuers above the limits listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

## Benchmark

The Fund's performance should be assessed against its target benchmark being to exceed the ICE BofA Global Governments Inflation-Linked EUR Hedged index. The Fund's investment universe is expected to overlap to a limited extent with the components of the target benchmark. However, the Fund will likely reflect certain features of the target benchmark namely credit quality and duration, as well as currency exposure. The Investment Manager invests on a discretionary basis and there are no restrictions on the extent to which the Fund's portfolio and performance may deviate from the target benchmark. The Investment Manager will invest in companies or sectors not included in the target benchmark in order to take advantage of specific investment opportunities.

The target benchmark has been selected because it is representative of the type of investments in which the Fund is likely to invest and it is, therefore, an appropriate target in relation to the return that the Fund aims to provide.

The benchmark(s) does/do not take into account the environmental and social characteristics or sustainable objective (as relevant) of the Fund.

## Further Information

The Fund is categorised as "Mainstream Bond Fund".

More information relating to the environmental and social characteristics or sustainable investment objective (as applicable) of the Fund is provided in Appendix IV in accordance with SFDR and Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288.

## Risk Considerations

### Risk Management Method

Relative Value-at-Risk (VaR)

### VaR Benchmark

ICE BofA Global Governments Inflation-Linked EUR Hedged index. This EUR hedged index tracks the performance of investment grade inflation-linked sovereign debt publicly issued and denominated in the issuer's own domestic market and currency.

### Expected Leverage

300% of the total net assets

The expected level of leverage may be higher when volatility decreases sustainably, when interest rates are expected to change or when credit spreads are expected to widen or tighten.

### This Fund is not a leveraged financial instrument

The Fund utilises financial derivative instruments for investment purposes and the global exposure is monitored under the relative VaR approach in line with UCITS Risk Measurement Rules. Whilst these instruments generate leverage, the Fund itself is not a leveraged financial instrument as further described in the MIFID Directive. For further details on the relative VaR approach please see Appendix 1. In addition to this regulatory restriction, Schrodgers implements internal controls on global exposure to constrain and/or highlight global exposure as appropriate.

### Specific Risk Considerations

The Fund has environmental and/or social characteristics (within the meaning of Article 8 SFDR). A Fund with these characteristics may have limited exposure to some companies, industries or sectors as a result and the Fund may forego certain investment opportunities, or dispose of certain holdings, that do not align with its sustainability criteria chosen by the Investment Manager. As Investors may differ in their views of what constitutes sustainable investing, the Fund may also invest in companies that do not reflect the beliefs and values of any particular Investor. Please refer to Appendix II for more details on sustainability risks.

The reference in the Investment Policy to a fund investing two-thirds of its assets in a certain way applies in normal market conditions. See paragraph (A) at the start of this Appendix for further information.

The level of distribution costs in certain jurisdictions may impact the ability of the Investment Manager to meet the Fund's investment objective across all Share Classes after fees have been deducted.

## Profile of the Typical Investor

The Fund may be suitable for Investors who are seeking to combine capital growth opportunities with income in the relative stability of the debt markets over the long term.

## Fund Characteristics

Fund Currency	EUR
Investment Manager	Schroder Investment Management Limited
Dealing Cut-off Time	13.00 Luxembourg time on Dealing Day
Dealing Frequency	Daily on Dealing Day
Settlement Period of Subscription and Redemption Proceeds <sup>1</sup>	3 Business Days from the relevant Dealing Day
Performance Fee	None
Redemption Charge	None
PEA / PIR Eligibility	No
Sustainability Criteria	<p>The Investment Manager applies governance and sustainability criteria when selecting investments for the Fund.</p> <p>Sustainability factors are assessed – across both sovereign markets and credit allocation decisions – in tandem with macroeconomic factors throughout the Investment Manager's top-down thematic investment process.</p> <p>In assessing sustainability factors for sovereign issuers, the Investment Manager considers that countries with stable and non-corrupt governments are likely to be more willing and able to service their debts, while political considerations, including the impact of social and governance factors, can influence a country's inflation and currency profile and thus have a material impact on the real value of debt. Environmental impacts – which can be more pertinent over a longer-term horizon – are also incorporated. The Investment Manager's approach includes the use of Schroders' proprietary sustainability tools to rank countries by measuring their performance against multiple sustainability-related indicators.</p> <p>Credit selection decisions are delegated to the Investment Manager's specialist credit investment teams, who aim to identify issuers demonstrating good or improving sustainability credentials, and those that impose a high cost on the environment and society. This involves:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– The exclusion of issuers <u>with certain exposure to specific activities that the Investment Manager considers environmentally destructive or socially damaging, violate human rights and/ or have demonstrated gross misconduct that the Investment Manager deems to have businesses that are materially damaging to the environment or impose unjustifiable social costs.</u></li> <li>– The inclusion of issuers that <u>the Investment Manager considers are well placed to deliver demonstrate</u> stable and improving sustainability trajectories <u>relative to industry peers, and issuers demonstrating good governance based on the Investment Manager's sustainability rating methodology.</u></li> </ul> <p>The primary sources of information used to perform this analysis are the Investment Manager's proprietary tools and research, third-party research, NGO reports and expert networks. For corporate issuers, the Investment Manager also performs its own analysis of publicly available information provided by the companies, including information provided in company sustainability reports and other relevant company material.</p> <p>More details on the Investment Manager's approach to sustainability and its engagement with companies are available on the webpage <a href="https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/">https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/</a></p> <p>The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than its investment universe, based on the Investment Manager's rating system.</p> <p>The Investment Manager ensures that at least:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– 90% of the portion of the NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in developed countries; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with an investment grade credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by developed countries; and</li> <li>– 75% of the portion of the NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in emerging countries; equities issued by small and medium companies; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with a high yield credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by emerging countries,</li> </ul>

<sup>1</sup> Different subscription and redemption procedures may apply if applications are made through Distributors.

is rated against the sustainability criteria. For the purposes of this test, small companies are those with market capitalisation below €5 billion, medium companies are those between €5 billion and €10 billion and large companies are those above €10 billion.

## General Share Class Features

Share Classes	Initial Charge <sup>2</sup>	Annual Distribution Charge <sup>3</sup>	Annual Management Charge
A Shares	Up to 3%	None	0.75%
AX Shares	Up to 3%	None	0.75%
A1 Shares	Up to 2%	0.50%	0.75%
B Shares	None	0.50%	0.75%
C Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.375%
CN Shares	Up to 3%	None	0.375%
CX Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.375%
D Shares	None	1.00%	0.75%
E Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.25%
IZ, IA, IB, IC, ID Shares	None	None	Up to 0.50%
Z Shares	None	None	Up to 0.50%

Annual Distribution Charge and Annual Management Charge percentages are stated as an annual charge with reference to the Net Asset Value of the Fund or the Net Asset Value per Share, as may be appropriate.

A share class hedging charge of up to 0.03% will be borne by the currency hedged Share Classes.

Not all Share Classes listed are available for subscription at the time of issue of this Prospectus. The Funds may also launch Bespoke Share Classes that are described under Appendix III at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>2</sup> The initial charge is applied against the total amount invested. The Management Company and Distributors are entitled to the initial charge, which can be partly or fully waived at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>3</sup> Annual Distribution Charges in respect of A1 and D Shares are paid at such intervals as may be agreed from time to time between the Company and those Distributors that are appointed specifically for the purpose of distributing such Shares. Annual Distribution Charges in respect of B Shares are payable quarterly.

# Schroder International Selection Fund Global Managed Growth

## Investment Objective

The Fund aims to provide capital growth and income in excess of 60% MSCI AC World (Net TR) index unhedged to USD/ 40% Barclays Global Treasury index (CA, IT, FR, DE, UK, US) hedged to USD before fees have been deducted\* over a five to seven year period by investing in a diversified range of assets and markets worldwide.

\*For the target return after fees for each Share Class please visit the Schroder webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/funds-and-strategies/fund-administration/performance-targets-after-fees/>

## Investment Policy

The Fund is actively managed and invests directly or indirectly (through open-ended Investment Funds) in equity and equity-related securities and fixed income securities. The Fund may also invest indirectly in real estate, infrastructure and commodities including precious metals (and will not invest in Alternative Investment Funds and private equity). The exposure to real estate, infrastructure and commodities including precious metals is taken through eligible assets as described in Appendix III of this Prospectus. The Fund will not be exposed to any physical commodities directly, nor enter into any contracts relating to physical commodities.

Fixed income securities include fixed or floating rate securities such as government bonds, corporate bonds, emerging market debt, sub-investment grade (fixed and floating rate) securities (being securities with a credit rating below investment grade as measured by Standard & Poor's or any equivalent grade of other credit rating agencies), convertible bonds and inflation linked bonds.

The Fund may use derivatives with the aim of reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently. The Fund may hold up to 100% of its assets in open-ended investment Funds (including other Schroder funds). The Fund may also invest in Money Market Investments and hold cash.

## Benchmark

The Fund's performance should be assessed against its target benchmark, being to exceed 60% MSCI AC World (Net TR) index unhedged to USD Index / 40% Barclays Global Treasury Index (CA, IT, FR, DE, UK, US) hedged to USD. The Fund's investment universe is expected to overlap to a limited extent with the components of the target benchmark. The Investment Manager invests on a discretionary basis and there are no restrictions on the extent to which the Fund's portfolio and performance may deviate from the target benchmark. The Investment Manager will invest in companies or sectors not included in the target benchmark in order to take advantage of specific investment opportunities.

The target benchmark has been selected because it is representative of the type of investments in which the Fund is likely to invest and it is, therefore, an appropriate target in relation to the return that the Fund aims to provide.

## Further Information

The Fund is categorised as a "Multi Asset Fund".

## Risk Considerations

### Specific Risk Considerations

The reference in the Investment Policy to a fund investing two-thirds of its assets in a certain way applies in normal market conditions. See paragraph (A) at the start of this Appendix for further information.

Risks related to emerging markets investments can be found under "Emerging and Less Developed Markets Securities Risk" in Appendix II of this Prospectus.

## Profile of the Typical Investor

The Fund may be suitable for Investors who are more concerned with maximising long-term returns than minimising possible short term losses.

## Fund Characteristics

Fund Currency	USD
Investment Manager	Schroder Investment Management Limited
Dealing Cut-off Time	13.00 Luxembourg time on Dealing Day
Dealing Frequency	Daily on Dealing Day
Settlement Period of Subscription and Redemption Proceeds <sup>1</sup>	3 Business Days from the relevant Dealing Day
Performance Fee	None
Redemption Charge	None
PEA / PIR Eligibility	No

<sup>1</sup> Different subscription and redemption procedures may apply if applications are made through Distributors.



## General Share Class Features

Share Classes	Initial Charge <sup>2</sup>	Annual Distribution Charge <sup>3</sup>	Annual Management Charge
A Shares	Up to 5%	None	1.00%
AX Shares	Up to 5%	None	1.00%
A1 Shares	Up to 4%	0.50%	1.00%
B Shares	None	0.60%	1.00%
C Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.50%
CN Shares	Up to 3%	None	0.50%
CX Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.50%
D Shares	None	1.00%	1.00%
E Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.25%
IZ, IA, IB, IC, ID Shares	None	None	Up to 0.50%
Z Shares	None	None	Up to 0.50%

Annual Distribution Charge and Annual Management Charge percentages are stated as an annual charge with reference to the Net Asset Value of the Fund or the Net Asset Value per Share, as may be appropriate.

A share class hedging charge of up to 0.03% will be borne by the currency hedged Share Classes.

Not all Share Classes listed are available for subscription at the time of issue of this Prospectus. The Funds may also launch Bespoke Share Classes that are described under Appendix III at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>2</sup> The initial charge is applied against the total amount invested. The Management Company and Distributors are entitled to the initial charge, which can be partly or fully waived at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>3</sup> Annual Distribution Charges in respect of A1 and D Shares are paid at such intervals as may be agreed from time to time between the Company and those Distributors that are appointed specifically for the purpose of distributing such Shares. Annual Distribution Charges in respect of B Shares are payable quarterly.

# Schroder International Selection Fund Global Multi-Asset Balanced

## Investment Objective

The Fund aims to provide capital growth and income over a three to five year period after fees have been deducted by investing in a diversified range of assets and markets worldwide.

## Investment Policy

The Fund is actively managed and invests directly or indirectly through derivatives in equity and equity-related securities, fixed income securities and Alternative Asset Classes.

Fixed income securities include fixed or floating rate securities such as government bonds, corporate bonds, emerging market debt, sub-investment grade (fixed and floating rate) securities (being securities with a credit rating below investment grade as measured by Standard & Poor's or any equivalent grade of other credit rating agencies), convertible bonds and inflation linked bonds.

The exposure to Alternative Asset Classes is taken through eligible assets as described in Appendix III of this Prospectus.

The Fund intends to use derivatives (including total return swaps), long and short, with the aim of achieving investment gains, reducing risk, mitigating losses in falling markets or managing the Fund more efficiently. Where the Fund uses total return swaps and contracts for difference, the underlying consists of instruments in which the Fund may invest according to its Investment Objective and Investment Policy. In particular, total return swaps and contracts for difference will be used on a continuous basis to gain long and short exposure on equity and equity related securities, fixed and floating rate securities and commodity indices. The gross exposure of total return swaps and contracts for difference will not exceed 30% and is expected to remain within the range of 0% to 20% of the Net Asset Value. In certain circumstances this proportion may be higher.

The Fund may (exceptionally) hold up to 100% of its assets in cash and Money Market Investments. This will be limited to a maximum of six months (otherwise the Fund will be liquidated). During this period, the Fund will not fall within the scope of MMFR. The Fund may invest up to 10% of its assets in open-ended Investment Funds.

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than a bespoke asset-weighted blend\* of MSCI World Index (hedged to EUR), MSCI Emerging Market Index (hedged to EUR), Barclays Global Aggregate Corporate Bond Index (hedged to EUR), Barclays Global High Yield excl CMBS & EMD 2% Index (hedged to EUR), ICE BofA US Treasury Index (hedged to EUR), JPM GBI Emerging Market Index - EM Local (hedged to EUR), JPM EMBI Index EM Hard Currency (hedged to EUR), ~~Thomson Reuters~~ FTSE Global Convertible Bonds Index (hedged to EUR), based on the Investment Manager's rating system. More details on the investment process used to achieve this can be found in the Fund Characteristics section.

\*The blend will evolve over time in line with the actual asset allocation of the Fund.

The Fund does not directly invest in certain activities, industries or groups of issuers above the limits listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

## Benchmark

The Fund does not have a target benchmark. The Fund's performance should be compared against the Morningstar EUR Cautious Allocation – Global Category ~~median~~. The comparator benchmark is only included for performance comparison purposes and does not determine how the Investment Manager invests the Fund's assets. The comparator benchmark has been selected because the Investment Manager believes that the benchmark is a suitable comparison for performance purposes given the Fund's investment objective and policy.

The benchmark(s) does/do not take into account the environmental and social characteristics or sustainable objective (as relevant) of the Fund.

## Further Information

The Fund is categorised as "Multi-Asset Fund".

More information relating to the environmental and social characteristics or sustainable investment objective (as applicable) of the Fund is provided in Appendix IV in accordance with SFDR and Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288.

## Risk Considerations

### Specific Risk Considerations

Long and short positions gained through index, bond and equity total return swaps may increase exposure to credit-related risks.

The Fund has environmental and/or social characteristics (within the meaning of Article 8 SFDR). A Fund with these characteristics may have limited exposure to some companies, industries or sectors as a result and the Fund may forego certain investment opportunities, or dispose of certain holdings, that do not align with its sustainability criteria chosen by the Investment Manager. As Investors may differ in their views of what constitutes sustainable investing, the Fund may also invest in companies that do not reflect the beliefs and values of any particular Investor. Please refer to Appendix II for more details on sustainability risks.

The reference in the Investment Policy to a fund investing two-thirds of its assets in a certain way applies in normal market conditions. See paragraph (A) at the start of this Appendix for further information.

Risks related to emerging markets investments can be found under "Emerging and Less Developed Markets Securities Risk" in Appendix II of this Prospectus.

As the Fund's performance is calculated by reference to an IBOR it may be necessary, as a result of these industry initiatives, for the Fund to choose a successor or substitute alternative reference rate as the Fund's benchmark. As described further under the heading "IBOR Reform" in Appendix II, even with spreads or other adjustments, IBOR-equivalent alternative reference rates may be only an approximation of the relevant IBOR and may not result in a

rate that is the economic equivalent of the specific IBOR. This may result in the Fund not constituting an economically equivalent investment to that which an investor had anticipated at the time it invested in the Fund. Schroders is in the process of assessing the potential alternatives to IBORs and will notify investors in the Fund of the decision in due course.

## Profile of the Typical Investor

The Fund is a medium risk vehicle that will be suitable for Investors who are seeking long term growth potential through investment in a diversified portfolio offering exposure to a range of asset classes.

## Fund Characteristics

Fund Currency	EUR
Investment Manager	Schroder Investment Management (Europe) S.A. – German Branch
Dealing Cut-off Time	13.00 Luxembourg time on Dealing Day
Dealing Frequency	Daily on Dealing Day
Settlement Period of Subscription and Redemption Proceeds <sup>1</sup>	3 Business Days from the relevant Dealing Day
Performance Fee	None
Redemption Charge	None
PEA / PIR Eligibility	No
Sustainability Criteria	<p>The Investment Manager applies governance and sustainability criteria when selecting investments for the Fund. The investable universe is assessed using a number of proprietary tools, as well as external rating services.</p> <p>The Investment Manager will assess companies against a variety of environmental, social and governance metrics, taking into account issues such as climate change, environmental performance, labour standards and board composition. The Investment Manager will decide whether an investment is eligible for inclusion taking into account the overall ESG score. The multi-asset nature of the Fund means that the Investment Manager will analyse the ESG scores across asset classes as an input into the asset allocation of the Fund. The Investment Manager may select investments, which it deems to contribute to one or more environmental or social objectives, provided that they do no significant harm to any other environmental or social objectives.</p> <p>The sources of information used to perform the analysis include information provided by the companies, such as company sustainability reports and other relevant company material, as well as Schroders' proprietary sustainability tools and third-party data.</p> <p>More details on the Investment Manager's approach to sustainability and its engagement with companies are available on the webpage <a href="https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/">https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/</a></p> <p>The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than its investment universe, based on the Investment Manager's rating system.</p> <p>The Investment Manager ensures that at least:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– 90% of the portion of the NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in developed countries; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with an investment grade credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by developed countries; and</li> <li>– 75% of the portion of the NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in emerging countries; equities issued by small and medium companies; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with a high yield credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by emerging countries,</li> </ul> <p>is rated against the sustainability criteria. For the purposes of this test, small companies are those with market capitalisation below €5 billion, medium companies are those between €5 billion and €10 billion and large companies are those above €10 billion.</p>

<sup>1</sup> Different subscription and redemption procedures may apply if applications are made through Distributors.

## General Share Class Features

Share Classes	Initial Charge <sup>2</sup>	Annual Distribution Charge <sup>3</sup>	Annual Management Charge
A Shares	Up to 4%	None	1.25%
AX Shares	Up to 4%	None	1.25%
A1 Shares	Up to 3%	0.50%	1.25%
B Shares	None	0.60%	1.25%
C Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.60%
CN Shares	Up to 3%	None	0.60%
CX Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.60%
D Shares	None	1.00%	1.25%
E Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.30%
IZ, IA, IB, IC, ID Shares	None	None	Up to 0.60%
Z Shares	None	None	Up to 0.60%

Annual Distribution Charge and Annual Management Charge percentages are stated as an annual charge with reference to the Net Asset Value of the Fund or the Net Asset Value per Share, as may be appropriate.

A share class hedging charge of up to 0.03% will be borne by the currency hedged Share Classes.

Not all Share Classes listed are available for subscription at the time of issue of this Prospectus. The Funds may also launch Bespoke Share Classes that are described under Appendix III at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>2</sup> The initial charge is applied against the total amount invested. The Management Company and Distributors are entitled to the initial charge, which can be partly or fully waived at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>3</sup> Annual Distribution Charges in respect of A1 and D Shares are paid at such intervals as may be agreed from time to time between the Company and those Distributors that are appointed specifically for the purpose of distributing such Shares. Annual Distribution Charges in respect of B Shares are payable quarterly.

# Schroder International Selection Fund Global Multi-Asset Income

## Investment Objective

**The Fund aims to deliver an income of 3-5% per annum and capital growth over a three to five year period after fees have been deducted by investing in a diversified range of assets and markets worldwide.**

**As of 8 May 2024 the investment objective will change to:**

The Fund aims to deliver income and capital growth by investing in a diversified range of assets and markets worldwide.

## Investment Policy

The Fund is actively managed and invests directly, or indirectly through derivatives, in equity and equity-related securities, fixed income securities and Alternative Asset Classes.

The Fund may invest:

- up to 50% of its assets in below investment grade (fixed and floating rate) securities (being securities with a credit rating below investment grade as measured by Standard & Poor's or any equivalent grade of other credit rating agencies) and unrated securities.
- in excess of 50% of its assets in emerging market debt (fixed and floating rate) securities.
- up to 20% of its assets in asset-backed securities and mortgage-backed securities

The Fund may also invest up to 15% of its assets in mainland China through Regulated Markets (including the CIBM via Bond Connect or CIBM Direct).

The exposure to Alternative Asset Classes is taken through eligible assets as described in Appendix III of this Prospectus.

The Fund intends to use derivatives (including total return swaps), long and short, with the aim of achieving investment gains, reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently. Where the Fund uses total return swaps and contracts for difference, the underlying consists of instruments in which the Fund may invest according to its Investment Objective and Investment Policy. In particular, the aim is to use total return swaps and contracts for difference on a temporary basis in market conditions including but not limited to during periods of expanding global economic growth and rising inflation or elevated geopolitical risk, or when credit spreads are expected to widen such during periods of falling economic growth, rising interest rates or elevated geopolitical risk. Contracts for difference and total return swaps are intended to be used to gain long and short exposure on equity and equity related securities, fixed and floating rate securities and commodity indices.

The gross exposure of total return swaps and contracts for difference will not exceed 30% and is expected to remain within the range of 0% to 20% of the Net Asset Value. In certain circumstances this proportion may be higher. The Fund may invest up to 10% of its assets in open-ended Investment Funds. The Fund may invest in Money Market Investments and hold cash.

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than 30% MSCI AC World Index (USD), 40% Barclays Global Aggregate Corporate Bond Index (USD) and 30% Barclays Global High Yield excl CMBS & EMG 2% index (USD) based on the Investment Manager's rating system. More details on the investment process used to achieve this can be found in the Fund Characteristics section.

The Fund does not directly invest in certain activities, industries or groups of issuers above the limits listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

## Benchmark

**The Fund's performance should be assessed against the income target of 3-5% per year. The Fund's volatility should be compared against 30% MSCI AC World Index (USD), 40% Barclays Global Aggregate Corporate Bond Index (USD) and 30% Barclays Global High Yield excl CMBS & EMG 2% index (USD). The comparator benchmark is only included for volatility comparison purposes and does not determine how the Investment Manager invests the Fund's assets. The Fund's investment universe is expected to have limited overlap with the components of the comparator benchmark. The Investment Manager invests on a discretionary basis and there are no restrictions on the extent to which the Fund's portfolio and performance may deviate from the comparator benchmark. The Investment Manager will invest in companies or sectors not included in the comparator benchmark.**

**The comparator benchmark has been selected because the Investment Manager believes that the benchmark is a suitable comparison for volatility purposes given the Fund's investment objective and policy. The benchmark(s) does/do not take into account the environmental and social characteristics or sustainable objective (as relevant) of the Fund.**

**As of 8 May 2024 the benchmark section will change to:**

The Fund does not have a target benchmark. The Fund's performance and volatility should be compared against 30% MSCI AC World Index (USD), 40% Barclays Global Aggregate Corporate Bond Index (USD) and 30% Barclays Global High Yield excl CMBS & EMG 2% index (USD). The comparator benchmark is included for performance and volatility comparison purposes and does not determine how the Investment Manager invests the Fund's assets. The Fund's investment universe is expected to have limited overlap with the components of the comparator benchmark. The Investment Manager invests on a discretionary basis and there are no restrictions on the extent to which the Fund's portfolio and performance may deviate from the comparator benchmark. The Investment Manager will invest in companies or sectors not included in the comparator benchmark.

The comparator benchmark has been selected because the Investment Manager believes that the benchmark is a suitable comparison for volatility purposes given the Fund's investment objective and policy. The benchmark(s) does/do not take into account the environmental and social characteristics or sustainable objective (as relevant) of the Fund.

## Further Information

The Fund is categorised as "Multi-Asset Fund".

More information relating to the environmental and social characteristics or sustainable investment objective (as applicable) of the Fund is provided in Appendix IV in accordance with SFDR and Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288.

## Risk Considerations

### Specific Risk Considerations

The Fund has environmental and/or social characteristics (within the meaning of Article 8 SFDR). A Fund with these characteristics may have limited exposure to some companies, industries or sectors as a result and the Fund may forego certain investment opportunities, or dispose of certain holdings, that do not align with its sustainability criteria chosen by the Investment Manager. As Investors may differ in their views of what constitutes sustainable investing, the Fund may also invest in companies that do not

reflect the beliefs and values of any particular Investor. Please refer to Appendix II for more details on sustainability risks.

A detailed description of the risks linked to asset-backed securities and mortgage-backed securities can be found in Appendix II of this Prospectus.

The reference in the Investment Policy to a fund investing two-thirds of its assets in a certain way applies in normal market conditions. See paragraph (A) at the start of this Appendix for further information.

Risks related to emerging markets investments can be found under "Emerging and Less Developed Markets Securities Risk" in Appendix II of this Prospectus.

## Profile of the Typical Investor

The Fund will be suitable for Investors who desire a sustainable level of income with some capital growth, offered through investment in a range of asset classes.

## Fund Characteristics

Fund Currency	USD
Investment Manager	Schroder Investment Management Limited
Dealing Cut-off Time	13.00 Luxembourg time on Dealing Day
Dealing Frequency	Daily on Dealing Day
Settlement Period of Subscription and Redemption Proceeds <sup>1</sup>	3 Business Days from the relevant Dealing Day
Performance Fee	None
Redemption Charge	None
PEA / PIR Eligibility	No
Sustainability Criteria	<p>The Investment Manager applies governance and sustainability criteria when selecting investments for the Fund. The investable universe is assessed using a number of proprietary tools, as well as external rating services.</p> <p>The Investment Manager will assess companies against a variety of environmental, social and governance metrics, taking into account issues such as climate change, environmental performance, labour standards and board composition. The Investment Manager will decide whether an investment is eligible for inclusion taking into account the overall ESG score. The multi-asset nature of the Fund means that the Investment Manager will analyse the ESG scores across asset classes as an input into the asset allocation of the Fund. The Investment Manager may select investments, which it deems to contribute to one or more environmental or social objectives, provided that they do no significant harm to any other environmental or social objectives.</p> <p>The sources of information used to perform the analysis include information provided by the companies, such as company sustainability reports and other relevant company material, as well as Schroders' proprietary sustainability tools and third-party data.</p> <p>More details on the Investment Manager's approach to sustainability and its engagement with companies are available on the webpage <a href="https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/">https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/</a></p> <p>The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than its investment universe, based on the Investment Manager's rating system.</p> <p>The Investment Manager ensures that at least:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– 90% of the portion of the NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in developed countries; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with an investment grade credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by developed countries; and</li></ul>

<sup>1</sup> Different subscription and redemption procedures may apply if applications are made through Distributors.



- 75% of the portion of the NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in emerging countries; equities issued by small and medium companies; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with a high yield credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by emerging countries,

is rated against the sustainability criteria. For the purposes of this test, small companies are those with market capitalisation below €5 billion, medium companies are those between €5 billion and €10 billion and large companies are those above €10 billion.

## General Share Class Features

Share Classes	Initial Charge <sup>2</sup>	Annual Distribution Charge <sup>3</sup>	Annual Management Charge
A Shares	Up to 5%	None	1.25%
AX Shares	Up to 5%	None	1.25%
A1 Shares	Up to 4%	0.50%	1.25%
B Shares	None	0.60%	1.25%
C Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.75%
CN Shares	Up to 3%	None	0.75%
CX Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.75%
D Shares	None	1.00%	1.25%
E Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.375%
IZ, IA, IB, IC, ID Shares	None	None	Up to 0.75%
Z Shares	None	None	Up to 0.75%

Annual Distribution Charge and Annual Management Charge percentages are stated as an annual charge with reference to the Net Asset Value of the Fund or the Net Asset Value per Share, as may be appropriate.

A share class hedging charge of up to 0.03% will be borne by the currency hedged Share Classes.

Not all Share Classes listed are available for subscription at the time of issue of this Prospectus. The Funds may also launch Bespoke Share Classes that are described under Appendix III at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>2</sup> The initial charge is applied against the total amount invested. The Management Company and Distributors are entitled to the initial charge, which can be partly or fully waived at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>3</sup> Annual Distribution Charges in respect of A1 and D Shares are paid at such intervals as may be agreed from time to time between the Company and those Distributors that are appointed specifically for the purpose of distributing such Shares. Annual Distribution Charges in respect of B Shares are payable quarterly.

# Schroder International Selection Fund Global Recovery

## Investment Objective

The Fund aims to provide capital growth in excess of the MSCI World (Net TR) index after fees have been deducted over a three to five year period by investing in equity and equity related securities of companies worldwide that have suffered a severe set back in either share price or profitability.

## Investment Policy

The Fund is actively managed and invests at least two-thirds of its assets in equities of companies worldwide.

The Fund may invest directly in China B-Shares and China H-Shares and may invest up to 10% of its assets (on a net basis) directly or indirectly (for example via participatory notes) in China A-Shares through Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect and Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect and shares listed on the STAR Board and the ChiNext.

The Fund may also invest up to one-third of its assets directly or indirectly in other securities (including other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies, Investment Funds, warrants and Money Market Investments, and hold cash (subject to the restrictions provided in Appendix I).

The Fund may use derivatives with the aim of reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently.

## Benchmark

The Fund's performance should be assessed against its target benchmark, being to exceed the MSCI World (TR) index and compared against the MSCI World Value (Net TR) index and the Morningstar Global Large-Cap Value Category. The Fund's investment universe is expected to overlap to a limited extent with the components of the target benchmark and the MSCI World Value (Net TR) index. The comparator benchmarks are only included for performance comparison purposes and do not determine how the Investment Manager invests the Fund's assets. The Investment Manager invests on a discretionary basis and there are no restrictions on the extent to which the Fund's portfolio and performance may deviate from the target benchmark or the MSCI World Value (Net TR) index. The Investment Manager will invest in companies or sectors not included in the target benchmark or the MSCI World Value (Net TR) index in order to take advantage of specific investment opportunities.

## Fund Characteristics

Fund Currency	USD
Investment Manager	Schroder Investment Management Limited
Dealing Cut-off Time	13.00 Luxembourg time on Dealing Day
Dealing Frequency	Daily on Dealing Day
Settlement Period of Subscription and Redemption Proceeds <sup>1</sup>	3 Business Days from the relevant Dealing Day

The target benchmark has been selected because it is representative of the type of investments in which the Fund is likely to invest, and it is, therefore, an appropriate target in relation to the return that the Fund aims to provide. Any comparator benchmark has been selected because the Investment Manager believes that the benchmark is a suitable comparison for performance purposes given the Fund's investment objective and policy.

## Further Information

The Fund is categorised as "Specialist Equity Fund".

## Risk Considerations

### Specific Risk Considerations

The portfolio will exhibit a strongly contrarian investment style and look to take maximum advantage of behavioural biases in global investment markets, and will likely exhibit higher investment volatility than global equity market indices. However, a recovery style is believed to exhibit a lower than average investment risk due to the supportive valuations of the stocks in the portfolio.

Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect and Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect are securities trading and clearing linked programmes developed by The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited, Shanghai/Shenzhen Stock Exchanges, Hong Kong Securities Clearing Company Limited and China Securities Depository and Clearing Corporation Limited, with an aim to achieve mutual stock market access between the PRC (excluding Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan) and Hong Kong. A detailed description of the programmes as well as risks linked thereto can be found in Appendix II of this Prospectus.

The reference in the Investment Policy to a fund investing two-thirds of its assets in a certain way applies in normal market conditions. See paragraph (A) at the start of this Appendix for further information.

The level of distribution costs in certain jurisdictions may impact the ability of the Investment Manager to meet the Fund's investment objective across all Share Classes after fees have been deducted.

## Profile of the Typical Investor

The Fund may be suitable for Investors who are more concerned with maximising long term returns than minimising possible short term losses.

<sup>1</sup> Different subscription and redemption procedures may apply if applications are made through Distributors.

Performance Fee	None
Redemption Charge	None
PEA / PIR Eligibility	No

## General Share Class Features

Share Classes	Initial Charge <sup>2</sup>	Annual Distribution Charge <sup>3</sup>	Annual Management Charge
A Shares	Up to 5%	None	1.50%
AX Shares	Up to 5%	None	1.50%
A1 Shares	Up to 4%	0.50%	1.50%
B Shares	None	0.60%	1.50%
C Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.65%
CN Shares	Up to 3%	None	0.65%
CX Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.65%
D Shares	None	1.00%	1.50%
E Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.375%
IZ, IA, IB, IC, ID Shares	None	None	Up to 0.75%
Z Shares	None	None	Up to 0.75%

Annual Distribution Charge and Annual Management Charge percentages are stated as an annual charge with reference to the Net Asset Value of the Fund or the Net Asset Value per Share, as may be appropriate.

A share class hedging charge of up to 0.03% will be borne by the currency hedged Share Classes.

Not all Share Classes listed are available for subscription at the time of issue of this Prospectus. The Funds may also launch Bespoke Share Classes that are described under Appendix III at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>2</sup> The initial charge is applied against the total amount invested. The Management Company and Distributors are entitled to the initial charge, which can be partly or fully waived at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>3</sup> Annual Distribution Charges in respect of A1 and D Shares are paid at such intervals as may be agreed from time to time between the Company and those Distributors that are appointed specifically for the purpose of distributing such Shares. Annual Distribution Charges in respect of B Shares are payable quarterly.

# Schroder International Selection Fund Global Smaller Companies

## Investment Objective

The Fund aims to provide capital growth in excess of the S&P Developed Small Cap (Net TR) index after fees have been deducted over a three to five year period by investing in equity and equity related securities of small-sized companies worldwide.

## Investment Policy

The Fund is actively managed and invests at least two-thirds of its assets in equity and equity related securities of small-sized companies worldwide. Small-sized companies are companies which, at the time of purchase, are considered to be in the bottom 30% by market capitalisation of global equity markets.

The Fund may also invest directly in China B-Shares and China H-Shares and may invest less than 30% of its assets (on a net basis) directly or indirectly (for example via participatory notes) in China A-Shares through Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect and Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect and shares listed on the STAR Board and the ChiNext.

The Fund may also invest up to one-third of its assets directly or indirectly in other securities (including other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies, Investment Funds, warrants and Money Market Investments, and hold cash (subject to the restrictions provided in Appendix I).

The Fund may use derivatives with the aim of reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently.

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the S&P Developed Small Cap (Net TR) index, based on the Investment Manager's rating criteria. More details on the investment process used to achieve this can be found in the Fund Characteristics section.

The Fund does not directly invest in certain activities, industries or groups of issuers above the limits listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

## Benchmark

The Fund's performance should be assessed against its target benchmark being to exceed the S&P Developed Small Cap (Net TR) index. The Fund's investment universe is expected to overlap materially with the components of the target benchmark. The Investment Manager invests on a discretionary basis and there are no restrictions on the extent to which the Fund's portfolio and performance may deviate from the target benchmark. The Investment Manager will invest in companies or sectors not included in the target benchmark in order to take advantage of specific investment opportunities.

The target benchmark has been selected because it is representative of the type of investments in which the Fund is likely to invest and it is, therefore, an appropriate target in relation to the return that the Fund aims to provide.

The benchmark(s) does/do not take into account the environmental and social characteristics or sustainable objective (as relevant) of the Fund.

## Further Information

The Fund is categorised as "Specialist Equity Fund".

More information relating to the environmental and social characteristics or sustainable investment objective (as applicable) of the Fund is provided in Appendix IV in accordance with SFDR and Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288.

## Risk Considerations

### Specific Risk Considerations

Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect and Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect are securities trading and clearing linked programmes developed by The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited, Shanghai/Shenzhen Stock Exchanges, Hong Kong Securities Clearing Company Limited and China Securities Depository and Clearing Corporation Limited, with an aim to achieve mutual stock market access between the PRC (excluding Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan) and Hong Kong. A detailed description of the programmes as well as risks linked thereto can be found in Appendix II of this Prospectus.

The Fund has environmental and/or social characteristics (within the meaning of Article 8 SFDR). A Fund with these characteristics may have limited exposure to some companies, industries or sectors as a result and the Fund may forego certain investment opportunities, or dispose of certain holdings, that do not align with its sustainability criteria chosen by the Investment Manager. As Investors may differ in their views of what constitutes sustainable investing, the Fund may also invest in companies that do not reflect the beliefs and values of any particular Investor. Please refer to Appendix II for more details on sustainability risks.

The reference in the Investment Policy to a fund investing two-thirds of its assets in a certain way applies in normal market conditions. See paragraph (A) at the start of this Appendix for further information.

The level of distribution costs in certain jurisdictions may impact the ability of the Investment Manager to meet the Fund's investment objective across all Share Classes after fees have been deducted.

## Profile of the Typical Investor

The Fund may be suitable for Investors who are more concerned with maximising long term returns than minimising possible short term losses.

## Fund Characteristics

Fund Currency	USD
Investment Manager	Schroder Investment Management Limited

Dealing Cut-off Time	13.00 Luxembourg time on Dealing Day
Dealing Frequency	Daily on Dealing Day
Settlement Period of Subscription and Redemption Proceeds <sup>1</sup>	3 Business Days from the relevant Dealing Day
Performance Fee	None
Redemption Charge	None
PEA / PIR Eligibility	No
Sustainability Criteria	<p>The Investment Manager applies governance and sustainability criteria when selecting investments for the Fund.</p> <p>Companies in the investment universe are assessed on their governance, environmental and social profile. The Investment Manager performs due diligence on potential holdings and this can include meetings with company management. The Investment Manager aims to identify the impact a business has on society whilst assessing relationships with key stakeholders such as employees, suppliers and regulators. This research is supported by quantitative analysis gained from Schroders' proprietary sustainability tools which are key inputs to assessing how existing and potential investments are meeting the Fund's sustainability criteria.</p> <p>The sources of information used to perform the analysis include information provided by the companies, such as company sustainability reports and other relevant company material, as well as Schroders' proprietary sustainability tools and third-party data.</p> <p>More details on the Investment Manager's approach to sustainability and its engagement with companies are available on the webpage <a href="https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/">https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/</a></p> <p>The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than its investment universe, based on the Investment Manager's rating system.</p> <p>The Investment Manager ensures that at least:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 90% of the portion of the NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in developed countries; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with an investment grade credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by developed countries; and</li> <li>- 75% of the portion of the NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in emerging countries; equities issued by small and medium companies; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with a high yield credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by emerging countries,</li> </ul> <p>is rated against the sustainability criteria. For the purposes of this test, small companies are those with market capitalisation below €5 billion, medium companies are those between €5 billion and €10 billion and large companies are those above €10 billion.</p>

<sup>1</sup> Different subscription and redemption procedures may apply if applications are made through Distributors.

## General Share Class Features

Share Classes	Initial Charge <sup>2</sup>	Annual Distribution Charge <sup>3</sup>	Annual Management Charge
A Shares	Up to 5%	None	1.50%
AX Shares	Up to 5%	None	1.50%
A1 Shares	Up to 4%	0.50%	1.50%
B Shares	None	0.60%	1.50%
C Shares	Up to 1%	None	1.00%
CN Shares	Up to 3%	None	1.00%
CX Shares	Up to 1%	None	1.00%
D Shares	None	1.00%	1.50%
E Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.50%
IZ, IA, IB, IC, ID Shares	None	None	Up to 1%
Z Shares	None	None	Up to 1%

Annual Distribution Charge and Annual Management Charge percentages are stated as an annual charge with reference to the Net Asset Value of the Fund or the Net Asset Value per Share, as may be appropriate.

A share class hedging charge of up to 0.03% will be borne by the currency hedged Share Classes.

Not all Share Classes listed are available for subscription at the time of issue of this Prospectus. The Funds may also launch Bespoke Share Classes that are described under Appendix III at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>2</sup> The initial charge is applied against the total amount invested. The Management Company and Distributors are entitled to the initial charge, which can be partly or fully waived at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>3</sup> Annual Distribution Charges in respect of A1 and D Shares are paid at such intervals as may be agreed from time to time between the Company and those Distributors that are appointed specifically for the purpose of distributing such Shares. Annual Distribution Charges in respect of B Shares are payable quarterly.



# Schroder International Selection Fund Global Social Growth

## Investment Objective

The Fund aims to provide capital growth by investing in equity and equity related securities of companies worldwide, including emerging markets, whose products or services are helping, or are expected to help, people thrive within society, and which meet the Investment Manager's sustainability criteria.

## Investment Policy

The Fund is actively managed and invests at least two-thirds of its assets in equity and equity related securities of companies worldwide, including emerging markets, which are helping, or are expected to help, people thrive within society through the provision of products or services in a wide range of industries and sectors, including, but not limited to, essential infrastructure (such as housing, hospitals, transportation, digital connectivity), health and wellness (such as healthcare and pharmaceuticals, fitness, food security and safety), and educational, professional and financial inclusion (such as education, training and financial services).

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the MSCI AC World (Net TR) index, based on the Investment Manager's rating system. More details on the investment process used to achieve this can be found in the Fund Characteristics section.

The Fund does not directly invest in certain activities, industries or groups of issuers above the limits listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

The Fund invests in companies that have good governance practices, as determined by the Investment Manager's rating criteria (please see the Fund Characteristics section for more details).

The Investment Manager may also engage with companies held by the Fund to challenge identified areas of weakness on sustainability issues. More details on the Investment Manager's approach to sustainability and its engagement with companies are available on the webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/>

The Fund may invest up to 20% of its assets in emerging markets.

The Fund may also invest up to one-third of its assets directly or indirectly in other securities (including other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies, Investment Funds, warrants and Money Market Investments, and hold cash (subject to the restrictions provided in Appendix I).

The Fund may use derivatives with the aim of reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently.

## Benchmark

The Fund does not have a target benchmark. The Fund's performance should be compared against its comparator benchmark, being the MSCI AC World (Net TR) index. The

comparator benchmark is only included for performance comparison purposes and does not determine how the Investment Manager invests the Fund's assets. The Fund's investment universe is expected to overlap materially with the components of the comparator benchmark. The Investment Manager invests on a discretionary basis and there are no restrictions on the extent to which the Fund's portfolio and performance may deviate from the comparator benchmark. The Investment Manager will invest in companies or sectors not included in the comparator benchmark.

The comparator benchmark has been selected because the Investment Manager believes that the benchmark is a suitable comparison for performance purposes given the Fund's investment objective and policy. The benchmark(s) does/do not take into account the environmental and social characteristics or sustainable objective (as relevant) of the Fund.

## Further Information

The Fund is categorised as "Specialist Equity Fund".

More information relating to the environmental and social characteristics or sustainable investment objective (as applicable) of the Fund is provided in Appendix IV in accordance with SFDR and Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288.

## Risk Considerations

### Specific Risk Considerations

The reference in the Investment Policy to a fund investing two-thirds of its assets in a certain way applies in normal market conditions. See paragraph (A) at the start of this Appendix for further information.

The Fund has environmental and/or social characteristics (within the meaning of Article 8 SFDR). A Fund with these characteristics may have limited exposure to some companies, industries or sectors as a result and the Fund may forego certain investment opportunities, or dispose of certain holdings, that do not align with its sustainability criteria chosen by the Investment Manager. As Investors may differ in their views of what constitutes sustainable investing, the Fund may also invest in companies that do not reflect the beliefs and values of any particular Investor. Please refer to Appendix II for more details on sustainability risks.

Risks related to emerging markets investments can be found under "Emerging and Less Developed Markets Securities Risk" in Appendix II of this Prospectus.

## Profile of the Typical Investor

The Fund may be suitable for Investors who are more concerned with maximising long term returns than minimising possible short-term losses.

## Fund Characteristics

Fund Currency	USD
Investment Manager	Schroder Investment Management Limited
Dealing Cut-off Time	13.00 Luxembourg time on Dealing Day
Dealing Frequency	Daily on Dealing Day
Settlement Period of Subscription and Redemption Proceeds <sup>1</sup>	3 Business Days from the relevant Dealing Day
Performance Fee	None
Redemption Charge	None
PEA / PIR Eligibility	No
Sustainability Criteria	<p>The Investment Manager applies sustainability criteria when selecting investments for the Fund.</p> <p>The Fund will invest at least 50% of its assets in companies where at least 20% of the total revenues of such companies are derived from products or services that are helping, or are expected to help, people thrive within society. The Investment Manager assesses companies' alignment to the relevant social-related UN SDGs, including those relating, but not limited to, essential infrastructure, health &amp; wellness, and educational, professional and financial inclusion. The Investment Manager also assesses the score of each company as measured by Schroders' proprietary tool.</p> <p>Other sources of information are also used for this analysis including information provided by the companies, such as company sustainability reports and other relevant company material, as well as Schroders' other proprietary tools and third-party data.</p> <p>The Investment Manager ensures that at least 90% of the portion of the Fund's Net Asset Value composed of investments in companies is rated against the sustainability criteria. As a result of the application of sustainability criteria, at least 20% of the Fund's potential investment universe is excluded from the selection of investments.</p> <p>For the purposes of this test, the potential investment universe is the core universe of issuers that the Investment Manager may select for the Fund prior to the application of sustainability criteria, in accordance with the other limitations of the Investment Objective and Policy. This universe is comprised of equity and equity related securities of companies worldwide.</p>

## General Share Class Features

Share Classes	Initial Charge <sup>2</sup>	Annual Distribution Charge <sup>3</sup>	Annual Management Charge
A Shares	Up to 5%	None	1.50%
AX Shares	Up to 5%	None	1.50%
A1 Shares	Up to 4%	0.50%	1.50%
B Shares	None	0.60%	1.50%
C Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.75%
CN Shares	Up to 3%	None	0.75%
CX Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.75%
D Shares	None	1.00%	1.50%
E Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.375%
IZ, IA, IB, IC, ID Shares	None	None	Up to 0.75%
Z Shares	None	None	Up to 0.75%

Annual Distribution Charge and Annual Management Charge percentages are stated as an annual charge with reference to the Net Asset Value of the Fund or the Net Asset Value per Share, as may be appropriate.

A share class hedging charge of up to 0.03% will be borne by the currency hedged Share Classes.

Not all Share Classes listed are available for subscription at the time of issue of this Prospectus. The Funds may also launch Bespoke Share Classes that are described under Appendix III at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>1</sup> Different subscription and redemption procedures may apply if applications are made through Distributors.

<sup>2</sup> The initial charge is applied against the total amount invested. The Management Company and Distributors are entitled to the initial charge, which can be partly or fully waived at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>3</sup> Annual Distribution Charges in respect of A1 and D Shares are paid at such intervals as may be agreed from time to time between the Company and those Distributors that are appointed specifically for the purpose of distributing such Shares. Annual Distribution Charges in respect of B Shares are payable quarterly.

# Schroder International Selection Fund Global Sustainable Convertible Bond

## Investment Objective

The Fund aims to provide capital growth by investing in convertible securities issued by companies worldwide which meet the Investment Manager's sustainability criteria.

## Investment Policy

The Fund is actively managed and invests at least two-thirds of its assets in a diversified range of convertible securities issued by companies worldwide. The Fund may also invest in equity and equity related securities of companies worldwide.

Convertible bonds are typically corporate bonds that can be converted into equities at a given price. As such, the Investment Manager believes investors can gain exposure to global equity markets with the defensive benefits and less volatile characteristics of a bond investment.

The Fund may invest in excess of 50% of its assets in securities that have a below investment grade credit rating (as measured by Standard & Poor's or any equivalent grade of other credit rating agencies for rated bonds and implied Schrodgers ratings for nonrated bonds).

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than **Thomson ReutersFTSE** Global, based on the Investment Manager's rating system. More details on the investment process used to achieve this can be found in the Fund Characteristics section.

The Fund does not directly invest in certain activities, industries or groups of issuers above the limits listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

The Fund invests in companies that have good governance practices, as determined by the Investment Manager's rating criteria (please see the Fund Characteristics section for more details).

The Investment Manager may also engage with companies held by the Fund to challenge identified areas of weakness on sustainability issues. More details on the Investment Manager's approach to sustainability and its engagement with companies are available on the webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/>

The Fund may also invest up to one-third of its assets directly or indirectly in other securities (including other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies, Investment Funds, warrants and Money Market Investments, and hold cash (subject to the restrictions provided in Appendix I).

The Fund may use derivatives with the aim of achieving investment gains, reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently.

## Benchmark

The Fund does not have a target benchmark. The Fund's performance should be compared against the 2/3 **Thomson ReutersFTSE** Global Focus Hedged Convertible Bond index (EUR) + 1/3 **Thomson ReutersFTSE** Global Focus Investment Hedged Grade index (EUR

). The comparator benchmark is only included for performance comparison purposes and does not determine how the Investment Manager invests the Fund's assets. The Fund's investment universe is expected to overlap materially with the components of the comparator benchmark. The Investment Manager invests on a discretionary basis and there are no restrictions on the extent to which the Fund's portfolio and performance may deviate from the comparator benchmark. The Investment Manager will invest in companies or sectors not included in the comparator benchmark. The benchmark(s) does/do not take into account the environmental and social characteristics or sustainable objective (as relevant) of the Fund.

The comparator benchmark has been selected because the Investment Manager believes that the benchmark is a suitable comparison for performance purposes given the Fund's investment objective and policy.

## Further Information

The Fund is categorised as a "Specialist Bond Fund".

More information relating to the environmental and social characteristics or sustainable investment objective (as applicable) of the Fund is provided in Appendix IV in accordance with SFDR and Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288.

## Risk Considerations

### Specific Risk Considerations

The reference in the Investment Policy to a fund investing two-thirds of its assets in a certain way applies in normal market conditions. See paragraph (A) at the start of this Appendix for further information.

The Fund has environmental and/or social characteristics (within the meaning of Article 8 SFDR). A Fund with these characteristics may have limited exposure to some companies, industries or sectors as a result and the Fund may forego certain investment opportunities, or dispose of certain holdings, that do not align with its sustainability criteria chosen by the Investment Manager. As Investors may differ in their views of what constitutes sustainable investing, the Fund may also invest in companies that do not reflect the beliefs and values of any particular Investor. Please refer to Appendix II for more details on sustainability risks.

## Profile of the Typical Investor

The Fund may be suitable for Investors who are seeking to combine capital growth opportunities with income in the relative stability of the debt markets over the long term.

## Fund Characteristics

Fund Currency	EUR
Investment Manager	Schroder Investment Management (Switzerland) AG
Dealing Cut-off Time	13.00 Luxembourg time on Dealing Day
Dealing Frequency	Daily on Dealing Day
Settlement Period of Subscription and Redemption Proceeds <sup>1</sup>	3 Business Days following the relevant Dealing Day
Performance Fee	None
Redemption Charge	None
PEA / PIR Eligibility	No
Sustainability Criteria	<p>The Investment Manager applies sustainability criteria when selecting investments for the Fund.</p> <p>The Investment Manager applies a best in class approach – a company is given a rating based on a variety of ESG criteria using a proprietary tool.</p> <p>The lowest scoring 20% of companies are excluded.</p> <p>The Investment Manager intends to overweight the holdings of the Fund in companies with ESG scores within the 60% to 100% percentiles, unless there are compelling reasons to invest in companies which fall outside these percentiles. The sustainability characteristics of a company can also impact the sizing of positions in the Fund.</p> <p>The measures above aim to ensure that the Fund's portfolio has an overall ESG score of more than 50% at any time.</p> <p>The sources of information used to perform the analysis include information provided by the companies, such as company sustainability reports and other relevant company material, as well as Schroders' proprietary sustainability tools and third-party data.</p> <p>The Investment Manager ensures that at least 90% of the portion of the Fund's Net Asset Value composed of investments in companies is rated against the sustainability criteria. As a result of the application of sustainability criteria, at least 20% of the Fund's potential investment universe is excluded from the selection of investments.</p> <p>For the purposes of this test, the potential investment universe is the core universe of issuers that the Investment Manager may select for the Fund prior to the application of sustainability criteria, in accordance with the other limitations of the Investment Objective and Policy. This universe is comprised of convertible securities issued by companies worldwide. However, the universe (for the purpose of this test only) shall not include debt issued by public or quasi-public issuers.</p>

<sup>1</sup> Different subscription and redemption procedures may apply if applications are made through Distributors.

## General Share Class Features

Share Classes	Initial Charge <sup>2</sup>	Annual Distribution Charge <sup>3</sup>	Annual Management Charge
A Shares	Up to 3%	None	1.20%
AX Shares	Up to 3%	None	1.20%
A1 Shares	Up to 2%	0.50%	1.20%
B Shares	None	0.50%	1.20%
C Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.60%
CN Shares	Up to 3%	None	0.60%
CX Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.60%
D Shares	None	1.00%	1.20%
E Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.30%
IZ, IA, IB, IC, ID Shares	None	None	Up to 0.60%
Z Shares	None	None	Up to 0.60%

Annual Distribution Charge and Annual Management Charge percentages are stated as an annual charge with reference to the Net Asset Value of the Fund or the Net Asset Value per Share, as may be appropriate.

A share class hedging charge of up to 0.03% will be borne by the currency hedged Share Classes.

Not all Share Classes listed are available for subscription at the time of issue of this Prospectus. The Funds may also launch Bespoke Share Classes that are described under Appendix III at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>2</sup> The initial charge is applied against the total amount invested. The Management Company and Distributors are entitled to the initial charge, which can be partly or fully waived at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>3</sup> Annual Distribution Charges in respect of A1 and D Shares are paid at such intervals as may be agreed from time to time between the Company and those Distributors that are appointed specifically for the purpose of distributing such Shares. Annual Distribution Charges in respect of B Shares are payable quarterly.

# Schroder International Selection Fund Global Sustainable Food and Water

## Investment Objective

The Fund aims to provide capital growth by investing in equity and equity related securities of companies worldwide which help the transition towards the sustainable provision of food and water and which the Investment Manager deems to be sustainable investments.

## Investment Policy

The Fund is actively managed and invests its assets in (i) sustainable investments, which are investments that the Investment Manager expects to contribute towards the provision of sustainable food and water including water management, agricultural equipment, agricultural inputs, food production, processing, packaging and distribution, food and water retail and recycling (please see the Fund Characteristics section for more details), and (ii) investments that the Investment Manager deems to be neutral under its sustainability criteria such as cash and Money Market Investments and derivatives used with the aim of reducing risk (hedging) or managing the Fund more efficiently.

The Fund does not directly invest in certain activities, industries or groups of issuers above the limits listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

The Fund invests in companies that do not cause significant environmental or social harm and have good governance practices, as determined by the Investment Manager's rating criteria (please see the Fund Characteristics section for more details).

The Investment Manager may also engage with companies held by the Fund to challenge identified areas of weakness on sustainability issues.

More details on the Investment Manager's approach to sustainability and its engagement with companies are available on the webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/>

The Fund invests at least two-thirds of its assets in a concentrated range of equity and equity related securities of companies worldwide. The Fund typically holds 35 – 60 companies.

The Fund may also invest up to one-third of its assets directly or indirectly in other securities (including other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies, Investment Funds, warrants and Money Market Investments, and hold cash (subject to the restrictions provided in Appendix I).

The Fund may use derivatives with the aim of reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently.

## Fund Characteristics

Fund Currency	USD
Investment Manager	Schroder Investment Management Limited
Dealing Cut-off Time	13.00 Luxembourg time on Dealing Day

## Benchmark

The Fund does not have a target benchmark. The Fund's performance should be compared against the MSCI AC World (Net TR) index. The comparator benchmark is only included for performance comparison purposes and does not determine how the Investment Manager invests the Fund's assets. The Fund's investment universe is expected to overlap materially with the components of the comparator benchmark. The Investment Manager invests on a discretionary basis and there are no restrictions on the extent to which the Fund's portfolio and performance may deviate from the comparator benchmark. The Investment Manager will invest in companies or sectors not included in the comparator benchmark. The benchmark(s) does/do not take into account the environmental and social characteristics or sustainable objective (as relevant) of the Fund.

The comparator benchmark has been selected because the Investment Manager believes that the benchmark is a suitable comparison for performance purposes given the Fund's investment objective and policy.

## Further Information

The Fund is categorised as a "Specialist Equity Fund".

More information relating to the environmental and social characteristics or sustainable investment objective (as applicable) of the Fund is provided in Appendix IV in accordance with SFDR and Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288.

## Risk Considerations

### Specific Risk Considerations

The reference in the Investment Policy to a fund investing two-thirds of its assets in a certain way applies in normal market conditions. See paragraph (A) at the start of this Appendix for further information.

The Fund has the objective of sustainable investment (within the meaning of Article 9 SFDR). A Fund with this objective may have limited exposure to some companies, industries or sectors as a result and the Fund may forego certain investment opportunities, or dispose of certain holdings, that do not align with its sustainability criteria chosen by the Investment Manager. As Investors may differ in their views of what constitutes sustainable investing, the Fund may also invest in companies that do not reflect the beliefs and values of any particular Investor. Please refer to Appendix II for more details on sustainability risks.

## Profile of the Typical Investor

The Fund may be suitable for Investors who are more concerned with maximising long-term returns than minimising possible short term losses.



Dealing Frequency	Daily on Dealing Day
Settlement Period of Subscription and Redemption Proceeds <sup>1</sup>	3 Business Days from the relevant Dealing Day
Performance Fee	None
Redemption Charge	None
PEA / PIR Eligibility	No
Sustainability Criteria	<p>The Investment Manager applies sustainability criteria when selecting investments for the Fund.</p> <p>The Investment Manager seeks to identify companies that derive a minimum of 50% of their revenues from activity that is directly contributing to the provision of food and water. The Fund invests in companies involved in making the global food and water system more sustainable, as defined by companies driving positive change across at least one of the five key sustainability areas (GHG emissions, water usage, biodiversity, physical pollution and waste, and health and nutrition). While the vast majority of companies in the Fund's universe meet this 50% revenue criteria, in certain cases the Investment Manager can manually add companies with revenue exposure below this threshold to the Fund's investment universe. These 'manual additions' are only permitted if these companies meet the following criteria: (i) they are playing critical roles in the food and water transition and are addressing at least one of the five key sustainability areas mentioned; (ii) they are growing the share of revenue that they have exposed to food and water activities; and (iii) approval is given by the Sustainable Investment Team of the Investment Manager.</p> <p>Each company in the universe of potential investments is then assessed by the Investment Manager against eight categories: (1) management quality; (2) balance sheet sustainability; (3) corporate governance; (4) regulatory risk management; (5) supply chain management; (6) customer management; (7) employee management; and (8) environmental management. Each company will receive an overall score out of ten based on the Investment Manager's assessment and is then placed within one of the following categories:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– 'Lagging' (score of 1 – 3): Companies that show poor corporate governance, poor management quality, weak balance sheets, poor stakeholder relations, poor employee management, do not sufficiently address environmental issues and fail to demonstrate an awareness of sustainability issues they face.</li> <li>– 'Neutral' (score of 4 – 6): Companies that show adequate corporate governance, reasonable management quality, reasonably strong balance sheets, have reasonable relationships with stakeholders and some awareness of sustainability issues. These companies do not exhibit a high level of sustainability risk based on the Investment Manager's assessments, but at the same time are not best in class companies with the potential to maintain market leading growth.</li> <li>– 'Best-in-class' (score of 7 – 10): Companies that have strong corporate governance, quality management, strong balance sheets, great relationships with stakeholders, good employee management, focus on environmental issues and a good awareness and management of sustainability issues. These companies will be able to attract the best employees, continue to lead the industry in terms of productivity, have strong supply chain links, acting as the 'supplier of choice' for customers, and be mindful of their environmental impact.</li> </ul> <p>The Fund will generally only invest in companies that are rated as 'Neutral' or 'Best-in-class'.</p> <p>Where sustainability criteria are applied, the Investment Manager will not invest in any asset rated as 'Lagging' at the time of purchase.</p> <p>The Investment Manager performs its own analysis of information provided by the companies, including information provided in company sustainability reports and other relevant company material. Third party research is used by the Investment Manager as a secondary consideration, and generally provides a source of challenge or endorsement for its view.</p> <p>The Investment Manager ensures that at least 90% of the portion of the Fund's Net Asset Value composed of investments in companies is rated against the sustainability criteria. As a result of the application of sustainability criteria, at least 20% of the Fund's potential investment universe is excluded from the selection of investments.</p> <p>For the purposes of this test, the potential investment universe is the core universe of issuers that the Investment Manager may select for the Fund prior to the application of sustainability criteria, in accordance with the other limitations of the Investment Objective and Policy. This universe is comprised of equity and equity related securities of companies worldwide.</p>

<sup>1</sup> Different subscription and redemption procedures may apply if applications are made through Distributors.

## General Share Class Features

Share Classes	Initial Charge <sup>2</sup>	Annual Distribution Charge <sup>3</sup>	Annual Management Charge
A Shares	Up to 5%	None	1.50%
AX Shares	Up to 5%	None	1.50%
A1 Shares	Up to 4%	0.50%	1.50%
B Shares	None	0.60%	1.50%
C Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.75%
CN Shares	Up to 3%	None	0.75%
CX Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.75%
D Shares	None	1.00%	1.50%
E Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.375%
IZ, IA, IB, IC, ID Shares	None	None	Up to 0.75%
Z Shares	None	None	Up to 0.75%

Annual Distribution Charge and Annual Management Charge percentages are stated as an annual charge with reference to the Net Asset Value of the Fund or the Net Asset Value per Share, as may be appropriate.

A share class hedging charge of up to 0.03% will be borne by the currency hedged Share Classes.

Not all Share Classes listed are available for subscription at the time of issue of this Prospectus. The Funds may also launch Bespoke Share Classes that are described under Appendix III at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>2</sup> The initial charge is applied against the total amount invested. The Management Company and Distributors are entitled to the initial charge, which can be partly or fully waived at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>3</sup> Annual Distribution Charges in respect of A1 and D Shares are paid at such intervals as may be agreed from time to time between the Company and those Distributors that are appointed specifically for the purpose of distributing such Shares. Annual Distribution Charges in respect of B Shares are payable quarterly.

# Schroder International Selection Fund Global Sustainable Growth

## Investment Objective

The Fund aims to provide capital growth by investing in equity and equity related securities of companies worldwide which meet the Investment Manager's sustainability criteria.

## Investment Policy

The Fund is actively managed and invests at least two-thirds of its assets in equity and equity related securities of companies worldwide.

The Fund typically holds fewer than 50 companies.

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than MSCI AC World (Net TR) index, based on the Investment Manager's rating system. More details on the investment process used to achieve this can be found in the Fund Characteristics section.

The Fund does not directly invest in certain activities, industries or groups of issuers above the limits listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>. The Fund invests in companies that have good governance practices, as determined by the Investment Manager's rating criteria (please see the Fund Characteristics section for more details).

The Investment Manager may also engage with companies held by the Fund to challenge identified areas of weakness on sustainability issues. More details on the Investment Manager's approach to sustainability and its engagement with companies are available on the webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/>

The Fund may also invest up to one-third of its assets directly or indirectly in other securities (including other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies, Investment Funds, warrants and Money Market Investments, and hold cash (subject to the restrictions provided in Appendix I).

The Fund may use derivatives with the aim of reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently.

## Benchmark

The Fund does not have a target benchmark. The Fund's performance should be compared against the MSCI AC World (Net TR) index. The comparator benchmark is only included for performance comparison purposes and does not determine how the Investment Manager invests the

Fund's assets. The Fund's investment universe is expected to overlap materially with the components of the comparator benchmark. The Investment Manager invests on a discretionary basis and there are no restrictions on the extent to which the Fund's portfolio and performance may deviate from the comparator benchmark. The Investment Manager will invest in companies or sectors not included in the comparator benchmark. The benchmark(s) does/do not take into account the environmental and social characteristics or sustainable objective (as relevant) of the Fund.

The comparator benchmark has been selected because the Investment Manager believes that the benchmark is a suitable comparison for performance purposes given the Fund's investment objective and policy.

## Further Information

The Fund is categorised as "Specialist Equity Fund".

More information relating to the environmental and social characteristics or sustainable investment objective (as applicable) of the Fund is provided in Appendix IV in accordance with SFDR and Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288.

## Risk Considerations

### Specific Risk Considerations

The reference in the Investment Policy to a fund investing two-thirds of its assets in a certain way applies in normal market conditions. See paragraph (A) at the start of this Appendix for further information.

The Fund has environmental and/or social characteristics (within the meaning of Article 8 SFDR). A Fund with these characteristics may have limited exposure to some companies, industries or sectors as a result and the Fund may forego certain investment opportunities, or dispose of certain holdings, that do not align with its sustainability criteria chosen by the Investment Manager. As Investors may differ in their views of what constitutes sustainable investing, the Fund may also invest in companies that do not reflect the beliefs and values of any particular Investor. Please refer to Appendix II for more details on sustainability risks.

## Profile of the Typical Investor

The Fund may be suitable for Investors who are more concerned with maximising long term returns than minimising possible short term losses.

## Fund Characteristics

Fund Currency	USD
Investment Manager	Schroder Investment Management Limited
Dealing Cut-off Time	13.00 Luxembourg time on Dealing Day
Dealing Frequency	Daily on Dealing Day
Settlement Period of Subscription and Redemption Proceeds <sup>1</sup>	3 Business Days from the relevant Dealing Day

<sup>1</sup> Different subscription and redemption procedures may apply if applications are made through Distributors.

Performance Fee	None
Redemption Charge	None
PEA / PIR Eligibility	No
Sustainability Criteria	<p>The Investment Manager applies sustainability criteria when selecting investments for the Fund.</p> <p>Companies are assessed and rated against a set of questions covering issues such as respect for the environment; fair and equitable treatment of employees, suppliers and customers; corporate citizenship; capital allocation and governance.</p> <p>The Investment Manager will decide on a case by case basis whether a company is eligible for inclusion in the investible universe, taking into account these ratings. While all companies are assessed against all questions, the Investment Manager's decision will focus on those areas that are most relevant to the particular business of that company. In these areas, the company should generally be appraised as at least "strong" in order to be accepted into the investible universe. The eligibility of each company in the Fund's portfolio is then reviewed at least annually.</p> <p>The primary sources of information used to perform the analysis are Schroders' proprietary sustainability tools, third-party research, unconventional data sourced by our Data Insights Unit, NGO reports and expert networks. The Investment Manager also scrutinises company sustainability reports and other disclosures, which may be complemented by direct engagement with the company during the assessment process.</p> <p>The Investment Manager ensures that at least 90% of the portion of the Fund's Net Asset Value composed of investments in companies is rated against the sustainability criteria. As a result of the application of sustainability criteria, at least 20% of the Fund's potential investment universe is excluded from the selection of investments.</p> <p>For the purposes of this test, the potential investment universe is the core universe of issuers that the Investment Manager may select for the Fund prior to the application of sustainability criteria, in accordance with the other limitations of the Investment Objective and Policy. This universe is comprised of equity and equity related securities of companies worldwide.</p>

## General Share Class Features

Share Classes	Initial Charge <sup>2</sup>	Annual Distribution Charge <sup>3</sup>	Annual Management Charge
A Shares	Up to 5%	None	1.30%
AX Shares	Up to 5%	None	1.30%
A1 Shares	Up to 4%	0.50%	1.30%
B Shares	None	0.60%	1.30%
C Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.65%
CN Shares	Up to 3%	None	0.65%
CX Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.65%
D Shares	None	1.00%	1.30%
E Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.50%
IZ, IA, IB, IC, ID Shares	None	None	Up to 0.65%
Z Shares	None	None	Up to 0.65%

Annual Distribution Charge and Annual Management Charge percentages are stated as an annual charge with reference to the Net Asset Value of the Fund or the Net Asset Value per Share, as may be appropriate.

A share class hedging charge of up to 0.03% will be borne by the currency hedged Share Classes.

Not all Share Classes listed are available for subscription at the time of issue of this Prospectus. The Funds may also launch Bespoke Share Classes that are described under Appendix III at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>2</sup> The initial charge is applied against the total amount invested. The Management Company and Distributors are entitled to the initial charge, which can be partly or fully waived at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>3</sup> Annual Distribution Charges in respect of A1 and D Shares are paid at such intervals as may be agreed from time to time between the Company and those Distributors that are appointed specifically for the purpose of distributing such Shares. Annual Distribution Charges in respect of B Shares are payable quarterly.

# Schroder International Selection Fund Global Sustainable Value

## Investment Objective

The Fund aims to provide capital growth in excess of the MSCI World (Net TR) index after fees have been deducted over a three to five year period by investing in equity and equity related securities of companies worldwide which meet the Investment Manager's sustainability criteria.

## Investment Policy

The Fund is actively managed and invests at least two thirds of its assets in equity and equity related securities of companies worldwide.

The Fund applies a disciplined value investment approach, seeking to invest in a select portfolio of companies that the Investment Manager believes are significantly undervalued relative to their long-term earnings potential.

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than MSCI World (Net TR) index, based on the Investment Manager's rating system. More details on the investment process used to achieve this can be found in the Fund Characteristics section.

The Fund does not directly invest in certain activities, industries or groups of issuers above the limits listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

The Fund invests in companies that have good governance practices, as determined by the Investment Manager's rating criteria (please see the Fund Characteristics section for more details).

The Fund may invest in companies that the Investment Manager believes will improve their sustainability practices within a reasonable timeframe, typically up to three years.

The Investment Manager may also engage with companies held by the Fund to challenge identified areas of weakness on sustainability issues. More details on the Investment Manager's approach to sustainability and its engagement with companies are available on the webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/>

The Fund may invest directly in China B-Shares and China H-Shares and may invest up to 10% of its assets (on a net basis) directly or indirectly (for example via participatory notes) in China A-Shares through Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect and Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect and shares listed on the STAR Board and the ChiNext.

The Fund may also invest up to one third of its assets directly or indirectly in other securities (including other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies, Investment Funds, warrants and Money Market Investments, and hold cash (subject to restrictions provided in Appendix I).

The Fund may use derivatives with the aim of reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently.

## Benchmark

The Fund's performance should be assessed against its target benchmark, being to exceed the MSCI World (Net TR) index and compared against the MSCI World Value (Net TR)

index. The Fund's investment universe is expected to overlap to a limited extent with the components of the target and comparator benchmarks. The comparator benchmark is only included for performance comparison purposes and does not determine how the Investment Manager invests the Fund's assets. The Investment Manager invests on a discretionary basis and there are no restrictions on the extent to which the Fund's portfolio and performance may deviate from the target or comparator benchmarks. The Investment Manager will invest in companies or sectors not included in the target or comparator benchmarks in order to take advantage of specific investment opportunities.

The target benchmark has been selected because it is representative of the type of investments in which the Fund is likely to invest, and it is, therefore, an appropriate target in relation to the return that the Fund aims to provide. The comparator benchmark has been selected because the Investment Manager believes that the benchmark is a suitable comparison for performance purposes given the Fund's investment objective and policy.

The benchmark(s) does/do not take into account the environmental and social characteristics or sustainable objective (as relevant) of the Fund.

## Further Information

The Fund is categorised as "Specialist Equity Fund".

More information relating to the environmental and social characteristics or sustainable investment objective (as applicable) of the Fund is provided in Appendix IV in accordance with SFDR and Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288.

## Risk Considerations

### Specific Risk Considerations

The reference in the Investment Policy to a fund investing two-thirds of its assets in a certain way applies in normal market conditions. See paragraph (A) at the start of this Appendix for further information.

The level of distribution costs in certain jurisdictions may impact the ability of the Investment Manager to meet the Fund's investment objective across all Share Classes after fees have been deducted.

Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect and Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect are securities trading and clearing linked programmes developed by The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited, Shanghai/Shenzhen Stock Exchanges, Hong Kong Securities Clearing Company Limited and China Securities Depository and Clearing Corporation Limited, with an aim to achieve mutual stock market access between the PRC (excluding Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan) and Hong Kong. A detailed description of the programmes as well as risks linked thereto can be found in Appendix II of this Prospectus.

The Fund has environmental and/or social characteristics (within the meaning of Article 8 SFDR). A Fund with these characteristics may have limited exposure to some companies, industries or sectors as a result and the Fund may forego certain investment opportunities, or dispose of certain holdings, that do not align with its sustainability criteria chosen by the Investment Manager. As Investors

may differ in their views of what constitutes sustainable investing, the Fund may also invest in companies that do not reflect the beliefs and values of any particular Investor. Please refer to Appendix II for more details on sustainability risks.

## Profile of the Typical Investor

The Fund may be suitable for Investors who are more concerned with maximising long term returns than minimising possible short term losses.

## Fund Characteristics

Fund Currency	USD
Investment Manager	Schroder Investment Management Limited
Dealing Cut-off Time	13.00 Luxembourg time on Dealing Day
Dealing Frequency	Daily on Dealing Day
Settlement Period of Subscription and Redemption Proceeds <sup>1</sup>	3 Business Days from the relevant Dealing Day
Performance Fee	None
Redemption Charge	None
PEA / PIR Eligibility	No
Sustainability Criteria	<p>The Investment Manager applies sustainability criteria when selecting investments for the Fund.</p> <p>Companies are assessed on a variety of ESG factors including how they treat their stakeholders, governance, and environmental impact. Issuers are analysed in three ways – through research conducted by the Investment Manager, via third party sustainability research and using proprietary sustainability tools. Issuers are not assigned an overall score, but should generally be deemed to have satisfied the Investment Manager's requirements across different assessments in order to be eligible for the Fund's portfolio. The criteria required by the Investment Manager include both quantitative standards (such as minimum ratings) and strong performance in a qualitative assessment of the sustainability of the issuer's business. The weighting of environmental, social and governance factors may be varied to take into account those most relevant for the issuer's particular industry.</p> <p>The sources of information used to perform this analysis includes information disclosed by companies as well as Schroders' proprietary sustainability tools and third-party research. The Investment Manager will also typically engage with issuers directly to obtain information and to encourage improvements in sustainability performance.</p> <p>The Investment Manager ensures that at least 90% of the portion of the Fund's Net Asset Value composed of investments in companies is rated against the sustainability criteria. As a result of the application of sustainability criteria, at least 20% of the Fund's potential investment universe is excluded from the selection of investments.</p> <p>For the purposes of this test, the potential investment universe is the core universe of issuers that the Investment Manager may select for the Fund prior to the application of sustainability criteria, in accordance with the other limitations of the Investment Objective and Policy. This universe is comprised of equity and equity related securities of companies worldwide.</p>

<sup>1</sup> Different subscription and redemption procedures may apply if applications are made through Distributors.



## General Share Class Features

Share Classes	Initial Charge <sup>2</sup>	Annual Distribution Charge <sup>3</sup>	Annual Management Charge
A Shares	Up to 5%	None	1.50%
AX Shares	Up to 5%	None	1.50%
A1 Shares	Up to 4%	0.50%	1.50%
B Shares	None	0.60%	1.50%
C Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.75%
CN Shares	Up to 3%	None	0.75%
CX Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.75%
D Shares	None	1.00%	1.50%
E Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.375%
IZ, IA, IB, IC, ID Shares	None	None	Up to 0.75%
Z Shares	None	None	Up to 0.75%

Annual Distribution Charge and Annual Management Charge percentages are stated as an annual charge with reference to the Net Asset Value of the Fund or the Net Asset Value per Share, as may be appropriate.

A share class hedging charge of up to 0.03% will be borne by the currency hedged Share Classes.

Not all Share Classes listed are available for subscription at the time of issue of this Prospectus. The Funds may also launch Bespoke Share Classes that are described under Appendix III at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>2</sup> The initial charge is applied against the total amount invested. The Management Company and Distributors are entitled to the initial charge, which can be partly or fully waived at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>3</sup> Annual Distribution Charges in respect of A1 and D Shares are paid at such intervals as may be agreed from time to time between the Company and those Distributors that are appointed specifically for the purpose of distributing such Shares. Annual Distribution Charges in respect of B Shares are payable quarterly.

# Schroder International Selection Fund Global Target Return

## Investment Objective

The Fund aims to provide capital growth and income of ICE BofA 3 Month US Treasury Bill Index +5% per annum before fees have been deducted\*over rolling three year periods by investing in a broad range of asset classes worldwide. There is no guarantee that the objective will be attained and your capital is at risk.

\*For the target return after fees for each Share Class please visit the Schroder webpage: <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/funds-and-strategies/fund-administration/performance-targets-after-fees/>

## Investment Policy

The Fund is actively managed and invests directly or indirectly (through open-ended Investment Funds and derivatives) in equities and equity related securities, fixed and floating rate securities (issued by governments, government agencies, supra-nationals and companies), mortgage-backed and asset-backed securities, convertible bonds, currencies and Alternative Asset Classes (as defined in Appendix III of this Prospectus) such as real estate, infrastructure and commodity related transferable securities.

The Fund may hold up to 40% of its assets in open-ended Investment Funds. However as the Fund grows the Investment Manager expects the Fund to hold less than 10% in open-ended Investment Funds.

The Fund may invest in securities that have a below investment grade credit rating (as measured by Standard & Poor's or any equivalent grade of other credit rating agencies).

The Fund intends to use derivatives (including total return swaps) with the aim of achieving investment gains, reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently. Where the Fund uses total return swaps and contracts for difference, the underlying consists of instruments in which the Fund may invest according to its Investment Objective and Investment Policy. In particular, the aim is to use total return swaps and contracts for difference on a temporary basis in market conditions including but not limited to during periods of expanding global economic growth and rising inflation or elevated geopolitical risk, or when credit spreads are expected to widen such during periods of falling economic growth, rising interest rates or elevated geopolitical risk. Contracts for difference and total return swaps are intended to be used to gain long and short exposure on equity and equity related securities, fixed and floating rate securities and commodity indices. The gross exposure of total return swaps and contracts for difference will not exceed 40% and is expected to remain within the range of 0% to 20% of the Net Asset Value. In certain circumstances this proportion may be higher. The Fund may also invest in Money Market Investments and hold cash.

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than a bespoke asset-weighted blend\* of the MSCI World Index (hedged to USD), MSCI Emerging Market Index (unhedged), [BarclaysBloomberg](#) Global Aggregate Corporate Bond Index (hedged to USD), [BarclaysBloomberg](#) Global High Yield excl. CMBS & EMD 2% Index (hedged to USD), ICE BofA US Treasury Index (hedged to USD), JPM GBI Emerging Market Index - EM Local (unhedged) and JPM

EMBI Index EM Hard Currency (hedged to USD), based on the Investment Manager's rating system. More details on the investment process used to achieve this can be found in the Fund Characteristics section.

\*The blend will evolve over time in line with the actual asset allocation of the Fund.

The Fund does not directly invest in certain activities, industries or groups of issuers above the limits listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

## Benchmark

The Fund's performance should be assessed against its target benchmark, being to achieve a return of ICE BofA 3 Month US Treasury Bill Index + 5% before fees have been deducted. The Investment Manager invests on a discretionary basis and is not limited to investing in accordance with the composition of the benchmark.

The target benchmark has been selected because the target return of the Fund is to deliver or exceed the return of that benchmark as stated in the investment objective.

The benchmark(s) does/do not take into account the environmental and social characteristics or sustainable objective (as relevant) of the Fund.

## Risk Considerations

### Specific Risk Considerations

The Fund has environmental and/or social characteristics (within the meaning of Article 8 SFDR). A Fund with these characteristics may have limited exposure to some companies, industries or sectors as a result and the Fund may forego certain investment opportunities, or dispose of certain holdings, that do not align with its sustainability criteria chosen by the Investment Manager. As Investors may differ in their views of what constitutes sustainable investing, the Fund may also invest in companies that do not reflect the beliefs and values of any particular Investor. Please refer to Appendix II for more details on sustainability risks.

Risks related to emerging markets investments can be found under "Emerging and Less Developed Markets Securities Risk" in Appendix II of this Prospectus.

## Further Information

The Fund is categorised as "Multi-Asset Fund". The Fund may invest more than 10% of its assets in Investment Funds.

More information relating to the environmental and social characteristics or sustainable investment objective (as applicable) of the Fund is provided in Appendix IV in accordance with SFDR and Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288.

## Profile of the Typical Investor

The Fund is a medium risk vehicle that will be suitable for Investors who are seeking long term growth potential through investment in a diversified portfolio offering exposure to a range of asset classes.

## Fund Characteristics

Fund Currency	USD
Investment Manager	Schroder Investment Management Australia Limited
Dealing Cut-off Time	13.00 Luxembourg time on Dealing Day
Dealing Frequency	Daily on Dealing Day
Settlement Period of Subscription and Redemption Proceeds <sup>1</sup>	3 Business Days from the relevant Dealing Day
Performance Fee	None
Redemption Charge	None
PEA / PIR Eligibility	No
Sustainability Criteria	<p>The Investment Manager applies governance and sustainability criteria when selecting investments for the Fund. The investable universe is assessed using a number of proprietary tools, as well as external rating services.</p> <p>The Investment Manager will assess companies against a variety of environmental, social and governance metrics, taking into account issues such as climate change, environmental performance, labour standards and board composition. The Investment Manager will decide whether an investment is eligible for inclusion taking into account the overall ESG score. The multi-asset nature of the Fund means that the Investment Manager will analyse the ESG scores across asset classes as an input into the asset allocation of the Fund. The Investment Manager may select investments, which it deems to contribute to one or more environmental or social objectives, provided that they do no significant harm to any other environmental or social objectives.</p> <p>The sources of information used to perform the analysis include information provided by the companies, such as company sustainability reports and other relevant company material, as well as Schroders' proprietary sustainability tools and third-party data.</p> <p>More details on the Investment Manager's approach to sustainability and its engagement with companies are available on the webpage <a href="https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/">https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/</a></p> <p>The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than its investment universe, based on the Investment Manager's rating system.</p> <p>The Investment Manager ensures that at least:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 90% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in developed countries; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with an investment grade credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by developed countries; and</li> <li>- 75% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in emerging countries; equities issued by small and medium companies; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with a high yield credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by emerging countries,</li> </ul> <p>is rated against the sustainability criteria. For the purposes of this test, small companies are those with market capitalisation below €5 billion, medium companies are those between €5 billion and €10 billion and large companies are those above €10 billion.</p>

<sup>1</sup> Different subscription and redemption procedures may apply if applications are made through Distributors.

## General Share Class Features

Share Classes	Initial Charge <sup>2</sup>	Annual Distribution Charge <sup>3</sup>	Annual Management Charge
A Shares	Up to 4%	None	1.25%
AX Shares	Up to 4%	None	1.25%
A1 Shares	Up to 3%	0.50%	1.25%
B Shares	None	0.60%	1.25%
C Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.625%
CN Shares	Up to 3%	None	0.625%
CX Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.625%
D Shares	None	1.00%	1.25%
E Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.3125%
IZ, IA, IB, IC, ID Shares	None	None	Up to 0.625%
Z Shares	None	None	Up to 0.625%

Annual Distribution Charge and Annual Management Charge percentages are stated as an annual charge with reference to the Net Asset Value of the Fund or the Net Asset Value per Share, as may be appropriate.

A share class hedging charge of up to 0.03% will be borne by the currency hedged Share Classes.

Not all Share Classes listed are available for subscription at the time of issue of this Prospectus. The Funds may also launch Bespoke Share Classes that are described under Appendix III at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>2</sup> The initial charge is applied against the total amount invested. The Management Company and Distributors are entitled to the initial charge, which can be partly or fully waived at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>3</sup> Annual Distribution Charges in respect of A1 and D Shares are paid at such intervals as may be agreed from time to time between the Company and those Distributors that are appointed specifically for the purpose of distributing such Shares. Annual Distribution Charges in respect of B Shares are payable quarterly.

# Schroder International Selection Fund Greater China

## Investment Objective

The Fund aims to provide capital growth in excess of the MSCI Golden Dragon (Net TR) index after fees have been deducted over a three to five year period by investing in equity and equity related securities of People's Republic of China, Hong Kong SAR and Taiwan companies.

## Investment Policy

The Fund is actively managed and invests at least two-thirds of its assets in equity and equity related securities of companies in People's Republic of China, Hong Kong SAR and Taiwan.

The Fund may invest directly in China B-Shares and China H-Shares and may invest less than 50% of its assets (on a net basis) directly or indirectly (for example via participatory notes) in China A-Shares through:

- Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect and Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect;
- the Qualified Foreign Investor (QFI) Scheme;
- shares listed on the STAR Board and the ChiNext; and
- Regulated Markets.

The Fund may also invest up to one-third of its assets directly or indirectly in other securities (including other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies, Investment Funds, warrants and Money Market Investments, and hold cash (subject to the restrictions provided in Appendix I).

The Fund may use derivatives with the aim of reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently.

## Benchmark

The Fund's performance should be assessed against its target benchmark being to exceed the MSCI Golden Dragon (Net TR) index and compared against the Morningstar Greater China Equity Category. The Fund's investment universe is expected to overlap to a limited extent with the components of the target benchmark. The comparator benchmark is only included for performance comparison purposes and does not determine how the Investment Manager invests the Fund's assets. The Investment Manager invests on a discretionary basis and there are no restrictions on the extent to which the Fund's portfolio and performance may deviate from the target benchmark. The Investment Manager will invest in companies or sectors not included in the target benchmark in order to take advantage of specific investment opportunities.

## Fund Characteristics

Fund Currency	USD
Investment Manager	Schroder Investment Management (Hong Kong) Limited
Dealing Cut-off Time	13.00 Luxembourg time on Dealing Day
Dealing Frequency	Daily on Dealing Day
Settlement Period of Subscription and Redemption Proceeds <sup>1</sup>	3 Business Days from the relevant Dealing Day

<sup>1</sup> Different subscription and redemption procedures may apply if applications are made through Distributors.

The target benchmark has been selected because it is representative of the type of investments in which the Fund is likely to invest and it is, therefore, an appropriate target in relation to the return that the Fund aims to provide. The comparator benchmark has been selected because the Investment Manager believes that the benchmark is a suitable comparison for performance purposes given the Fund's investment objective and policy.

## Further Information

The Fund is categorised as "Specialist Equity Fund".

## Risk Considerations

### Specific Risk Considerations

Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect and Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect are securities trading and clearing linked programmes developed by The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited, Shanghai/Shenzhen Stock Exchanges, Hong Kong Securities Clearing Company Limited and China Securities Depository and Clearing Corporation Limited, with an aim to achieve mutual stock market access between the PRC (excluding Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan) and Hong Kong. A detailed description of the programmes as well as risks linked thereto can be found in Appendix II of this Prospectus.

The Fund may invest in mainland China through QFI schemes or Regulated Markets. Investors should note that the QFI status may be suspended or revoked and that this may adversely affect the Fund's performance by requiring the Fund to dispose of its securities holdings. Please refer to Appendix II for more information of the risks regarding QFI status and QFI quota.

The reference in the Investment Policy to a fund investing two-thirds of its assets in a certain way applies in normal market conditions. See paragraph (A) at the start of this Appendix for further information.

The level of distribution costs in certain jurisdictions may impact the ability of the Investment Manager to meet the Fund's investment objective across all Share Classes after fees have been deducted.

## Profile of the Typical Investor

The Fund may be suitable for Investors who are more concerned with maximising long term returns than minimising possible short term losses.

Performance Fee	None
Redemption Charge	None
PEA / PIR Eligibility	No

## General Share Class Features

Share Classes	Initial Charge <sup>2</sup>	Annual Distribution Charge <sup>3</sup>	Annual Management Charge
A Shares	Up to 5%	None	1.50%
AX Shares	Up to 5%	None	1.50%
A1 Shares	Up to 4%	0.50%	1.50%
B Shares	None	0.60%	1.50%
C Shares	Up to 1%	None	1.00%
CN Shares	Up to 3%	None	1.00%
CX Shares	Up to 1%	None	1.00%
D Shares	None	1.00%	1.50%
E Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.50%
IZ, IA, IB, IC, ID Shares	None	None	Up to 1%
Z Shares	None	None	Up to 1%

Annual Distribution Charge and Annual Management Charge percentages are stated as an annual charge with reference to the Net Asset Value of the Fund or the Net Asset Value per Share, as may be appropriate.

A share class hedging charge of up to 0.03% will be borne by the currency hedged Share Classes.

Not all Share Classes listed are available for subscription at the time of issue of this Prospectus. The Funds may also launch Bespoke Share Classes that are described under Appendix III at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>2</sup> The initial charge is applied against the total amount invested. The Management Company and Distributors are entitled to the initial charge, which can be partly or fully waived at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>3</sup> Annual Distribution Charges in respect of A1 and D Shares are paid at such intervals as may be agreed from time to time between the Company and those Distributors that are appointed specifically for the purpose of distributing such Shares. Annual Distribution Charges in respect of B Shares are payable quarterly.



# Schroder International Selection Fund Healthcare Innovation

## Investment Objective

The Fund aims to provide capital growth by investing in equity and equity related securities of healthcare and medical related companies worldwide which meet the Investment Manager's sustainability criteria.

## Investment Policy

The Fund is actively managed and invests at least two-thirds of its assets in equity and equity related securities of companies worldwide, which are engaged in healthcare provision, medical services and related products.

The Fund invests at least 75% of its assets in sustainable investments, which are investments in companies that contribute towards the advancement of one or more of the UN SDGs by promoting growth in healthcare provision and medical treatments and improving healthcare standards using an innovation-led approach (please see the Fund Characteristics section for more details).

The Fund does not directly invest in certain activities, industries or groups of issuers above the limits listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

The Fund invests in companies that do not cause significant environmental or social harm and have good governance practices, as determined by the Investment Manager's rating criteria (please see the Fund Characteristics section for more details).

The Fund may invest in companies that the Investment Manager believes will improve their sustainability practices within a reasonable timeframe, typically up to two years.

The Investment Manager may also engage with companies held by the Fund to challenge identified areas of weakness on sustainability issues. More details on the Investment Manager's approach to sustainability and its engagement with companies are available on the webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/>

The Fund may also invest up to one-third of its assets directly or indirectly in other securities (including other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies, Investment Funds, warrants and Money Market Investments, and hold cash (subject to the restrictions provided in Appendix I).

The Fund may use derivatives with the aim of reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently.

## Benchmark

The Fund does not have a target benchmark. The Fund's performance should be compared against its comparator benchmark, being the MSCI AC World (Net TR) index. The

comparator benchmark is only included for performance comparison purposes and does not determine how the Investment Manager invests the Fund's assets. The Fund's investment universe is expected to overlap materially with the components of the comparator benchmark. The Investment Manager invests on a discretionary basis and there are no restrictions on the extent to which the Fund's portfolio and performance may deviate from the comparator benchmark. The Investment Manager will invest in companies or sectors not included in the comparator benchmark. The benchmark(s) does/do not take into account the environmental and social characteristics or sustainable objective (as relevant) of the Fund.

The comparator benchmark has been selected because the Investment Manager believes that the benchmark is a suitable comparison for performance purposes given the Fund's investment objective and policy.

## Further Information

The Fund is categorised as "Specialist Equity Fund".

More information relating to the environmental and social characteristics or sustainable investment objective (as applicable) of the Fund is provided in Appendix IV in accordance with SFDR and Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288.

## Risk Considerations

### Specific Risk Considerations

The reference in the Investment Policy to a fund investing two-thirds of its assets in a certain way applies in normal market conditions. See paragraph (A) at the start of this Appendix for further information.

The Fund has environmental and/or social characteristics (within the meaning of Article 8 SFDR). A Fund with these characteristics may have limited exposure to some companies, industries or sectors as a result and the Fund may forego certain investment opportunities, or dispose of certain holdings, that do not align with its sustainability criteria chosen by the Investment Manager. As Investors may differ in their views of what constitutes sustainable investing, the Fund may also invest in companies that do not reflect the beliefs and values of any particular Investor. Please refer to Appendix II for more details on sustainability risks.

## Profile of the Typical Investor

The Fund may be suitable for Investors who are more concerned with maximising long term returns than minimising possible short term losses.

## Fund Characteristics

Fund Currency	USD
Investment Manager	Schroder Investment Management Limited
Dealing Cut-off Time	13.00 Luxembourg time on Dealing Day

Dealing Frequency	Daily on Dealing Day
Settlement Period of Subscription and Redemption Proceeds <sup>1</sup>	3 Business Days from the relevant Dealing Day
Performance Fee	None
Redemption Charge	None
PEA / PIR Eligibility	No
Sustainability Criteria	<p>The Investment Manager applies sustainability criteria when selecting investments for the Fund.</p> <p>The Fund will invest primarily in companies where at least 75% of the total revenues of such companies are derived directly from healthcare-related activities. The Investment Manager may also invest up to 20% of the Fund's assets in companies where current revenues fall short of this threshold in situations where, for example, the Investment Manager considers the revenue potential of the company to be significant, or, where the impact of the product(s) or services of the company have the potential to advance health, healthcare treatment or cost efficiencies within the healthcare system.</p> <p>The Investment Manager selects companies that are engaged in healthcare provision, medical services and related products, including in areas such as biotechnology, generics drug manufacture and supply, pharmaceuticals, health insurance and hospital supplies. Investment ideas are identified using proprietary fundamental stock analysis and top down assessment of the thematic drivers affecting healthcare demand and provision. The Investment Manager's analysis seeks to identify companies that are well placed to develop products or services that address both the rising demand for healthcare and the need to ensure that healthcare systems are more efficiently managed to ease rising cost pressures.</p> <p>The Investment Manager also uses a proprietary tool to assess the ESG performance of companies before they are selected for the Fund's portfolio. Individual names with poor ESG performance may be included in the portfolio if the Investment Manager believes that a company is on track to improve its ESG performance.</p> <p>Other sources of information are also used for this analysis including information provided by the companies, such as company sustainability reports and other relevant company material, as well as Schroders' other proprietary tools and third-party data.</p> <p>The Investment Manager ensures that at least 90% of the portion of the Fund's Net Asset Value composed of investments in companies is rated against the sustainability criteria. As a result of the application of sustainability criteria, at least 20% of the Fund's potential investment universe is excluded from the selection of investments.</p> <p>For the purposes of this test, the potential investment universe is the core universe of issuers that the Investment Manager may select for the Fund prior to the application of sustainability criteria, in accordance with the other limitations of the Investment Objective and Policy. This universe is comprised of equity and equity related securities of companies worldwide.</p>

<sup>1</sup> Different subscription and redemption procedures may apply if applications are made through Distributors.

## General Share Class Features

Share Classes	Initial Charge <sup>2</sup>	Annual Distribution Charge <sup>3</sup>	Annual Management Charge
A Shares	Up to 5%	None	1.50%
AX Shares	Up to 5%	None	1.50%
A1 Shares	Up to 4%	0.50%	1.50%
B Shares	None	0.60%	1.50%
C Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.75%
CN Shares	Up to 3%	None	0.75%
CX Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.75%
D Shares	None	1.00%	1.50%
E Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.375%
IZ, IA, IB, IC, ID Shares	None	None	Up to 0.75%
Z Shares	None	None	Up to 0.75%

Annual Distribution Charge and Annual Management Charge percentages are stated as an annual charge with reference to the Net Asset Value of the Fund or the Net Asset Value per Share, as may be appropriate.

A share class hedging charge of up to 0.03% will be borne by the currency hedged Share Classes.

Not all Share Classes listed are available for subscription at the time of issue of this Prospectus. The Funds may also launch Bespoke Share Classes that are described under Appendix III at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>2</sup> The initial charge is applied against the total amount invested. The Management Company and Distributors are entitled to the initial charge, which can be partly or fully waived at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>3</sup> Annual Distribution Charges in respect of A1 and D Shares are paid at such intervals as may be agreed from time to time between the Company and those Distributors that are appointed specifically for the purpose of distributing such Shares. Annual Distribution Charges in respect of B Shares are payable quarterly.

# Schroder International Selection Fund Hong Kong Dollar Bond

## Investment Objective

The Fund aims to provide capital growth and income over a three to five year period by investing in fixed and floating rate securities denominated in HKD.

## Investment Policy

The Fund is actively managed and invests at least two-thirds of its assets in fixed and floating rate securities denominated in HKD issued by governments, government agencies, supra-nationals and companies worldwide and derivatives related to the above instruments.

The Fund may invest in securities with an investment grade or sub-investment grade credit rating and aims to achieve an average credit quality equivalent to investment grade (as measured by Standard & Poor's or any equivalent grade of other credit rating agencies for rated bonds and implied Schroders ratings for non-rated bonds).

The Fund may invest in up to 30% of its assets in mainland China through the Qualified Foreign Investor ("QFI") scheme or Regulated Markets (including the CIBM via Bond Connect or CIBM Direct).

The Fund may also invest up to one-third of its assets directly or indirectly in other securities (including other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies, Investment Funds, warrants and Money Market Investments, and hold cash (subject to the restrictions provided in Appendix I).

The Fund may use derivatives, long and short, with the aim of achieving investment gains, reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently.

## Benchmark

The Fund does not have a target benchmark. The Fund's performance should be assessed against its objective of providing income and growth over a three to five year period by investing in fixed and floating rate securities denominated in HKD.

## Further Information

The Fund is categorised as "Mainstream Bond Fund".

## Risk Considerations

### Specific Risk Considerations

The Fund may invest in mainland China through QFI schemes or Regulated Markets (including the CIBM via Bond Connect or CIBM Direct). Investors should note that the QFI status may be suspended or revoked and that this may adversely affect the Fund's performance by requiring the Fund to dispose of its securities holdings. Please refer to Appendix II for more information of the risks regarding QFI status, QFI quota, the CIBM and Bond Connect.

The reference in the Investment Policy to a fund investing two-thirds of its assets in a certain way applies in normal market conditions. See paragraph (A) at the start of this Appendix for further information.

The level of distribution costs in certain jurisdictions may impact the ability of the Investment Manager to meet the Fund's investment objective across all Share Classes after fees have been deducted.

## Profile of the Typical Investor

The Fund may be suitable for Investors who are seeking to combine capital growth opportunities with income in the relative stability of the debt markets over the long term.

## Fund Characteristics

Fund Currency	HKD
Investment Manager	Schroder Investment Management (Singapore) Ltd
Dealing Cut-off Time	13.00 Luxembourg time on Dealing Day
Dealing Frequency	Daily on Dealing Day
Settlement Period of Subscription and Redemption Proceeds <sup>1</sup>	3 Business Days from the relevant Dealing Day
Performance Fee	None
Redemption Charge	None
PEA / PIR Eligibility	No

<sup>1</sup> Different subscription and redemption procedures may apply if applications are made through Distributors.

## General Share Class Features

Share Classes	Initial Charge <sup>2</sup>	Annual Distribution Charge <sup>3</sup>	Annual Management Charge
A Shares	Up to 3%	None	0.75%
AX Shares	Up to 3%	None	0.75%
A1 Shares	Up to 2%	0.50%	0.75%
B Shares	None	0.50%	0.75%
C Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.50%
CN Shares	Up to 3%	None	0.50%
CX Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.50%
D Shares	None	1.00%	0.75%
E Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.25%
IZ, IA, IB, IC, ID Shares	None	None	Up to 0.50%
Z Shares	None	None	Up to 0.50%

Annual Distribution Charge and Annual Management Charge percentages are stated as an annual charge with reference to the Net Asset Value of the Fund or the Net Asset Value per Share, as may be appropriate.

A share class hedging charge of up to 0.03% will be borne by the currency hedged Share Classes.

Not all Share Classes listed are available for subscription at the time of issue of this Prospectus. The Funds may also launch Bespoke Share Classes that are described under Appendix III at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>2</sup> The initial charge is applied against the total amount invested. The Management Company and Distributors are entitled to the initial charge, which can be partly or fully waived at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>3</sup> Annual Distribution Charges in respect of A1 and D Shares are paid at such intervals as may be agreed from time to time between the Company and those Distributors that are appointed specifically for the purpose of distributing such Shares. Annual Distribution Charges in respect of B Shares are payable quarterly.

# Schroder International Selection Fund Hong Kong Equity

## Investment Objective

The Fund aims to provide capital growth in excess of the FTSE Hong Kong (Net TR) index after fees have been deducted over a three to five year period by investing in equity and equity related securities of companies listed on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange.

## Investment Policy

The Fund is actively managed and invests at least two-thirds of its assets in equity and equity related securities of companies listed on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange.

The Fund may invest directly in China B-Shares and China H-Shares and may invest less than 30% of its assets (on a net basis) directly or indirectly (for example via participatory notes) in China A-Shares through Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect and Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect and shares listed on the STAR Board and the ChiNext.

The Fund may also invest up to one-third of its assets directly or indirectly in other securities (including other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies, Investment Funds, warrants and Money Market Investments, and hold cash (subject to the restrictions provided in Appendix I).

The Fund may use derivatives with the aim of reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently.

## Benchmark

The Fund's performance should be assessed against its target benchmark being to exceed the FTSE Hong Kong (Net TR) index and compared against the Morningstar Hong Kong Equity Category. The Fund's investment universe is expected to overlap to a limited extent with the components of the target benchmark. The comparator benchmark is only included for performance comparison purposes and does not determine how the Investment Manager invests the Fund's assets. The Investment Manager invests on a discretionary basis and is not limited to investing in accordance with the composition of the target benchmark. The Investment Manager will invest in companies or sectors not included in the target benchmark in order to take advantage of specific investment opportunities.

## Fund Characteristics

Fund Currency	HKD
Investment Manager	Schroder Investment Management (Hong Kong) Limited
Dealing Cut-off Time	13.00 Luxembourg time on Dealing Day
Dealing Frequency	Daily on Dealing Day
Settlement Period of Subscription and Redemption Proceeds <sup>1</sup>	3 Business Days from the relevant Dealing Day
Performance Fee	None
Redemption Charge	None
PEA / PIR Eligibility	No

The target benchmark has been selected because it is representative of the type of investments in which the Fund is likely to invest and it is, therefore, an appropriate target in relation to the return that the Fund aims to provide. The comparator benchmark has been selected because the Investment Manager believes that the benchmark is a suitable comparison for performance purposes given the Fund's investment objective and policy.

## Further Information

The Fund is categorised as "Specialist Equity Fund".

## Risk Considerations

### Specific Risk Considerations

Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect and Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect are securities trading and clearing linked programmes developed by The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited, Shanghai/Shenzhen Stock Exchanges, Hong Kong Securities Clearing Company Limited and China Securities Depository and Clearing Corporation Limited, with an aim to achieve mutual stock market access between the PRC (excluding Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan) and Hong Kong. A detailed description of the programmes as well as risks linked thereto can be found in Appendix II of this Prospectus.

The reference in the Investment Policy to a fund investing two-thirds of its assets in a certain way applies in normal market conditions. See paragraph (A) at the start of this Appendix for further information.

The level of distribution costs in certain jurisdictions may impact the ability of the Investment Manager to meet the Fund's investment objective across all Share Classes after fees have been deducted.

## Profile of the Typical Investor

The Fund may be suitable for Investors who are more concerned with maximising long term returns than minimising possible short term losses.

<sup>1</sup> Different subscription and redemption procedures may apply if applications are made through Distributors.



## General Share Class Features

Share Classes	Initial Charge <sup>2</sup>	Annual Distribution Charge <sup>3</sup>	Annual Management Charge
A Shares	Up to 5%	None	1.50%
AX Shares	Up to 5%	None	1.50%
A1 Shares	Up to 4%	0.50%	1.50%
B Shares	None	0.60%	1.50%
C Shares	Up to 1%	None	1.00%
CN Shares	Up to 3%	None	1.00%
CX Shares	Up to 1%	None	1.00%
D Shares	None	1.00%	1.50%
E Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.50%
IZ, IA, IB, IC, ID Shares	None	None	Up to 1%
Z Shares	None	None	Up to 1%

Annual Distribution Charge and Annual Management Charge percentages are stated as an annual charge with reference to the Net Asset Value of the Fund or the Net Asset Value per Share, as may be appropriate.

A share class hedging charge of up to 0.03% will be borne by the currency hedged Share Classes.

Not all Share Classes listed are available for subscription at the time of issue of this Prospectus. The Funds may also launch Bespoke Share Classes that are described under Appendix III at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>2</sup> The initial charge is applied against the total amount invested. The Management Company and Distributors are entitled to the initial charge, which can be partly or fully waived at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>3</sup> Annual Distribution Charges in respect of A1 and D Shares are paid at such intervals as may be agreed from time to time between the Company and those Distributors that are appointed specifically for the purpose of distributing such Shares. Annual Distribution Charges in respect of B Shares are payable quarterly.

# Schroder International Selection Fund Indian Equity

## Investment Objective

The Fund aims to provide capital growth in excess of the MSCI India (Net TR) index after fees have been deducted over a three to five year period by investing in equity and equity related securities of Indian companies.

## Investment Policy

The Fund is actively managed and invests at least two-thirds of its assets in equity and equity related securities of Indian companies.

The Fund may also invest up to one-third of its assets directly or indirectly in other securities (including other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies, Investment Funds, warrants and Money Market Investments, and hold cash (subject to the restrictions provided in Appendix I).

The Fund may use derivatives with the aim of achieving investment gains, reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently.

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the MSCI India (Net TR) index, based on the Investment Manager's rating criteria. More details on the investment process used to achieve this can be found in the Fund Characteristics section.

The Fund does not directly invest in certain activities, industries or groups of issuers above the limits listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

## Benchmark

The Fund's performance should be assessed against its target benchmark being to exceed the MSCI India (Net TR) index and compared against the Morningstar India Equity Category. The Fund's investment universe is expected to overlap to a limited extent with the components of the target benchmark. The comparator benchmark is only included for performance comparison purposes and does not determine how the Investment Manager invests the Fund's assets. The Investment Manager invests on a discretionary basis and there are no restrictions on the extent to which the Fund's portfolio and performance may deviate from the target benchmark. The Investment Manager will invest in companies or sectors not included in the target benchmark in order to take advantage of specific investment opportunities.

## Fund Characteristics

Fund Currency	USD
Investment Manager	Schroder Investment Management (Singapore) Ltd
Dealing Cut-off Time	13.00 Luxembourg time on Dealing Day
Dealing Frequency	Daily on Dealing Day
Settlement Period of Subscription and Redemption Proceeds <sup>1</sup>	3 Business Days from the relevant Dealing Day

<sup>1</sup> Different subscription and redemption procedures may apply if applications are made through Distributors.

The target benchmark has been selected because it is representative of the type of investments in which the Fund is likely to invest and it is, therefore, an appropriate target in relation to the return that the Fund aims to provide. The comparator benchmark has been selected because the Investment Manager believes that the benchmark is a suitable comparison for performance purposes given the Fund's investment objective and policy.

The benchmark(s) does/do not take into account the environmental and social characteristics or sustainable objective (as relevant) of the Fund.

## Further Information

The Fund is categorised as "Specialist Equity Fund".

More information relating to the environmental and social characteristics or sustainable investment objective (as applicable) of the Fund is provided in Appendix IV in accordance with SFDR and Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288.

## Risk Considerations

### Specific Risk Considerations

The reference in the Investment Policy to a fund investing two-thirds of its assets in a certain way applies in normal market conditions. See paragraph (A) at the start of this Appendix for further information.

The level of distribution costs in certain jurisdictions may impact the ability of the Investment Manager to meet the Fund's investment objective across all Share Classes after fees have been deducted.

The Fund has environmental and/or social characteristics (within the meaning of Article 8 SFDR). A Fund with these characteristics may have limited exposure to some companies, industries or sectors as a result and the Fund may forego certain investment opportunities, or dispose of certain holdings, that do not align with its sustainability criteria chosen by the Investment Manager. As investors may differ in their views of what constitutes sustainable investing, the Fund may also invest in companies that do not reflect the beliefs and values of any particular Investor. Please refer to Appendix II for more details on sustainability risks.

## Profile of the Typical Investor

The Fund may be suitable for Investors who are more concerned with maximising long term returns than minimising possible short term losses.

Performance Fee	None
Redemption Charge	None
PEA / PIR Eligibility	No
Sustainability Criteria	<p>The Investment Manager applies governance and sustainability criteria when selecting investments for the Fund.</p> <p>In the selection and assessment of potential investment opportunities and holdings, companies are assessed on a proprietary stakeholder-based approach against criteria including, but not limited to (1) good governance practices; (2) impact on the environment and local communities; and (3) fair and equitable treatment of employees, suppliers and customers. Information and insights derived from Schroders' proprietary sustainability tools are utilised in this assessment and due diligence process.</p> <p>The Investment Manager's proprietary analysis and ongoing engagement with these companies may also help it derive a reasonable level of conviction that concrete steps will be or are being taken to transition out of business segments or practices that have not met the sustainability criteria or improve on their relevant areas of weakness. The Investment Manager may consider these companies eligible for investment ahead of seeing changes in the company's ratings and rankings across both internal and external evaluation metrics.</p> <p>The primary sources of information used to perform the analysis include the Investment Manager's proprietary tools and research, third-party research, NGO reports and expert networks. The Investment Manager also performs its own analysis of publicly available information provided by the companies, including information provided in company sustainability reports and other relevant company material.</p> <p>More details on the Investment Manager's approach to sustainability and its engagement with companies are available on the webpage <a href="https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/">https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/</a></p> <p>The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than its investment universe, based on the Investment Manager's rating system.</p> <p>The Investment Manager ensures that at least:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– 90% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in developed countries; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with an investment grade credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by developed countries; and</li> <li>– 75% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in emerging countries; equities issued by small and medium companies; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with a high yield credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by emerging countries,</li> </ul> <p>is rated against the sustainability criteria.</p> <p>For the purposes of this test, small companies are those with market capitalisation below €5 billion, medium companies are those between €5 billion and €10 billion and large companies are those above €10 billion.</p>

## General Share Class Features

Share Classes	Initial Charge <sup>2</sup>	Annual Distribution Charge <sup>3</sup>	Annual Management Charge
A Shares	Up to 5%	None	1.50%
AX Shares	Up to 5%	None	1.50%
A1 Shares	Up to 4%	0.50%	1.50%
B Shares	None	0.60%	1.50%
C Shares	Up to 1%	None	1.00%
CN Shares	Up to 3%	None	1.00%
CX Shares	Up to 1%	None	1.00%
D Shares	None	1.00%	1.50%
E Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.50%
IZ, IA, IB, IC, ID Shares	None	None	Up to 1%
Z Shares	None	None	Up to 1%

Annual Distribution Charge and Annual Management Charge percentages are stated as an annual charge with reference to the Net Asset Value of the Fund or the Net Asset Value per Share, as may be appropriate.

A share class hedging charge of up to 0.03% will be borne by the currency hedged Share Classes.

Not all Share Classes listed are available for subscription at the time of issue of this Prospectus. The Funds may also launch Bespoke Share Classes that are described under Appendix III at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>2</sup> The initial charge is applied against the total amount invested. The Management Company and Distributors are entitled to the initial charge, which can be partly or fully waived at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>3</sup> Annual Distribution Charges in respect of A1 and D Shares are paid at such intervals as may be agreed from time to time between the Company and those Distributors that are appointed specifically for the purpose of distributing such Shares. Annual Distribution Charges in respect of B Shares are payable quarterly.

# Schroder International Selection Fund Indian Opportunities

## Investment Objective

The Fund aims to provide capital growth in excess of MSCI India (Net TR) index after fees have been deducted over a three to five year period by investing in equity and equity related securities of Indian companies.

## Investment Policy

The Fund is actively managed and invests at least two-thirds of its assets in equity and equity related securities of Indian companies or companies which have their principal business activities in India.

Typically the Fund holds between 30-70 companies.

The Fund may also invest up to one-third of its assets directly or indirectly in other securities (including other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies, Investment Funds, warrants and Money Market Investments, and hold cash (subject to the restrictions provided in Appendix I).

The Fund may use derivatives with the aim of reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently.

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the MSCI India (Net TR) index, based on the Investment Manager's rating criteria. More details on the investment process used to achieve this can be found in the Fund Characteristics section.

The Fund does not directly invest in certain activities, industries or groups of issuers above the limits listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

## Benchmark

The Fund's performance should be assessed against its target benchmark being to exceed the MSCI India (Net TR) index and compared against the Morningstar India Equity Category. The Fund's investment universe is expected to overlap to a limited extent with the components of the target benchmark. The comparator benchmark is only included for performance comparison purposes and does not determine how the Investment Manager invests the Fund's assets. The Investment Manager invests on a discretionary basis and there are no restrictions on the extent to which the Fund's portfolio and performance may deviate from the target benchmark. The Investment Manager will invest in companies or sectors not included in the target benchmark in order to take advantage of specific investment opportunities.

## Fund Characteristics

Fund Currency	USD
Investment Manager	Schroder Investment Management (Singapore) Ltd
Dealing Cut-off Time	13.00 Luxembourg time on Dealing Day
Dealing Frequency	Daily on Dealing Day
Settlement Period of Subscription and Redemption Proceeds <sup>1</sup>	3 Business Days from the relevant Dealing Day

The target benchmark has been selected because it is representative of the type of investments in which the Fund is likely to invest and it is, therefore, an appropriate target in relation to the return that the Fund aims to provide. The comparator benchmark has been selected because the Investment Manager believes that the benchmark is a suitable comparison for performance purposes given the Fund's investment objective and policy.

The benchmark(s) does/do not take into account the environmental and social characteristics or sustainable objective (as relevant) of the Fund.

## Further Information

The Fund is categorised as "Specialist Equity Fund".

More information relating to the environmental and social characteristics or sustainable investment objective (as applicable) of the Fund is provided in Appendix IV in accordance with SFDR and Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288.

## Risk Considerations

### Specific Risk Considerations

The reference in the Investment Policy to a fund investing two-thirds of its assets in a certain way applies in normal market conditions. See paragraph (A) at the start of this Appendix for further information.

The level of distribution costs in certain jurisdictions may impact the ability of the Investment Manager to meet the Fund's investment objective across all Share Classes after fees have been deducted.

The Fund has environmental and/or social characteristics (within the meaning of Article 8 SFDR). A Fund with these characteristics may have limited exposure to some companies, industries or sectors as a result and the Fund may forego certain investment opportunities, or dispose of certain holdings, that do not align with its sustainability criteria chosen by the Investment Manager. As investors may differ in their views of what constitutes sustainable investing, the Fund may also invest in companies that do not reflect the beliefs and values of any particular Investor. Please refer to Appendix II for more details on sustainability risks.

## Profile of the Typical Investor

The Fund may be suitable for Investors who are more concerned with maximising long term returns than minimising possible short term losses.

<sup>1</sup> Different subscription and redemption procedures may apply if applications are made through Distributors.

Performance Fee	None
Redemption Charge	None
PEA / PIR Eligibility	No
Sustainability Criteria	<p>The Investment Manager applies governance and sustainability criteria when selecting investments for the Fund.</p> <p>In the selection and assessment of potential investment opportunities and holdings, companies are assessed on a proprietary stakeholder-based approach against criteria including, but not limited to (1) good governance practices; (2) impact on the environment and local communities; and (3) fair and equitable treatment of employees, suppliers and customers. Information and insights derived from Schroders' proprietary sustainability tools are utilised in this assessment and due diligence process.</p> <p>The Investment Manager's proprietary analysis and ongoing engagement with these companies may also help it derive a reasonable level of conviction that concrete steps will be or are being taken to transition out of business segments or practices that have not met the sustainability criteria or improve on their relevant areas of weakness. The Investment Manager may consider these companies eligible for investment ahead of seeing changes in the company's ratings and rankings across both internal and external evaluation metrics.</p> <p>The primary sources of information used to perform the analysis include the Investment Manager's proprietary tools and research, third-party research, NGO reports and expert networks. The Investment Manager also performs its own analysis of publicly available information provided by the companies, including information provided in company sustainability reports and other relevant company material.</p> <p>More details on the Investment Manager's approach to sustainability and its engagement with companies are available on the webpage <a href="https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/">https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/</a></p> <p>The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than its investment universe, based on the Investment Manager's rating system.</p> <p>The Investment Manager ensures that at least:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– 90% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in developed countries; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with an investment grade credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by developed countries; and</li> <li>– 75% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in emerging countries; equities issued by small and medium companies; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with a high yield credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by emerging countries,</li> </ul> <p>is rated against the sustainability criteria.</p> <p>For the purposes of this test, small companies are those with market capitalisation below €5 billion, medium companies are those between €5 billion and €10 billion and large companies are those above €10 billion.</p>



## General Share Class Features

Share Classes	Initial Charge <sup>2</sup>	Annual Distribution Charge <sup>3</sup>	Annual Management Charge
A Shares	Up to 5%	None	1.50%
AX Shares	Up to 5%	None	1.50%
A1 Shares	Up to 4%	0.50%	1.50%
B Shares	None	0.60%	1.50%
C Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.75%
CN Shares	Up to 3%	None	0.75%
CX Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.75%
D Shares	None	1.00%	1.50%
E Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.375%
IZ, IA, IB, IC, ID Shares	None	None	Up to 0.75%
Z Shares	None	None	Up to 0.75%

Annual Distribution Charge and Annual Management Charge percentages are stated as an annual charge with reference to the Net Asset Value of the Fund or the Net Asset Value per Share, as may be appropriate.

A share class hedging charge of up to 0.03% will be borne by the currency hedged Share Classes.

Not all Share Classes listed are available for subscription at the time of issue of this Prospectus. The Funds may also launch Bespoke Share Classes that are described under Appendix III at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>2</sup> The initial charge is applied against the total amount invested. The Management Company and Distributors are entitled to the initial charge, which can be partly or fully waived at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>3</sup> Annual Distribution Charges in respect of A1 and D Shares are paid at such intervals as may be agreed from time to time between the Company and those Distributors that are appointed specifically for the purpose of distributing such Shares. Annual Distribution Charges in respect of B Shares are payable quarterly.

# Schroder International Selection Fund Inflation Plus

## Investment Objective

The Fund aims to provide capital growth above inflation (as measured by the Eurozone Harmonized Consumer Price Index) after fees have been deducted over rolling three to five year periods by investing in a broad range of asset classes worldwide. There is no guarantee that the objective will be attained and your capital is at risk.

## Investment Policy

The Fund is actively managed and may invest worldwide in commodities, equity and equity related securities of companies, fixed and floating rate securities and other Alternative Asset Classes in any currency, either directly or indirectly through open-ended Investment Funds and Exchange Traded Funds.

The exposure to commodities and other Alternative Asset Classes will be taken through eligible assets as described under the definition of "Alternative Asset Classes" in Appendix III of this Prospectus.

The Fund may invest in excess of 50% of its assets in fixed and floating rate securities that have a below investment grade credit rating (as measured by Standard & Poor's or any equivalent grade of other credit rating agencies).

The Fund may exceptionally invest up to 100% of its assets in cash and Money Market Investments. This will be limited to a maximum of six months (otherwise the Fund will be liquidated). During this period, the Fund will not fall within the scope of MMFR.

~~The Fund may use derivatives with the aim of achieving investment gains, reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently.\*~~

~~\* As of 8 May 2024 the above section will change to:~~

The Fund may use derivatives (including total return swaps), long and short, with the aim of achieving investment gains, reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently. Where the Fund uses total return swaps and contracts for difference, the underlying consists of instruments in which

the Fund may invest according to its Investment Objective and Investment Policy. In particular, the aim is to use total return swaps and contracts for difference on a continuous basis in market conditions including but not limited to during periods of expanding global economic growth and rising inflation or elevated geopolitical risk. Contracts for difference and total return swaps are intended to be used to gain long and short exposure on equity and equity related securities, fixed and floating rate securities and commodity indices. The gross exposure of total return swaps and contracts for difference will not exceed 75% and is expected to remain within the range of 25% to 50% of the Net Asset Value. In certain circumstances this proportion may be higher.

## Benchmark

The Fund's performance should be assessed against its target benchmark, being to exceed the Eurozone Harmonized Consumer Price Index. The Investment Manager invests on a discretionary basis and is not limited to investing in accordance with the composition of a benchmark.

The target benchmark has been selected because the target return of the Fund is to deliver or exceed the return of that benchmark as stated in the investment objective.

## Further Information

The Fund is categorised as "Multi-Asset Fund". The Fund may invest in another fund that charges a performance fee.

The level of distribution costs in certain jurisdictions may impact the ability of the Investment Manager to meet the Fund's investment objective across all Share Classes after fees have been deducted.

## Profile of the Typical Investor

The Fund will be suitable for investors who seek real value (a positive rate of return after inflation) offered through investment in a range of asset classes.

## Fund Characteristics

Fund Currency	EUR
Investment Manager	Schroder Investment Management Limited
Dealing Cut-off Time	13.00 Luxembourg time on Dealing Day
Dealing Frequency	Daily on Dealing Day
Settlement Period of Subscription and Redemption Proceeds <sup>1</sup>	3 Business Days from the relevant Dealing Day
Performance Fee	None
Redemption Charge	None
PEA / PIR Eligibility	No

<sup>1</sup> Different subscription and redemption procedures may apply if applications are made through Distributors.

## General Share Class Features

Share Classes	Initial Charge <sup>2</sup>	Annual Distribution Charge <sup>3</sup>	Annual Management Charge
A Shares	Up to 4%	None	1.50%
AX Shares	Up to 4%	None	1.50%
A1 Shares	Up to 3%	0.50%	1.50%
B Shares	None	0.50%	1.50%
C Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.75%
CN Shares	Up to 3%	None	0.75%
CX Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.75%
D Shares	None	1.00%	1.50%
E Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.375%
IZ, IA, IB, IC, ID Shares	None	None	Up to 0.75%
Z Shares	None	None	Up to 0.75%

Annual Distribution Charge and Annual Management Charge percentages are stated as an annual charge with reference to the Net Asset Value of the Fund or the Net Asset Value per Share, as may be appropriate.

A share class hedging charge of up to 0.03% will be borne by the currency hedged Share Classes.

Not all Share Classes listed are available for subscription at the time of issue of this Prospectus. The Funds may also launch Bespoke Share Classes that are described under Appendix III at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>2</sup> The initial charge is applied against the total amount invested. The Management Company and Distributors are entitled to the initial charge, which can be partly or fully waived at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>3</sup> Annual Distribution Charges in respect of A1 and D Shares are paid at such intervals as may be agreed from time to time between the Company and those Distributors that are appointed specifically for the purpose of distributing such Shares. Annual Distribution Charges in respect of B Shares are payable quarterly.

# Schroder International Selection Fund Italian Equity

## Investment Objective

The Fund aims to provide capital growth in excess of the FTSE Italia All-Share (TR) index after fees have been deducted over a three to five year period by investing in equity and equity related securities of Italian companies.

## Investment Policy

The Fund is actively managed and invests at least 70% of its assets in a concentrated range (typically fewer than 50 companies) of equity and equity related securities of Italian companies. The Fund invests at least 25% of these assets (which corresponds to 17.5% of the Fund's assets) in equity and equity related securities of Italian companies that are not included in FTSE MIB index or other equivalent indices and at least 5% of these assets (which corresponds to 3.5% of the Fund's assets) in equity and equity related securities of Italian companies that are not included in the FTSE MIB and FTSE MID CAP indexes or other equivalent indices.

The Fund may invest up to 10% of its assets in securities issued by, or entered into with, the same company or companies belonging to the same group.

The Fund may also invest up to one-third of its assets directly or indirectly in other securities (including other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies, Investment Funds, warrants and Money Market Investments, and hold cash (subject to the restrictions provided in Appendix I).

The Fund may use derivatives with the aim of achieving investment gains, reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently.

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the FTSE Italia All-Share (TR) index, based on the Investment Manager's rating criteria. More details on the investment process used to achieve this can be found in the Fund Characteristics section.

The Fund does not directly invest in certain activities, industries or groups of issuers above the limits listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

## Benchmark

The Fund's performance should be assessed against its target benchmark being to exceed the FTSE Italia All-Share (TR) index and compared against the Morningstar Italy Equity Category. The Fund's investment universe is expected to overlap materially with the components of the target benchmark. The comparator benchmark is only included for performance comparison purposes and does not determine how the Investment Manager invests the Fund's assets. The Investment Manager invests on a discretionary basis and is not limited to investing in accordance with the composition of the target benchmark. The Investment Manager will

invest in companies or sectors not included in the target benchmark in order to take advantage of specific investment opportunities.

The target benchmark has been selected because it is representative of the type of investments in which the Fund is likely to invest and it is, therefore, an appropriate target in relation to the return that the Fund aims to provide. The comparator benchmark has been selected because the Investment Manager believes that the benchmark is a suitable comparison for performance purposes given the Fund's investment objective and policy.

The benchmark(s) does/do not take into account the environmental and social characteristics or sustainable objective (as relevant) of the Fund.

## Further Information

The Fund is categorised as "Mainstream Equity Fund".

More information relating to the environmental and social characteristics or sustainable investment objective (as applicable) of the Fund is provided in Appendix IV in accordance with SFDR and Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288.

## Risk Considerations

### Specific Risk Considerations

The Fund has environmental and/or social characteristics (within the meaning of Article 8 SFDR). A Fund with these characteristics may have limited exposure to some companies, industries or sectors as a result and the Fund may forego certain investment opportunities, or dispose of certain holdings, that do not align with its sustainability criteria chosen by the Investment Manager. As Investors may differ in their views of what constitutes sustainable investing, the Fund may also invest in companies that do not reflect the beliefs and values of any particular Investor. Please refer to Appendix II for more details on sustainability risks.

The reference in the Investment Policy to a fund investing 70% of its assets in a certain way applies in normal market conditions. See paragraph (A) at the start of this Appendix for further information.

The level of distribution costs in certain jurisdictions may impact the ability of the Investment Manager to meet the Fund's investment objective across all Share Classes after fees have been deducted.

## Profile of the Typical Investor

The Fund may be suitable for Investors who are seeking long term growth potential offered through investment in equities.

## Fund Characteristics

Fund Currency	EUR
Investment Manager	Schroder Investment Management Limited
Dealing Cut-off Time	13.00 Luxembourg time on Dealing Day
Dealing Frequency	Daily on Dealing Day

Settlement Period of Subscription and Redemption Proceeds <sup>1</sup>	3 Business Days from the relevant Dealing Day
Performance Fee	None
Redemption Charge	None
PEA / PIR Eligibility <sup>2</sup>	PIR eligible
Sustainability Criteria	<p>The Investment Manager applies governance and sustainability criteria when selecting investments for the Fund.</p> <p>Companies in the investment universe are assessed on their governance, environmental and social profile. The Investment Manager performs due diligence on potential holdings and this can include meetings with company management. The Investment Manager aims to identify the impact a business has on society whilst assessing relationships with key stakeholders such as employees, suppliers and regulators. This research is supported by quantitative analysis gained from Schroders' proprietary sustainability tools which are key inputs to assessing how existing and potential investments are meeting the Fund's sustainability criteria.</p> <p>The sources of information used to perform the analysis include information provided by the companies, such as company sustainability reports and other relevant company material, as well as Schroders' proprietary sustainability tools and third-party data.</p> <p>More details on the Investment Manager's approach to sustainability and its engagement with companies are available on the webpage <a href="https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/">https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/</a></p> <p>The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than its investment universe, based on the Investment Manager's rating system.</p> <p>The Investment Manager ensures that at least:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– 90% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in developed countries; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with an investment grade credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by developed countries; and</li> <li>– 75% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in emerging countries; equities issued by small and medium companies; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with a high yield credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by emerging countries,</li> </ul> <p>is rated against the sustainability criteria. For the purposes of this test, small companies are those with market capitalisation below €5 billion, medium companies are those between €5 billion and €10 billion and large companies are those above €10 billion.</p>

<sup>1</sup> Different subscription and/or redemption procedures may apply if applications are made through Distributors.

<sup>2</sup> The Fund is an eligible investment suitable to be held within an Italian "Piano Individuale di Risparmio a lungo termine" (PIR) under the law 232/2016 and the law 157/2019 and subsequent amendments. The Fund complies with the conditions of eligibility allowing its shares to be held in a "Piano Individuale di Risparmio a lungo termine" (PIR) under the Italian 2017 Budget Law (Law No 232 of 11 December 2016).

## General Share Class Features

Share Classes	Initial Charge <sup>3</sup>	Annual Distribution Charge <sup>4</sup>	Annual Management Charge
A Shares	Up to 5%	None	1.25%
AX Shares	Up to 5%	None	1.25%
A1 Shares	Up to 4%	0.50%	1.50%
B Shares	None	0.60%	1.25%
C Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.75%
CN Shares	Up to 3%	None	0.75%
CX Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.75%
D Shares	None	1.00%	1.25%
E Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.375%
IZ, IA, IB, IC, ID Shares	None	None	Up to 0.75%
Z Shares	None	None	Up to 0.75%

Annual Distribution Charge and Annual Management Charge percentages are stated as an annual charge with reference to the Net Asset Value of the Fund or the Net Asset Value per Share, as may be appropriate.

A share class hedging charge of up to 0.03% will be borne by the currency hedged Share Classes.

Not all Share Classes listed are available for subscription at the time of issue of this Prospectus. The Funds may also launch Bespoke Share Classes that are described under Appendix III at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>3</sup> The initial charge is applied against the total amount invested. The Management Company and Distributors are entitled to the initial charge, which can be partly or fully waived at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>4</sup> Annual Distribution Charges in respect of A1 and D Shares are paid at such intervals as may be agreed from time to time between the Company and those Distributors that are appointed specifically for the purpose of distributing such Shares. Annual Distribution Charges in respect of B Shares are payable quarterly.



# Schroder International Selection Fund Japan DGF<sup>1</sup>

## Investment Objective

The Fund aims to provide capital growth of 3-month TIBOR (Tokyo interbank interest rates) +4% per annum before fees have been deducted\* by investing in a diversified range of assets and markets worldwide. The Fund aims to provide a volatility (a measure of how much the returns of a fund varies over a year) of 5-7% per annum.

\*For the target return after fees for each Share Class please visit the Schroder webpage: <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/funds-and-strategies/fund-administration/performance-targets-after-fees/>

## Investment Policy

The Fund is actively managed and invests directly in equity and equity related securities, fixed and floating rate securities, Money Market Investments and/or currencies, or indirectly through open-ended Investment Funds and Exchange Traded Funds worldwide. Fixed and floating rate securities may also include sub-investment grade securities (being securities with a credit rating below investment grade as measured by Standard & Poor's or any equivalent grade of other credit rating agencies).

The Fund has a maximum exposure of 30% to equities and at least 70% of its assets denominated in or hedged back into Japanese yen at all times. The Fund may invest indirectly in real estate and commodities through transferable securities (including REITs), derivatives (including total return swaps), open-ended Investment Funds, Exchange Traded Funds and Investment Trusts which invest in such asset classes.

The Fund intends to use derivatives (including total return swaps), long and short, with the aim of achieving investment gains, reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently. Where the Fund uses total return swaps and contracts for difference, the underlying consists of instruments in which the Fund may invest according to its Investment Objective and Investment Policy. In particular, the aim is to use total return swaps and contracts for difference on a temporary basis in market conditions including but not limited to during periods of expanding global economic growth and rising inflation or elevated geopolitical risk, or when credit

spreads are expected to widen such during periods of falling economic growth, rising interest rates or elevated geopolitical risk. Contracts for difference and total return swaps are intended to be used to gain long and short exposure on equity and equity related securities, fixed and floating rate securities and commodity indices. The gross exposure of total return swaps and contracts for difference will not exceed 40% and is expected to remain within the range of 0% to 20% of the Net Asset Value. In certain circumstances this proportion may be higher. The Fund may invest in Money Market Investments and hold cash.

## Benchmark

The Fund's performance should be assessed against its target benchmark, being to achieve 3-month TIBOR (Tokyo interbank interest rates) +4% per annum, and its volatility objective of 5-7% per annum. The Investment Manager invests on a discretionary basis and is not limited to investing in accordance with the composition of a benchmark.

The target benchmark has been selected because the target return of the Fund is to deliver or exceed the return of that benchmark as stated in the investment objective.

## Further Information

The Fund is categorised as "Multi-Asset Fund". The Fund may invest more than 10% of its assets in Investment Funds. The Fund may invest in another fund that charges a performance fee.

## Risk Considerations

### Specific Risk Considerations

Long and short positions gained through index, bond and equity total return swaps may increase exposure to credit-related risks.

## Profile of the Typical Investor

The Fund will be suitable for Investors who are more concerned with maximising long-term returns than minimising possible short-term losses.

## Fund Characteristics

Fund Currency	JPY
Investment Manager	Schroder Investment Management (Hong Kong) Limited
Dealing Cut-off Time	13.00 Luxembourg time on Dealing Day
Dealing Frequency	Daily on Dealing Day
Settlement Period of Subscription and Redemption Proceeds <sup>2</sup>	3 Business Days from the relevant Dealing Day for subscription proceeds 5 Business Days from the relevant Dealing Day for redemption proceeds
Performance Fee	None
Redemption Charge	None
PEA / PIR Eligibility	No

<sup>1</sup> DGF means Diversified Growth Fund

<sup>2</sup> Different subscription and redemption procedures may apply if applications are made through Distributors.

## General Share Class Features

Share Classes	Initial Charge <sup>3</sup>	Annual Distribution Charge <sup>4</sup>	Annual Management Charge
A Shares	N/A	N/A	N/A
AX Shares	N/A	N/A	N/A
A1 Shares	N/A	N/A	N/A
B Shares	N/A	N/A	N/A
C Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.75%
CN Shares	Up to 3%	None	0.75%
CX Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.75%
D Shares	N/A	N/A	N/A
E Shares	N/A	N/A	N/A
IZ, IA, IB, IC, ID Shares	N/A	N/A	Up to 0.75%
Z Shares	N/A	N/A	N/A

Annual Distribution Charge and Annual Management Charge percentages are stated as an annual charge with reference to the Net Asset Value of the Fund or the Net Asset Value per Share, as may be appropriate.

A share class hedging charge of up to 0.03% will be borne by the currency hedged Share Classes.

Not all Share Classes listed are available for subscription at the time of issue of this Prospectus. The Funds may also launch Bespoke Share Classes that are described under Appendix III at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>3</sup> The initial charge is applied against the total amount invested. The Management Company and Distributors are entitled to the initial charge, which can be partly or fully waived at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>4</sup> Annual Distribution Charges in respect of A1 and D Shares are paid at such intervals as may be agreed from time to time between the Company and those Distributors that are appointed specifically for the purpose of distributing such Shares. Annual Distribution Charges in respect of B Shares are payable quarterly.

# Schroder International Selection Fund Japanese Equity

## Investment Objective

The Fund aims to provide capital growth in excess of the Tokyo Stock Exchange 1<sup>st</sup> Section index (TOPIX) (Net TR) after fees have been deducted over a three to five year period by investing in equity and equity related securities of Japanese companies.

## Investment Policy

The Fund is actively managed and invests at least two-thirds of its assets in equity and equity related securities of Japanese companies.

The Fund may also invest up to one-third of its assets directly or indirectly in other securities (including other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies, Investment Funds, warrants and Money Market Investments, and hold cash (subject to the restrictions provided in Appendix I).

The Fund may use derivatives with the aim of achieving investment gains, reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently.

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the Tokyo Stock Exchange 1<sup>st</sup> Section index (TOPIX) (Net TR), based on the Investment Manager's rating system. More details on the investment process used to achieve this can be found in the Fund Characteristics section.

The Fund does not directly invest in certain activities, industries or groups of issuers above the limits listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

## Benchmark

The Fund's performance should be assessed against its target benchmark being to exceed the Tokyo Stock Exchange 1<sup>st</sup> Section index (TOPIX) (Net TR). The Fund's investment universe is expected to overlap materially with the components of the target benchmark. The Investment Manager invests on a discretionary basis and there are no restrictions on the extent to which the Fund's portfolio and performance may deviate from the target benchmark. The Investment Manager will invest in companies or sectors not included in the target benchmark in order to take advantage of specific investment opportunities. The benchmark(s)

does/do not take into account the environmental and social characteristics or sustainable objective (as relevant) of the Fund.

The target benchmark has been selected because it is representative of the type of investments in which the Fund is likely to invest and it is, therefore, an appropriate target in relation to the return that the Fund aims to provide.

## Further Information

The Fund is categorised as "Mainstream Equity Fund".

More information relating to the environmental and social characteristics or sustainable investment objective (as applicable) of the Fund is provided in Appendix IV in accordance with SFDR and Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288.

## Risk Considerations

### Specific Risk Considerations

The reference in the Investment Policy to a fund investing two-thirds of its assets in a certain way applies in normal market conditions. See paragraph (A) at the start of this Appendix for further information.

The level of distribution costs in certain jurisdictions may impact the ability of the Investment Manager to meet the Fund's investment objective across all Share Classes after fees have been deducted.

The Fund has environmental and/or social characteristics (within the meaning of Article 8 SFDR). A Fund with these characteristics may have limited exposure to some companies, industries or sectors as a result and the Fund may forego certain investment opportunities, or dispose of certain holdings, that do not align with its sustainability criteria chosen by the Investment Manager. As Investors may differ in their views of what constitutes sustainable investing, the Fund may also invest in companies that do not reflect the beliefs and values of any particular Investor. Please refer to Appendix II for more details on sustainability risks.

## Profile of the Typical Investor

The Fund may be suitable for Investors who are seeking long term growth potential offered through investment in equities.

## Fund Characteristics

Fund Currency	JPY
Investment Manager	Schroder Investment Management (Japan) Limited
Dealing Cut-off Time	13.00 Luxembourg time on Dealing Day
Dealing Frequency	Daily on Dealing Day
Settlement Period of Subscription and Redemption Proceeds <sup>1</sup>	3 Business Days from the relevant Dealing Day
Performance Fee	None

<sup>1</sup> Different subscription and redemption procedures may apply if applications are made through Distributors.

Redemption Charge	None
PEA / PIR Eligibility	No
Sustainability Criteria	<p>The Investment Manager applies governance and sustainability criteria when selecting investments for the Fund. The investable universe is assessed using a number of proprietary tools, as well as external rating services.</p> <p>The Investment Manager performs due diligence on all potential holdings, including meetings with management, and assesses the company's governance, environmental and social profile across a range of factors. This process is supported by quantitative analysis provided by Schroders' proprietary sustainability tools, which are key inputs to assess how existing and potential investments for the portfolio are meeting the Fund's sustainability criteria. In some cases, companies which fall below our sustainability criteria may still be eligible for investment if, as a result of proprietary analysis and ongoing engagement with management, the Investment Manager believes the company will meet our sustainability criteria within a realistic time horizon.</p> <p>For a company to be eligible to be held in the Fund, it is expected to show a commitment to its stakeholders, including customers, employees, suppliers, shareholders and regulators. The Fund selects companies whose businesses demonstrate good governance and aim to treat stakeholders equitably.</p> <p>More details on the Investment Manager's approach to sustainability and its engagement with companies are available on the webpage <a href="https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/">https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/</a></p> <p>The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than its investment universe, based on the Investment Manager's rating system.</p> <p>The Investment Manager ensures that at least:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 90% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in developed countries; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with an investment grade credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by developed countries; and</li> <li>- 75% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in emerging countries; equities issued by small and medium companies; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with a high yield credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by emerging countries,</li> </ul> <p>is rated against the sustainability criteria. For the purposes of this test, small companies are those with market capitalisation below €5 billion, medium companies are those between €5 billion and €10 billion and large companies are those above €10 billion.</p>

## General Share Class Features

Share Classes	Initial Charge <sup>2</sup>	Annual Distribution Charge <sup>3</sup>	Annual Management Charge
A Shares	Up to 5%	None	1.25%
AX Shares	Up to 5%	None	1.25%
A1 Shares	Up to 4%	0.50%	1.50%
B Shares	None	0.60%	1.25%
C Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.75%
CN Shares	Up to 3%	None	0.75%
CX Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.75%
D Shares	None	1.00%	1.25%
E Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.375%
IZ, IA, IB, IC, ID Shares	None	None	Up to 0.75%
Z Shares	None	None	Up to 0.75%

Annual Distribution Charge and Annual Management Charge percentages are stated as an annual charge with reference to the Net Asset Value of the Fund or the Net Asset Value per Share, as may be appropriate.

A share class hedging charge of up to 0.03% will be borne by the currency hedged Share Classes.

<sup>2</sup> The initial charge is applied against the total amount invested. The Management Company and Distributors are entitled to the initial charge, which can be partly or fully waived at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>3</sup> Annual Distribution Charges in respect of A1 and D Shares are paid at such intervals as may be agreed from time to time between the Company and those Distributors that are appointed specifically for the purpose of distributing such Shares. Annual Distribution Charges in respect of B Shares are payable quarterly.

Not all Share Classes listed are available for subscription at the time of issue of this Prospectus. The Funds may also launch Bespoke Share Classes that are described under Appendix III at the Directors' discretion.

# Schroder International Selection Fund Japanese Opportunities

## Investment Objective

The Fund aims to provide capital growth in excess of the Tokyo Stock Exchange 1<sup>st</sup> Section index (TOPIX) (Net TR) after fees have been deducted over a three to five year period by investing in equity and equity related securities of Japanese companies.

## Investment Policy

The Fund is actively managed and invests at least two-thirds of its assets in equity and equity related securities of Japanese companies.

The Fund seeks to identify and invest in undervalued stocks by estimating their fair value based on predicted returns over the medium to long term.

The Fund may also invest up to one-third of its assets directly or indirectly in other securities (including other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies, Investment Funds, warrants and Money Market Investments, and hold cash (subject to the restrictions provided in Appendix I).

The Fund may use derivatives with the aim of achieving investment gains, reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently.

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the Tokyo Stock Exchange 1<sup>st</sup> Section index (TOPIX) (Net TR), based on the Investment Manager's rating criteria. More details on the investment process used to achieve this can be found in the Fund Characteristics section.

The Fund does not directly invest in certain activities, industries or groups of issuers above the limits listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

## Benchmark

The Fund's performance should be assessed against its target benchmark being to exceed the Tokyo Stock Exchange 1<sup>st</sup> Section index (TOPIX) (Net TR). The Fund's investment universe is expected to overlap materially with the components of the target benchmark. The Investment Manager invests on a discretionary basis and there are no restrictions on the extent to which the Fund's portfolio and performance may deviate from the target benchmark. The Investment Manager will invest in companies or sectors not included in the target benchmark in order to take advantage of specific investment opportunities.

## Fund Characteristics

Fund Currency	JPY
Investment Manager	Schroder Investment Management (Japan) Limited
Dealing Cut-off Time	13.00 Luxembourg time on Dealing Day
Dealing Frequency	Daily on Dealing Day
Settlement Period of Subscription and Redemption Proceeds <sup>1</sup>	3 Business Days from the relevant Dealing Day
Performance Fee	None

The target benchmark has been selected because it is representative of the type of investments in which the Fund is likely to invest and it is, therefore, an appropriate target in relation to the return that the Fund aims to provide.

The benchmark(s) does/do not take into account the environmental and social characteristics or sustainable objective (as relevant) of the Fund.

## Further Information

The Fund is categorised as "Specialist Equity Fund".

More information relating to the environmental and social characteristics or sustainable investment objective (as applicable) of the Fund is provided in Appendix IV in accordance with SFDR and Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288.

## Risk Considerations

### Specific Risk Considerations

The reference in the Investment Policy to a fund investing two-thirds of its assets in a certain way applies in normal market conditions. See paragraph (A) at the start of this Appendix for further information.

The Fund has environmental and/or social characteristics (within the meaning of Article 8 SFDR). A Fund with these characteristics may have limited exposure to some companies, industries or sectors as a result and the Fund may forego certain investment opportunities, or dispose of certain holdings, that do not align with its sustainability criteria chosen by the Investment Manager. As investors may differ in their views of what constitutes sustainable investing, the Fund may also invest in companies that do not reflect the beliefs and values of any particular Investor. Please refer to Appendix II for more details on sustainability risks.

The level of distribution costs in certain jurisdictions may impact the ability of the Investment Manager to meet the Fund's investment objective across all Share Classes after fees have been deducted.

## Profile of the Typical Investor

The Fund may be suitable for Investors who are more concerned with maximising long term returns than minimising possible short term losses.

<sup>1</sup> Different subscription and redemption procedures may apply if applications are made through Distributors.



Redemption Charge	None
PEA / PIR Eligibility	No
Sustainability Criteria	<p>The Investment Manager applies governance and sustainability criteria when selecting investments for the Fund. The investable universe is assessed using a number of proprietary tools, as well as external rating services.</p> <p>The Investment Manager performs due diligence on all potential holdings, including meetings with management, and assesses the company's governance, environmental and social profile across a range of factors. This process is supported by quantitative analysis provided by Schroders' proprietary sustainability tools, which are key inputs to assess how existing and potential investments for the portfolio are meeting the Fund's sustainability criteria. In some cases, companies which fall below the sustainability criteria may still be eligible for investment if, as a result of proprietary analysis and ongoing engagement with management, the Investment Manager believes the company will meet the sustainability criteria within a realistic time horizon.</p> <p>For a company to be eligible to be held in the Fund, it is expected to show a commitment to its stakeholders, including customers, employees, suppliers, shareholders and regulators. The Fund selects companies whose businesses demonstrate good governance and aim to treat stakeholders equitably.</p> <p>More details on the Investment Manager's approach to sustainability and its engagement with companies are available on the webpage <a href="https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/">https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/</a></p> <p>The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than its investment universe, based on the Investment Manager's rating system.</p> <p>The Investment Manager ensures that at least:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 90% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in developed countries; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with an investment grade credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by developed countries; and</li> <li>- 75% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in emerging countries; equities issued by small and medium companies; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with a high yield credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by emerging countries,</li> </ul> <p>is rated against the sustainability criteria. For the purposes of this test, small companies are those with market capitalisation below €5 billion, medium companies are those between €5 billion and €10 billion and large companies are those above €10 billion.</p>

## General Share Class Features

Share Classes	Initial Charge <sup>2</sup>	Annual Distribution Charge <sup>3</sup>	Annual Management Charge
A Shares	Up to 5%	None	1.50%
AX Shares	Up to 5%	None	1.50%
A1 Shares	Up to 4%	0.50%	1.50%
B Shares	None	0.60%	1.50%
C Shares	Up to 1%	None	1.00%
CN Shares	Up to 3%	None	1.00%
CX Shares	Up to 1%	None	1.00%
D Shares	None	1.00%	1.50%
E Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.50%
IZ, IA, IB, IC, ID Shares	None	None	Up to 1%
Z Shares	None	None	Up to 1%

Annual Distribution Charge and Annual Management Charge percentages are stated as an annual charge with reference to the Net Asset Value of the Fund or the Net Asset Value per Share, as may be appropriate.

A share class hedging charge of up to 0.03% will be borne by the currency hedged Share Classes.

<sup>2</sup> The initial charge is applied against the total amount invested. The Management Company and Distributors are entitled to the initial charge, which can be partly or fully waived at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>3</sup> Annual Distribution Charges in respect of A1 and D Shares are paid at such intervals as may be agreed from time to time between the Company and those Distributors that are appointed specifically for the purpose of distributing such Shares. Annual Distribution Charges in respect of B Shares are payable quarterly.

Not all Share Classes listed are available for subscription at the time of issue of this Prospectus. The Funds may also launch Bespoke Share Classes that are described under Appendix III at the Directors' discretion.

# Schroder International Selection Fund Japanese Smaller Companies

## Investment Objective

The Fund aims to provide capital growth in excess of the Russell Nomura Small Cap (Net TR) index after fees have been deducted over a three to five year period by investing in equity and equity related securities of small-sized Japanese companies.

## Investment Policy

The Fund is actively managed and invests at least two-thirds of its assets in equity and equity related securities of small-sized Japanese companies. These are companies which, at the time of purchase, are considered to be in the bottom 30% by market capitalisation of the Japanese equities market.

The Fund may also invest up to one-third of its assets directly or indirectly in other securities (including other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies, Investment Funds, warrants and Money Market Investments, and hold cash (subject to the restrictions provided in Appendix I).

The Fund may use derivatives with the aim of achieving investment gains, reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently.

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the Russell Nomura Small Cap (Net TR) index, based on the Investment Manager's rating criteria. More details on the investment process used to achieve this can be found in the Fund Characteristics section.

The Fund does not directly invest in certain activities, industries or groups of issuers above the limits listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

## Benchmark

The Fund's performance should be assessed against its target benchmark being to exceed the Russell Nomura Small Cap (Net TR) index. The Fund's investment universe is expected to overlap materially with the components of the target benchmark. The Investment Manager invests on a discretionary basis and there are no restrictions on the extent to which the Fund's portfolio and performance may deviate from the target benchmark. The Investment Manager will invest in companies or sectors not included in the target benchmark in order to take advantage of specific investment opportunities.

## Fund Characteristics

Fund Currency	JPY
Investment Manager	Schroder Investment Management (Japan) Limited
Dealing Cut-off Time	13.00 Luxembourg time on Dealing Day
Dealing Frequency	Daily on Dealing Day
Settlement Period of Subscription and Redemption Proceeds <sup>1</sup>	3 Business Days from the relevant Dealing Day
Performance Fee	None

The target benchmark has been selected because it is representative of the type of investments in which the Fund is likely to invest and it is, therefore, an appropriate target in relation to the return that the Fund aims to provide.

The benchmark(s) does/do not take into account the environmental and social characteristics or sustainable objective (as relevant) of the Fund.

## Further Information

The Fund is categorised as "Specialist Equity Fund".

More information relating to the environmental and social characteristics or sustainable investment objective (as applicable) of the Fund is provided in Appendix IV in accordance with SFDR and Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288.

## Risk Considerations

### Specific Risk Considerations

The Fund has environmental and/or social characteristics (within the meaning of Article 8 SFDR). A Fund with these characteristics may have limited exposure to some companies, industries or sectors as a result and the Fund may forego certain investment opportunities, or dispose of certain holdings, that do not align with its sustainability criteria chosen by the Investment Manager. As Investors may differ in their views of what constitutes sustainable investing, the Fund may also invest in companies that do not reflect the beliefs and values of any particular Investor. Please refer to Appendix II for more details on sustainability risks.

The reference in the Investment Policy to a fund investing two-thirds of its assets in a certain way applies in normal market conditions. See paragraph (A) at the start of this Appendix for further information.

The level of distribution costs in certain jurisdictions may impact the ability of the Investment Manager to meet the Fund's investment objective across all Share Classes after fees have been deducted.

## Profile of the Typical Investor

The Fund may be suitable for Investors who are more concerned with maximising long term returns than minimising possible short term losses.

<sup>1</sup> Different subscription and redemption procedures may apply if applications are made through Distributors.

Redemption Charge	None
PEA / PIR Eligibility	No
Sustainability Criteria	<p>The Investment Manager applies governance and sustainability criteria when selecting investments for the Fund. The investable universe is assessed using a number of proprietary tools, as well as external rating services.</p> <p>The Investment Manager performs due diligence on all potential holdings, including meetings with management, and assesses the company's governance, environmental and social profile across a range of factors. This process is supported by quantitative analysis provided by Schroders' proprietary sustainability tools, which are key inputs to assess how existing and potential investments for the portfolio are meeting the Fund's sustainability criteria. In some cases, companies which fall below our sustainability criteria may still be eligible for investment if, as a result of proprietary analysis and ongoing engagement with management, the Investment Manager believes the company will meet our sustainability criteria within a realistic time horizon.</p> <p>For a company to be eligible to be held in the Fund, it is expected to show a commitment to its stakeholders, including customers, employees, suppliers, shareholders and regulators. The Fund selects companies whose businesses demonstrate good governance and aim to treat stakeholders equitably.</p> <p>The sources of information used to perform the analysis include information provided by the companies, such as company sustainability reports and other relevant company material, as well as Schroders' proprietary sustainability tools and third-party data.</p> <p>More details on the Investment Manager's approach to sustainability and its engagement with companies are available on the webpage <a href="https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/">https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/</a></p> <p>The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than its investment universe, based on the Investment Manager's rating system.</p> <p>The Investment Manager ensures that at least:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 90% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in developed countries; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with an investment grade credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by developed countries; and</li> <li>- 75% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in emerging countries; equities issued by small and medium companies; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with a high yield credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by emerging countries,</li> </ul> <p>is rated against the sustainability criteria. For the purposes of this test, small companies are those with market capitalisation below €5 billion, medium companies are those between €5 billion and €10 billion and large companies are those above €10 billion.</p>

## General Share Class Features

Share Classes	Initial Charge <sup>2</sup>	Annual Distribution Charge <sup>3</sup>	Annual Management Charge
A Shares	Up to 5%	None	1.50%
AX Shares	Up to 5%	None	1.50%
A1 Shares	Up to 4%	0.50%	1.50%
B Shares	None	0.60%	1.50%
C Shares	Up to 1%	None	1.00%
CN Shares	Up to 3%	None	1.00%
CX Shares	Up to 1%	None	1.00%
D Shares	None	1.00%	1.50%
E Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.50%
IZ, IA, IB, IC, ID Shares	None	None	Up to 1%
Z Shares	None	None	Up to 1%

Annual Distribution Charge and Annual Management Charge percentages are stated as an annual charge with reference to the Net Asset Value of the Fund or the Net Asset Value per Share, as may be appropriate.

A share class hedging charge of up to 0.03% will be borne by the currency hedged Share Classes.

Not all Share Classes listed are available for subscription at the time of issue of this Prospectus. The Funds may also launch Bespoke Share Classes that are described under Appendix III at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>2</sup> The initial charge is applied against the total amount invested. The Management Company and Distributors are entitled to the initial charge, which can be partly or fully waived at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>3</sup> Annual Distribution Charges in respect of A1 and D Shares are paid at such intervals as may be agreed from time to time between the Company and those Distributors that are appointed specifically for the purpose of distributing such Shares. Annual Distribution Charges in respect of B Shares are payable quarterly.

# Schroder International Selection Fund Latin American

## Investment Objective

The Fund aims to provide capital growth in excess of the MSCI Emerging Markets Latin America 10/40 (Net TR) index after fees have been deducted over a three to five year period by investing in equity and equity related securities of Latin American companies.

## Investment Policy

The Fund is actively managed and invests at least two-thirds of its assets in equity and equity related securities of Latin American companies.

The Fund typically holds 40-70 companies.

The Fund may also invest up to one-third of its assets directly or indirectly in other securities (including other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies, Investment Funds, warrants and Money Market Investments, and hold cash (subject to the restrictions provided in Appendix I).

The Fund may use derivatives with the aim of achieving investment gains, reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently.

## Benchmark

The Fund's performance should be assessed against its target benchmark being to exceed the MSCI Emerging Markets Latin America 10/40 (Net TR) index. The Fund's investment universe is expected to overlap materially, directly or indirectly, with the components of the target benchmark. The Investment Manager invests on a discretionary basis and there are no restrictions on the extent to which the Fund's portfolio and performance may

deviate from the target benchmark. The Investment Manager will invest in companies or sectors not included in the target benchmark in order to take advantage of specific investment opportunities.

The target benchmark has been selected because it is representative of the type of investments in which the Fund is likely to invest and it is, therefore, an appropriate target in relation to the return that the Fund aims to provide.

## Further Information

The Fund is categorised as "Specialist Equity Fund".

## Risk Considerations

### Specific Risk Considerations

The reference in the Investment Policy to a fund investing two-thirds of its assets in a certain way applies in normal market conditions. See paragraph (A) at the start of this Appendix for further information.

Risks related to emerging markets investments can be found under "Emerging and Less Developed Markets Securities Risk" in Appendix II of this Prospectus.

The level of distribution costs in certain jurisdictions may impact the ability of the Investment Manager to meet the Fund's investment objective across all Share Classes after fees have been deducted.

## Profile of the Typical Investor

The Fund may be suitable for Investors who are more concerned with maximising long term returns than minimising possible short term losses.

## Fund Characteristics

Fund Currency	USD
Investment Manager	Schroder Investment Management Limited
Dealing Cut-off Time	13.00 Luxembourg time on Dealing Day
Dealing Frequency	Daily on Dealing Day
Settlement Period of Subscription and Redemption Proceeds <sup>1</sup>	3 Business Days from the relevant Dealing Day
Performance Fee	None
Redemption Charge	None
PEA / PIR Eligibility	No

<sup>1</sup> Different subscription and redemption procedures may apply if applications are made through Distributors.



## General Share Class Features

Share Classes	Initial Charge <sup>2</sup>	Annual Distribution Charge <sup>3</sup>	Annual Management Charge
A Shares	Up to 5%	None	1.50%
AX Shares	Up to 5%	None	1.50%
A1 Shares	Up to 4%	0.50%	1.50%
B Shares	None	0.60%	1.50%
C Shares	Up to 1%	None	1.00%
CN Shares	Up to 3%	None	1.00%
CX Shares	Up to 1%	None	1.00%
D Shares	None	1.00%	1.50%
E Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.50%
IZ, IA, IB, IC, ID Shares	None	None	Up to 1%
Z Shares	None	None	Up to 1%

Annual Distribution Charge and Annual Management Charge percentages are stated as an annual charge with reference to the Net Asset Value of the Fund or the Net Asset Value per Share, as may be appropriate.

A share class hedging charge of up to 0.03% will be borne by the currency hedged Share Classes.

Not all Share Classes listed are available for subscription at the time of issue of this Prospectus. The Funds may also launch Bespoke Share Classes that are described under Appendix III at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>2</sup> The initial charge is applied against the total amount invested. The Management Company and Distributors are entitled to the initial charge, which can be partly or fully waived at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>3</sup> Annual Distribution Charges in respect of A1 and D Shares are paid at such intervals as may be agreed from time to time between the Company and those Distributors that are appointed specifically for the purpose of distributing such Shares. Annual Distribution Charges in respect of B Shares are payable quarterly.

# Schroder International Selection Fund Multi-Asset Growth and Income

## Investment Objective

The Fund aims to provide capital growth and income over a three to five year period after fees have been deducted by investing in a diversified range of assets and markets worldwide.

## Investment Policy

The Fund is actively managed and invests directly or indirectly through derivatives in equity and equity-related securities, fixed and floating rate securities issued by governments, government agencies, supra-nationals and companies worldwide in various currencies and Alternative Asset Classes.

The Fund may invest:

- up to 50% in sub-investment grade securities (being securities with a credit rating below investment grade as measured by Standard & Poor's or any equivalent grade of other credit rating agencies).
- up to 20% of its assets in asset-backed securities, commercial mortgage-backed securities, and/or residential mortgage-backed securities issued worldwide with an investment grade or sub-investment grade credit rating (as measured by Standard & Poor's or any equivalent grade of other credit rating agencies). Underlying assets may include credit card receivables, personal loans, auto loans, small business loans, leases, commercial mortgages and residential mortgages.

The Fund may invest directly in China B-Shares and China H-Shares and may invest less than 15% of its assets (on a net basis) directly or indirectly (for example via participatory notes) in China A-Shares through Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect and Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect and shares listed on the STAR Board and the ChiNext. The Fund may also invest up to 10% of its assets in mainland China through Regulated Markets (including the CIBM via Bond Connect or CIBM Direct).

The exposure to Alternative Asset Classes is taken through eligible assets as described in Appendix III of this Prospectus.

The Fund intends to use derivatives (including total return swaps), long and short, with the aim of achieving investment gains, reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently. Where the Fund uses total return swaps and contracts for difference, the underlying consists of instruments in which the Fund may invest according to its Investment Objective and Investment Policy. In particular, the aim is to use total return swaps and contracts for difference on a temporary basis in market conditions including but not limited to during periods of expanding global economic growth and rising inflation or elevated geopolitical risk, or when credit spreads are expected to widen such during periods of falling economic growth, rising interest rates or elevated geopolitical risk. Contracts for difference and total return swaps are intended to be used to gain long and short exposure on equity and equity related securities, fixed and floating rate securities and commodity indices. The gross exposure of total return swaps and contracts for difference

will not exceed 30% and is expected to remain within the range of 0% to 20% of the Net Asset Value. In certain circumstances this proportion may be higher.

The Fund may invest in Money Market Investments and hold cash. The Fund may invest up to 10% of its assets in open-ended Investment Funds.

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than 30% MSCI AC World Index (USD), 30% Barclays Global High Yield excl CMBS & EMG 2% index (USD), 30% **Thomson Reuters FTSE** Convertible Global Focus index (USD) and 10% Barclays Global Aggregate Bond Index (USD), based on the Investment Manager's rating criteria. More details on the investment process used to achieve this can be found in the Fund Characteristics section.

The Fund does not directly invest in certain activities, industries or groups of issuers above the limits listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

## Benchmark

The Fund does not have a target benchmark. The Fund's performance and volatility should be compared against 30% MSCI AC World Index (USD), 30% Barclays Global High Yield excl CMBS & EMG 2% index (USD), 30% **Thomson Reuters FTSE** Convertible Global Focus index (USD) and 10% Barclays Global Aggregate Bond Index (USD). The comparator benchmark is only included for performance and risk comparison purposes and does not determine how the Investment Manager invests the Fund's assets. The Fund's investment universe is expected to have limited overlap with the components of the comparator benchmark. The Investment Manager invests on a discretionary basis and there are no restrictions on the extent to which the Fund's portfolio and performance may deviate from the comparator benchmark. The Investment Manager will invest in companies or sectors not included in the comparator benchmark.

The comparator benchmark has been selected because the Investment Manager believes that the benchmark is a suitable comparison for performance purposes given the Fund's investment objective and policy. The benchmark(s) does/do not take into account the environmental and social characteristics or sustainable objective (as relevant) of the Fund.

## Further Information

The Fund is categorised as "Multi-Asset Fund".

More information relating to the environmental and social characteristics or sustainable investment objective (as applicable) of the Fund is provided in Appendix IV in accordance with SFDR and Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288.

## Risk Considerations

### Specific Risk Considerations

Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect and Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect are securities trading and clearing linked programmes developed by The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited, Shanghai/Shenzhen Stock Exchanges,

Hong Kong Securities Clearing Company Limited and China Securities Depository and Clearing Corporation Limited, with an aim to achieve mutual stock market access between the PRC (excluding Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan) and Hong Kong. A detailed description of the programmes as well as risks linked thereto can be found in Appendix II of this Prospectus.

Long and short positions gained through index, bond and equity total return swaps may increase exposure to credit-related risks.

The Fund has environmental and/or social characteristics (within the meaning of Article 8 SFDR). A Fund with these characteristics may have limited exposure to some companies, industries or sectors as a result and the Fund may forego certain investment opportunities, or dispose of certain holdings, that do not align with its sustainability criteria chosen by the Investment Manager. As Investors may differ in their views of what constitutes sustainable

investing, the Fund may also invest in companies that do not reflect the beliefs and values of any particular Investor. Please refer to Appendix II for more details on sustainability risks.

A detailed description of the risks linked to asset-backed securities and mortgage-backed securities can be found in Appendix II of this Prospectus.

The reference in the Investment Policy to a fund investing two-thirds of its assets in a certain way applies in normal market conditions. See paragraph (A) at the start of this Appendix for further information.

## Profile of the Typical Investor

The Fund is a medium risk vehicle that will be suitable for Investors who are seeking long term growth potential and income through investment in a diversified portfolio offering exposure to a range of asset classes.

## Fund Characteristics

Fund Currency	USD
Investment Manager	Schroder Investment Management Limited
Dealing Cut-off Time	13.00 Luxembourg time on Dealing Day
Dealing Frequency	Daily on Dealing Day
Settlement Period of Subscription and Redemption Proceeds <sup>1</sup>	3 Business Days from the relevant Dealing Day
Performance Fee	None

<sup>1</sup> Different subscription and redemption procedures may apply if applications are made through Distributors.

Redemption Charge	None
Sustainability Criteria	<p>The Investment Manager applies governance and sustainability criteria when selecting investments for the Fund. The investable universe is assessed using a number of proprietary tools, as well as external rating services.</p> <p>The Investment Manager will assess companies against a variety of environmental, social and governance metrics, taking into account issues such as climate change, environmental performance, labour standards and board composition. The Investment Manager will decide whether an investment is eligible for inclusion taking into account the overall ESG score. The multi-asset nature of the Fund means that the Investment Manager will analyse the ESG scores across asset classes as an input into the asset allocation of the Fund. The Investment Manager may select investments, which it deems to contribute to one or more environmental or social objectives, provided that they do no significant harm to any other environmental or social objectives.</p> <p>The sources of information used to perform the analysis include information provided by the companies, such as company sustainability reports and other relevant company material, as well as Schroders' proprietary sustainability tools and third-party data.</p> <p>More details on the Investment Manager's approach to sustainability and its engagement with companies are available on the webpage <a href="https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/">https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/</a></p> <p>The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than its investment universe, based on the Investment Manager's rating system.</p> <p>The Investment Manager ensures that at least:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 90% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in developed countries; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with an investment grade credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by developed countries; and</li> <li>- 75% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in emerging countries; equities issued by small and medium companies; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with a high yield credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by emerging countries,</li> </ul> <p>is rated against the sustainability criteria. For the purposes of this test, small companies are those with market capitalisation below €5 billion, medium companies are those between €5 billion and €10 billion and large companies are those above €10 billion.</p>
PEA / PIR Eligibility	No

## General Share Class Features

Share Classes	Initial Charge <sup>2</sup>	Annual Distribution Charge <sup>3</sup>	Annual Management Charge
A Shares	Up to 4%	None	1.25%
AX Shares	Up to 4%	None	1.25%
A1 Shares	Up to 3%	0.50%	1.25%
B Shares	None	0.60%	1.25%
C Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.75%
CN Shares	Up to 3%	None	0.75%
CX Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.75%
D Shares	None	1.00%	1.25%
E Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.375%
IZ, IA, IB, IC, ID Shares	None	None	Up to 0.75%
Z Shares	None	None	Up to 0.75%

Annual Distribution Charge and Annual Management Charge percentages are stated as an annual charge with reference to the Net Asset Value of the Fund or the Net Asset Value per Share, as may be appropriate.

A share class hedging charge of up to 0.03% will be borne by the currency hedged Share Classes.

<sup>2</sup> The initial charge is applied against the total amount invested. The Management Company and Distributors are entitled to the initial charge, which can be partly or fully waived at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>3</sup> Annual Distribution Charges in respect of A1 and D Shares are paid at such intervals as may be agreed from time to time between the Company and those Distributors that are appointed specifically for the purpose of distributing such Shares. Annual Distribution Charges in respect of B Shares are payable quarterly.

Not all Share Classes listed are available for subscription at the time of issue of this Prospectus. The Funds may also launch Bespoke Share Classes that are described under Appendix III at the Directors' discretion.

# Schroder International Selection Fund Multi-Asset Total Return

## Investment Objective

The Fund aims to provide capital growth and income of ICE BofA 3 Month US Treasury Bill Index + 4% per annum before fees have been deducted\* over rolling three year periods by investing in a diversified range of assets and markets worldwide.

\*For the target return after fees for each Share Class please visit the Schroder webpage: <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/funds-and-strategies/fund-administration/performance-targets-after-fees/>

## Investment Policy

The Fund is actively managed and invests directly or indirectly (through Investment Funds and derivatives) in equity and equity related securities, fixed and floating rate securities, commodities and currencies worldwide.

The Fund may invest in sub-investment grade securities (being securities with a credit rating below investment grade as measured by Standard & Poor's or any equivalent grade of other credit rating agencies). The Fund may invest up to 20% of its assets in asset-backed securities and mortgage-backed securities.

The Fund intends to use derivatives (including total return swaps), long and short, with the aim of achieving investment gains, reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently. Where the Fund uses total return swaps and contracts for difference, the underlying consists of instruments in which the Fund may invest according to its Investment Objective and Investment Policy. In particular, total return swaps and contracts for difference will be used on a continuous basis to gain long and short exposure on equity and equity related securities, fixed and floating rate securities and commodity indices. The gross exposure of total return swaps and contracts for difference will not exceed 25% and is expected to remain within the range of 0% to 15% of the Net Asset Value. In certain circumstances this proportion may be higher.

The investment strategy of the Fund and its use of derivatives may lead to situations when it is considered appropriate that prudent levels of cash or cash equivalent liquidity will be maintained, which may be substantial or even represent (exceptionally) 100% of the Fund's assets. This will be limited to a maximum of six months (otherwise the Fund will be liquidated). During this period, the Fund will not fall within the scope of MMFR. The Fund may also invest in Money Market Investments.

The Fund may invest up to 10% of its assets in open-ended Investment Funds (including other Schroder Funds).

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than a bespoke asset-weighted blend\* of MSCI World Index (hedged to USD), MSCI Emerging Market Index (hedged to USD), Barclays Global Aggregate Corporate Bond Index (hedged to USD), Barclays Global High Yield excl CMBS & EMD 2% Index (hedged to USD), ICE BofA US Treasury Index (hedged to USD), JPM GBI Emerging Market Index - EM Local (hedged to USD), JPM EMBI Index EM Hard Currency (hedged to USD), ~~Thomson Reuters~~FTSE Global Convertible Bonds Index (hedged to USD), based on the Investment Manager's rating system. More details on the investment process used to achieve this can be found in the Fund Characteristics section.

\*The blend will evolve over time in line with the actual asset allocation of the Fund.

The Fund does not directly invest in certain activities, industries or groups of issuers above the limits listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

## Benchmark

The Fund's performance should be assessed against its target benchmark, being to deliver ICE BofA 3 Month US Treasury Bill Index +4% per annum and compared against ICE BofA 3Month US Treasury Bill Index. The Investment Manager invests on a discretionary basis and is not limited to investing in accordance with the composition of a benchmark.

The target benchmark has been selected because the target return of the Fund is to deliver or exceed the return of that benchmark as stated in the investment objective. The comparator benchmark has been selected because the Investment Manager believes that the benchmark is a suitable comparison for performance purposes given the Fund's investment objective and policy.

The benchmark(s) does/do not take into account the environmental and social characteristics or sustainable objective (as relevant) of the Fund.

## Further Information

The Fund is categorised as "Multi-Asset Fund".

More information relating to the environmental and social characteristics or sustainable investment objective (as applicable) of the Fund is provided in Appendix IV in accordance with SFDR and Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288.

## Risk Considerations

### Risk Management Method

Absolute Value-at-Risk (VaR)

### Expected Leverage

350% of the total net assets

The expected level of leverage may be higher when market volatility decreases sustainably.

### This Fund is not a leveraged financial instrument

The Fund utilises financial derivative instruments for investment purposes and the global exposure is monitored under the absolute VaR approach in line with UCITS Risk Measurement Rules. Whilst these instruments generate leverage, the Fund itself is not a leveraged financial instrument as further described in the MIFID Directive. For further details on the absolute VaR approach please see Appendix 1. In addition to this regulatory restriction, Schroders implements internal controls on global exposure to constrain and/or highlight global exposure as appropriate.



## Specific Risk Considerations

A detailed description of the risks linked to asset-backed securities and mortgage-backed securities can be found in Appendix II of this Prospectus.

Long and short positions gained through index, bond and equity total return swaps may increase exposure to credit-related risks.

The Fund has environmental and/or social characteristics (within the meaning of Article 8 SFDR). A Fund with these characteristics may have limited exposure to some companies, industries or sectors as a result and the Fund may forego certain investment opportunities, or dispose of

certain holdings, that do not align with its sustainability criteria chosen by the Investment Manager. As Investors may differ in their views of what constitutes sustainable investing, the Fund may also invest in companies that do not reflect the beliefs and values of any particular Investor. Please refer to Appendix II for more details on sustainability risks.

## Profile of the Typical Investor

The Fund is a medium risk vehicle that will be suitable for Investors who are seeking long term growth potential through investment in a diversified portfolio offering exposure to a range of asset classes.

## Fund Characteristics

Fund Currency	USD
Investment Manager	Schroder Investment Management Limited
Dealing Cut-off Time	13.00 Luxembourg time on Dealing Day
Dealing Frequency	Daily on Dealing Day
Settlement Period of Subscription and Redemption Proceeds <sup>1</sup>	3 Business Days from the relevant Dealing Day
Performance Fee	None
Redemption Charge	None
PEA / PIR Eligibility	No
Sustainability Criteria	<p>The Investment Manager applies governance and sustainability criteria when selecting investments for the Fund. The investable universe is assessed using a number of proprietary tools, as well as external rating services.</p> <p>The Investment Manager will assess companies against a variety of environmental, social and governance metrics, taking into account issues such as climate change, environmental performance, labour standards and board composition. The Investment Manager will decide whether an investment is eligible for inclusion taking into account the overall ESG score. The multi-asset nature of the Fund means that the Investment Manager will analyse the ESG scores across asset classes as an input into the asset allocation of the Fund.</p> <p>The sources of information used to perform the analysis include information provided by the companies, such as company sustainability reports and other relevant company material, as well as Schroders' proprietary sustainability tools and third-party data.</p> <p>More details on the Investment Manager's approach to sustainability and its engagement with companies are available on the webpage <a href="https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/">https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/</a></p> <p>The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than its investment universe, based on the Investment Manager's rating system.</p> <p>The Investment Manager ensures that at least:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– 90% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in developed countries; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with an investment grade credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by developed countries; and</li><li>– 75% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in emerging countries; equities issued by small and medium companies; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with a high yield credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by emerging countries, is rated against the sustainability criteria. For the purposes of this test, small companies are those with market capitalisation below €5 billion, medium companies are those between €5 billion and €10 billion and large companies are those above €10 billion.</li></ul>

<sup>1</sup> Different subscription and redemption procedures may apply if applications are made through Distributors.

## General Share Class Features

Share Classes	Initial Charge <sup>2</sup>	Annual Distribution Charge <sup>3</sup>	Annual Management Charge
A Shares	Up to 4%	None	1.30%
AX Shares	Up to 4%	None	1.30%
A1 Shares	Up to 3%	0.50%	1.30%
B Shares	None	0.60%	1.30%
C Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.65%
CN Shares	Up to 3%	None	0.65%
CX Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.65%
D Shares	None	1.00%	1.30%
E Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.325%
IZ, IA, IB, IC, ID Shares	None	None	Up to 0.65%
Z Shares	None	None	Up to 0.65%

Annual Distribution Charge and Annual Management Charge percentages are stated as an annual charge with reference to the Net Asset Value of the Fund or the Net Asset Value per Share, as may be appropriate.

A share class hedging charge of up to 0.03% will be borne by the currency hedged Share Classes.

Not all Share Classes listed are available for subscription at the time of issue of this Prospectus. The Funds may also launch Bespoke Share Classes that are described under Appendix III at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>2</sup> The initial charge is applied against the total amount invested. The Management Company and Distributors are entitled to the initial charge, which can be partly or fully waived at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>3</sup> Annual Distribution Charges in respect of A1 and D Shares are paid at such intervals as may be agreed from time to time between the Company and those Distributors that are appointed specifically for the purpose of distributing such Shares. Annual Distribution Charges in respect of B Shares are payable quarterly.

# Schroder International Selection Fund Nordic Micro Cap

## Investment Objective

The Fund aims to provide capital growth in excess of the MSCI Nordic Micro Cap (Net TR) index after fees have been deducted over a five to seven year period by investing in equity or equity related securities of micro-sized Nordic companies.

## Investment Policy

The Fund is actively managed and invests at least two-thirds of its assets in equity and equity related securities of micro-sized Nordic companies. These are companies which, at the time of purchase, are considered to be in the bottom 10% by market capitalisation of the Nordic equities market. The Fund may invest up to 10% of its assets in eligible unlisted transferable securities.

Portfolio construction is based on fundamental research, with a bias towards investing in companies that the investment manager considers are well-managed, entrepreneurial businesses that can grow in the long term.

The Fund may also invest up to one-third of its assets directly or indirectly in other securities (including other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies, Investment Funds, warrants and Money Market Investments, and hold cash (subject to the restrictions provided in Appendix I).

The Fund may use derivatives with the aim of reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently.

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the MSCI Nordic Micro Cap (Net TR) index based on the Investment Manager's rating criteria. More details on the investment process used to achieve this can be found in the Fund Characteristics section.

The Fund does not directly invest in certain activities, industries or groups of issuers above the limits listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

## Benchmark

The Fund's performance should be assessed against its target benchmark being to exceed the MSCI Nordic Micro Cap (Net TR) index and compared against the Morningstar Nordic Small/Mid-Cap Equity Category. The Fund's investment universe is not expected to overlap materially with the components of the target benchmark. The comparator benchmark is only included for performance comparison purposes and does not determine how the Investment Manager invests the Fund's assets. The Investment Manager invests on a discretionary basis and there are no restrictions on the extent to which the Fund's portfolio and performance may deviate from the target benchmark. The Investment Manager will invest in

companies or sectors not included in the target benchmark in order to take advantage of specific investment opportunities.

The target benchmark has been selected because it is representative of the type of investments in which the Fund is likely to invest and it is, therefore, an appropriate target in relation to the return that the Fund aims to provide. The comparator benchmark has been selected because the Investment Manager believes that the benchmark is a suitable comparison for performance purposes given the Fund's investment objective and policy. The benchmark(s) does/do not take into account the environmental and social characteristics or sustainable objective (as relevant) of the Fund.

## Further Information

The Fund is categorised as "Specialist Equity Fund".

More information relating to the environmental and social characteristics or sustainable investment objective (as applicable) of the Fund is provided in Appendix IV in accordance with SFDR and Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288.

## Risk Considerations

### Specific Risk Considerations

The Fund has environmental and/or social characteristics (within the meaning of Article 8 SFDR). A Fund with these characteristics may have limited exposure to some companies, industries or sectors as a result and the Fund may forego certain investment opportunities, or dispose of certain holdings, that do not align with its sustainability criteria chosen by the Investment Manager. As Investors may differ in their views of what constitutes sustainable investing, the Fund may also invest in companies that do not reflect the beliefs and values of any particular Investor. Please refer to Appendix II for more details on sustainability risks.

The reference in the Investment Policy to a fund investing two-thirds of its assets in a certain way applies in normal market conditions. See paragraph (A) at the start of this Appendix for further information.

The level of distribution costs in certain jurisdictions may impact the ability of the Investment Manager to meet the Fund's investment objective across all Share Classes after fees have been deducted.

## Profile of the Typical Investor

The Fund may be suitable for Investors who are more concerned with maximising long term returns than minimising possible short term losses.

## Fund Characteristics

Fund Currency	EUR
Investment Manager	Schroder Investment Management (Europe) S.A. – Finnish Branch
Dealing Cut-off Time	13.00 Luxembourg time 5 Business Days before relevant Dealing Day
Dealing Frequency	Weekly, on each Wednesday or the next Business Day if a Wednesday is not a Business Day and on the last Business Day in a month

Settlement Period of Subscription and Redemption Proceeds <sup>1</sup>	3 Business Days from the relevant Dealing Day
Performance Fee	None
Redemption Charge	None
PEA / PIR Eligibility	No
Sustainability Criteria	<p>The Investment Manager applies governance and sustainability criteria when selecting investments for the Fund.</p> <p>The strategy aims to identify issuers demonstrating good or improving sustainability credentials. This involves:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The inclusion of issuers that demonstrate stable and improving sustainability trajectories, and issuers demonstrating good governance based on the Investment Manager's sustainability rating methodology.</li> </ul> <p>The Investment Manager may also engage with companies to encourage transparency, the transition to a circular economy with lower carbon emissions intensity and responsible social behaviour that promotes sustainable growth and alpha generation.</p> <p>The primary sources of information used to perform the analysis are the Investment Manager's proprietary tools and research, third-party research, meetings with company management and expert networks. The Investment Manager also performs its own analysis of publicly available information provided by the companies, including information provided in company sustainability reports and other relevant company material.</p> <p>More details on the Investment Manager's approach to sustainability and its engagement with companies are available on the webpage <a href="https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/">https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/</a></p> <p>The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than its investment universe, based on the Investment Manager's rating system.</p> <p>The Investment Manager ensures that at least:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 90% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in developed countries; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with an investment grade credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by developed countries; and</li> <li>- 75% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in emerging countries; equities issued by small and medium companies; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with a high yield credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by emerging countries,</li> </ul> <p>is rated against the sustainability criteria. For the purposes of this test, small companies are those with market capitalisation below €5 billion, medium companies are those between €5 billion and €10 billion and large companies are those above €10 billion.</p>

<sup>1</sup> Different subscription and redemption procedures may apply if applications are made through Distributors.

## General Share Class Features

Share Classes	Initial Charge <sup>2</sup>	Annual Distribution Charge <sup>3</sup>	Annual Management Charge
A Shares	Up to 5%	None	1.75%
AX Shares	Up to 5%	None	1.75%
A1 Shares	Up to 4%	0.50%	1.75%
B Shares	None	0.60%	1.75%
C Shares	Up to 1%	None	1.00%
CN Shares	Up to 3%	None	1.00%
CX Shares	Up to 1%	None	1.00%
D Shares	None	1.00%	1.00%
E Shares	None	None	0.50%
IZ, IA, IB, IC, ID Shares	None	None	Up to 1.00%
Z Shares	None	None	Up to 1.00%

Annual Distribution Charge and Annual Management Charge percentages are stated as an annual charge with reference to the Net Asset Value of the Fund or the Net Asset Value per Share, as may be appropriate.

A share class hedging charge of up to 0.03% will be borne by the currency hedged Share Classes.

Not all Share Classes listed are available for subscription at the time of issue of this Prospectus. The Funds may also launch Bespoke Share Classes that are described under Appendix III at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>2</sup> The initial charge is applied against the total amount invested. The Management Company and Distributors are entitled to the initial charge, which can be partly or fully waived at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>3</sup> Annual Distribution Charges in respect of A1 and D Shares are paid at such intervals as may be agreed from time to time between the Company and those Distributors that are appointed specifically for the purpose of distributing such Shares. Annual Distribution Charges in respect of B Shares are payable quarterly.

# Schroder International Selection Fund Nordic Smaller Companies

## Investment Objective

The Fund aims to provide capital growth in excess of the MSCI Nordic Smaller Companies (Net TR) index after fees have been deducted over a three to five year period by investing in equity or equity related securities of small-sized Nordic companies.

## Investment Policy

The Fund is actively managed and invests at least two-thirds of its assets in equity and equity related securities of small-sized Nordic companies. These are companies which, at the time of purchase, are considered to be in the bottom 30% by market capitalisation of the Nordic equities market.

Portfolio construction is based on fundamental research, with a bias towards investing in companies that the Investment Manager considers are well-managed, entrepreneurial businesses that can grow in the long term.

The Fund may also invest up to one-third of its assets directly or indirectly in other securities (including other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies, Investment Funds, warrants and Money Market Investments, and hold cash (subject to the restrictions provided in Appendix I).

The Fund may use derivatives with the aim of reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently.

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the MSCI Nordic Smaller Companies (Net TR) index based on the Investment Manager's rating criteria. More details on the investment process used to achieve this can be found in the Fund Characteristics section.

The Fund does not directly invest in certain activities, industries or groups of issuers above the limits listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

## Benchmark

The Fund's performance should be assessed against its target benchmark being to exceed the MSCI Nordic Smaller Companies (Net TR) index and compared against the Morningstar Nordic Small/Mid-Cap Equity Category. The Fund's investment universe is expected to overlap materially with the components of the target benchmark. The comparator benchmark is only included for performance comparison purposes and does not determine how the Investment Manager invests the Fund's assets. The Investment Manager invests on a discretionary basis and there are no restrictions on the extent to which the Fund's portfolio and performance may deviate from the target benchmark. The Investment Manager will invest in

companies or sectors not included in the target benchmark in order to take advantage of specific investment opportunities.

The target benchmark has been selected because it is representative of the type of investments in which the Fund is likely to invest and it is, therefore, an appropriate target in relation to the return that the Fund aims to provide. The comparator benchmark has been selected because the Investment Manager believes that the benchmark is a suitable comparison for performance purposes given the Fund's investment objective and policy. The benchmark(s) does/do not take into account the environmental and social characteristics or sustainable objective (as relevant) of the Fund.

## Further Information

The Fund is categorised as "Specialist Equity Fund".

More information relating to the environmental and social characteristics or sustainable investment objective (as applicable) of the Fund is provided in Appendix IV in accordance with SFDR and Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288.

## Risk Considerations

### Specific Risk Considerations

The Fund has environmental and/or social characteristics (within the meaning of Article 8 SFDR). A Fund with these characteristics may have limited exposure to some companies, industries or sectors as a result and the Fund may forego certain investment opportunities, or dispose of certain holdings, that do not align with its sustainability criteria chosen by the Investment Manager. As Investors may differ in their views of what constitutes sustainable investing, the Fund may also invest in companies that do not reflect the beliefs and values of any particular Investor. Please refer to Appendix II for more details on sustainability risks.

The reference in the Investment Policy to a fund investing two-thirds of its assets in a certain way applies in normal market conditions. See paragraph (A) at the start of this Appendix for further information.

The level of distribution costs in certain jurisdictions may impact the ability of the Investment Manager to meet the Fund's investment objective across all Share Classes after fees have been deducted.

## Profile of the Typical Investor

The Fund may be suitable for Investors who are more concerned with maximising long term returns than minimising possible short term losses.

## Fund Characteristics

Fund Currency	EUR
Investment Manager	Schroder Investment Management (Europe) S.A. – Finnish Branch
Dealing Cut-off Time	13.00 Luxembourg time on Dealing Day
Dealing Frequency	Daily on Dealing Day



Settlement Period of Subscription and Redemption Proceeds <sup>1</sup>	3 Business Days from the relevant Dealing Day
Performance Fee	None
Redemption Charge	None
PEA / PIR Eligibility	No
Sustainability Criteria	<p>The Investment Manager applies governance and sustainability criteria when selecting investments for the Fund.</p> <p>The strategy aims to identify issuers demonstrating good or improving sustainability credentials. This involves:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The inclusion of issuers that demonstrate stable and improving sustainability trajectories, and issuers demonstrating good governance based on the Investment Manager's sustainability rating methodology.</li> </ul> <p>The Investment Manager may also engage with companies to encourage transparency, the transition to a circular economy with lower carbon emissions intensity and responsible social behaviour that promotes sustainable growth and alpha generation.</p> <p>The primary sources of information used to perform the analysis are the Investment Manager's proprietary tools and research, third-party research, meetings with company management and expert networks. The Investment Manager also performs its own analysis of publicly available information provided by the companies, including information provided in company sustainability reports and other relevant company material.</p> <p>More details on the Investment Manager's approach to sustainability and its engagement with companies are available on the webpage <a href="https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/">https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/</a></p> <p>The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than its investment universe, based on the Investment Manager's rating system.</p> <p>The Investment Manager ensures that at least:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 90% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in developed countries; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with an investment grade credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by developed countries; and</li> <li>- 75% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in emerging countries; equities issued by small and medium companies; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with a high yield credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by emerging countries,</li> </ul> <p>is rated against the sustainability criteria. For the purposes of this test, small companies are those with market capitalisation below €5 billion, medium companies are those between €5 billion and €10 billion and large companies are those above €10 billion.</p>

<sup>1</sup> Different subscription and redemption procedures may apply if applications are made through Distributors.

## General Share Class Features

Share Classes	Initial Charge <sup>2</sup>	Annual Distribution Charge <sup>3</sup>	Annual Management Charge
A Shares	Up to 5%	None	1.50%
AX Shares	Up to 5%	None	1.50%
A1 Shares	Up to 4%	0.50%	1.50%
B Shares	None	0.60%	1.50%
C Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.75%
CN Shares	Up to 3%	None	0.75%
CX Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.75%
D Shares	None	1.00%	0.75%
E Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.375%
IZ, IA, IB, IC, ID Shares	None	None	Up to 0.75%
Z Shares	None	None	Up to 0.75%

Annual Distribution Charge and Annual Management Charge percentages are stated as an annual charge with reference to the Net Asset Value of the Fund or the Net Asset Value per Share, as may be appropriate.

A share class hedging charge of up to 0.03% will be borne by the currency hedged Share Classes.

Not all Share Classes listed are available for subscription at the time of issue of this Prospectus. The Funds may also launch Bespoke Share Classes that are described under Appendix III at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>2</sup> The initial charge is applied against the total amount invested. The Management Company and Distributors are entitled to the initial charge, which can be partly or fully waived at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>3</sup> Annual Distribution Charges in respect of A1 and D Shares are paid at such intervals as may be agreed from time to time between the Company and those Distributors that are appointed specifically for the purpose of distributing such Shares. Annual Distribution Charges in respect of B Shares are payable quarterly.

# Schroder International Selection Fund QEP Global Active Value

## Investment Objective

The Fund aims to provide capital growth and income in excess of the MSCI AC World (Net TR) index after fees have been deducted over a three to five year period by investing in equity and equity-related securities of companies worldwide.

## Investment Policy

The Fund is actively managed and invests at least two-thirds of its assets in a diversified portfolio of equity and equity-related securities of companies worldwide.

The Fund focuses on companies that have certain “Value” characteristics. Value is assessed by looking at indicators such as cash flows, dividends and earnings to identify securities which the Investment Manager believes have been undervalued by the market.

The Fund may invest directly in China B-Shares and China H-Shares and may invest less than 10% of its assets (on a net basis) directly or indirectly (for example via participatory notes) in China A-Shares through Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect and Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect and shares listed on the STAR Board and the ChiNext.

The Fund may also invest up to one-third of its assets directly or indirectly in other securities (including other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies, Investment Funds, warrants and Money Market Investments, and hold cash (subject to the restrictions provided in Appendix I).

The Fund may use derivatives with the aim of reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently.

## Benchmark

The Fund’s performance should be assessed against its target benchmark, being to exceed the MSCI AC World (Net TR) index and compared against the MSCI AC World Value (Net TR) index and the MSCI World (Net TR) index. The Fund’s investment universe is expected to overlap materially with the components of the target and comparator benchmarks. The comparator benchmarks are only included for performance comparison purposes and do not determine how the Investment Manager invests the Fund’s assets. The Investment Manager invests on a discretionary basis and there are no restrictions on the extent to which the Fund’s portfolio and performance may deviate from the target or comparator benchmarks. The Investment Manager will invest in companies or sectors not included in the target or comparator benchmarks in order to take advantage of specific investment opportunities.

## Fund Characteristics

Fund Currency	USD
Investment Manager	Schroder Investment Management Limited
Dealing Cut-off Time	13.00 Luxembourg time on Dealing Day
Dealing Frequency	Daily on Dealing Day
Settlement Period of Subscription and Redemption Proceeds <sup>1</sup>	3 Business Days from the relevant Dealing Day

<sup>1</sup> Different subscription and redemption procedures may apply if applications are made through Distributors.

The target benchmark has been selected because it is representative of the type of investments in which the Fund is likely to invest, and it is, therefore, an appropriate target in relation to the return that the Fund aims to provide. Any comparator benchmark has been selected because the Investment Manager believes that the benchmark is a suitable comparison for performance purposes given the Fund’s investment objective and policy.

## Further Information

The Fund is categorised as “Quantitative Equity Fund”. QEP stands for Quantitative Equity Products.

The Investment Manager of the Fund undertakes the hedging of the Shares of the hedged Share Classes by considering the relevant proportionate underlying currency exposures of the Fund. Performance of these hedged Share Classes may therefore vary significantly from equivalent Share Classes in the Fund Currency.

## Risk Considerations

### Specific Risk Considerations

Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect and Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect are securities trading and clearing linked programmes developed by The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited, Shanghai/Shenzhen Stock Exchanges, Hong Kong Securities Clearing Company Limited and China Securities Depository and Clearing Corporation Limited, with an aim to achieve mutual stock market access between the PRC (excluding Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan) and Hong Kong. A detailed description of the programmes as well as risks linked thereto can be found in Appendix II of this Prospectus.

The reference in the Investment Policy to a fund investing two-thirds of its assets in a certain way applies in normal market conditions. See paragraph (A) at the start of this Appendix for further information.

The level of distribution costs in certain jurisdictions may impact the ability of the Investment Manager to meet the Fund’s investment objective across all Share Classes after fees have been deducted.

## Profile of the Typical Investor

The Fund may be suitable for Investors who are seeking long term growth potential offered through investment in equities.

Performance Fee	None
Redemption Charge	None
PEA / PIR Eligibility	No

## General Share Class Features

Share Classes	Initial Charge <sup>2</sup>	Annual Distribution Charge <sup>3</sup>	Annual Management Charge
A Shares	Up to 5%	None	1.25%
AX Shares	Up to 5%	None	1.25%
A1 Shares	Up to 4%	0.50%	1.50%
B Shares	None	0.60%	1.25%
C Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.65%
CN Shares	Up to 3%	None	0.65%
CX Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.65%
D Shares	None	1.00%	1.25%
E Shares	N/A	N/A	N/A
IZ, IA, IB, IC, ID Shares	None	None	Up to 0.65%
Z Shares	None	None	Up to 0.65%

Annual Distribution Charge and Annual Management Charge percentages are stated as an annual charge with reference to the Net Asset Value of the Fund or the Net Asset Value per Share, as may be appropriate.

A share class hedging charge of up to 0.03% will be borne by the currency hedged Share Classes.

Not all Share Classes listed are available for subscription at the time of issue of this Prospectus. The Funds may also launch Bespoke Share Classes that are described under Appendix III at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>2</sup> The initial charge is applied against the total amount invested. The Management Company and Distributors are entitled to the initial charge, which can be partly or fully waived at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>3</sup> Annual Distribution Charges in respect of A1 and D Shares are paid at such intervals as may be agreed from time to time between the Company and those Distributors that are appointed specifically for the purpose of distributing such Shares. Annual Distribution Charges in respect of B Shares are payable quarterly.

# Schroder International Selection Fund QEP Global Core

## Investment Objective

The Fund aims to provide capital growth and income in excess of the MSCI World (Net TR) index after fees have been deducted over a three to five year period by investing in equity and equity-related securities of companies worldwide.

## Investment Policy

The Fund is actively managed and invests at least two-thirds of its assets in a diversified portfolio of equity and equity-related securities of companies worldwide.

The Fund's weight in a single country, region or sector will typically be within 3% of the target index whilst the weight of each security will typically be within 0.75% of the benchmark.

The Fund focuses on companies that have certain "Value" and/or "Quality" characteristics. Value is assessed by looking at indicators such as cash flows, dividends and earnings to identify securities which the Investment Manager believes have been undervalued by the market. Quality is assessed by looking at indicators such as a company's profitability, stability, financial strength, governance and structural growth.

The Fund may invest directly in China B-Shares and China H-Shares and may invest less than 10% of its assets (on a net basis) directly or indirectly (for example via participatory notes) in China A-Shares through Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect and Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect and shares listed on the STAR Board and the ChiNext.

The Fund may also invest up to one-third of its assets directly or indirectly in other securities (including other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies, Investment Funds, warrants and Money Market Investments, and hold cash (subject to the restrictions provided in Appendix I).

The Fund may use derivatives with the aim of reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently.

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than MSCI World (Net TR) index, based on the Investment Manager's rating system. More details on the investment process used to achieve this can be found in the Fund Characteristics section.

The Fund does not directly invest in certain activities, industries or groups of issuers above the limits listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

## Benchmark

The Fund's performance should be assessed against its constraining benchmark, being the MSCI World (Net TR) index. The Fund's investment universe is expected to overlap materially with the components of the constraining benchmark. The Investment Manager will use discretion to vary the weightings in the benchmark's securities.

The constraining benchmark has been selected because the Investment Manager is constrained by reference to the value, price or components of that benchmark as stated in the investment objective and policy. The benchmark(s)

does/do not take into account the environmental and social characteristics or sustainable objective (as relevant) of the Fund.

Where a Fund states that it will typically be within a certain percentage of specific weightings (e.g. sector or security) of a particular benchmark, the Investment Manager does not actively take the Fund outside of such a percentage and if the Fund moves passively outside of a percentage the Investment Manager looks to bring the Fund back in line with the percentage at the next appropriate occasion, provided the Investment Manager believes this to be in the best interests of investors.

## Further Information

The Fund is categorised as "Quantitative Equity Fund". QEP stands for Quantitative Equity Products.

More information relating to the environmental and social characteristics or sustainable investment objective (as applicable) of the Fund is provided in Appendix IV in accordance with SFDR and Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288.

## Risk Considerations

### Specific Risk Considerations

Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect and Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect are securities trading and clearing linked programmes developed by The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited, Shanghai/Shenzhen Stock Exchanges, Hong Kong Securities Clearing Company Limited and China Securities Depository and Clearing Corporation Limited, with an aim to achieve mutual stock market access between the PRC (excluding Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan) and Hong Kong. A detailed description of the programmes as well as risks linked thereto can be found in Appendix II of this Prospectus.

The reference in the Investment Policy to a fund investing two-thirds of its assets in a certain way applies in normal market conditions. See paragraph (A) at the start of this Appendix for further information.

The level of distribution costs in certain jurisdictions may impact the ability of the Investment Manager to meet the Fund's investment objective across all Share Classes after fees have been deducted.

The Fund has environmental and/or social characteristics (within the meaning of Article 8 SFDR). A Fund with these characteristics may have limited exposure to some companies, industries or sectors as a result and the Fund may forego certain investment opportunities, or dispose of certain holdings, that do not align with its sustainability criteria chosen by the Investment Manager. As Investors may differ in their views of what constitutes sustainable investing, the Fund may also invest in companies that do not reflect the beliefs and values of any particular Investor. Please refer to Appendix II for more details on sustainability risks.

## Profile of the Typical Investor

The Fund may be suitable for Investors who are seeking long term growth potential offered through investment in equities.

## Fund Characteristics

Fund Currency	USD
Investment Manager	Schroder Investment Management Limited
Dealing Cut-off Time	13.00 Luxembourg time on Dealing Day
Dealing Frequency	Daily on Dealing Day
Settlement Period of Subscription and Redemption Proceeds <sup>1</sup>	3 Business Days from the relevant Dealing Day
Performance Fee	15% of the outperformance over MSCI World Net TR <sup>2</sup> , subject to a High Water Mark as per the methodology in section 3.1. Performance fee will be applied to P Share Classes only
Redemption Charge	None
PEA / PIR Eligibility	No
Sustainability Criteria	<p>The Investment Manager applies governance and sustainability criteria when selecting investments for the Fund. Companies in the investment universe are assessed on their governance, environmental and social profile, across a wide range of underlying measures. The Investment Manager will take into account an assessment of the sustainability profile of companies when determining position sizing within the portfolio.</p> <p>Within governance, criteria assessed include risk to shareholders, business oversight, accounting risk and dividend policy. Environmental considerations include climate change related risks alongside broader environmental impact and opportunities. Social criteria reflects areas such as business involvement, safety, employee welfare, supply chain management and data privacy.</p> <p>The primary sources of information include fundamental accounting data, Schroders' proprietary sustainability tools and third-party ESG data.</p> <p>More details on the Investment Manager's approach to sustainability and its engagement with companies are available on the webpage <a href="https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/">https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/</a></p> <p>The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than its investment universe, based on the Investment Manager's rating system.</p> <p>The Investment Manager ensures that at least:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– 90% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in developed countries; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with an investment grade credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by developed countries; and</li> <li>– 75% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in emerging countries; equities issued by small and medium companies; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with a high yield credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by emerging countries,</li> </ul> <p>is rated against the sustainability criteria. For the purposes of this test, small companies are those with market capitalisation below €5 billion, medium companies are those between €5 billion and €10 billion and large companies are those above €10 billion.</p>

<sup>1</sup> Different subscription and redemption procedures may apply if applications are made through Distributors.

<sup>2</sup> In relation to currency hedged Share Classes, currency hedged versions of the above mentioned benchmarks (including currency equivalent cash benchmarks) are used for performance fee calculation purposes.



## General Share Class Features

Share Classes	Initial Charge <sup>3</sup>	Annual Distribution Charge <sup>4</sup>	Annual Management Charge
A Shares	N/A	N/A	N/A
AX Shares	N/A	N/A	N/A
A1 Shares	N/A	N/A	N/A
B Shares	N/A	N/A	N/A
C Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.275%
CN Shares	Up to 3%	None	0.275%
CX Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.275%
D Shares	N/A	N/A	N/A
E Shares	N/A	N/A	N/A
IZ, IA, IB, IC, ID Shares	None	None	Up to 0.275%
P Shares	None	None	0.10%
Z Shares	None	None	Up to 0.275%

Annual Distribution Charge and Annual Management Charge percentages are stated as an annual charge with reference to the Net Asset Value of the Fund or the Net Asset Value per Share, as may be appropriate.

A share class hedging charge of up to 0.03% will be borne by the currency hedged Share Classes.

Not all Share Classes listed are available for subscription at the time of issue of this Prospectus. The Funds may also launch Bespoke Share Classes that are described under Appendix III at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>3</sup> The initial charge is applied against the total amount invested. The Management Company and Distributors are entitled to the initial charge, which can be partly or fully waived at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>4</sup> Annual Distribution Charges in respect of A1 and D Shares are paid at such intervals as may be agreed from time to time between the Company and those Distributors that are appointed specifically for the purpose of distributing such Shares. Annual Distribution Charges in respect of B Shares are payable quarterly.

# Schroder International Selection Fund QEP Global Emerging Markets

## Investment Objective

The Fund aims to provide capital growth and income in excess of the MSCI Emerging Markets (Net TR) index after fees have been deducted over a three to five year period by investing in equity and equity-related securities of companies in emerging market countries.

## Investment Policy

The Fund is actively managed and invests at least two-thirds of its assets in a diversified portfolio of equity and equity-related securities of companies in emerging market countries or companies who derive a significant proportion of their revenues or profits from emerging markets."

The Fund focuses on companies that have certain "Value" and/or "Quality" characteristics. Value is assessed by looking at indicators such as cash flows, dividends and earnings to identify securities which the Investment Manager believes have been undervalued by the market. Quality is assessed by looking at indicators such as a company's profitability, stability, financial strength, governance and growth.

The Fund may invest directly in China B-Shares and China H-Shares and may invest less than 20% of its assets (on a net basis) directly or indirectly (for example via participatory notes) in China A-Shares through Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect and Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect and shares listed on the STAR Board and the ChiNext.

The Fund may also invest up to one-third of its assets directly or indirectly in other securities (including other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies, Investment Funds, warrants and Money Market Investments, and hold cash (subject to the restrictions provided in Appendix I).

The Fund may use derivatives with the aim of reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently.

## Benchmark

The Fund's performance should be assessed against its target benchmark, being to exceed the MSCI Emerging Markets (Net TR) index and compared against the MSCI Emerging Market Value (net TR) index. The Fund's investment universe is expected to overlap materially with the components of the target and comparator benchmarks. The comparator benchmark is only included for performance comparison purposes and does not determine how the Investment Manager invests the Fund's assets. The Investment Manager invests on a discretionary basis and there are no restrictions on the extent to which the Fund's

portfolio and performance may deviate from the target or comparator benchmarks. The Investment Manager will invest in companies or sectors not included in the target or comparator benchmarks in order to take advantage of specific investment opportunities.

The target benchmark has been selected because it is representative of the type of investments in which the Fund is likely to invest and it is, therefore, an appropriate target in relation to the return that the Fund aims to provide. The comparator benchmark has been selected because the Investment Manager believes that the benchmark is a suitable comparison for performance purposes given the Fund's investment objective and policy.

## Further Information

The Fund is categorised as "Quantitative Equity Fund". QEP stands for Quantitative Equity Products.

## Risk Considerations

### Specific Risk Considerations

Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect and Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect are securities trading and clearing linked programmes developed by The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited, Shanghai/Shenzhen Stock Exchanges, Hong Kong Securities Clearing Company Limited and China Securities Depository and Clearing Corporation Limited, with an aim to achieve mutual stock market access between the PRC (excluding Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan) and Hong Kong. A detailed description of the programmes as well as risks linked thereto can be found in Appendix II of this Prospectus.

The reference in the Investment Policy to a fund investing two-thirds of its assets in a certain way applies in normal market conditions. See paragraph (A) at the start of this Appendix for further information.

Risks related to emerging markets investments can be found under "Emerging and Less Developed Markets Securities Risk" in Appendix II of this Prospectus.

The level of distribution costs in certain jurisdictions may impact the ability of the Investment Manager to meet the Fund's investment objective across all Share Classes after fees have been deducted.

## Profile of the Typical Investor

The Fund may be suitable for Investors who are seeking long term growth potential offered through investment in equities.

## Fund Characteristics

Fund Currency	USD
Investment Manager	Schroder Investment Management Limited
Dealing Cut-off Time	13.00 Luxembourg time on Dealing Day
Dealing Frequency	Daily on Dealing Day
Settlement Period of Subscription and Redemption Proceeds <sup>1</sup>	3 Business Days from the relevant Dealing Day

<sup>1</sup> Different subscription and redemption procedures may apply if applications are made through Distributors.

Performance Fee	None
Redemption Charge	None
PEA / PIR Eligibility	No

## General Share Class Features

Share Classes	Initial Charge <sup>2</sup>	Annual Distribution Charge <sup>3</sup>	Annual Management Charge
A Shares	Up to 5%	None	1.50%
AX Shares	Up to 5%	None	1.50%
A1 Shares	Up to 4%	0.50%	1.50%
B Shares	None	0.60%	1.50%
C Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.75%
CN Shares	Up to 3%	None	0.75%
CX Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.75%
D Shares	None	1.00%	1.50%
E Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.375%
IZ, IA, IB, IC, ID Shares	None	None	Up to 0.75%
Z Shares	None	None	Up to 0.75%

Annual Distribution Charge and Annual Management Charge percentages are stated as an annual charge with reference to the Net Asset Value of the Fund or the Net Asset Value per Share, as may be appropriate.

A share class hedging charge of up to 0.03% will be borne by the currency hedged Share Classes.

Not all Share Classes listed are available for subscription at the time of issue of this Prospectus. The Funds may also launch Bespoke Share Classes that are described under Appendix III at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>2</sup> The initial charge is applied against the total amount invested. The Management Company and Distributors are entitled to the initial charge, which can be partly or fully waived at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>3</sup> Annual Distribution Charges in respect of A1 and D Shares are paid at such intervals as may be agreed from time to time between the Company and those Distributors that are appointed specifically for the purpose of distributing such Shares. Annual Distribution Charges in respect of B Shares are payable quarterly.

# Schroder International Selection Fund QEP Global ESG<sup>1</sup>

## Investment Objective

The Fund aims to provide capital growth and income in excess of the MSCI AC World (Net TR) index after fees have been deducted over a three to five year period by investing in equity and equity-related securities of companies worldwide which meet the Investment Manager's sustainability criteria.

## Investment Policy

The Fund is actively managed and invests at least two-thirds of its assets in a diversified portfolio of equity and equity-related securities of companies worldwide.

The Fund focuses on companies that have certain "Value" and/or "Quality" characteristics. Value is assessed by looking at indicators such as cash flows, dividends and earnings to identify securities which the Investment Manager believes have been undervalued by the market. Quality is assessed by looking at indicators such as a company's profitability, stability, financial strength and governance.

The Fund may invest directly in China B-Shares and China H-Shares and may invest less than 10% of its assets (on a net basis) directly or indirectly (for example via participatory notes) in China A-Shares through Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect and Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect and shares listed on the STAR Board and the ChiNext.

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than MSCI AC World (Net TR) index, based on the Investment Manager's rating system. More details on the investment process used to achieve this can be found in the Fund Characteristics section.

The Fund does not directly invest in certain activities, industries or groups of issuers above the limits listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

The Fund invests in companies that have good governance practices, as determined by the Investment Manager's rating criteria (please see the Fund Characteristics section for more details).

The Investment Manager may also engage with companies held by the Fund to challenge identified areas of weakness on sustainability issues. More details on the Investment Manager's approach to sustainability and its engagement with companies are available on the webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/>

The Fund may also invest up to one-third of its assets directly or indirectly in other securities (including other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies, Investment Funds, warrants and Money Market Investments, and hold cash (subject to the restrictions provided in Appendix I).

The Fund may use derivatives with the aim of reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently.

## Benchmark

The Fund's performance should be assessed against its target benchmark, being to exceed the MSCI AC World (Net TR) index and compared against the MSCI World (Net TR) index. The Fund's investment universe is expected to overlap materially with the components of the target and comparator benchmarks. The comparator benchmark is only included for performance comparison purposes and does not determine how the Investment Manager invests the Fund's assets. The Investment Manager invests on a discretionary basis and there are no restrictions on the extent to which the Fund's portfolio and performance may deviate from the target or comparator benchmarks. The Investment Manager will invest in companies or sectors not included in the target or comparator benchmarks in order to take advantage of specific investment opportunities. The benchmark(s) does/do not take into account the environmental and social characteristics or sustainable objective (as relevant) of the Fund.

The target benchmark has been selected because it is representative of the type of investments in which the Fund is likely to invest, and it is, therefore, an appropriate target in relation to the return that the Fund aims to provide. The comparator benchmark has been selected because the Investment Manager believes that the benchmark is a suitable comparison for performance purposes given the Fund's investment objective and policy.

## Further Information

The Fund is categorised as "Quantitative Equity Fund". QEP stands for Quantitative Equity Products.

More information relating to the environmental and social characteristics or sustainable investment objective (as applicable) of the Fund is provided in Appendix IV in accordance with SFDR and Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288.

## Risk Considerations

### Specific Risk Considerations

Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect and Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect are securities trading and clearing linked programmes developed by The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited, Shanghai/Shenzhen Stock Exchanges, Hong Kong Securities Clearing Company Limited and China Securities Depository and Clearing Corporation Limited, with an aim to achieve mutual stock market access between the PRC (excluding Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan) and Hong Kong. A detailed description of the programmes as well as risks linked thereto can be found in Appendix II of this Prospectus.

The reference in the Investment Policy to a fund investing two-thirds of its assets in a certain way applies in normal market conditions. See paragraph (A) at the start of this Appendix for further information.

The level of distribution costs in certain jurisdictions may impact the ability of the Investment Manager to meet the Fund's investment objective across all Share Classes after fees have been deducted.

<sup>1</sup> ESG means Environmental, Social and Governance

The Fund has environmental and/or social characteristics (within the meaning of Article 8 SFDR). A Fund with these characteristics may have limited exposure to some companies, industries or sectors as a result and the Fund may forego certain investment opportunities, or dispose of certain holdings, that do not align with its sustainability criteria chosen by the Investment Manager. As Investors may differ in their views of what constitutes sustainable investing, the Fund may also invest in companies that do not

reflect the beliefs and values of any particular Investor. Please refer to Appendix II for more details on sustainability risks.

## Profile of the Typical Investor

The Fund may be suitable for Investors who are seeking long term growth potential offered through investment in equities.

## Fund Characteristics

Fund Currency	USD
Investment Manager	Schroder Investment Management Limited
Dealing Cut-off Time	13.00 Luxembourg time on Dealing Day
Dealing Frequency	Daily on Dealing Day
Settlement Period of Subscription and Redemption Proceeds <sup>2</sup>	3 Business Days from the relevant Dealing Day
Performance Fee	None
Redemption Charge	None
PEA / PIR Eligibility	No
Sustainability Criteria	<p>The Investment Manager applies sustainability criteria when selecting investments for the Fund.</p> <p>Companies in the investment universe are assessed on their governance, environmental and social profile, across a wide range of underlying measures. The Investment Manager will then decide whether a company is eligible for inclusion in the Fund, based on its sustainability profile. The sustainability characteristics of a company can also impact the sizing of positions in the Fund.</p> <p>Within governance, criteria assessed include risk to shareholders, business oversight, accounting risk and dividend policy. Environmental considerations include climate change related risks alongside broader environmental impact and opportunities. Social criteria reflects areas such as business involvement, safety, employee welfare, supply chain management and data privacy.</p> <p>The primary sources of information include fundamental accounting data, Schroders' proprietary sustainability tools and third-party ESG data.</p> <p>The Investment Manager ensures that at least 90% of the portion of the Fund's Net Asset Value composed of investments in companies is rated against the sustainability criteria. As a result of the application of sustainability criteria, the portfolio exhibits a higher overall sustainability score than its investment universe after the bottom-rated 20% of stocks within the investment universe are excluded.</p> <p>For the purposes of this test, the potential investment universe is the core universe of issuers that the Investment Manager may select for the Fund prior to the application of sustainability criteria, in accordance with the other limitations of the Investment Objective and Policy. This universe is comprised of equity and equity-related securities of companies worldwide.</p>

<sup>2</sup> Different subscription and redemption procedures may apply if applications are made through Distributors.

## General Share Class Features

Share Classes	Initial Charge <sup>3</sup>	Annual Distribution Charge <sup>4</sup>	Annual Management Charge
A Shares	Up to 5%	None	1.25%
AX Shares	N/A	N/A	N/A
A1 Shares	N/A	N/A	N/A
B Shares	N/A	N/A	N/A
C Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.65%
CN Shares	Up to 3%	None	0.65%
CX Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.65%
D Shares	N/A	N/A	N/A
E Shares	N/A	N/A	N/A
IZ, IA, IB, IC, ID Shares	None	None	Up to 0.65%
Z Shares	None	None	Up to 0.65%

Annual Distribution Charge and Annual Management Charge percentages are stated as an annual charge with reference to the Net Asset Value of the Fund or the Net Asset Value per Share, as may be appropriate.

A share class hedging charge of up to 0.03% will be borne by the currency hedged Share Classes.

Not all Share Classes listed are available for subscription at the time of issue of this Prospectus. The Funds may also launch Bespoke Share Classes that are described under Appendix III at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>3</sup> The initial charge is applied against the total amount invested. The Management Company and Distributors are entitled to the initial charge, which can be partly or fully waived at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>4</sup> Annual Distribution Charges in respect of A1 and D Shares are paid at such intervals as may be agreed from time to time between the Company and those Distributors that are appointed specifically for the purpose of distributing such Shares. Annual Distribution Charges in respect of B Shares are payable quarterly.



# Schroder International Selection Fund QEP Global ESG ex Fossil Fuels

## Investment Objective

The Fund aims to provide capital growth in excess of the MSCI AC World ex Energy (Net TR) index after fees have been deducted over a three to five year period by investing in equity and equity related securities of companies worldwide which meet the Investment Manager's sustainability criteria, excluding companies that derive any revenues from fossil fuels and excluding companies with fossil fuel reserves.

## Investment Policy

The Fund is actively managed and invests at least two-thirds of its assets in a diversified portfolio of equity and equity related securities of companies worldwide, excluding companies that derive any revenues from fossil fuels (including but not limited to fossil fuel production, refining and transportation and power generation) and companies with fossil fuel reserves.

The Fund focuses on companies that have certain "Value" and/or "Quality" characteristics. Value is assessed by looking at indicators such as cash flows, dividends and earnings to identify securities which the Investment Manager believes have been undervalued by the market. Quality is assessed by looking at indicators such as a company's profitability, stability, financial strength, structural growth and governance.

The Fund may invest directly in China B-Shares and China H Shares and may invest less than 10% of its assets (on a net basis) directly or indirectly (for example via participatory notes) in China A Shares through Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect and Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect and shares listed on the STAR Board and the ChiNext.

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than MSCI AC World ex Energy (Net TR) index, based on the Investment Manager's rating system. More details on the investment process used to achieve this can be found in the Fund Characteristics section.

The Fund does not directly invest in certain activities, industries or groups of issuers above the limits listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre> which includes companies that generate any revenue from fossil fuel.

The Fund invests in companies that have good governance practices, as determined by the Investment Manager's rating criteria (please see the Fund Characteristics section for more details).

The Investment Manager may also engage with companies held by the Fund to challenge identified areas of weakness on sustainability issues. More details on the Investment Manager's approach to sustainability and its engagement with companies are available on the webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/>

The Fund may also invest up to one-third of its assets directly or indirectly in other securities (including other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies,

Investment Funds, warrants and Money Market Investments, and hold cash (subject to the restrictions provided in Appendix I).

The Fund may use derivatives with the aim of reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently.

## Benchmark

The Fund's performance should be assessed against its target benchmark, being to exceed the MSCI AC World ex Energy (Net TR) index. The Fund's investment universe is expected to overlap materially with the components of the target benchmark. The Investment Manager invests on a discretionary basis and there are no restrictions on the extent to which the Fund's portfolio and performance may deviate from the target benchmark. The Investment Manager will invest in companies or sectors not included in the target benchmark in order to take advantage of specific investment opportunities. The benchmark(s) does/do not take into account the environmental and social characteristics or sustainable objective (as relevant) of the Fund. The benchmark(s) does/do not take into account the environmental and social characteristics or sustainable objective (as relevant) of the Fund.

The target benchmark has been selected because it is representative of the type of investments in which the Fund is likely to invest and it is, therefore, an appropriate target in relation to the return that the Fund aims to provide.

## Further Information

The Fund is categorised as "Quantitative Equity Fund". QEP stands for Quantitative Equity Products.

More information relating to the environmental and social characteristics or sustainable investment objective (as applicable) of the Fund is provided in Appendix IV in accordance with SFDR and Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288.

## Risk Considerations

### Specific Risk Considerations

Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect and Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect are securities trading and clearing linked programmes developed by The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited, Shanghai/Shenzhen Stock Exchanges, Hong Kong Securities Clearing Company Limited and China Securities Depository and Clearing Corporation Limited, with an aim to achieve mutual stock market access between the PRC (excluding Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan) and Hong Kong. A detailed description of the programmes as well as risks linked thereto can be found in Appendix II of this Prospectus.

The reference in the Investment Policy to a fund investing two-thirds of its assets in a certain way applies in normal market conditions. See paragraph (A) at the start of this Appendix for further information.

The level of distribution costs in certain jurisdictions may impact the ability of the Investment Manager to meet the Fund's investment objective across all Share Classes after fees have been deducted.

The Fund has environmental and/or social characteristics (within the meaning of Article 8 SFDR). A Fund with these characteristics may have limited exposure to some companies, industries or sectors as a result and the Fund may forego certain investment opportunities, or dispose of certain holdings, that do not align with its sustainability criteria chosen by the Investment Manager. As Investors may differ in their views of what constitutes sustainable investing, the Fund may also invest in companies that do not

reflect the beliefs and values of any particular Investor. Please refer to Appendix II for more details on sustainability risks.

## Profile of the Typical Investor

The Fund may be suitable for Investors who are seeking long term growth potential offered through investment in equities.

## Fund Characteristics

Fund Currency	USD
Investment Manager	Schroder Investment Management Limited
Dealing Cut-off Time	13.00 Luxembourg time on Dealing Day
Dealing Frequency	Daily on Dealing Day
Settlement Period of Subscription and Redemption Proceeds <sup>1</sup>	3 days from the relevant Dealing Day
Performance Fee	None
Redemption Charge	None
PEA / PIR Eligibility	No
Sustainability Criteria	<p>The Investment Manager applies sustainability criteria when selecting investments for the Fund.</p> <p>Companies in the investment universe are assessed on their governance, environmental and social profile, across a wide range of underlying measures. The Investment Manager will then decide whether a company is eligible for inclusion in the Fund, based on its sustainability profile. The sustainability characteristics of a company can also impact the sizing of positions in the Fund.</p> <p>Within governance, criteria assessed include risk to shareholders, business oversight, accounting risk and dividend policy. Environmental considerations include climate change related risks alongside broader environmental impact and opportunities. Social criteria reflects areas such as business involvement, safety, employee welfare, supply chain management and data privacy.</p> <p>The primary sources of information include fundamental accounting data, Schroders' proprietary sustainability tools and third-party ESG data.</p> <p>The Investment Manager ensures that at least 90% of the portion of the Fund's Net Asset Value composed of investments in companies is rated against the sustainability criteria. As a result of the application of sustainability criteria, the portfolio exhibits a higher overall sustainability score than its investment universe after the bottom-rated 20% of stocks within the investment universe are excluded.</p> <p>For the purposes of this test, the potential investment universe is the core universe of issuers that the Investment Manager may select for the Fund prior to the application of sustainability criteria, in accordance with the other limitations of the Investment Objective and Policy. This universe is comprised of equity and equity-related securities of companies worldwide.</p>

<sup>1</sup> Different subscription and redemption procedures may apply if applications are made through Distributors.

## General Share Class Features

Share Classes	Initial Charge <sup>2</sup>	Annual Distribution Charge <sup>3</sup>	Annual Management Charge
A Shares	Up to 5%	None	1.30%
AX Shares	N/A	N/A	N/A
A1 Shares	N/A	N/A	N/A
B Shares	N/A	N/A	N/A
C Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.65%
CN Shares	Up to 3%	None	0.65%
CX Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.65%
D Shares	N/A	N/A	N/A
IE Shares	None	None	Up to 0.65%
IZ, IA, IB, IC, ID Shares	None	None	Up to 0.65%
Z Shares	None	None	Up to 0.65%

Annual Distribution Charge and Annual Management Charge percentages are stated as an annual charge with reference to the Net Asset Value of the Fund or the Net Asset Value per Share, as may be appropriate.

A share class hedging charge of up to 0.03% will be borne by the currency hedged Share Classes.

Not all Share Classes listed are available for subscription at the time of issue of this Prospectus. The Funds may also launch Bespoke Share Classes that are described under Appendix III at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>2</sup> The initial charge is applied against the total amount invested. The Management Company and Distributors are entitled to the initial charge, which can be partly or fully waived at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>3</sup> Annual Distribution Charges in respect of A1 and D Shares are paid at such intervals as may be agreed from time to time between the Company and those Distributors that are appointed specifically for the purpose of distributing such Shares. Annual Distribution Charges in respect of B Shares are payable quarterly.

# Schroder International Selection Fund QEP Global Quality

## Investment Objective

The Fund aims to provide capital growth and income in excess of the MSCI AC World (Net TR) index after fees have been deducted over a three to five year period by investing in equity and equity-related securities of companies worldwide.

## Investment Policy

The Fund is actively managed and invests at least two-thirds of its assets in a diversified portfolio of equity and equity-related securities of companies worldwide.

The Fund focuses on companies that have certain "Quality" characteristics. Quality is assessed by looking at indicators such as a company's profitability, stability, financial strength, governance and structural growth.

The Fund may invest directly in China B-Shares and China H-Shares and may invest less than 10% of its assets (on a net basis) directly or indirectly (for example via participatory notes) in China A-Shares through Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect and Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect and shares listed on the STAR Board and the ChiNext.

The Fund may also invest up to one-third of its assets directly or indirectly in other securities (including other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies, Investment Funds, warrants and Money Market Investments, and hold cash (subject to the restrictions provided in Appendix I).

The Fund may use derivatives with the aim of reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently.

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than MSCI AC World (Net TR) index, based on the Investment Manager's rating system. More details on the investment process used to achieve this can be found in the Fund Characteristics section.

The Fund does not directly invest in certain activities, industries or groups of issuers above the limits listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

## Benchmark

The Fund's performance should be assessed against its target benchmark, being to exceed the MSCI AC World (Net TR) index and compared against the MSCI World (Net TR) index. The Fund's investment universe is expected to overlap materially with the components of the target and comparator benchmarks. The comparator benchmark is only included for performance comparison purposes and does not determine how the Investment Manager invests the Fund's assets. The Investment Manager invests on a discretionary basis and there are no restrictions on the extent to which the Fund's portfolio and performance may deviate from the target or comparator benchmarks. The Investment Manager will invest in companies or sectors not included in the target or comparator benchmarks in order to take advantage of specific investment opportunities. The benchmark(s) does/do not take into account the environmental and social characteristics or sustainable objective (as relevant) of the Fund.

The target benchmark has been selected because it is representative of the type of investments in which the Fund is likely to invest, and it is, therefore, an appropriate target in relation to the return that the Fund aims to provide. The comparator benchmark has been selected because the Investment Manager believes that the benchmark is a suitable comparison for performance purposes given the Fund's investment objective and policy.

## Further Information

The Fund is categorised as "Quantitative Equity Fund". QEP stands for Quantitative Equity Products.

More information relating to the environmental and social characteristics or sustainable investment objective (as applicable) of the Fund is provided in Appendix IV in accordance with SFDR and Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288.

## Risk Considerations

### Specific Risk Considerations

Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect and Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect are securities trading and clearing linked programmes developed by The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited, Shanghai/Shenzhen Stock Exchanges, Hong Kong Securities Clearing Company Limited and China Securities Depository and Clearing Corporation Limited, with an aim to achieve mutual stock market access between the PRC (excluding Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan) and Hong Kong. A detailed description of the programmes as well as risks linked thereto can be found in Appendix II of this Prospectus.

The reference in the Investment Policy to a fund investing two-thirds of its assets in a certain way applies in normal market conditions. See paragraph (A) at the start of this Appendix for further information.

The level of distribution costs in certain jurisdictions may impact the ability of the Investment Manager to meet the Fund's investment objective across all Share Classes after fees have been deducted.

The Fund has environmental and/or social characteristics (within the meaning of Article 8 SFDR). A Fund with these characteristics may have limited exposure to some companies, industries or sectors as a result and the Fund may forego certain investment opportunities, or dispose of certain holdings, that do not align with its sustainability criteria chosen by the Investment Manager. As Investors may differ in their views of what constitutes sustainable investing, the Fund may also invest in companies that do not reflect the beliefs and values of any particular Investor. Please refer to Appendix II for more details on sustainability risks.

## Profile of the Typical Investor

The Fund may be suitable for Investors who are seeking long term growth potential offered through investment in equities.

## Fund Characteristics

Fund Currency	USD
Investment Manager	Schroder Investment Management Limited
Dealing Cut-off Time	13.00 Luxembourg time on Dealing Day
Dealing Frequency	Daily on Dealing Day
Settlement Period of Subscription and Redemption Proceeds <sup>1</sup>	3 Business Days from the relevant Dealing Day
Performance Fee	None
Redemption Charge	None
PEA / PIR Eligibility	No
Sustainability Criteria	<p>The Investment Manager applies governance and sustainability criteria when selecting investments for the Fund. Companies in the investment universe are assessed on their governance, environmental and social profile, across a wide range of underlying measures. The Investment Manager will take into account an assessment of the sustainability profile of companies when determining position sizing within the portfolio.</p> <p>Within governance, criteria assessed include risk to shareholders, business oversight, accounting risk and dividend policy. Environmental considerations include climate change related risks alongside broader environmental impact and opportunities. Social criteria reflects areas such as business involvement, safety, employee welfare, supply chain management and data privacy.</p> <p>The primary sources of information include fundamental accounting data, Schroders' proprietary sustainability tools and third-party ESG data.</p> <p>More details on the Investment Manager's approach to sustainability and its engagement with companies are available on the webpage <a href="https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/">https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/</a></p> <p>The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than its investment universe, based on the Investment Manager's rating system.</p> <p>The Investment Manager ensures that at least:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 90% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in developed countries; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with an investment grade credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by developed countries; and</li> <li>- 75% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in emerging countries; equities issued by small and medium companies; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with a high yield credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by emerging countries,</li> </ul> <p>is rated against the sustainability criteria. For the purposes of this test, small companies are those with market capitalisation below €5 billion, medium companies are those between €5 billion and €10 billion and large companies are those above €10 billion.</p>

<sup>1</sup> Different subscription and redemption procedures may apply if applications are made through Distributors.

## General Share Class Features

Share Classes	Initial Charge <sup>2</sup>	Annual Distribution Charge <sup>3</sup>	Annual Management Charge
A Shares	Up to 5%	None	1.25%
AX Shares	Up to 5%	None	1.25%
A1 Shares	Up to 4%	0.50%	1.50%
B Shares	None	0.60%	1.25%
C Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.65%
CN Shares	Up to 3%	None	0.65%
CX Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.65%
D Shares	None	1.00%	1.25%
E Shares	N/A	N/A	N/A
IZ, IA, IB, IC, ID Shares	None	None	Up to 0.65%
Z Shares	None	None	Up to 0.65%

Annual Distribution Charge and Annual Management Charge percentages are stated as an annual charge with reference to the Net Asset Value of the Fund or the Net Asset Value per Share, as may be appropriate.

A share class hedging charge of up to 0.03% will be borne by the currency hedged Share Classes.

Not all Share Classes listed are available for subscription at the time of issue of this Prospectus. The Funds may also launch Bespoke Share Classes that are described under Appendix III at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>2</sup> The initial charge is applied against the total amount invested. The Management Company and Distributors are entitled to the initial charge, which can be partly or fully waived at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>3</sup> Annual Distribution Charges in respect of A1 and D Shares are paid at such intervals as may be agreed from time to time between the Company and those Distributors that are appointed specifically for the purpose of distributing such Shares. Annual Distribution Charges in respect of B Shares are payable quarterly.

# Schroder International Selection Fund Securitised Credit

## Investment Objective

The Fund aims to provide income and capital growth in excess of ICE BofA AA-BBB ABS Index<sup>-</sup>, before fees have been deducted\* over a three to five year period by investing in securitised assets issued by entities worldwide.

\*For the target return after fees for each Share Class please visit the Schroder webpage: <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/funds-and-strategies/fund-administration/performance-targets-after-fees/>

## Investment Policy

The Fund is actively managed and invests at least two-thirds of its assets in fixed and floating rate securitised investments including but not limited to asset-backed securities (ABS), residential mortgage-backed securities (MBS) and commercial mortgage-backed securities (CMBS). The Fund may also invest in collateralised loan obligations (CLOs).

The Fund may invest up to 100% of its assets in ABS, MBS and CMBS issued worldwide with an investment grade and sub-investment grade credit rating (as measured Standard & Poor's or any equivalent grade of other credit rating agencies for rated securities and implied Schroders ratings for non-rated securities). Underlying assets of the asset-backed securities may include credit card receivables, personal loans, auto loans, transportation finance and small business loans.

The Fund may invest up to 30% of its assets in securities with a sub-investment grade credit rating (as measured Standard & Poor's or any equivalent grade of other credit rating agencies for rated securities and implied Schroders ratings for non-rated securities).

The Fund may also invest up to one-third of its assets directly or indirectly in other securities (including other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies, Investment Funds, warrants and Money Market Investments, and hold cash (subject to the restrictions provided in Appendix I).

The Fund may use derivatives with the aim of achieving investment gains, reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently.

The Investment Manager assesses the sustainability credentials of potential investments using a proprietary tool. The Fund only invests in assets deemed above a minimum threshold based on the Investment Manager's rating system.

The Fund does not directly invest in certain activities, industries or groups of issuers above the limits listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

## Benchmark

The Fund's performance should be assessed against its target benchmark of ICE BofA AA-BBB ABS Index and compared against the Bloomberg Barclays 1-5yr Global

Credit index (Hedged to USD)<sup>-</sup>. The comparator benchmark is only included for performance comparison purposes and does not determine how the Investment Manager invests the Fund's assets. Whilst the Fund's investments are generally expected to deviate significantly from the components of the comparator benchmark, dependent on the Investment Manager's views, the Fund's investments may overlap with them. The Investment Manager invests on a discretionary basis and there are no restrictions on the extent to which the Fund's portfolio and performance may deviate from the comparator benchmark. The Investment Manager will invest in companies or sectors not included in the comparator benchmark.

The target benchmark has been selected because the target return of the Fund is to deliver or exceed the return of that benchmark as stated in the investment objective. The comparator benchmark has been selected because the Investment Manager believes that the benchmark is a suitable comparison for performance purposes given the Fund's investment objective and policy.

The benchmark(s) does/do not take into account the environmental and social characteristics or sustainable objective (as relevant) of the Fund.

## Further Information

The Fund is categorised as "Specialist Bond Fund".

More information relating to the environmental and social characteristics or sustainable investment objective (as applicable) of the Fund is provided in Appendix IV in accordance with SFDR and Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288.

## Risk Considerations

### Specific Risk Considerations

The reference in the Investment Policy to a fund investing two-thirds of its assets in a certain way applies in normal market conditions. See paragraph (A) at the start of this Appendix for further information.

The Fund has environmental and/or social characteristics (within the meaning of Article 8 SFDR). A Fund with these characteristics may have limited exposure to some companies, industries or sectors as a result and the Fund may forego certain investment opportunities, or dispose of certain holdings, that do not align with its sustainability criteria chosen by the Investment Manager. As investors may differ in their views of what constitutes sustainable investing, the Fund may also invest in companies that do not reflect the beliefs and values of any particular Investor. Please refer to Appendix II for more details on sustainability risks.

## Profile of the Typical Investor

The Fund may be suitable for Investors who are seeking to combine capital growth opportunities with income in the relative stability of the debt markets over the long term.

## Fund Characteristics

Fund Currency	USD
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Investment Manager	Schroder Investment Management North America Inc.
Dealing Cut-off Time	13.00 Luxembourg time on Dealing Day
Dealing Frequency	Daily on Dealing Day
Settlement Period of Subscription and Redemption Proceeds <sup>1</sup>	3 Business Days from the relevant Dealing Day
Performance Fee	None
Redemption Charge	None
PEA / PIR Eligibility	No
Sustainability Criteria	<p>The Investment Manager applies governance and sustainability criteria when selecting investments for the Fund. The strategy aims to identify securities offering good or improving sustainability characteristics and credentials.</p> <p>The Investment Manager seeks to avoid, penalize or exclude collateral, structures or agents that impose a high cost on the environment and society, or those that lack acceptable governance.</p> <p>This involves:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The exclusion of sectors, assets or collateral, that the Investment Manager deems impose material uncompensated costs to the environment and those that impose unjustifiable social costs; and</li> <li>- The inclusion of securities that evidence improvements to existing assets, lending conditions or governance based on the Investment Manager's rating methodology.</li> </ul> <p>Securities are ranked across Environmental, Social and Governance factors using a scorecard system and are awarded points on a 100-point /100 percent scale. These scores are then translated into a scoring system of 1 star – 5 stars, with a score of 5-stars deemed the highest.</p> <p>The Investment Manager ensures that at least 80% of the assets in the Fund are ranked in the top 3 Sustainability categories (3, 4, 5-stars) and will invest 100% of its assets in those ranked 2-stars or higher.</p> <p>The primary sources of information used to perform the analysis are the Investment Manager's proprietary tools, surveys, ESG questionnaires, public information, securitization filings and third-party research.</p>

## General Share Class Features

Share Classes	Initial Charge <sup>2</sup>	Annual Distribution Charge <sup>3</sup>	Annual Management Charge
A Shares	Up to 3%	None	0.70%
AX Shares	Up to 3%	None	0.70%
A1 Shares	Up to 2%	0.50%	0.70%
B Shares	N/A	N/A	N/A
C Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.35%
CN Shares	Up to 3%	None	0.35%
CX Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.35%
D Shares	N/A	N/A	N/A
E Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.20%
IZ, IA, IB, IC, ID Shares	None	None	Up to 0.35%
Z Shares	None	None	Up to 0.35%

Annual Distribution Charge and Annual Management Charge percentages are stated as an annual charge with reference to the Net Asset Value of the Fund or the Net Asset Value per Share, as may be appropriate.

A share class hedging charge of up to 0.03% will be borne by the currency hedged Share Classes.

Not all Share Classes listed are available for subscription at the time of issue of this Prospectus. The Funds may also launch Bespoke Share Classes that are described under Appendix III at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>1</sup> Different subscription and redemption procedures may apply if applications are made through Distributors.

<sup>2</sup> The initial charge is applied against the total amount invested. The Management Company and Distributors are entitled to the initial charge, which can be partly or fully waived at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>3</sup> Annual Distribution Charges in respect of A1 and D Shares are paid at such intervals as may be agreed from time to time between the Company and those Distributors that are appointed specifically for the purpose of distributing such Shares. Annual Distribution Charges in respect of B Shares are payable quarterly.

# Schroder International Selection Fund Smart Manufacturing

## Investment Objective

The Fund aims to provide capital growth by investing in equity and equity related securities of companies worldwide which the Investment Manager believes will benefit from the latest industrial innovation techniques.

## Investment Policy

The Fund is actively managed and invests at least two-thirds of its assets in equity and equity related securities of companies worldwide.

Smart Manufacturing typically means the application of the latest industrial innovation techniques to address the market needs and supply chain challenges of manufacturing and related sectors such as distribution, logistics and transportation. The Investment Manager seeks to invest in companies that it believes will enjoy superior growth through their exposure to these innovations.

The Fund may invest directly in China B-Shares and China H-Shares and may invest less than 10% of its assets (on a net basis) directly or indirectly (for example via participatory notes) in China A-Shares through Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect and Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect and shares listed on the STAR Board and the ChiNext.

The Fund may also invest up to one-third of its assets directly or indirectly in other securities (including other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies, Investment Funds, warrants and Money Market Investments, and hold cash (subject to the restrictions provided in Appendix I).

The Fund may use derivatives with the aim of reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently.

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the MSCI AC World (Net TR) index based on the Investment Manager's rating criteria. More details on the investment process used to achieve this can be found in the Fund Characteristics section.

The Fund does not directly invest in certain activities, industries or groups of issuers above the limits listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

## Benchmark

The Fund does not have a target benchmark. The Fund's performance should be compared against the MSCI AC World (Net TR) index. The comparator benchmark is only included for performance comparison purposes and does not determine how the Investment Manager invests the Fund's assets. The Fund's investment universe is expected to overlap materially with the components of the comparator benchmark. The Investment Manager invests on a discretionary basis and there are no restrictions on the extent to which the Fund's portfolio and performance may

deviate from the comparator benchmark. The Investment Manager will invest in companies or sectors not included in the comparator benchmark.

The comparator benchmark has been selected because the Investment Manager believes that the benchmark is a suitable comparison for performance purposes given the Fund's investment objective and policy.

The benchmark(s) does/do not take into account the environmental and social characteristics or sustainable objective (as relevant) of the Fund.

## Further Information

The Fund is categorised as a "Specialist Equity Fund".

More information relating to the environmental and social characteristics or sustainable investment objective (as applicable) of the Fund is provided in Appendix IV in accordance with SFDR and Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288.

## Risk Considerations

### Specific Risk Considerations

Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect and Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect are securities trading and clearing linked programmes developed by The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited, Shanghai/Shenzhen Stock Exchanges, Hong Kong Securities Clearing Company Limited and China Securities Depository and Clearing Corporation Limited, with an aim to achieve mutual stock market access between the PRC (excluding Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan) and Hong Kong. A detailed description of the programmes as well as risks linked thereto can be found in Appendix II of this Prospectus.

The Fund has environmental and/or social characteristics (within the meaning of Article 8 SFDR). A Fund with these characteristics may have limited exposure to some companies, industries or sectors as a result and the Fund may forego certain investment opportunities, or dispose of certain holdings, that do not align with its sustainability criteria chosen by the Investment Manager. As Investors may differ in their views of what constitutes sustainable investing, the Fund may also invest in companies that do not reflect the beliefs and values of any particular Investor. Please refer to Appendix II for more details on sustainability risks.

The reference in the Investment Policy to a fund investing two-thirds of its assets in a certain way applies in normal market conditions. See paragraph (A) at the start of this Appendix for further information.

## Profile of the Typical Investor

The Fund may be suitable for Investors who are more concerned with maximising long-term returns than minimising possible short term losses.

## Fund Characteristics

Fund Currency	USD
Investment Manager	Schroder Investment Management Limited
Dealing Cut-off Time	13.00 Luxembourg time on Dealing Day

Dealing Frequency	Daily on Dealing Day
Settlement Period of Subscription and Redemption Proceeds <sup>1</sup>	3 Business Days from the relevant Dealing Day
Performance Fee	None
Redemption Charge	None
PEA / PIR Eligibility	No
Sustainability Criteria	<p>The Investment Manager applies governance and sustainability criteria when selecting investments for the Fund.</p> <p>The Investment Manager evaluates issuers against a range of environmental, social and governance factors in order to decide whether an issuer is eligible for the Fund's portfolio. This analysis is performed by global sector specialists and local analyst teams and is supported by Schroders' dedicated Sustainable Investment team. The Investment Manager uses Schroders' proprietary sustainability tools to provide a baseline assessment that contributes to the overall ESG appraisal of a company. Additionally, meetings with company management inform the Investment Manager's view, providing further insights on corporate culture and senior management commitment to corporate social responsibility, with third party ESG research used primarily as a benchmarking exercise to confirm proprietary analysis.</p> <p>More details on the Investment Manager's approach to sustainability and its engagement with companies are available on the webpage <a href="https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/">https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/</a></p> <p>The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than its investment universe, based on the Investment Manager's rating system.</p> <p>The Investment Manager ensures that at least:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– 90% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in developed countries; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with an investment grade credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by developed countries; and</li> <li>– 75% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in emerging countries; equities issued by small and medium companies; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with a high yield credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by emerging countries,</li> </ul> <p>is rated against the sustainability criteria. For the purposes of this test, small companies are those with market capitalisation below €5 billion, medium companies are those between €5 billion and €10 billion and large companies are those above €10 billion.</p>

## General Share Class Features

Share Classes	Initial Charge <sup>2</sup>	Annual Distribution Charge <sup>3</sup>	Annual Management Charge
A Shares	Up to 5%	None	1.50%
AX Shares	Up to 5%	None	1.50%
A1 Shares	Up to 4%	0.50%	1.50%
B Shares	None	0.60%	1.50%
C Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.75%
CN Shares	Up to 3%	None	0.75%
CX Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.75%
D Shares	None	1.00%	1.50%
E Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.375%
IZ, IA, IB, IC, ID Shares	None	None	Up to 0.75%
Z Shares	None	None	Up to 0.75%

Annual Distribution Charge and Annual Management Charge percentages are stated as an annual charge with reference to the Net Asset Value of the Fund or the Net Asset Value per Share, as may be appropriate.

<sup>1</sup> Different subscription and redemption procedures may apply if applications are made through Distributors.

<sup>2</sup> The initial charge is applied against the total amount invested. The Management Company and Distributors are entitled to the initial charge, which can be partly or fully waived at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>3</sup> Annual Distribution Charges in respect of A1 and D Shares are paid at such intervals as may be agreed from time to time between the Company and those Distributors that are appointed specifically for the purpose of distributing such Shares. Annual Distribution Charges in respect of B Shares are payable quarterly.

A share class hedging charge of up to 0.03% will be borne by the currency hedged Share Classes.

Not all Share Classes listed are available for subscription at the time of issue of this Prospectus. The Funds may also launch Bespoke Share Classes that are described under Appendix III at the Directors' discretion.

# Schroder International Selection Fund Social Impact Credit

## Investment Objective

The Fund aims to provide capital growth by investing in fixed and floating rate securities issued by governments, government agencies, supra nationals and companies worldwide whose activities the Investment Manager considers help to advance social development and which the Investment Manager deems to be sustainable investments.

## Investment Policy

The Fund is actively managed and invests its assets in (i) sustainable investments, which are investments that the Investment Manager expects to contribute positively towards social development themes. These themes may include but are not limited to:

- Sustainable Infrastructure (such as connectivity, sustainable power and clean water)
- Economic Inclusion (such as training, gender equality, workforce diversity, access to finance and quality work)
- Health and Wellbeing (such as medicine and healthcare services); (please see the Fund Characteristics section for further details) and
- (ii) investments that the Investment Manager deems to be neutral under its sustainability criteria such as cash and Money Market Investments and derivatives used with the aim of reducing risk (hedging) or managing the Fund more efficiently.

The Investment Manager will select sustainable investments for the Fund from a universe that have been determined as meeting the Investment Manager's impact criteria. The impact criteria include an assessment of the company's, country's or purpose bond's contribution to social impact themes, which themselves align with UN SDGs alongside the Investment Manager's assessment of impact via its proprietary impact investment management framework and tools (including an impact scorecard). The Fund may also invest in social, sustainability and green bonds, which are bonds that are specifically designed to address social challenges. Please see the Fund Characteristics section for more details.

The Fund is part of Schroders' Impact Driven strategies. As such, it applies highly selective investment criteria and its investment process is aligned with the Operating Principles for Impact Management which means that an assessment of impact is embedded in the steps of the investment process. All sustainable investments in the Fund are subject to this framework.

The Fund does not directly invest in certain activities, industries or groups of issuers above the limits listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

The Fund invests in companies that do not cause significant environmental or social harm and have good governance practices, as determined by the Investment Manager's rating criteria (please see the Fund Characteristics section for more details).

The Investment Manager may also engage with companies held by the Fund to seek to improve sustainability practices and enhance social and environmental impacts generated by underlying investee companies. More details on the

Investment Manager's approach to sustainability and its engagement with companies are available on the webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/>

The Fund invests at least two-thirds of its assets in a range of fixed and floating rate securities issued by governments, government agencies, supra-nationals and companies worldwide.

The Fund may invest:

- up to 60% of its assets in securities that have a below investment grade credit rating (as measured by Standard & Poor's or any equivalent grade of other credit rating agencies for rated bonds and implied Schroders ratings for non-rated bonds);
- up to 30% of its assets in convertible bonds including up to 10% of its assets in contingent convertible bonds; and
- up to 20% of its assets in asset-backed securities and mortgage-backed securities.

The Fund may also invest up to one-third of its assets directly or indirectly in other securities (including other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies, Investment Funds, warrants and Money Market Investments, and hold cash (subject to the restrictions provided in Appendix I).

The Fund may use derivatives with the aim of achieving investment gains, reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently.

## Benchmark

The Fund does not have a target benchmark. The Fund's performance should be compared against the Barclays Multiverse ex Treasury A+ to B-, USD Hedged index. The comparator benchmark is only included for performance comparison purposes and does not determine how the Investment Manager invests the Fund's assets. The Fund's investment universe is expected to overlap to a limited extent with the components of the comparator benchmark. The Investment Manager invests on a discretionary basis and there are no restrictions on the extent to which the Fund's portfolio and performance may deviate from the comparator benchmark. The Investment Manager will invest in companies or sectors not included in the comparator benchmark. The benchmark(s) does/do not take into account the environmental and social characteristics or sustainable objective (as relevant) of the Fund. The comparator benchmark has been selected because the Investment Manager believes that the benchmark is a suitable comparison for performance purposes given the Fund's investment objective and policy.

## Further Information

The Fund is categorised as "Specialist Bond Fund".

More information relating to the environmental and social characteristics or sustainable investment objective (as applicable) of the Fund is provided in Appendix IV in accordance with SFDR and Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288.

## Risk Considerations

### Specific Risk Considerations

A detailed description of the risks linked to contingent convertible bonds, below-investment grade securities, asset-backed securities and mortgage-backed securities can be found in Appendix II of this Prospectus.

The reference in the Investment Policy to a fund investing two-thirds of its assets in a certain way applies in normal market conditions. See paragraph (A) at the start of this Appendix for further information.

The Fund has the objective of sustainable investment (within the meaning of Article 9 SFDR). A Fund with this objective may have limited exposure to some companies, industries

or sectors as a result and the Fund may forego certain investment opportunities, or dispose of certain holdings, that do not align with its sustainability criteria chosen by the Investment Manager. As Investors may differ in their views of what constitutes sustainable investing, the Fund may also invest in companies that do not reflect the beliefs and values of any particular Investor. Please refer to Appendix II for more details on sustainability risks.

### Profile of the Typical Investor

The Fund may be suitable for Investors who are more concerned with maximising long term returns than minimising possible short term losses.

## Fund Characteristics

Fund Currency	USD
Investment Manager	Schroder Investment Management (Europe) S.A. – German Branch
Dealing Cut-off Time	13.00 Luxembourg time on Dealing Day
Dealing Frequency	Daily on Dealing Day
Settlement Period of Subscription and Redemption Proceeds <sup>1</sup>	3 Business Days from the relevant Dealing Day
Performance Fee	None
Redemption Charge	None
PEA / PIR Eligibility	No
Sustainability Criteria	<p>The Investment Manager applies sustainability criteria when selecting investments for the Fund.</p> <p>Investments are composed of bonds where the issuer's products and services, business activities or use of proceeds for a purpose bond contribute positively to social impact themes, which themselves align with at least one of the UN SDGs. In order to identify bonds with a direct link to a UN SDG, the Investment Manager applies a two step approach:</p> <p>The first applies quantitative and/or qualitative criteria (following an initial screen to exclude certain activities, industries or groups) to assess the extent to which the company, country or purpose bond contributes to an environmental or social objective (as applicable). This may include consideration of revenues, business activities or use of proceeds of a purpose bond.</p> <p>The second is a detailed impact assessment of the company, country or bond (as applicable) via the completion of a proprietary impact scorecard. The Investment Manager considers different aspects of impact such as: what outcome and UN SDGs the company, country or bond is contributing to; who is served by the outcome (such as the relevant stakeholder or industry); an assessment of our expected contribution (including Schroders influence and engagement); and consideration of impact risks. The assessment typically includes Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) that are used to track the company's, country's or bond's impact over time.</p> <p>The impact scorecard is then validated and approved by Schroders' Impact Assessment Group (IAG), in order for the company or bond to be eligible for inclusion in the Fund's investible universe. The IAG consists of members from Schroders' impact and sustainable investment teams and members of the investment team. There may be some limited instances where step 2 and the IAG approval may follow subsequently (such as a particularly time sensitive investment).</p> <p>The Investment Manager ensures that at least 90% of the portion of the Fund's Net Asset Value composed of investments in companies is rated against the sustainability criteria. As a result of the application of sustainability criteria, at least 20% of the Fund's potential investment universe is excluded from the selection of investments.</p> <p>For the purposes of this test, the potential investment universe is the core universe of issuers that the Investment Manager may select for the Fund prior to the application of sustainability criteria, in accordance with the other limitations of the Investment Objective and Policy. This universe is comprised of fixed and floating rate securities issued by companies worldwide. The universe (for the purpose of this test only) does not include fixed or floating rate securities issued by public or quasi-public issuers.</p>

<sup>1</sup> Different subscription and redemption procedures may apply if applications are made through Distributors.

## General Share Class Features

Share Classes	Initial Charge <sup>2</sup>	Annual Distribution Charge <sup>3</sup>	Annual Management Charge
A Shares	Up to 3%	None	0.75%
AX Shares	Up to 3%	None	0.75%
A1 Shares	Up to 2%	0.50%	0.75%
B Shares	None	0.60%	0.75%
C Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.45%
CN Shares	Up to 3%	None	0.45%
CX Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.45%
D Shares	None	1.00%	0.75%
E Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.225%
IZ, IA, IB, IC, ID Shares	None	None	Up to 0.45%
IE Shares	None	None	Up to 0.45%
Z Shares	None	None	Up to 0.45%

Annual Distribution Charge and Annual Management Charge percentages are stated as an annual charge with reference to the Net Asset Value of the Fund or the Net Asset Value per Share, as may be appropriate.

A share class hedging charge of up to 0.03% will be borne by the currency hedged Share Classes.

Not all Share Classes listed are available for subscription at the time of issue of this Prospectus. The Funds may also launch Bespoke Share Classes that are described under Appendix III at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>2</sup> The initial charge is applied against the total amount invested. The Management Company and Distributors are entitled to the initial charge, which can be partly or fully waived at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>3</sup> Annual Distribution Charges in respect of A1 and D Shares are paid at such intervals as may be agreed from time to time between the Company and those Distributors that are appointed specifically for the purpose of distributing such Shares. Annual Distribution Charges in respect of B Shares are payable quarterly.



# Schroder International Selection Fund Strategic Bond

## Investment Objective

The Fund aims to provide an absolute return after fees have been deducted by investing in fixed and floating rate securities. Absolute return means the Fund seeks to provide a positive return over a 12-month period in all market conditions, but this cannot be guaranteed and your capital is at risk.

**As of 8 May 2024 the Investment Objective will change to:**

The Fund aims to provide capital growth and income in excess of the ICE BofA 3 month US Treasury Bill Index over a three to five year period after fees have been deducted by investing in fixed and floating rate securities issued by governments, government agencies, supra-nationals and companies worldwide.

## Investment Policy

The Fund is actively managed and invests at least two-thirds of its assets in fixed and floating rate securities in various currencies issued by governments, government agencies, supra-nationals and companies worldwide.

The Fund may invest:

- up to 10% of its assets in contingent convertible bonds;
- up to 50% of its assets in securities with a non-investment grade credit rating (as measured by Standard & Poor's or any equivalent grade of other credit rating agencies); and
- up to 100% of its assets in asset-backed securities, commercial mortgage-backed securities, and/or residential mortgage-backed securities issued worldwide with an investment grade or sub-investment grade credit rating (as measured by Standard & Poor's or any equivalent grade of other credit rating agencies). Underlying assets may include credit card receivables, personal loans, auto loans, small business loans, leases, commercial mortgages and residential mortgages.

The Fund may invest up to 15% of its assets in mainland China through Regulated Markets (including the CIBM via Bond Connect or CIBM Direct).

The Fund may also invest up to one-third of its assets directly or indirectly in other securities (including other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies, Investment Funds, warrants and Money Market Investments, and hold cash (subject to the restrictions provided in Appendix I).

The Fund may use derivatives, long and short, with the aim of achieving investment gains, reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently.

## Benchmark

~~The Fund's performance should be assessed against its objective of providing a positive return over a 12-month period in all market conditions and compared against the ICE BofA US 3 Month Treasury Bill Index. The comparator benchmark is only included for performance comparison purposes and does not determine how the Investment Manager invests the Fund's assets.~~

~~The target benchmark has been selected because the target return of the Fund is to deliver the return of that benchmark as stated in the investment objective. The comparator benchmark has been selected because the Investment Manager believes that the benchmark is a suitable comparison for performance purposes given the Fund's investment objective and policy.~~

**As of 8 May 2024 the Benchmark section will change to:**

The Fund's performance should be assessed against its target benchmark being to exceed the ICE BofA 3 Month US Treasury Bill Index. The Investment Manager invests on a discretionary basis and is not limited to investing in accordance with the composition of a benchmark.

The target benchmark has been selected because the target return of the Fund is to deliver the return of that benchmark as stated in the investment objective.

## Further Information

The Fund is categorised as "Specialist Bond Fund".

## Risk Considerations

### Risk Management Method

Absolute Value-at-Risk (VaR)

### Expected Leverage

900% of the total net assets

In order to implement an efficiently diversified set of strategies (such as country, yield curve, credit and currency strategies) and to achieve a risk target that is consistent with the Fund's risk profile, the Fund will use derivatives that may generate a higher level of leverage.

Although the Fund uses derivatives for investment purposes, which can increase the Fund's level of risk, it also uses derivatives within a portfolio construction process that is focused on diversifying strategies and managing risk correlation, which can contribute to reducing the Fund's level of risk. In general the Fund uses derivatives for investment purposes and managing risk correlation, in equal measure.

Some of the strategies will rely on instruments that require a substantial level of gross leverage to generate a limited amount of risk, such as short-dated interest rate contracts. Also, derivatives used within the long and short strategies may generate a high level of gross leverage but a reduced level of net leverage.

The expected level of leverage may be higher when volatility decreases sustainably, when interest rates are expected to change or when credit spreads are expected to widen or tighten.

## This Fund is not a leveraged financial instrument

The Fund utilises financial derivative instruments for investment purposes and the global exposure is monitored under the absolute VaR approach in line with UCITS Risk Measurement Rules. Whilst these instruments generate leverage, the Fund itself is not a leveraged financial instrument as further described in the MIFID Directive. For further details on the absolute VaR approach please see Appendix 1. In addition to this regulatory restriction,

Schroders implements internal controls on global exposure to constrain and/or highlight global exposure as appropriate.

### Specific Risk Considerations

The Fund uses significant leverage through financial derivative instruments, which will magnify both gains and losses on its investments and result in greater fluctuations of its Net Asset Value. This significantly increases the risk of the Fund compared to an unleveraged fund. Leverage occurs when the overall economic exposure of the Fund exceeds its amount of assets invested.

The reference in the Investment Policy to a fund investing two-thirds of its assets in a certain way applies in normal market conditions. See paragraph (A) at the start of this Appendix for further information.

The level of distribution costs in certain jurisdictions may impact the ability of the Investment Manager to meet the Fund's investment objective across all Share Classes after fees have been deducted.

### Profile of the Typical Investor

The Fund may be suitable for Investors who are seeking to combine capital growth opportunities with income in the relative stability of the debt markets over the long term.

## Fund Characteristics

Fund Currency	USD
Investment Manager	Schroder Investment Management Limited
Dealing Cut-off Time	13.00 Luxembourg time on Dealing Day
Dealing Frequency	Daily on Dealing Day
Settlement Period of Subscription and Redemption Proceeds <sup>1</sup>	3 Business Days from the relevant Dealing Day
Performance Fee	None
Redemption Charge	None
PEA / PIR Eligibility	No

## General Share Class Features

Share Classes	Initial Charge <sup>2</sup>	Annual Distribution Charge <sup>3</sup>	Annual Management Charge
A Shares	Up to 3%	None	1.00%
AX Shares	Up to 3%	None	1.00%
A1 Shares	Up to 2%	0.50%	1.00%
B Shares	None	0.50%	1.00%
C Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.60%
CN Shares	Up to 3%	None	0.60%
CX Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.60%
D Shares	None	1.00%	1.00%
E Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.30%
IZ, IA, IB, IC, ID Shares	None	None	Up to 0.60%
Z Shares	None	None	Up to 0.60%

Annual Distribution Charge and Annual Management Charge percentages are stated as an annual charge with reference to the Net Asset Value of the Fund or the Net Asset Value per Share, as may be appropriate.

A share class hedging charge of up to 0.03% will be borne by the currency hedged Share Classes.

Not all Share Classes listed are available for subscription at the time of issue of this Prospectus. The Funds may also launch Bespoke Share Classes that are described under Appendix III at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>1</sup> Different subscription and redemption procedures may apply if applications are made through Distributors.

<sup>2</sup> The initial charge is applied against the total amount invested. The Management Company and Distributors are entitled to the initial charge, which can be partly or fully waived at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>3</sup> Annual Distribution Charges in respect of A1 and D Shares are paid at such intervals as may be agreed from time to time between the Company and those Distributors that are appointed specifically for the purpose of distributing such Shares. Annual Distribution Charges in respect of B Shares are payable quarterly.

# Schroder International Selection Fund Strategic Credit

## Investment Objective

The Fund aims to provide capital growth and income in excess of ICE BofA Sterling 3-Month Government Bill Index after fees have been deducted over a three to five year period by investing in fixed and floating rate securities issued by companies worldwide.

## Investment Policy

The Fund is actively managed and invests at least two-thirds of its assets in fixed and floating rate securities issued by governments, government agencies, supra-nationals and companies worldwide.

The Fund may invest up to 100% of its assets in securities with a below investment grade credit rating (as measured by Standard & Poor's or any equivalent grade of other credit rating agencies).

The Fund may also seek up to 25% exposure to convertible bonds and bonds with warrants. The exposure to convertible bonds includes up to 10% in contingent convertible bonds.

The Fund may also invest up to one-third of its assets directly or indirectly in other securities (including other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies, Investment Funds, warrants and Money Market Investments, and hold cash (subject to the restrictions provided in Appendix I).

The Fund may also invest in derivatives to create long and short exposure to the underlying assets of these derivatives. The Fund may use derivatives with the aim of achieving investment gains, reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently.

The Fund maintains a positive absolute sustainability score, based on the Investment Manager's rating system. More details on the investment process used to achieve this can be found in the Fund Characteristics section.

The Fund does not directly invest in certain activities, industries or groups of issuers above the limits listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

## Benchmark

The Fund's performance should be assessed against its target benchmark, being to exceed ICE BofA Sterling 3-Month Government Bill Index. The Investment Manager invests on a discretionary basis and is not limited to investing in accordance with the composition of a benchmark.

The target benchmark has been selected because the target return of the Fund is to deliver or exceed the return of that benchmark as stated in the investment objective.

The benchmark(s) does/do not take into account the environmental and social characteristics or sustainable objective (as relevant) of the Fund.

## Further Information

The Fund is categorised as "Specialist Bond Fund".

More information relating to the environmental and social characteristics or sustainable investment objective (as applicable) of the Fund is provided in Appendix IV in accordance with SFDR and Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288.

## Risk Considerations

### Risk Management Method

Absolute Value-at-Risk (VaR)

### Expected Leverage

150% of the total net assets

The expected level of leverage may be higher when there is unusually high or low volatility.

### This Fund is not a leveraged financial instrument

The Fund utilises financial derivative instruments for investment purposes and the global exposure is monitored under the absolute VaR approach in line with UCITS Risk Measurement Rules. Whilst these instruments generate leverage, the Fund itself is not a leveraged financial instrument as further described in the MIFID Directive. For further details on the absolute VaR approach please see Appendix 1. In addition to this regulatory restriction, Schroders implements internal controls on global exposure to constrain and/or highlight global exposure as appropriate.

### Specific Risk Considerations

The Fund will make use of credit derivative instruments to seek exposure to global credit markets. This may lead to a higher volatility in the price of the Shares and may imply increased counterparty risk.

The Fund has environmental and/or social characteristics (within the meaning of Article 8 SFDR). A Fund with these characteristics may have limited exposure to some companies, industries or sectors as a result and the Fund may forego certain investment opportunities, or dispose of certain holdings, that do not align with its sustainability criteria chosen by the Investment Manager. As Investors may differ in their views of what constitutes sustainable investing, the Fund may also invest in companies that do not reflect the beliefs and values of any particular Investor. Please refer to Appendix II for more details on sustainability risks.

The reference in the Investment Policy to a fund investing two-thirds of its assets in a certain way applies in normal market conditions. See paragraph (A) at the start of this Appendix for further information.

The level of distribution costs in certain jurisdictions may impact the ability of the Investment Manager to meet the Fund's investment objective across all Share Classes after fees have been deducted.

## Profile of the Typical Investor

The Fund may be suitable for Investors who are seeking to combine capital growth opportunities with income in the relative stability of the debt markets over the long term.

## Fund Characteristics

Fund Currency	GBP
Investment Manager	Schroder Investment Management Limited
Dealing Cut-off Time	13.00 Luxembourg time on Dealing Day
Dealing Frequency	Daily on Dealing Day
Settlement Period of Subscription and Redemption Proceeds <sup>1</sup>	3 Business Days from the relevant Dealing Day
Performance Fee	None
Redemption Charge	None
PEA / PIR Eligibility	No
Sustainability Criteria	<p>The Investment Manager applies governance and sustainability criteria when selecting investments for the Fund.</p> <p>The strategy aims to identify issuers demonstrating good or improving sustainability credentials, and those that impose a high cost on the environment and society. This involves:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The exclusion of issuers <u>with certain exposure to specific activities that the Investment Manager considers environmentally destructive or socially damaging, violate human rights and/ or have demonstrated gross misconduct that the Investment Manager deems to have businesses that are materially damaging to the climate and impose unjustifiable social costs.</u></li> <li>- The inclusion of issuers that <u>the Investment Manager considers are well placed to deliver demonstrate</u> stable and improving sustainability trajectories <u>relative to their industry peers, and issuers demonstrating good governance based on the Investment Manager's sustainability rating methodology.</u></li> </ul> <p>The Investment Manager may also engage with companies to encourage transparency, the transition to a circular economy with lower carbon emissions intensity and responsible social behaviour that promotes sustainable growth and alpha generation.</p> <p>The primary sources of information used to perform the analysis are the Investment Manager's proprietary tools and research, third-party research, NGO reports and expert networks. The Investment Manager also performs its own analysis of publicly available information provided by the companies, including information provided in company sustainability reports and other relevant company material.</p> <p>More details on the Investment Manager's approach to sustainability and its engagement with companies are available on the webpage <a href="https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/">https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/</a></p> <p>The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than its investment universe, based on the Investment Manager's rating system.</p> <p>The Investment Manager ensures that at least:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 90% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with an investment grade credit rating; sovereign debt issued by developed countries; and equities issued by large companies domiciled in developed countries; and</li> <li>- 75% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with a high yield credit rating; sovereign debt issued by emerging countries equities issued by large companies domiciled in emerging countries; equities issued by small and medium companies,</li> </ul> <p>is rated against the sustainability criteria. For the purposes of this test, small companies are those with market capitalisation below €5 billion, medium companies are those between €5 billion and €10 billion and large companies are those above €10 billion.</p>

<sup>1</sup> Different subscription and redemption procedures may apply if applications are made through Distributors.

## General Share Class Features

Share Classes	Initial Charge <sup>2</sup>	Annual Distribution Charge <sup>3</sup>	Annual Management Charge
A Shares	Up to 3%	None	1.00%
AX Shares	Up to 3%	None	1.00%
A1 Shares	Up to 2%	0.50%	1.00%
B Shares	None	0.50%	1.00%
C Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.60%
CN Shares	Up to 3%	None	0.60%
CX Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.60%
D Shares	None	1.00%	1.00%
E Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.30%
IZ, IA, IB, IC, ID Shares	None	None	Up to 0.60%
Z Shares	None	None	Up to 0.60%

Annual Distribution Charge and Annual Management Charge percentages are stated as an annual charge with reference to the Net Asset Value of the Fund or the Net Asset Value per Share, as may be appropriate.

A share class hedging charge of up to 0.03% will be borne by the currency hedged Share Classes.

Not all Share Classes listed are available for subscription at the time of issue of this Prospectus. The Funds may also launch Bespoke Share Classes that are described under Appendix III at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>2</sup> The initial charge is applied against the total amount invested. The Management Company and Distributors are entitled to the initial charge, which can be partly or fully waived at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>3</sup> Annual Distribution Charges in respect of A1 and D Shares are paid at such intervals as may be agreed from time to time between the Company and those Distributors that are appointed specifically for the purpose of distributing such Shares. Annual Distribution Charges in respect of B Shares are payable quarterly.

# Schroder International Selection Fund Sustainable Asian Equity

## Investment Objective

The Fund aims to provide capital growth in excess of the MSCI AC Asia Pacific ex Japan (Net TR) index after fees have been deducted over a three to five year period by investing in equity and equity related securities of Asia Pacific markets companies which meet the Investment Manager's sustainability criteria.

## Investment Policy

The Fund is actively managed and invests at least two-thirds of its assets in equity and equity related securities of companies in Asia Pacific markets (excluding Japan) or companies which derive a significant proportion of their revenues or profits from the Asia Pacific region.

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the MSCI AC Asia Pacific ex Japan (Net TR) index, based on the Investment Manager's rating system. More details on the investment process used to achieve this can be found in the Fund Characteristics section.

The Fund does not directly invest in certain activities, industries or groups of issuers above the limits listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

The Fund invests in companies that have good governance practices, as determined by the Investment Manager's rating criteria (please see the Fund Characteristics section for more details).

The Investment Manager may also engage with companies held by the Fund to challenge identified areas of weakness on sustainability issues. More details on the Investment Manager's approach to sustainability and its engagement with companies are available on the webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/>

The Fund may invest directly in China B-Shares and China H-Shares and may invest less than 30% of its assets (on a net basis) directly or indirectly (for example via participatory notes) in China A-Shares through:

- Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect and Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect;
- the Qualified Foreign Investor (QFI) Scheme;
- shares listed on the STAR Board and the ChiNext; and
- Regulated Markets.

The Fund may also invest up to one-third of its assets directly or indirectly in other securities (including other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies, Investment Funds, warrants and Money Market Investments, and hold cash (subject to the restrictions provided in Appendix I).

The Fund may use derivatives with the aim of achieving investment gains, reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently.

## Benchmark

The Fund's performance should be assessed against its target benchmark being to exceed the MSCI AC Asia Pacific ex Japan (Net TR) index and compared against the Morningstar Asia Pacific ex Japan Category. The Fund's investment universe is expected to overlap to a limited extent with the components of the target benchmark. The comparator benchmark is only included for performance comparison purposes and does not determine how the Investment Manager invests the Fund's assets. The Investment Manager invests on a discretionary basis and there are no restrictions on the extent to which the Fund's portfolio and performance may deviate from the target benchmark. The Investment Manager will invest in companies or sectors not included in the target benchmark in order to take advantage of specific investment opportunities.

The target benchmark has been selected because it is representative of the type of investments in which the Fund is likely to invest and it is, therefore, an appropriate target in relation to the return that the Fund aims to provide. The comparator benchmark has been selected because the Investment Manager believes that the benchmark is a suitable comparison for performance purposes given the Fund's investment objective and policy. The benchmark(s) does/do not take into account the environmental and social characteristics or sustainable objective (as relevant) of the Fund.

## Further Information

The Fund is categorised as "Specialist Equity Fund".

More information relating to the environmental and social characteristics or sustainable investment objective (as applicable) of the Fund is provided in Appendix IV in accordance with SFDR and Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288.

## Risk Considerations

### Specific Risk Considerations

Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect and Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect are securities trading and clearing linked programmes developed by The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited, Shanghai/Shenzhen Stock Exchanges, Hong Kong Securities Clearing Company Limited and China Securities Depository and Clearing Corporation Limited, with an aim to achieve mutual stock market access between the PRC (excluding Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan) and Hong Kong. A detailed description of the programmes as well as risks linked thereto can be found in Appendix II of this Prospectus.

The reference in the Investment Policy to a fund investing two-thirds of its assets in a certain way applies in normal market conditions. See paragraph (A) at the start of this Appendix for further information.

The level of distribution costs in certain jurisdictions may impact the ability of the Investment Manager to meet the Fund's investment objective across all Share Classes after fees have been deducted.

The Fund has environmental and/or social characteristics (within the meaning of Article 8 SFDR). A Fund with these characteristics may have limited exposure to some companies, industries or sectors as a result and the Fund may forego certain investment opportunities, or dispose of certain holdings, that do not align with its sustainability criteria chosen by the Investment Manager. As Investors may differ in their views of what constitutes sustainable investing, the Fund may also invest in companies that do not

reflect the beliefs and values of any particular Investor. Please refer to Appendix II for more details on sustainability risks.

## Profile of the Typical Investor

The Fund may be suitable for Investors who are more concerned with maximising long term returns than minimising possible short term losses.

## Fund Characteristics

Fund Currency	USD
Investment Manager	Schroder Investment Management (Hong Kong) Limited
Dealing Cut-off Time	13.00 Luxembourg time on Dealing Day
Dealing Frequency	Daily on Dealing Day
Settlement Period of Subscription and Redemption Proceeds <sup>1</sup>	3 Business Days from the relevant Dealing Day
Performance Fee	None
Redemption Charge	None
PEA / PIR Eligibility	No
Sustainability Criteria	<p>The Investment Manager applies sustainability criteria when selecting investments for the Fund.</p> <p>The investable universe is assessed using a number of proprietary tools, as well as external rating services. Companies being considered for investment are assessed on a stakeholder-based approach against criteria including, but not limited to (1) good governance practices; (2) impact on the environment and local communities; and (3) fair and equitable treatment of employees, suppliers and customers.</p> <p>In the portfolio construction process, companies that fall into the bottom quintile based on the Investment Manager's overall sustainability score will not be eligible for inclusion in the first instance. However, if, based on proprietary analysis and ongoing engagement with a company, the Investment Manager believes that the company is taking concrete steps to transition out of business segments that have not met the sustainability criteria or to improve their relevant areas of weakness, the company may be deemed eligible for investment.</p> <p>The Investment Manager ensures that at least 90% of the portion of the Fund's Net Asset Value composed of investments in companies is rated against the sustainability criteria. As a result of the application of sustainability criteria, at least 20% of the Fund's potential investment universe is excluded from the selection of investments.</p> <p>For the purposes of this test, the potential investment universe is the core universe of issuers that the Investment Manager may select for the Fund prior to the application of sustainability criteria, in accordance with the other limitations of the Investment Objective and Policy. This universe is comprised of equity and equity related securities of companies in Asia Pacific markets or companies which derive a significant proportion of their revenues or profits from the Asia Pacific region.</p>

<sup>1</sup> Different subscription and redemption procedures may apply if applications are made through Distributors.



## General Share Class Features

Share Classes	Initial Charge <sup>2</sup>	Annual Distribution Charge <sup>3</sup>	Annual Management Charge
A Shares	Up to 5%	None	1.50%
AX Shares	Up to 5%	None	1.25%
A1 Shares	Up to 4%	0.50%	1.50%
B Shares	None	0.60%	1.50%
C Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.75%
CN Shares	Up to 3%	None	0.75%
CX Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.75%
D Shares	None	1.00%	1.50%
E Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.375%
IZ, IA, IB, IC, ID Shares	None	None	Up to 0.75%
Z Shares	None	None	Up to 0.75%

Annual Distribution Charge and Annual Management Charge percentages are stated as an annual charge with reference to the Net Asset Value of the Fund or the Net Asset Value per Share, as may be appropriate.

A share class hedging charge of up to 0.03% will be borne by the currency hedged Share Classes.

Not all Share Classes listed are available for subscription at the time of issue of this Prospectus. The Funds may also launch Bespoke Share Classes that are described under Appendix III at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>2</sup> The initial charge is applied against the total amount invested. The Management Company and Distributors are entitled to the initial charge, which can be partly or fully waived at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>3</sup> Annual Distribution Charges in respect of A1 and D Shares are paid at such intervals as may be agreed from time to time between the Company and those Distributors that are appointed specifically for the purpose of distributing such Shares. Annual Distribution Charges in respect of B Shares are payable quarterly.

# Schroder International Selection Fund Sustainable Emerging Markets Synergy

## Investment Objective

The Fund aims to provide capital growth and income in excess of the MSCI Emerging Markets (NDR) index after fees have been deducted over a three to five year period by investing in equity and equity related securities of companies in emerging market countries which meet the Investment Manager's sustainability criteria.

## Investment Policy

The Fund is actively managed and invests at least two-thirds of its assets in a diversified portfolio of equity and equity-related securities of companies in emerging market countries.

The Fund primarily focuses on companies with strong fundamentals based on bottom-up research as well as those with certain "Value" and/or "Quality" characteristics. Value is assessed by looking at indicators such as cash flows, dividends and earnings to identify securities which the Investment Manager believes have been undervalued by the market. Quality is assessed by looking at indicators such as a company's profitability, stability, financial strength, governance and expected growth.

The Fund may invest directly in China B-Shares and China H-Shares and may invest less than 20% of its assets (on a net basis) directly or indirectly (for example via participatory notes) in China A-Shares through Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect and Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect and shares listed on the STAR Board and the ChiNext.

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than MSCI Emerging Markets (NDR) index, based on the Investment Manager's rating system. More details on the investment process used to achieve this can be found in the Fund Characteristics section.

The Fund does not directly invest in certain activities, industries or groups of issuers above the limits listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

The Fund invests in companies that have good governance practices, as determined by the Investment Manager's rating criteria (please see the Fund Characteristics section for more details).

The Investment Manager may also engage with companies held by the Fund to challenge identified areas of weakness on sustainability issues. More details on the Investment Manager's approach to sustainability and its engagement with companies are available on the webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/>

The Fund may also invest up to one-third of its assets directly or indirectly in other securities (including other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies, Investment Funds, warrants and Money Market Investments, and hold cash (subject to the restrictions provided in Appendix I).

The Fund may use derivatives with the aim of reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently.

## Benchmark

The Fund's performance should be assessed against its target benchmark, being to exceed the MSCI Emerging Markets (NDR) index. The Fund's investment universe is expected to overlap materially with the components of the target benchmark. The Investment Manager invests on a discretionary basis and there are no restrictions on the extent to which the Fund's portfolio and performance may deviate from the target benchmark. The Investment Manager will invest in companies or sectors not included in the target benchmark in order to take advantage of specific investment opportunities. The benchmark(s) does/do not take into account the environmental and social characteristics or sustainable objective (as relevant) of the Fund.

The target benchmark has been selected because it is representative of the type of investments in which the Fund is likely to invest and it is, therefore, an appropriate target in relation to the return that the Fund aims to provide.

## Further Information

The Fund is managed by the QEP investment team in collaboration with the Global Emerging Markets team. QEP stands for Quantitative Equity Products.

More information relating to the environmental and social characteristics or sustainable investment objective (as applicable) of the Fund is provided in Appendix IV in accordance with SFDR and Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288.

## Risk Considerations

### Specific Risk Considerations

Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect and Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect are securities trading and clearing linked programmes developed by The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited, Shanghai/Shenzhen Stock Exchanges, Hong Kong Securities Clearing Company Limited and China Securities Depository and Clearing Corporation Limited, with an aim to achieve mutual stock market access between the PRC (excluding Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan) and Hong Kong. A detailed description of the programmes as well as risks linked thereto can be found in Appendix II of this Prospectus.

The reference in the Investment Policy to a fund investing two-thirds of its assets in a certain way applies in normal market conditions. See paragraph (A) at the start of this Appendix for further information.

Risks related to emerging markets investments can be found under "Emerging and Less Developed Markets Securities Risk" in Appendix II of this Prospectus.

The level of distribution costs in certain jurisdictions may impact the ability of the Investment Manager to meet the Fund's investment objective across all Share Classes after fees have been deducted.

The Fund has environmental and/or social characteristics (within the meaning of Article 8 SFDR). A Fund with these characteristics may have limited exposure to some companies, industries or sectors as a result and the Fund

may forego certain investment opportunities, or dispose of certain holdings, that do not align with its sustainability criteria chosen by the Investment Manager. As Investors may differ in their views of what constitutes sustainable investing, the Fund may also invest in companies that do not reflect the beliefs and values of any particular Investor. Please refer to Appendix II for more details on sustainability risks.

## Profile of the Typical Investor

The Fund may be suitable for Investors who are seeking long term growth potential offered through investment in equities.

## Fund Characteristics

Fund Currency	USD
Investment Manager	Schroder Investment Management Limited
Dealing Cut-off Time	13.00 Luxembourg time on Dealing Day
Dealing Frequency	Daily on Dealing Day
Settlement Period of Subscription and Redemption Proceeds <sup>1</sup>	3 Business Days from the relevant Dealing Day
Performance Fee	None
Redemption Charge	None
PEA / PIR Eligibility	No
Sustainability Criteria	<p>The Investment Manager applies sustainability criteria when selecting investments for the Fund.</p> <p>Companies in the investment universe are assessed on their governance, environmental and social profile, across a wide range of underlying measures. The Investment Manager will then decide whether a company is eligible for inclusion in the Fund, based on its sustainability profile. The sustainability characteristics of a company can also impact the sizing of positions in the Fund.</p> <p>Within governance, criteria assessed include risk to shareholders, business oversight, accounting risk and dividend policy. Environmental considerations include climate change related risks alongside broader environmental impact and opportunities. Social criteria reflects areas such as business involvement, safety, employee welfare, supply chain management and data privacy.</p> <p>The primary sources of information include fundamental accounting data, Schroders' proprietary sustainability tools and third-party ESG data.</p> <p>The Investment Manager ensures that at least 90% of the portion of the Fund's Net Asset Value composed of investments in companies is rated against the sustainability criteria. As a result of the application of sustainability criteria, the portfolio exhibits a higher overall sustainability score than its investment universe after the bottom-rated 20% of stocks within the investment universe are excluded.</p> <p>For the purposes of this test, the potential investment universe is the core universe of issuers that the Investment Manager may select for the Fund prior to the application of sustainability criteria, in accordance with the other limitations of the Investment Objective and Policy. This universe is comprised of equity and equity related securities of emerging and frontier markets companies or companies which derive a significant proportion of their revenues or profits from emerging markets or frontier markets countries.</p>

<sup>1</sup> Different subscription and redemption procedures may apply if applications are made through Distributors.

## General Share Class Features

Share Classes	Initial Charge <sup>2</sup>	Annual Distribution Charge <sup>3</sup>	Annual Management Charge
A Shares	Up to 5%	None	1.50%
AX Shares	Up to 5%	None	1.50%
A1 Shares	Up to 4%	0.50%	1.50%
B Shares	None	0.60%	1.50%
C Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.75%
CN Shares	Up to 3%	None	0.75%
CX Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.75%
D Shares	None	1.00%	1.50%
E Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.375%
IZ, IA, IB, IC, ID Shares	None	None	Up to 0.75%
Z Shares	None	None	Up to 0.75%

Annual Distribution Charge and Annual Management Charge percentages are stated as an annual charge with reference to the Net Asset Value of the Fund or the Net Asset Value per Share, as may be appropriate.

A share class hedging charge of up to 0.03% will be borne by the currency hedged Share Classes.

Not all Share Classes listed are available for subscription at the time of issue of this Prospectus. The Funds may also launch Bespoke Share Classes that are described under Appendix III at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>2</sup> The initial charge is applied against the total amount invested. The Management Company and Distributors are entitled to the initial charge, which can be partly or fully waived at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>3</sup> Annual Distribution Charges in respect of A1 and D Shares are paid at such intervals as may be agreed from time to time between the Company and those Distributors that are appointed specifically for the purpose of distributing such Shares. Annual Distribution Charges in respect of B Shares are payable quarterly.

# Schroder International Selection Fund Sustainable Emerging Markets ex China Synergy

## Investment Objective

The Fund aims to provide capital growth and income in excess of the MSCI Emerging Markets ex. China (NDR) index after fees have been deducted over a three to five year period by investing in equity and equity related securities of companies in emerging market countries, excluding China, which meet the Investment Manager's sustainability criteria.

## Investment Policy

The Fund is actively managed and invests at least two-thirds of its assets in a diversified portfolio of equity and equity-related securities of companies in emerging market countries, excluding China.

The Fund primarily focuses on companies with strong fundamentals based on bottom-up research as well as those with certain "Value" and/or "Quality" characteristics. Value is assessed by looking at indicators such as cash flows, dividends and earnings to identify securities which the Investment Manager believes have been undervalued by the market. Quality is assessed by looking at indicators such as a company's profitability, stability, financial strength, governance and expected growth.

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than MSCI Emerging Markets ex. China (NDR) index, based on the Investment Manager's rating system. More details on the investment process used to achieve this can be found in the Fund Characteristics section.

The Fund does not directly invest in certain activities, industries or groups of issuers above the limits listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

The Fund invests in companies that have good governance practices, as determined by the Investment Manager's rating criteria (please see the Fund Characteristics section for more details).

The Investment Manager may also engage with companies held by the Fund to challenge identified areas of weakness on sustainability issues. More details on the Investment Manager's approach to sustainability and its engagement with companies are available on the webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/>

The Fund may also invest up to one-third of its assets directly or indirectly in other securities (including other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies, Investment Funds, warrants and Money Market Investments, and hold cash (subject to the restrictions provided in Appendix I).

The Fund may use derivatives with the aim of reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently.

## Benchmark

The Fund's performance should be assessed against its target benchmark, being to exceed the MSCI Emerging Markets ex. China (NDR) index. The Fund's investment

universe is expected to overlap materially with the components of the target benchmark. The Investment Manager invests on a discretionary basis and there are no restrictions on the extent to which the Fund's portfolio and performance may deviate from the target benchmark. The Investment Manager will invest in companies or sectors not included in the target benchmark in order to take advantage of specific investment opportunities. The benchmark(s) does/do not take into account the environmental and social characteristics or sustainable objective (as relevant) of the Fund.

The target benchmark has been selected because it is representative of the type of investments in which the Fund is likely to invest and it is, therefore, an appropriate target in relation to the return that the Fund aims to provide.

## Further Information

The Fund is managed by the QEP investment team in collaboration with the Global Emerging Markets team. QEP stands for Quantitative Equity Products.

More information relating to the environmental and social characteristics or sustainable investment objective (as applicable) of the Fund is provided in Appendix IV in accordance with SFDR and Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288.

## Risk Considerations

### Specific Risk Considerations

The reference in the Investment Policy to a fund investing two-thirds of its assets in a certain way applies in normal market conditions. See paragraph (A) at the start of this Appendix for further information.

Risks related to emerging markets investments can be found under "Emerging and Less Developed Markets Securities Risk" in Appendix II of this Prospectus.

The level of distribution costs in certain jurisdictions may impact the ability of the Investment Manager to meet the Fund's investment objective across all Share Classes after fees have been deducted.

The Fund has environmental and/or social characteristics (within the meaning of Article 8 SFDR). A Fund with these characteristics may have limited exposure to some companies, industries or sectors as a result and the Fund may forego certain investment opportunities, or dispose of certain holdings, that do not align with its sustainability criteria chosen by the Investment Manager. As Investors may differ in their views of what constitutes sustainable investing, the Fund may also invest in companies that do not reflect the beliefs and values of any particular Investor. Please refer to Appendix II for more details on sustainability risks.

## Profile of the Typical Investor

The Fund may be suitable for Investors who are seeking long term growth potential offered through investment in equities.

## Fund Characteristics

Fund Currency	USD
Investment Manager	Schroder Investment Management Limited
Dealing Cut-off Time	13.00 Luxembourg time on Dealing Day
Dealing Frequency	Daily on Dealing Day
Settlement Period of Subscription and Redemption Proceeds <sup>1</sup>	3 Business Days from the relevant Dealing Day
Performance Fee	None
Redemption Charge	None
PEA / PIR Eligibility	No
Sustainability Criteria	<p>The Investment Manager applies sustainability criteria when selecting investments for the Fund.</p> <p>Companies in the investment universe are assessed on their governance, environmental and social profile, across a wide range of underlying measures. The Investment Manager will then decide whether a company is eligible for inclusion in the Fund, based on its sustainability profile. The sustainability characteristics of a company can also impact the sizing of positions in the Fund.</p> <p>Within governance, criteria assessed include risk to shareholders, business oversight, accounting risk and dividend policy. Environmental considerations include climate change related risks alongside broader environmental impact and opportunities. Social criteria reflects areas such as business involvement, safety, employee welfare, supply chain management and data privacy.</p> <p>The primary sources of information include fundamental accounting data, Schroders' proprietary sustainability tools and third-party ESG data.</p> <p>The Investment Manager ensures that at least 90% of the portion of the Fund's Net Asset Value composed of investments in companies is rated against the sustainability criteria. As a result of the application of sustainability criteria, the portfolio exhibits a higher overall sustainability score than its investment universe after the bottom-rated 20% of stocks within the investment universe are excluded.</p> <p>For the purposes of this test, the potential investment universe is the core universe of issuers that the Investment Manager may select for the Fund prior to the application of sustainability criteria, in accordance with the other limitations of the Investment Objective and Policy. This universe is comprised of equity and equity related securities of emerging and frontier markets companies, excluding China, or companies which derive a significant proportion of their revenues or profits from emerging markets or frontier markets countries, excluding China.</p>

## General Share Class Features

Share Classes	Initial Charge <sup>2</sup>	Annual Distribution Charge <sup>3</sup>	Annual Management Charge
A Shares	Up to 5%	None	1.50%
AX Shares	Up to 5%	None	1.50%
A1 Shares	Up to 4%	0.50%	1.50%
B Shares	None	0.60%	1.50%
C Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.75%
CN Shares	Up to 3%	None	0.75%
CX Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.75%
D Shares	None	1.00%	1.50%
E Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.375%
IZ, IA, IB, IC, ID Shares	None	None	Up to 0.75%
Z Shares	None	None	Up to 0.75%

Annual Distribution Charge and Annual Management Charge percentages are stated as an annual charge with reference to the Net Asset Value of the Fund or the Net Asset Value per Share, as may be appropriate.

<sup>1</sup> Different subscription and redemption procedures may apply if applications are made through Distributors.

<sup>2</sup> The initial charge is applied against the total amount invested. The Management Company and Distributors are entitled to the initial charge, which can be partly or fully waived at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>3</sup> Annual Distribution Charges in respect of A1 and D Shares are paid at such intervals as may be agreed from time to time between the Company and those Distributors that are appointed specifically for the purpose of distributing such Shares. Annual Distribution Charges in respect of B Shares are payable quarterly.

A share class hedging charge of up to 0.03% will be borne by the currency hedged Share Classes.

Not all Share Classes listed are available for subscription at the time of issue of this Prospectus. The Funds may also launch Bespoke Share Classes that are described under Appendix III at the Directors' discretion.



# Schroder International Selection Fund Sustainable EURO Credit

## Investment Objective

The Fund aims to provide capital growth and income in excess of the ICE BofA Euro Corporate index after fees have been deducted over a three to five year period by investing in fixed and floating rate securities denominated in Euro issued by companies worldwide, which meet the Investment Manager's sustainability criteria.

## Investment Policy

The Fund is actively managed and invests at least two-thirds of its assets in fixed and floating rate securities denominated in or hedged to Euro issued by companies and other non-sovereign bond issuers, governments, government agencies and supra-nationals worldwide.

In security analysis, the Fund compares issuers in the context of their sector and country peers.

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than ICE BofA Euro Corporate index, based on the Investment Manager's rating system. More details on the investment process used to achieve this can be found in the Fund Characteristics section.

The Fund invests at least 10% of its assets in green, social and/or sustainable bonds (please see the Fund Characteristics section for more details).

The Fund does not directly invest in certain activities, industries or groups of issuers above the limits listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

The Fund invests in companies that have good governance practices, as determined by the Investment Manager's rating criteria (please see the Fund Characteristics section for more details).

The Investment Manager may also engage with companies held by the Fund to challenge identified areas of weakness on sustainability issues. More details on the Investment Manager's approach to sustainability and its engagement with companies are available on the webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/>

The Fund may invest:

- up to 30% of its assets in securities that have a below investment grade credit rating (as measured by Standard & Poor's or any equivalent grade of other credit rating agencies for rated bonds and implied Schroders ratings for non-rated bonds);
- up to 20% of its assets in sovereign government bonds;
- up to 20% of its assets in asset-backed securities and mortgage-backed securities; and
- up to 20% of its assets in convertible bonds including up to 10% of its assets in contingent convertible bonds.

The Fund may also invest up to one-third of its assets directly or indirectly in other securities (including other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies,

Investment Funds, warrants and Money Market Investments, and hold cash (subject to the restrictions provided in Appendix I).

The Fund may use derivatives with the aim of achieving investment gains, reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently.

## Benchmark

The Fund's performance should be compared against its target benchmark being to exceed the ICE BofA Euro Corporate Index. The Fund's investment universe is expected to overlap materially with the components of the target benchmark. The Investment Manager invests on a discretionary basis and there are no restrictions on the extent to which the Fund's portfolio and performance may deviate from the target benchmark. The Investment Manager will invest in companies or sectors not included in the target benchmark in order to take advantage of specific investment opportunities. The benchmark(s) does/do not take into account the environmental and social characteristics or sustainable objective (as relevant) of the Fund.

The target benchmark has been selected because it is representative of the type of investments in which the Fund is likely to invest and it is, therefore, an appropriate target in relation to the return that the Fund aims to provide.

## Further Information

The Fund is categorised as "Specialist Bond Fund".

More information relating to the environmental and social characteristics or sustainable investment objective (as applicable) of the Fund is provided in Appendix IV in accordance with SFDR and Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288.

## Risk Considerations

### Specific Risk Considerations

The reference in the Investment Policy to a fund investing two-thirds of its assets in a certain way applies in normal market conditions. See paragraph (A) at the start of this Appendix for further information.

The level of distribution costs in certain jurisdictions may impact the ability of the Investment Manager to meet the Fund's investment objective across all Share Classes after fees have been deducted.

The Fund has environmental and/or social characteristics (within the meaning of Article 8 SFDR). A Fund with these characteristics may have limited exposure to some companies, industries or sectors as a result and the Fund may forego certain investment opportunities, or dispose of certain holdings, that do not align with its sustainability criteria chosen by the Investment Manager. As Investors may differ in their views of what constitutes sustainable investing, the Fund may also invest in companies that do not reflect the beliefs and values of any particular Investor. Please refer to Appendix II for more details on sustainability risks.

## Profile of the Typical Investor

A detailed description of the risks linked to contingent convertible bonds, below-investment grade securities, asset-backed securities and mortgage-backed securities can be found in Appendix II of this Prospectus.

The Fund may be suitable for Investors who are seeking to combine capital growth opportunities with income in the relative stability of the debt markets over the long term.

## Fund Characteristics

Fund Currency	EUR
Investment Manager	Schroder Investment Management (Europe) S.A. – German Branch
Dealing Cut-off Time	13.00 Luxembourg time on Dealing Day
Dealing Frequency	Daily on Dealing Day
Settlement Period of Subscription and Redemption Proceeds <sup>1</sup>	3 Business Days from the relevant Dealing Day
Performance Fee	None
Redemption Charge	None
PEA / PIR Eligibility	No
Sustainability Criteria	<p>The Investment Manager applies sustainability criteria when selecting investments for the Fund.</p> <p>The strategy applies screens to combine best-in-class companies with investments in issuers demonstrating good or improving sustainability credentials. This is achieved by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– The exclusion of issuers <u>with certain exposure to specific activities that the Investment Manager considers environmentally destructive or socially damaging, violate human rights and/or have demonstrated gross misconduct</u>.that the Investment Manager deems to have businesses that are environmentally destructive, socially costly, violate human rights and/or have demonstrated gross misconduct.</li><li>– The inclusion of issuers that <u>the Investment Manager considers are well placed to deliver demonstrate</u> stable and improving sustainability trajectories relative to their industry peers. As part of the selection process, the Investment Manager also considers companies' commitment to sustainable themes such as responsible finance, waste management, climate change mitigation, education, health and wellbeing, and circular packaging.</li></ul> <p><u>The Fund may also invest strategically in green, social and sustainable bonds.</u> The selection of green, social and sustainable bonds entails assessing the overall sustainability of the issuer, <u>and</u> analysing the use of proceeds <u>and the expected impact on the bond's objectives</u>. A green bond is a fixed or floating rate security that finances an environmental objective. A social bond is a fixed or floating rate security that finances a social objective. A sustainable bond is a fixed or floating rate security that finances both environmental and social objectives.</p> <p>The Investment Manager may also engage with companies to encourage transparency, the transition to a circular economy with lower carbon emissions intensity and responsible social behaviour that promotes sustainable growth and alpha generation.</p> <p>The primary sources of information used to perform the analysis are Schroders' proprietary sustainability tools and research, and the Investment Manager's third-party research, NGO reports and expert networks. The Investment Manager also performs its own analysis of information provided by the companies, including information provided in company sustainability reports and other relevant company material.</p> <p>The Investment Manager ensures that at least 90% of the portion of the Fund's Net Asset Value composed of investments in companies is rated against the sustainability criteria. As a result of the application of sustainability criteria, at least 20% of the Fund's potential investment universe is excluded from the selection of investments.</p> <p>For the purposes of this test, the potential investment universe is the core universe of issuers that the Investment Manager may select for the Fund prior to the application of sustainability criteria, in accordance with the other limitations of the Investment Objective and Policy. This universe is comprised of fixed and floating rate securities denominated in various currencies and issued by companies worldwide. The universe (for the purpose of this test only) does not include fixed or floating rate securities issued by public or quasi-public issuers.</p>

<sup>1</sup> Different subscription and redemption procedures may apply if applications are made through Distributors.

## General Share Class Features

Share Classes	Initial Charge <sup>2</sup>	Annual Distribution Charge <sup>3</sup>	Annual Management Charge
A Shares	Up to 3%	None	0.75%
AX Shares	Up to 3%	None	0.75%
A1 Shares	Up to 2%	0.50%	0.75%
B Shares	None	0.50%	0.75%
C Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.45%
CN Shares	Up to 3%	None	0.45%
CX Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.45%
D Shares	None	1.00%	0.75%
E Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.225%
IZ, IA, IB, IC, ID Shares	None	None	Up to 0.45%
Z Shares	None	None	Up to 0.45%

Annual Distribution Charge and Annual Management Charge percentages are stated as an annual charge with reference to the Net Asset Value of the Fund or the Net Asset Value per Share, as may be appropriate.

A share class hedging charge of up to 0.03% will be borne by the currency hedged Share Classes.

Not all Share Classes listed are available for subscription at the time of issue of this Prospectus. The Funds may also launch Bespoke Share Classes that are described under Appendix III at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>2</sup> The initial charge is applied against the total amount invested. The Management Company and Distributors are entitled to the initial charge, which can be partly or fully waived at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>3</sup> Annual Distribution Charges in respect of A1 and D Shares are paid at such intervals as may be agreed from time to time between the Company and those Distributors that are appointed specifically for the purpose of distributing such Shares. Annual Distribution Charges in respect of B Shares are payable quarterly.

# Schroder International Selection Fund Sustainable Future Trends

## Investment Objective

The Fund aims to provide capital growth and income in excess of 50% MSCI World EUR Hedged and 30% FTSE World Government Bond Index EUR Hedged and 20% Bloomberg Global Aggregate Corporate Index EUR Hedged after fees have been deducted over a five to seven year period by investing in a diversified range of assets and markets worldwide that meet the Investment Manager's sustainability criteria.

## Investment Policy

The Fund is actively managed and invests directly or indirectly through derivatives in equity and equity related securities, fixed income securities and Alternative Asset Classes. The exposure to Alternative Asset Classes is taken through eligible assets as described in Appendix III of this Prospectus.

The Fund takes a forward looking approach to identifying trends in sustainable investing through top down and bottom up analysis.

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than 50% MSCI World EUR Hedged and 30% FTSE World Government Bond Index EUR Hedged and 20% Bloomberg Global Aggregate Corporate Index EUR Hedged, based on the Investment Manager's rating system. More details on the investment process used to achieve this can be found in the Fund Characteristics section.

The Fund does not directly invest in certain activities, industries or groups of issuers above the limits listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

The Fund invests in companies that have good governance practices, as determined by the Investment Manager's rating criteria (please see the Fund Characteristics section for more details).

The Investment Manager may also engage with companies held by the Fund to challenge identified areas of weakness on sustainability issues. More details on the Investment Manager's approach to sustainability and its engagement with companies are available on the webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/>

The Fund aims to achieve its target return in excess of 50% MSCI World EUR Hedged and 30% FTSE World Government Bond Index EUR Hedged and 20% Bloomberg Global Aggregate Corporate Index EUR Hedged over a five to seven year period with approximately two thirds of the level of global equity market volatility (a measure of how much the Fund's returns may vary) over the same period.

The Fund intends to use derivatives (including total return swaps), long and short, with the aim of achieving investment gains, reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently. Where the Fund uses total return swaps and contracts for difference, the underlying consists of instruments in which the Fund may invest according to its Investment Objective and Investment Policy. In particular, the aim is to use total return swaps and contracts for difference on a temporary basis in market conditions including but not limited to during periods of expanding global economic growth and

rising inflation or elevated geopolitical risk, or when credit spreads are expected to widen such during periods of falling economic growth, rising interest rates or elevated geopolitical risk. Contracts for difference and total return swaps are intended to be used to gain long and short exposure on equity and equity related securities, fixed and floating rate securities and commodity indices. The gross exposure of total return swaps and contracts for difference will not exceed 30% and is expected to remain within the range of 0% to 30% of the Net Asset Value. Due to short-term market movements, this proportion may be higher at times.

The Fund may (exceptionally) hold up to 100% of its assets in cash and Money Market Investments. This will be limited to a maximum of six months (otherwise the Fund will be liquidated). During this period, the Fund will not fall within the scope of MMFR. The Fund may also invest up to 10% of its assets in open-ended Investment Funds.

## Benchmark

The Fund's performance should be assessed against its target benchmark being to exceed 50% MSCI World EUR Hedged and 30% FTSE World Government Bond Index EUR Hedged and 20% Bloomberg Global Aggregate Corporate Index EUR Hedged. The Fund's investment universe is expected to overlap materially with the components of the target benchmark. The Investment Manager invests on a discretionary basis and there are no restrictions on the extent to which the Fund's portfolio and performance may deviate from the target benchmark. The Investment Manager will invest in companies or sectors not included in the target benchmark in order to take advantage of specific investment opportunities. The benchmark(s) does/do not take into account the environmental and social characteristics or sustainable objective (as relevant) of the Fund.

The target benchmark has been selected because the target return of the Fund is to deliver or exceed the return of that benchmark as stated in the investment objective.

## Further Information

The Fund is categorised as "Multi Asset Fund".

More information relating to the environmental and social characteristics or sustainable investment objective (as applicable) of the Fund is provided in Appendix IV in accordance with SFDR and Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288.

## Risk Considerations

### Specific Risk Considerations

The reference in the Investment Policy to a fund investing two-thirds of its assets in a certain way applies in normal market conditions. See paragraph (A) at the start of this Appendix for further information.

The level of distribution costs in certain jurisdictions may impact the ability of the Investment Manager to meet the Fund's investment objective across all Share Classes after fees have been deducted.

The Fund has environmental and/or social characteristics (within the meaning of Article 8 SFDR). A Fund with these characteristics may have limited exposure to some

companies, industries or sectors as a result and the Fund may forego certain investment opportunities, or dispose of certain holdings, that do not align with its sustainability criteria chosen by the Investment Manager. As Investors may differ in their views of what constitutes sustainable investing, the Fund may also invest in companies that do not reflect the beliefs and values of any particular Investor. Please refer to Appendix II for more details on sustainability risks.

## Profile of the Typical Investor

The Fund may be suitable for Investors who are seeking long-term capital growth potential through investment in a diversified portfolio offering exposure to a range of asset classes.

## Fund Characteristics

Fund Currency	EUR
Investment Manager	Schroder Investment Management (Europe) S.A. – German Branch
Dealing Cut-off Time	13.00 Luxembourg time on Dealing Day
Dealing Frequency	Daily on Dealing Day
Settlement Period of Subscription and Redemption Proceeds <sup>1</sup>	3 Business Days from the relevant Dealing Day
Performance Fee	None
Redemption Charge	None
PEA / PIR Eligibility	No
Sustainability Criteria	<p>The Investment Manager applies sustainability criteria when selecting investments for the Fund. The Investment Manager uses both negative and positive screening.</p> <p>Firstly, a company is given an ESG score, which takes into account issues such as climate change, environmental performance, labour standards and board composition. The Investment Manager will decide whether an investment is eligible for inclusion taking into account this ESG score and will generally exclude companies with the lowest scores across each industrial group. The multi-asset nature of the Fund means that the Investment Manager will analyse the ESG scores across asset classes as an input into the asset allocation of the Fund.</p> <p>Within the Fund's investment universe established by this screening, the Investment Manager will assess companies against a variety of environmental and social metrics, and may then select investments based on which it deems to contribute to one or more environmental or social objectives, provided that they do no significant harm to any other environmental or social objectives.</p> <p>The sources of information used to perform the analysis include information provided by the companies, such as company sustainability reports and other relevant company material, as well as Schroders' proprietary sustainability tools and third-party data.</p> <p>The Investment Manager ensures that at least 90% of the portion of the Fund's Net Asset Value composed of investments in companies is rated against the sustainability criteria. As a result of the application of sustainability criteria, at least 20% of the Fund's potential investment universe is excluded from the selection of investments.</p> <p>For the purposes of this test, the potential investment universe is the core universe of issuers that the Investment Manager may select for the Fund prior to the application of sustainability criteria, in accordance with the other limitations of the Investment Objective and Policy. This universe is comprised of equity and equity related securities and fixed income securities issued by companies worldwide and Alternative Asset Classes. However, the universe (for the purpose of this test only) shall not include fixed income securities issued by public or quasi-public issuers.</p>

<sup>1</sup> Different subscription and redemption procedures may apply if applications are made through Distributors.

## General Share Class Features

Share Classes	Initial Charge <sup>2</sup>	Annual Distribution Charge <sup>3</sup>	Annual Management Charge
A Shares	Up to 4%	None	1.20%
AX Shares	Up to 4%	None	1.20%
A1 Shares	Up to 3%	0.50%	1.20%
B Shares	None	0.60%	1.20%
C Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.60%
CN Shares	Up to 3%	None	0.60%
CX Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.60%
D Shares	None	1.00%	1.20%
E Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.30%
IZ, IA, IB, IC, ID Shares	None	None	Up to 0.60%
Z Shares	None	None	Up to 0.60%

Annual Distribution Charge and Annual Management Charge percentages are stated as an annual charge with reference to the Net Asset Value of the Fund or the Net Asset Value per Share, as may be appropriate.

A share class hedging charge of up to 0.03% will be borne by the currency hedged Share Classes.

Not all Share Classes listed are available for subscription at the time of issue of this Prospectus. The Funds may also launch Bespoke Share Classes that are described under Appendix III at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>2</sup> The initial charge is applied against the total amount invested. The Management Company and Distributors are entitled to the initial charge, which can be partly or fully waived at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>3</sup> Annual Distribution Charges in respect of A1 and D Shares are paid at such intervals as may be agreed from time to time between the Company and those Distributors that are appointed specifically for the purpose of distributing such Shares. Annual Distribution Charges in respect of B Shares are payable quarterly.



# Schroder International Selection Fund Sustainable Global Credit Income Short Duration

## Investment Objective

The Fund aims to provide capital growth and income by investing in fixed and floating rate securities issued by governments and companies worldwide which meet the Investment Manager's sustainability criteria. The Fund aims to reduce interest rate risk (as defined by duration) by focussing on fixed and floating rate securities with a duration of less than four years.

## Investment Policy

The Fund is actively managed and invests at least two-thirds of its assets in fixed and floating rate investment grade and high yield securities issued by governments, government agencies, supra-nationals and companies worldwide, including emerging market countries. The Fund's strategy will have an overall duration of less than four years but this does not preclude the fund from investing in securities with a duration above four years. The Investment Manager believes the short duration strategy should limit the overall level of interest rate risk.

The Fund may invest:

- in excess of 50% of its assets in securities that have a below investment grade credit rating (as measured by Standard & Poor's or any equivalent grade of other credit rating agencies for rated bonds and implied Schroders ratings for non-rated bonds);
- up to 20% of its assets in asset-backed securities and mortgage-backed securities;
- up to 10% of its assets in convertible bonds (including contingent convertible bonds); and
- up to 10% of its assets in open-ended Investment Funds.

The Investment Manager also aims to mitigate losses by diversifying the Fund's asset allocation away from areas of the market identified as having a high risk of material negative return or principal risk.

The Fund may also invest up to one-third of its assets directly or indirectly in other securities (including other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies, warrants and Money Market Investments, and hold cash (subject to the restrictions provided in Appendix I).

The Fund may use derivatives, long and short, with the aim of achieving investment gains, reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently.

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than Bloomberg Barclays Multiverse (TR) ex Treasury A+ to B- USD Hedged index, based on the Investment Manager's rating system. More details on the investment process used to achieve this can be found in the Fund Characteristics section.

The Fund does not directly invest in certain activities, industries or groups of issuers listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

The Fund invests in companies that have good governance practices, as determined by the Investment Manager's rating criteria (please see the Fund Characteristics section for more details).

The Investment Manager may also engage with companies held by the Fund to challenge identified areas of weakness on sustainability issues. More details on the Investment Manager's approach to sustainability and its engagement with companies are available on the webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/>

The Fund may use derivatives with the aim of achieving investment gains, reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently. The Fund may also invest in derivatives to create long and short exposure to the underlying assets of these derivatives.

## Benchmark

The Fund does not have a target benchmark. The Fund's performance should be compared against 3 month EURIBOR (or alternative reference rate) and Bloomberg Multiverse 1-5 year TR ex-Treasury A+ to B- EUR hedged index. The comparator benchmarks are only included for performance comparison purposes and do not determine how the Investment Manager invests the Fund's assets. In relation to the Bloomberg Multiverse 1-5 year TR ex-Treasury A+ to B- EUR hedged index, the Fund's investment universe is expected to overlap to a limited extent with the components of the comparator benchmark. The Investment Manager invests on a discretionary basis and there are no restrictions on the extent to which the Fund's portfolio and performance may deviate from the Bloomberg Multiverse 1-5 year TR ex-Treasury A+ to B- EUR hedged index. The Investment Manager will invest in companies or sectors not included in the Bloomberg Multiverse 1-5 year TR ex-Treasury A+ to B- EUR hedged index. The benchmark(s) does/do not take into account the environmental and social characteristics or sustainable objective (as relevant) of the Fund.

Any comparator benchmark has been selected because the Investment Manager believes that the benchmark is a suitable comparison for performance purposes given the Fund's investment objective and policy.

Schroders is in the process of assessing the potential alternatives to EURIBOR and will notify investors of any decision to move away from EURIBOR in due course.

## Further Information

The Fund is categorised as "Specialist Bond Fund".

More information relating to the environmental and social characteristics or sustainable investment objective (as applicable) of the Fund is provided in Appendix IV in accordance with SFDR and Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288.

## Risk Considerations

### Risk Management Method

Absolute Value at Risk (VaR)



## Expected Leverage

300% of the total net assets

The expected level of leverage may be higher when there is unusually high or low volatility.

## This Fund is not a leveraged financial instrument

The Fund utilises financial derivative instruments for investment purposes and the global exposure is monitored under the absolute VaR approach in line with UCITS Risk Measurement Rules. Whilst these instruments generate leverage, the Fund itself is not a leveraged financial instrument as further described in the MIFID Directive. For further details on the absolute VaR approach please see Appendix 1. In addition to this regulatory restriction, Schroders implements internal controls on global exposure to constrain and/or highlight global exposure as appropriate.

## Specific Risk Considerations

The reference in the Investment Policy to a fund investing two thirds of its assets in a certain way applies in normal market conditions. See paragraph (A) at the start of this Appendix for further information.

## Fund Characteristics

Fund Currency	EUR
Investment Manager	Schroder Investment Management Limited
Dealing Cut-off Time	13.00 Luxembourg time on Dealing Day
Dealing Frequency	Daily on Dealing Day
Settlement Period of Subscription and Redemption Proceeds <sup>1</sup>	3 Business Days from the relevant Dealing Day
Performance Fee	None
Redemption Charge	None
PEA / PIR Eligibility	No
Sustainability Criteria	<p>The Investment Manager applies sustainability criteria when selecting investments for the Fund.</p> <p>The strategy applies structural sustainability themes and screens to combine best-in-class companies with investments in issuers demonstrating good or improving sustainability credentials. This is achieved by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– The exclusion of issuers <del>with certain exposure to specific activities that the Investment Manager considers environmentally destructive or socially damaging, violate human rights and/or have demonstrated gross misconduct.</del>with certain exposure to specific activities that the Investment Manager considers deems to have businesses that are environmentally destructive, socially damagingcostly, violate human rights and/or have demonstrated gross misconduct.</li><li>– The inclusion of issuers that <del>the Investment Manager considers are well placed to deliver demonstrate</del> stable and improving sustainability trajectories relative to their industry peers <del>and issuers demonstrating good governance based on the Investment Manager's sustainability rating methodology.</del> As part of the selection process, the Investment Manager also considers companies' commitment to sustainable themes such as climate change mitigation, economic inclusion and health and wellbeing.</li></ul> <p>The selection of green, social and sustainable bonds entails assessing the overall sustainability of the issuer <del>and</del>; analysing the use of proceeds <del>and the expected impact on the bond's objectives.</del> A green bond is a fixed or floating rate security that finances an environmental objective. A social bond is a fixed or floating rate security that finances a social objective. A sustainable bond is a fixed or floating rate security that finances both environmental and social objectives.</p> <p>The Investment Manager may also engage with companies to encourage transparency, the transition to a circular economy with lower carbon emissions intensity and responsible social behaviour that promotes sustainable growth and alpha generation.</p>

Risks related to emerging markets investments can be found under "Emerging and Less Developed Markets Securities Risk" in Appendix II of this Prospectus.

The Fund has environmental and/or social characteristics (within the meaning of Article 8 SFDR). A Fund with these characteristics may have limited exposure to some companies, industries or sectors as a result and the Fund may forego certain investment opportunities, or dispose of certain holdings, that do not align with its sustainability criteria chosen by the Investment Manager. As Investors may differ in their views of what constitutes sustainable investing, the Fund may also invest in companies that do not reflect the beliefs and values of any particular Investor. Please refer to Appendix II for more details on sustainability risks.

## Profile of the Typical Investor

The Fund may be suitable for Investors who are seeking income, combined with capital growth opportunities in the relative stability of the debt markets over the long term.

<sup>1</sup> Different subscription and redemption procedures may apply if applications are made through Distributors.

The primary sources of information used to perform the analysis are Schroders' proprietary sustainability tools and research, and the Investment Manager's third-party research, NGO reports and expert networks. The Investment Manager also performs its own analysis of information provided by the companies, including information provided in company sustainability reports and other relevant company material.

More details on the Investment Manager's approach to sustainability and its engagement with companies are available on the webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/>

The Investment Manager ensures that at least 90% of the portion of the Fund's Net Asset Value composed of investment in companies is rated against the sustainability criteria. As a result of the application of sustainability criteria, at least 20% of the Fund's potential investment universe is excluded from the selection of investments.

For the purposes of this test, the potential investment universe is the core universe of issuers that the Investment Manager may select for the Fund prior to the application of sustainability criteria, in accordance with the other limitations of the Investment Objective and Policy. This universe is comprised of fixed and floating rate securities issued by companies worldwide. However, the universe (for the purpose of this test only) does not include fixed or floating rate securities issued by public or quasi-public issuers.

## General Share Class Features

Share Classes	Initial Charge <sup>2</sup>	Annual Distribution Charge <sup>3</sup>	Annual Management Charge
A Shares	Up to 3%	None	1.00%
AX Shares	Up to 3%	None	1.00%
A1 Shares	Up to 2%	0.50%	1.00%
B Shares	None	0.50%	1.00%
C Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.40%
CN Shares	Up to 3%	None	0.40%
CX Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.40%
D Shares	None	1.00%	1.00%
E Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.275%
IZ, IA, IB, IC, ID Shares	None	None	Up to 0.40%
Z Shares	None	None	Up to 0.40%

Annual Distribution Charge and Annual Management Charge percentages are stated as an annual charge with reference to the Net Asset Value of the Fund or the Net Asset Value per Share, as may be appropriate.

A share class hedging charge of up to 0.03% will be borne by the currency hedged Share Classes.

Not all Share Classes listed are available for subscription at the time of issue of this Prospectus. The Funds may also launch Bespoke Share Classes that are described under Appendix III at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>2</sup> The initial charge is applied against the total amount invested. The Management Company and Distributors are entitled to the initial charge, which can be partly or fully waived at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>3</sup> Annual Distribution Charges in respect of A1 and D Shares are paid at such intervals as may be agreed from time to time between the Company and those Distributors that are appointed specifically for the purpose of distributing such Shares. Annual Distribution Charges in respect of B Shares are payable quarterly.

# Schroder International Selection Fund Sustainable Global Growth and Income

## Investment Objective

The Fund aims to provide an annual yield in excess of the MSCI All Country World (Net TR) Index and capital growth by investing in equity and equity related securities of companies worldwide which meet the Investment Manager's sustainability criteria.

## Investment Policy

The Fund is actively managed and invests at least two-thirds of its assets in equity and equity related securities of companies worldwide. To enhance the dividend yield of the Fund, the Investment Manager may, from time to time, sell short dated call options over individual securities held by the Fund. This may at times adversely affect the capital growth of fund.

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than MSCI All Country World (Net TR) index, based on the Investment Manager's rating system. More details on the investment process used to achieve this can be found in the Fund Characteristics section.

The Fund does not directly invest in certain activities, industries or groups of issuers above the limits listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

The Fund invests in companies that have good governance practices, as determined by the Investment Manager's rating criteria (please see the Fund Characteristics section for more details).

The Investment Manager may also engage with companies held by the Fund to challenge identified areas of weakness on sustainability issues. More details on the Investment Manager's approach to sustainability and its engagement with companies are available on the webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/>

The Fund may use derivatives with the aim of reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently.

## Benchmark

The Fund's performance should be assessed against its target benchmark being to provide an income in excess of MSCI All Country World (Net TR) Index. The Fund's investment universe is expected to overlap materially with the components of the target benchmark. The Investment

Manager invests on a discretionary basis and there are no restrictions on the extent to which the Fund's portfolio and performance may deviate from the target benchmark. The Investment Manager will invest in companies or sectors not included in the target benchmark in order to take advantage of specific investment opportunities. The benchmark(s) does/do not take into account the environmental and social characteristics or sustainable objective (as relevant) of the Fund.

The target benchmark has been selected because it is representative of the type of investments in which the Fund is likely to invest and it is, therefore, an appropriate target in relation to the return that the Fund aims to provide.

## Further Information

The Fund is categorised as "Specialist Equity Fund".

More information relating to the environmental and social characteristics or sustainable investment objective (as applicable) of the Fund is provided in Appendix IV in accordance with SFDR and Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288.

## Risk Considerations

### Specific Risk Considerations

The reference in the Investment Policy to a fund investing two-thirds of its assets in a certain way applies in normal market conditions. See paragraph (A) at the start of this Appendix for further information.

The Fund has environmental and/or social characteristics (within the meaning of Article 8 SFDR). A Fund with these characteristics may have limited exposure to some companies, industries or sectors as a result and the Fund may forego certain investment opportunities, or dispose of certain holdings, that do not align with its sustainability criteria chosen by the Investment Manager. As Investors may differ in their views of what constitutes sustainable investing, the Fund may also invest in companies that do not reflect the beliefs and values of any particular Investor. Please refer to Appendix II for more details on sustainability risks.

## Profile of the Typical Investor

The Fund may be suitable for Investors who are more concerned with maximising long term returns than minimising possible short term losses.

## Fund Characteristics

Fund Currency	USD
Investment Manager	Schroder Investment Management Limited
Dealing Cut-off Time	13.00 Luxembourg time on Dealing Day
Dealing Frequency	Daily on Dealing Day
Settlement Period of Subscription and Redemption Proceeds <sup>1</sup>	3 Business Days from the relevant Dealing Day

<sup>1</sup> Different subscription and redemption procedures may apply if applications are made through Distributors.

Performance Fee	None
Redemption Charge	None
PEA / PIR Eligibility	No
Sustainability Criteria	<p>The Investment Manager applies sustainability criteria when selecting investments for the Fund.</p> <p>The Investment Manager uses a proprietary screening tool to exclude companies ranked on ESG performance in the bottom quartile of the broader investable universe. Individual names identified by this screen may be included in the investable universe by exception, if the Investment Manager believes that the company is on track to improve its ESG performance. A negative screen augments this process to ensure the exclusion of specified industries from the universe.</p> <p>Another proprietary screening tool is then used in order to select issuers with a positive sustainability score. Whilst not every investment selected will exhibit a positive score, the Investment Manager will ensure that in aggregate, the portfolio demonstrates a positive score relative to the benchmark specified in the investment policy. Any investment being considered for the portfolio with a negative score will be appraised in light of the Investment Manager's analysis of the company's overall ESG performance and stated sustainability policy and objectives.</p> <p>The sources of information used to perform the analysis include information provided by the companies, such as company sustainability reports and other relevant company material, as well as Schroders' proprietary sustainability tools and third-party data.</p> <p>The Investment Manager ensures that at least 90% of the portion of the Fund's Net Asset Value composed of investments in companies is rated against the sustainability criteria. As a result of the application of sustainability criteria, at least 20% of the Fund's potential investment universe is excluded from the selection of investments.</p> <p>For the purposes of this test, the potential investment universe is the core universe of issuers that the Investment Manager may select for the Fund prior to the application of sustainability criteria, in accordance with the other limitations of the Investment Objective and Policy. This universe is comprised of equity and equity related securities of companies worldwide.</p>

## General Share Class Features

Share Classes	Initial Charge <sup>2</sup>	Annual Distribution Charge <sup>3</sup>	Annual Management Charge
A Shares	Up to 5%	None	1.30%
AX Shares	Up to 5%	None	1.30%
A1 Shares	Up to 4%	0.50%	1.30%
B Shares	None	0.60%	1.30%
C Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.65%
CN Shares	Up to 3%	None	0.65%
CX Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.65%
D Shares	None	1.00%	1.30%
E Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.50%
IZ, IA, IB, IC, ID Shares	None	None	Up to 0.65%
Z Shares	None	None	Up to 0.65%

Annual Distribution Charge and Annual Management Charge percentages are stated as an annual charge with reference to the Net Asset Value of the Fund or the Net Asset Value per Share, as may be appropriate.

A share class hedging charge of up to 0.03% will be borne by the currency hedged Share Classes.

Not all Share Classes listed are available for subscription at the time of issue of this Prospectus. The Funds may also launch Bespoke Share Classes that are described under Appendix III at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>2</sup> The initial charge is applied against the total amount invested. The Management Company and Distributors are entitled to the initial charge, which can be partly or fully waived at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>3</sup> Annual Distribution Charges in respect of A1 and D Shares are paid at such intervals as may be agreed from time to time between the Company and those Distributors that are appointed specifically for the purpose of distributing such Shares. Annual Distribution Charges in respect of B Shares are payable quarterly.

# Schroder International Selection Fund Sustainable Global Multi Credit

## Investment Objective

The Fund aims to provide capital growth in excess of the Bloomberg Multiverse (TR) ex Treasury A+ to B- USD Hedged index after fees have been deducted over a three to five year period by investing in fixed and floating rate securities which meet the Investment Manager's sustainability criteria.

## Investment Policy

The Fund is actively managed and invests at least two-thirds of its assets in investment grade and sub-investment grade fixed and floating rate securities (as measured by Standard & Poor's or any equivalent grade of other credit rating agencies) issued by governments, government agencies, supra-nationals and companies worldwide, including emerging market countries.

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than Bloomberg Multiverse (TR) ex Treasury A+ to B- index, USD Hedged, based on the Investment Manager's rating system. More details on the investment process used to achieve this can be found in the Fund Characteristics section.

The Fund does not directly invest in certain activities, industries or groups of issuers above the limits listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

The Fund invests in companies that have good governance practices, as determined by the Investment Manager's rating criteria (please see the Fund Characteristics section for more details).

The Investment Manager may also engage with companies held by the Fund to challenge identified areas of weakness on sustainability issues. More details on the Investment Manager's approach to sustainability and its engagement with companies are available on the webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/>

The Fund may invest:

- in excess of 50% of its assets in securities that have a below investment grade credit rating (as measured by Standard & Poor's or any equivalent grade of other credit rating agencies for rated bonds and implied Schroders ratings for non-rated bonds);
- up to 20% of its assets in asset-backed and mortgage-backed securities; and
- up to 30% of its assets in convertible bonds including up to 10% of its assets in contingent convertible bonds (CoCos).

The Fund may also invest up to one-third of its assets directly or indirectly in other securities (including other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies, Investment Funds, warrants and Money Market Investments, and hold cash (subject to the restrictions provided in Appendix I).

The Fund may also invest in derivatives to create long and short exposure to the underlying assets of these derivatives. The Fund may use derivatives with the aim of achieving investment gains, reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently.

## Benchmark

The Fund's performance should be assessed against its target benchmark being to exceed the Bloomberg Multiverse (TR) ex Treasury A+ to B- index, USD Hedged. The Fund's investment universe is expected to overlap materially with the components of the target benchmark. The Investment Manager invests on a discretionary basis and there are no restrictions on the extent to which the Fund's portfolio and performance may deviate from the target benchmark. The Investment Manager will invest in companies or sectors not included in the benchmark in order to take advantage of specific investment opportunities.

The index is a customised benchmark which has been selected as it provides a more accurate investment universe against which to compare performance. This is a focussed credit fund so the index excludes Treasuries, which tend to be included in broad market indices. The benchmark includes corporate bonds rated A+ to B- as we also excluded securities rated AAA, AA and CCC and below. The index is hedged, but on an unhedged basis local currencies are excluded. The benchmark(s) does/do not take into account the environmental and social characteristics or sustainable objective (as relevant) of the Fund.

The target benchmark has been selected because it is representative of the type of investments in which the Fund is likely to invest and it is, therefore, an appropriate target in relation to the return that the Fund aims to provide.

## Further Information

The Fund is categorised as "Specialist Bond Fund".

More information relating to the environmental and social characteristics or sustainable investment objective (as applicable) of the Fund is provided in Appendix IV in accordance with SFDR and Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288.

## Risk Considerations

### Risk Management Method

Absolute Value-at-Risk (VaR)

### Expected Leverage

500% of the total net assets

The expected level of leverage may be higher when there is unusually high or low volatility.

### This Fund is not a leveraged financial instrument

The Fund utilises financial derivative instruments for investment purposes and the global exposure is monitored under the absolute VaR approach in line with UCITS Risk Measurement Rules. Whilst these instruments generate leverage, the Fund itself is not a leveraged financial instrument as further described in the MIFID Directive. For further details on the absolute VaR approach please see Appendix 1. In addition to this regulatory restriction,

Schroders implements internal controls on global exposure to constrain and/or highlight global exposure as appropriate.

### Specific Risk Considerations

The Fund will make use of credit derivative instruments to seek exposure to global credit markets. This may lead to a higher volatility in the price of the Shares and may imply increased counterparty risk.

The reference in the Investment Policy to a fund investing two-thirds of its assets in a certain way applies in normal market conditions. See paragraph (A) at the start of this Appendix for further information.

Risks related to emerging markets investments can be found under “Emerging and Less Developed Markets Securities Risk” in Appendix II of this Prospectus.

The level of distribution costs in certain jurisdictions may impact the ability of the Investment Manager to meet the Fund’s investment objective across all Share Classes after fees have been deducted.

### Fund Characteristics

Fund Currency	USD
Investment Manager	Schroder Investment Management (Europe) S.A. – German Branch
Dealing Cut-off Time	13.00 Luxembourg time on Dealing Day
Dealing Frequency	Daily on Dealing Day
Settlement Period of Subscription and Redemption Proceeds <sup>1</sup>	3 Business Days from the relevant Dealing Day
Performance Fee	None
Redemption Charge	None
PEA / PIR Eligibility	No
Sustainability Criteria	<p>The Investment Manager applies sustainability criteria when selecting investments for the Fund.</p> <p>The strategy applies structural sustainability themes and screens to combine companies that the Investment Manager considers are best-in-class with investments in issuers demonstrating good or improving sustainability credentials. This is achieved by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– The exclusion of issuers <u>with certain exposure to specific activities</u> that the Investment Manager <u>deems to have businesses that are considers</u> environmentally destructive, socially <u>damaging costly</u>, violate human rights and/or have demonstrated gross misconduct.</li> <li>– The inclusion of issuers that <u>the Investment Manager considers are well placed to deliver demonstrate</u> stable and improving sustainability trajectories relative to their industry peers and issuers demonstrating good governance based on the Investment Manager’s sustainability rating methodology. As part of the selection process, the Investment Manager also considers companies’ commitment to sustainable themes such as climate change mitigation, economic inclusion and health and wellbeing.</li> </ul> <p>The Investment Manager may also engage with companies to encourage transparency, the transition to a circular economy with lower carbon emissions intensity and responsible social behaviour that promotes sustainable growth and alpha generation.</p> <p><u>The selection of green, social and sustainable bonds entails assessing the overall sustainability of the issuer, analysing the use of proceeds and the expected impact on the bond’s objectives. A green bond is a fixed or floating rate security that finances an environmental objective. A social bond is a fixed or floating rate security that finances a social objective. A sustainable bond is a fixed or floating rate security that finances both environmental and social objectives. The selection of green, social and sustainable bonds entails assessing the overall sustainability of the issuer and analysing the use of proceeds. A green bond is a fixed or floating rate security that finances an environmental objective. A social bond is a fixed or floating rate security that finances a social objective. A sustainable bond is a fixed or floating rate security that finances both environmental and social objectives.</u></p>

The Fund has environmental and/or social characteristics (within the meaning of Article 8 SFDR). A Fund with these characteristics may have limited exposure to some companies, industries or sectors as a result and the Fund may forego certain investment opportunities, or dispose of certain holdings, that do not align with its sustainability criteria chosen by the Investment Manager. As Investors may differ in their views of what constitutes sustainable investing, the Fund may also invest in companies that do not reflect the beliefs and values of any particular Investor. Please refer to Appendix II for more details on sustainability risks.

### Profile of the Typical Investor

The Fund may be suitable for Investors who are seeking to combine capital growth opportunities with income in the relative stability of the debt markets over the long term.

<sup>1</sup> Different subscription and redemption procedures may apply if applications are made through Distributors.



The primary sources of information used to perform the analysis are Schroders' proprietary sustainability tools and research, and the Investment Manager's third-party research, NGO reports and expert networks. The Investment Manager also performs its own analysis of information provided by the companies, including information provided in company sustainability reports and other relevant company material.

The Investment Manager ensures that at least 90% of the portion of the Fund's Net Asset Value composed of investments in companies is rated against the sustainability criteria. As a result of the application of sustainability criteria, at least 20% of the Fund's potential investment universe is excluded from the selection of investments.

For the purposes of this test, the potential investment universe is the core universe of issuers that the Investment Manager may select for the Fund prior to the application of sustainability criteria, in accordance with the other limitations of the Investment Objective and Policy. This universe is comprised of fixed and floating rate securities issued by companies worldwide. However, the universe (for the purpose of this test only) does not include fixed or floating rate securities issued by public or quasi-public issuers.

## General Share Class Features

Share Classes	Initial Charge <sup>2</sup>	Annual Distribution Charge <sup>3</sup>	Annual Management Charge
A Shares	Up to 3%	None	1.20%
AX Shares	Up to 3%	None	1.20%
A1 Shares	Up to 2%	0.50%	1.20%
B Shares	None	0.30%	1.20%
C Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.60%
CN Shares	Up to 3%	None	0.60%
CX Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.60%
D Shares	None	1.00%	1.20%
E Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.30%
IZ, IA, IB, IC, ID Shares	None	None	Up to 0.60%
Z Shares	None	None	Up to 0.60%

Annual Distribution Charge and Annual Management Charge percentages are stated as an annual charge with reference to the Net Asset Value of the Fund or the Net Asset Value per Share, as may be appropriate.

A share class hedging charge of up to 0.03% will be borne by the currency hedged Share Classes.

Not all Share Classes listed are available for subscription at the time of issue of this Prospectus. The Funds may also launch Bespoke Share Classes that are described under Appendix III at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>2</sup> The initial charge is applied against the total amount invested. The Management Company and Distributors are entitled to the initial charge, which can be partly or fully waived at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>3</sup> Annual Distribution Charges in respect of A1 and D Shares are paid at such intervals as may be agreed from time to time between the Company and those Distributors that are appointed specifically for the purpose of distributing such Shares. Annual Distribution Charges in respect of B Shares are payable quarterly.



# Schroder International Selection Fund Sustainable Global Sovereign Bond

## Investment Objective

The Fund aims to provide capital growth and income in excess of the Bloomberg Global Treasury EUR hedged Index after fees have been deducted over a three to five year period by investing in fixed and floating rate securities issued by governments, government agencies and supra-nationals worldwide which meet the Investment Manager's sustainability criteria.

## Investment Policy

The Fund is actively managed and invests at least two-thirds of its assets in fixed and floating rate securities with an investment grade or sub-investment grade credit rating (as measured by Standard & Poor's; or any equivalent grade of other credit rating agencies for rated bonds and implied Schroders ratings for non-rated bonds) issued by governments, government agencies and supra-nationals worldwide in various currencies. The Fund does not invest in securities issued by corporates.

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the Bloomberg Global Treasury EUR hedged index based on the Investment Manager's rating criteria. More details on the investment process used to achieve this can be found in the Fund Characteristics section.

The Fund does not directly invest in certain activities, industries or groups of issuers above the limits listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

The Investment Manager may also engage with companies held by the Fund to challenge identified areas of weakness on sustainability issues. More details on the Investment Manager's approach to sustainability and its engagement with companies are available on the webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/>

The Fund may also invest up to one-third of its assets directly or indirectly in other securities (including other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies, Investment Funds, warrants and Money Market Investments; and may also hold cash (subject to the restrictions provided in Appendix I).

The Fund may use derivatives, long and short, with the aim of achieving investment gains, reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently.

## Benchmark

The Fund's performance should be assessed against its target benchmark of Bloomberg Global Treasury EUR hedged index. The Fund's investment universe is expected to overlap materially with the components of the target benchmark. The Investment Manager invests on a discretionary basis and there are no restrictions on the extent to which the Fund's portfolio and performance may deviate from the target benchmark. The Investment Manager will invest in companies or sectors not included in the target benchmark in order to take advantage of specific investment opportunities.

The target benchmark has been selected because it is representative of the type of investments in which the Fund is likely to invest, and it is, therefore, an appropriate target in relation to the return that the Fund aims to provide.

The benchmark(s) does/do not take into account the environmental and social characteristics or sustainable objective (as relevant) of the Fund.

## Further Information

The Fund is categorised as "Specialist Bond Fund".

More information relating to the environmental and social characteristics or sustainable investment objective (as applicable) of the Fund is provided in Appendix IV in accordance with SFDR and Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288.

## Risk Considerations

### **Risk Management Method**

**Absolute Value-at-Risk (VaR)**

**As of 8 May 2024 the Risk Management Method section will change to:**

### **Risk Management Method**

**Relative Value-at-Risk (VaR)**

### **VaR Benchmark**

Bloomberg Global Treasury EUR hedged Index. This index tracks the performance of EUR hedged, fixed-rate, local currency government debt of investment grade countries.

### **Expected Leverage**

250% of the total net assets. The expected level of leverage may be higher when volatility decreases sustainably, when interest rates are expected to change or when credit spreads are expected to widen or tighten.

### **This Fund is not a leveraged financial instrument**

**The Fund utilises financial derivative instruments for investment purposes and the global exposure is monitored under the absolute VaR approach in line with UCITS Risk Measurement Rules. Whilst these instruments generate leverage, the Fund itself is not a leveraged financial instrument as further described in the MIFID Directive. For further details on the absolute VaR approach please see Appendix 1. In addition to this regulatory restriction, Schroders implements internal controls on global exposure to constrain and/or highlight global exposure as appropriate.**

**As of 8 May 2024 the above section will change to:**

The Fund utilises financial derivative instruments for investment purposes and the global exposure is monitored under the relative VaR approach in line with UCITS Risk Measurement Rules. Whilst these instruments generate leverage, the Fund itself is not a leveraged financial instrument as further described in the MIFID Directive. For further details on the relative VaR approach please see Appendix 1. In addition to this regulatory restriction,

Schroders implements internal controls on global exposure to constrain and/or highlight global exposure as appropriate.

### Specific Risk Considerations

The level of distribution costs in certain jurisdictions may impact the ability of the Investment Manager to meet the Fund's investment objective across all Share Classes after fees have been deducted.

The Fund has environmental and/or social characteristics (within the meaning of Article 8 SFDR). A Fund with these characteristics may have limited exposure to some companies, industries or sectors as a result and the Fund

may forego certain investment opportunities, or dispose of certain holdings, that do not align with its sustainability criteria chosen by the Investment Manager. As investors may differ in their views of what constitutes sustainable investing, the Fund may also invest in companies that do not reflect the beliefs and values of any particular Investor. Please refer to Appendix II for more details on sustainability risks.

### Profile of the Typical Investor

The Fund may be suitable for Investors who are seeking to combine capital growth opportunities with income in the relative stability of the debt markets over the long term.

## Fund Characteristics

Fund Currency	EUR
Investment Manager	Schroder Investment Management Limited
Dealing Cut-off Time	13.00 Luxembourg time on Dealing Day
Dealing Frequency	Daily on Dealing Day
Settlement Period of Subscription and Redemption Proceeds <sup>1</sup>	3 Business Days from the relevant Dealing Day
Performance Fee	None
Redemption Charge	None
PEA / PIR Eligibility	No
Sustainability Criteria	<p>The Investment Manager applies sustainability criteria when selecting investments for the Fund.</p> <p>Sustainability factors are assessed – across both sovereign markets and asset allocation decisions – in tandem with macroeconomic factors throughout the Investment Manager's top-down thematic investment process.</p> <p>In assessing sustainability factors for sovereign issuers, the Investment Manager considers that countries with stable and non-corrupt governments are likely to be more willing and able to service their debts, while political considerations, including the impact of social and governance factors, can influence a country's inflation and currency profile and thus have a material impact on the real value of debt. Environmental impacts – which can be more pertinent over a longer-term horizon – are also incorporated. The Investment Manager's approach includes the use of Schroders' proprietary sustainability tools to rank countries by measuring their performance against multiple sustainability related indicators.</p> <p>For sovereign bonds, only those sovereign issuers whose activities and behaviours are assessed as being in line with the UN Sustainable Development Goals are included, while countries making insufficient progress are not eligible for inclusion in the universe. To further support the objective of allocating capital only to issuers that can demonstrate behaviour in line with the UN SDGs, countries are also judged on other core criteria relating to the level of political and civil liberty afforded to their citizens and to their commitments to addressing climate and environmental issues. Exceptions to the criteria may be permitted through allocation to sovereign green, social and sustainability bonds from sovereigns that would otherwise be excluded.</p> <p><u>The selection of green, social and sustainable bonds entails assessing the overall sustainability of the issuer, analysing the use of proceeds and the expected impact on the bond's objectives. A green bond is a fixed or floating rate security that finances an environmental objective. A social bond is a fixed or floating rate security that finances a social objective. A sustainable bond is a fixed or floating rate security that finances both environmental and social objectives.</u></p> <p><u>The selection of green, social and sustainable bonds entails assessing the overall sustainability of the issuer and analysing the use of proceeds. A green bond is a fixed or floating rate security that finances an environmental objective. A social bond is a fixed or floating rate security that finances a social objective. A sustainable bond is a fixed or floating rate security that finances both environmental and social objectives.</u></p> <p>Building on the foundation of the defined sustainable universe, the Investment Manager applies a top-down thematic investment process to allocate capital and risk to selected investment opportunities from the sovereign, government agencies and supra-nationals. The Investment Manager ensures that at least 90% of the portion of the Fund's Net Asset Value composed of investments in companies is rated against the sustainability criteria. As a result of the application of sustainability criteria, at least 20% of the Fund's potential investment universe is excluded from the selection of investments.</p>

<sup>1</sup> Different subscription and redemption procedures may apply if applications are made through Distributors.

For the purposes of this test, the potential investment universe is the core universe of issuers that the Investment Manager may select for the Fund prior to the application of sustainability criteria, in accordance with the other limitations of the Investment Objective and Policy.

## General Share Class Features

Share Classes	Initial Charge <sup>2</sup>	Annual Distribution Charge <sup>3</sup>	Annual Management Charge
A Shares	Up to 3%	None	0.40%
AX Shares	Up to 3%	None	0.40%
A1 Shares	Up to 2%	0.50%	0.40%
B Shares	None	0.50%	0.40%
C Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.20%
CN Shares	Up to 3%	None	0.20%
CX Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.20%
D Shares	None	1.00%	0.40%
E Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.125%
IZ, IA, IB, IC, ID Shares	None	None	Up to 0.20%
Z Shares	None	None	Up to 0.20%

Annual Distribution Charge and Annual Management Charge percentages are stated as an annual charge with reference to the Net Asset Value of the Fund or the Net Asset Value per Share, as may be appropriate.

A share class hedging charge of up to 0.03% will be borne by the currency hedged Share Classes.

Not all Share Classes listed are available for subscription at the time of issue of this Prospectus. The Funds may also launch Bespoke Share Classes that are described under Appendix III at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>2</sup> The initial charge is applied against the total amount invested. The Management Company and Distributors are entitled to the initial charge, which can be partly or fully waived at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>3</sup> Annual Distribution Charges in respect of A1 and D Shares are paid at such intervals as may be agreed from time to time between the Company and those Distributors that are appointed specifically for the purpose of distributing such Shares. Annual Distribution Charges in respect of B Shares are payable quarterly.

# Schroder International Selection Fund Sustainable Infrastructure

## Investment Objective

The Fund aims to provide capital growth by investing in equity and equity related securities of companies worldwide which help to advance the development of global sustainable infrastructure and which the Investment Manager deems to be sustainable investments.

## Investment Policy

The Fund is actively managed and invests its assets in (i) sustainable investments, which are investments that the Investment Manager expects to contribute towards the development of global sustainable infrastructure such as sustainable infrastructure assets including regulated energy utilities, renewable energy, water and waste utilities, rail and communications infrastructure (please see the Fund Characteristics section for more details) and (ii) investments that the Investment Manager deems to be neutral under its sustainability criteria such as cash and Money Market Investments and derivatives used with the aim of reducing risk (hedging) or managing the Fund more efficiently.

The Fund does not directly invest in certain activities, industries or groups of issuers above the limits listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

The Fund invests in companies that do not cause significant environmental or social harm and have good governance practices, as determined by the Investment Manager's rating criteria (please see the Fund Characteristics section for more details).

The Investment Manager may also engage with companies held by the Fund to challenge identified areas of weakness on sustainability issues. More details on the Investment Manager's approach to sustainability and its engagement with companies are available on the website <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/>

The Fund invests at least two-thirds of its assets in equity and equity related securities of companies worldwide.

The Investment Manager may selectively sell short dated call options over individual securities held by the Fund, generating extra income by agreeing strike prices above which potential capital growth is sold.

The Fund may also invest up to one-third of its assets directly or indirectly in other securities (including other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies, Investment Funds, warrants and Money Market Investments, and hold cash (subject to the restrictions provided in Appendix I).

The Fund may use derivatives with the aim of achieving investment gains, reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently.

## Benchmark

The Fund does not have a target benchmark. The Fund's performance should be compared against the MSCI AC World (Net TR) index and the MSCI World Infrastructure Index. The comparator benchmarks are only included for performance comparison purposes and does not determine how the Investment Manager invests the Fund's assets. The Fund's investment universe is expected to overlap materially with the components of the comparator benchmarks. The Investment Manager invests on a discretionary basis and there are no restrictions on the extent to which the Fund's portfolio and performance may deviate from the comparator benchmarks. The Investment Manager will invest in companies or sectors not included in the comparator benchmarks.

The comparator benchmarks have been selected because the Investment Manager believes that the benchmarks are a suitable comparison for performance purposes given the Fund's investment objective and policy.

The benchmark(s) does/do not take into account the environmental and social characteristics or sustainable objective (as relevant) of the Fund.

## Further Information

The Fund is categorised as a "Specialist Equity Fund".

More information relating to the environmental and social characteristics or sustainable investment objective (as applicable) of the Fund is provided in Appendix IV in accordance with SFDR and Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288.

## Risk Considerations

### Specific Risk Considerations

The reference in the Investment Policy to a fund investing two-thirds of its assets in a certain way applies in normal market conditions. See paragraph (A) at the start of this Appendix for further information.

The Fund has the objective of sustainable investment (within the meaning of Article 9 SFDR). A Fund with this objective may have limited exposure to some companies, industries or sectors as a result and the Fund may forego certain investment opportunities, or dispose of certain holdings, that do not align with its sustainability criteria chosen by the Investment Manager. As Investors may differ in their views of what constitutes sustainable investing, the Fund may also invest in companies that do not reflect the beliefs and values of any particular Investor. Please refer to Appendix II for more details on sustainability risks.

## Profile of the Typical Investor

The Fund may be suitable for Investors who are more concerned with maximising long-term returns than minimising possible short term losses.

## Fund Characteristics

Fund Currency	USD
Investment Manager	Schroder Investment Management Limited
Dealing Cut-off Time	13.00 Luxembourg time on Dealing Day

Dealing Frequency	Daily on Dealing Day
Settlement Period of Subscription and Redemption Proceeds <sup>1</sup>	3 Business Days from the relevant Dealing Day
Performance Fee	None
Redemption Charge	None
PEA / PIR Eligibility	No
Sustainability Criteria	<p>The Investment Manager applies sustainability criteria when selecting investments for the Fund.</p> <p>The Investment Manager carries out analysis to assess a company's alignment with a number of UN Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs) including UN SDG 6 (Clean Water and Sanitation), UN SDG 7 (Affordable and Clean Energy), UN SDG 9 (Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure), UN SDG 11 (Sustainable Cities and Communities), UN SDG 12 (Responsible Consumption and Production) and UN SDG 13 (Climate Action) <u>using a Schrodgers' proprietary tool as well as the proportion of capital expenditure which contributes to environmental objectives using company reports as well as desk and third party estimates. In addition, the Investment Manager reviews both company specific and overall portfolio externalities using another Schrodgers' proprietary tool and the portfolio and constituent holdings are also reviewed against external third party ESG ratings.</u></p> <p>The Fund has a thematic approach which includes norm-based and negative screening of companies, practices based on specific industry as well as ESG criteria. The Fund will consider a wide range of environmental characteristics, including economic activities making a substantial contribution to supporting environmental solutions.</p> <p><del>The team excludes any companies with exposure to business activities deemed to be socially or environmentally damaging with particular tolerance characteristics.</del></p> <p><del>The Fund is actively managed and seeks to promote these characteristics by adhering to the institution-wide sustainability framework, including frequent and targeted interaction with investee companies' boards and management teams.</del></p> <p><del>Further sustainability analysis of the investment universe is carried out by the Investment Manager to assess using a proprietary sustainability tool which rates a company based on its treatment of key stakeholders, including communities and the environment. Companies are given a score based on the strengths and weaknesses of their sustainability policies and infrastructure. The scoring of a company may impact the sizing of positions in the Fund, with the Investment Manager aiming to maximise its investments in those companies with higher scores and avoid those companies which populate the bottom quartile of scores.</del></p> <p>The Investment Manager's sustainability analysis is supported by in-house fundamental research and the use of Schrodgers' range of proprietary sustainability tools. Third party research is also used as a secondary consideration and generally provides a source of challenge or endorsement for the Investment Manager's views.</p> <p>The Investment Manager may also engage with companies in the portfolio with respect to their commitment to sustainability both in their relationships with stakeholders and in their efforts to mitigate their impact on the natural environment, <u>which may include frequent and targeted interaction with investee companies' boards and management teams.</u></p> <p>The Investment Manager ensures that at least 90% of the portion of the Fund's Net Asset Value composed of investments in companies is rated against the sustainability criteria. As a result of the application of sustainability criteria, at least 20% of the Fund's potential investment universe is excluded from the selection of investments.</p> <p>For the purposes of this test, the potential investment universe is the core universe of issuers that the Investment Manager may select for the Fund prior to the application of sustainability criteria, in accordance with the other limitations of the Investment Objective and Policy. This universe is comprised of equity and equity related securities of companies worldwide.</p>

<sup>1</sup> Different subscription and redemption procedures may apply if applications are made through Distributors.

## General Share Class Features

Share Classes	Initial Charge <sup>2</sup>	Annual Distribution Charge <sup>3</sup>	Annual Management Charge
A Shares	Up to 5%	None	1.50%
AX Shares	Up to 5%	None	1.50%
A1 Shares	Up to 4%	0.50%	1.50%
B Shares	None	0.60%	1.50%
C Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.75%
CN Shares	Up to 3%	None	0.75%
CX Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.75%
D Shares	None	1.00%	1.50%
E Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.375%
IZ, IA, IB, IC, ID Shares	None	None	Up to 0.75%
Z Shares	None	None	Up to 0.75%

Annual Distribution Charge and Annual Management Charge percentages are stated as an annual charge with reference to the Net Asset Value of the Fund or the Net Asset Value per Share, as may be appropriate.

A share class hedging charge of up to 0.03% will be borne by the currency hedged Share Classes.

Not all Share Classes listed are available for subscription at the time of issue of this Prospectus. The Funds may also launch Bespoke Share Classes that are described under Appendix III at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>2</sup> The initial charge is applied against the total amount invested. The Management Company and Distributors are entitled to the initial charge, which can be partly or fully waived at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>3</sup> Annual Distribution Charges in respect of A1 and D Shares are paid at such intervals as may be agreed from time to time between the Company and those Distributors that are appointed specifically for the purpose of distributing such Shares. Annual Distribution Charges in respect of B Shares are payable quarterly.



# Schroder International Selection Fund Sustainable Multi-Asset Income

## Investment Objective

~~The Fund aims to provide an income of 3-5% per year by investing in a diversified range of assets and markets worldwide which meet the Investment Manager's sustainability criteria. This is not guaranteed and could change depending on market conditions.~~

**As of 8 May 2024 the Investment Objective will change to:**

The Fund aims to provide income and capital growth by investing in a diversified range of assets and markets worldwide which meet the Investment Manager's sustainability criteria.

## Investment Policy

The Fund is actively managed and invests directly, or indirectly through derivatives, in equity and equity-related securities, fixed income securities and Alternative Asset Classes. The exposure to Alternative Asset Classes is taken through eligible assets as described in Appendix III of this Prospectus.

The Fund may invest:

- up to 50% of its assets in below investment grade (fixed and floating rate) securities (being securities with a credit rating below investment grade as measured by Standard & Poor's or any equivalent grade of other credit rating agencies) and unrated securities.
- in excess of 50% of its assets in emerging market debt (fixed and floating rate) securities.
- up to 20% of its assets in asset-backed securities and mortgage-backed securities

The Fund may also invest up to 10% of its assets in mainland China through Regulated Markets (including the CIBM via Bond Connect or CIBM Direct).

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than 30% MSCI AC World index (hedged to EUR), 40% Barclays Global Aggregate Corporate Bond index (hedged to EUR) and 30% Barclays Global High Yield excl CMBS & EMG 2% index (hedged to EUR), based on the Investment Manager's rating system. More details on the investment process used to achieve this can be found in the Fund Characteristics section.

The Fund does not directly invest in certain activities, industries or groups of issuers above the limits listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

The Fund invests in companies that have good governance practices, as determined by the Investment Manager's rating criteria (please see the Fund Characteristics section for more details).

The Investment Manager may also engage with companies held by the Fund to challenge identified areas of weakness on sustainability issues. More details on the Investment Manager's approach to sustainability and its engagement with companies are available on the webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/>

The Fund aims to provide a risk profile comparable to a portfolio of 30% equities and 70% fixed income.

The Fund may use derivatives (including total return swaps), long and short, with the aim of achieving investment gains, reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently. Where the Fund uses total return swaps and contracts for difference, the underlying consists of instruments in which the Fund may invest according to its Investment Objective and Investment Policy. In particular, the aim is to use total return swaps and contracts for difference on a temporary basis in market conditions including but not limited to during periods of expanding global economic growth and rising inflation or elevated geopolitical risk, or when credit spreads are expected to widen such during periods of falling economic growth, rising interest rates or elevated geopolitical risk. Contracts for difference and total return swaps are intended to be used to gain long and short exposure on equity and equity related securities, fixed and floating rate securities and commodity indices. The gross exposure of total return swaps and contracts for difference will not exceed 30% and is expected to remain within the range of 0% to 10% of the Net Asset Value. In certain circumstances this proportion may be higher.

The Fund may (exceptionally) hold up to 100% of its assets in cash and Money Market Investments. This will be limited to a maximum of six months (otherwise the Fund will be liquidated). During this period, the Fund will not fall within the scope of MMFR. The Fund may also invest up to 10% of its assets in open-ended Investment Funds.

## Benchmark

~~The Fund's performance should be assessed against the income target of 3-5% per year and the volatility compared against 30% MSCI AC World index (hedged to EUR), 40% Barclays Global Aggregate Corporate Bond index (hedged to EUR) and 30% Barclays Global High Yield excl CMBS & EMG 2% index (hedged to EUR). The comparator benchmark is only included for performance comparison purposes and does not determine how the Investment Manager invests the Fund's assets. The Fund's investment universe is expected to overlap to a limited extent with the components of the comparator benchmark. The Investment Manager invests on a discretionary basis and there are no restrictions on the extent to which the Fund's portfolio and performance may deviate from the comparator benchmark. The Investment Manager will invest in companies or sectors not included in the comparator benchmark. The benchmark (s) does/do not take into account the environmental and social characteristics or sustainable objective (as relevant) of the Fund.~~

~~The income target has been selected because the Investment Manager deploys strategies that aim to deliver the level of income stated in the investment objective. The comparator benchmark has been selected because the Investment Manager believes that the benchmark is a suitable comparison for performance purposes given the Fund's investment objective and policy.~~

**As of 8 May 2024 the Benchmark section will change to:**

The Fund does not have a target benchmark. The Fund's performance and volatility should be compared against 30% MSCI AC World index (hedged to EUR), 40% Barclays Global Aggregate Corporate Bond index (hedged to EUR) and 30% Barclays Global High Yield excl CMBS & EMG 2% index



(hedged to EUR). The comparator benchmark is included for performance and volatility comparison purposes and does not determine how the Investment Manager invests the Fund's assets. The Fund's investment universe is expected to overlap to a limited extent with the components of the comparator benchmark. The Investment Manager invests on a discretionary basis and there are no restrictions on the extent to which the Fund's portfolio and performance may deviate from the comparator benchmark. The Investment Manager will invest in companies or sectors not included in the comparator benchmark. The benchmark(s) does/do not take into account the environmental and social characteristics or sustainable objective (as relevant) of the Fund.

The comparator benchmark has been selected because the Investment Manager believes that the benchmark is a suitable comparison for performance purposes given the Fund's investment objective and policy.

## Further Information

The Fund is categorised as "Multi-Asset Fund".

More information relating to the environmental and social characteristics or sustainable investment objective (as applicable) of the Fund is provided in Appendix IV in accordance with SFDR and Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288.

## Risk Considerations

### Specific Risk Considerations

A detailed description of the risks linked to emerging market securities, below-investment grade securities, asset-backed securities and mortgage-backed securities can be found in Appendix II of this Prospectus.

The reference in the Investment Policy to a fund investing two-thirds of its assets in a certain way applies in normal market conditions. See paragraph (A) at the start of this Appendix for further information.

The Fund has environmental and/or social characteristics (within the meaning of Article 8 SFDR). A Fund with these characteristics may have limited exposure to some companies, industries or sectors as a result and the Fund may forego certain investment opportunities, or dispose of certain holdings, that do not align with its sustainability criteria chosen by the Investment Manager. As Investors may differ in their views of what constitutes sustainable investing, the Fund may also invest in companies that do not reflect the beliefs and values of any particular Investor. Please refer to Appendix II for more details on sustainability risks.

### Profile of the Typical Investor

The Fund will be suitable for Investors who desire a sustainable level of income with some capital growth, offered through investment in a range of asset classes.

## Fund Characteristics

Fund Currency	EUR
Investment Manager	Schroder Investment Management Limited
Dealing Cut-off Time	13.00 Luxembourg time on Dealing Day
Dealing Frequency	Daily on Dealing Day
Settlement Period of Subscription and Redemption Proceeds <sup>1</sup>	3 Business Days from the relevant Dealing Day
Performance Fee	None
Redemption Charge	None
PEA / PIR Eligibility	No
Sustainability Criteria	<p>The Investment Manager applies sustainability criteria when selecting investments for the Fund. The Investment Manager uses both negative and positive screening.</p> <p>Firstly, a company is given an ESG score, which takes into account issues such as climate change, environmental performance, labour standards and board composition. The Investment Manager will decide whether an investment is eligible for inclusion taking into account this ESG score and will generally exclude companies with the lowest scores across each industrial group. The multi-asset nature of the Fund means that the Investment Manager will analyse the ESG scores across asset classes as an input into the asset allocation of the Fund.</p> <p>Within the Fund's investment universe established by this screening, the Investment Manager will assess companies against a variety of environmental and social metrics and may then select investments based on which it deems to contribute to one or more environmental or social objectives, provided that they do no significant harm to any other environmental or social objectives.</p> <p>The sources of information used to perform the analysis include information provided by the companies, such as company sustainability reports and other relevant company material, as well as Schroders' proprietary sustainability tools and third-party data.</p> <p>The Investment Manager ensures that at least 90% of the portion of the Fund's Net Asset Value composed of investments in companies is rated against the sustainability criteria. As a result of the application of sustainability criteria, at least 20% of the Fund's potential investment universe is excluded from the selection of investments.</p>

<sup>1</sup> Different subscription and redemption procedures may apply if applications are made through Distributors.

For the purposes of this test, the potential investment universe is the core universe of issuers that the Investment Manager may select for the Fund prior to the application of sustainability criteria, in accordance with the other limitations of the Investment Objective and Policy. This universe is comprised of equity and equity related securities and fixed income securities issued by companies worldwide and Alternative Asset Classes. However, the universe (for the purpose of this test only) shall not include debt issued by public or quasi-public issuers.

## General Share Class Features

Share Classes	Initial Charge <sup>2</sup>	Annual Distribution Charge <sup>3</sup>	Annual Management Charge
A Shares	Up to 5%	None	1.25%
AX Shares	Up to 5%	None	1.25%
A1 Shares	Up to 4%	0.50%	1.25%
B Shares	None	0.60%	1.25%
C Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.75%
CN Shares	Up to 3%	None	0.75%
CX Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.75%
D Shares	None	1.00%	1.25%
E Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.375%
IZ, IA, IB, IC, ID Shares	None	None	Up to 0.75%
Z Shares	None	None	Up to 0.75%

Annual Distribution Charge and Annual Management Charge percentages are stated as an annual charge with reference to the Net Asset Value of the Fund or the Net Asset Value per Share, as may be appropriate.

A share class hedging charge of up to 0.03% will be borne by the currency hedged Share Classes.

Not all Share Classes listed are available for subscription at the time of issue of this Prospectus. The Funds may also launch Bespoke Share Classes that are described under Appendix III at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>2</sup> The initial charge is applied against the total amount invested. The Management Company and Distributors are entitled to the initial charge, which can be partly or fully waived at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>3</sup> Annual Distribution Charges in respect of A1 and D Shares are paid at such intervals as may be agreed from time to time between the Company and those Distributors that are appointed specifically for the purpose of distributing such Shares. Annual Distribution Charges in respect of B Shares are payable quarterly.

# Schroder International Selection Fund Sustainable Multi-Factor Equity

## Investment Objective

The Fund aims to provide capital growth in excess of the MSCI AC World (Net TR) index after fees have been deducted over a three to five year period by investing in equity and equity-related securities of companies worldwide which meet the Investment Managers sustainability criteria.

## Investment Policy

The Fund is actively managed and invests at least two thirds of its assets in equity and equity-related securities of companies worldwide that meet the Investment Manager's sustainability criteria and which also focus on a range of equity factors (also commonly known as investment styles). Companies will be simultaneously assessed on these equity factors using a fully integrated systematic, bottom-up investment approach.

Relevant equity factors may include the following:

- Low volatility – involves evaluating indicators such as share price movement and historical performance to determine those securities that the Investment Manager believes will experience smaller price movements than the global equity markets on average.
- Momentum – involves evaluating trends in stocks, sectors or countries within the relevant equity market.
- Quality – involves evaluating indicators such as a company's profitability, stability and financial strength.
- Value – involves evaluating indicators such as cash flows, dividends and earnings to identify securities that the Investment Manager believes have been undervalued by the market.
- Small cap – involves investing in small-sized companies being companies that, at the time of purchase, are considered to be in the bottom 30% by market capitalisation of the global equity market and exhibit attractive characteristics based on the styles described above.
- Sustainability – involves evaluating challenges and opportunities companies face from social, environmental and governance considerations.

The Fund follows a systematic approach, which scores all companies in a broad universe, including the MSCI AC World (Net TR) index, against the above equity factors to create a broadly diversified portfolio. The systematic process seeks to maximise the Fund's expected exposure to the aggregated score against the equity factors, subject to consideration of active risk and transaction costs, while applying additional controls to manage concentration risk across securities, sectors and industries, and unexpected bias towards or away from the benchmark. The Investment Manager reviews the systematic output on regular basis and adjusts to ensure that the desired risk characteristics have been delivered and that the portfolio is appropriate against the equity factors.

The Fund maintains i) a higher overall sustainability score; and ii) at least a 50% lower carbon intensity score, relative to the MSCI AC World (Net TR) index, based on the Investment Manager's rating system. More details on the investment process used to achieve this can be found in the Fund Characteristics section.

The Fund does not directly invest in certain activities, industries or groups of issuers above the limits listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

The Fund invests in companies that have good governance practices, as determined by the Investment Manager's rating criteria (please see the Fund Characteristics section for more details).

The Fund may invest in companies that the Investment Manager believes will improve their sustainability practices within a reasonable timeframe, typically up to two years.

The Investment Manager may also engage with companies held by the Fund to challenge identified areas of weakness on sustainability issues. More details on the Investment Manager's approach to sustainability and its engagement with companies are available on the webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/>

The Fund may also invest up to one-third of its assets directly or indirectly in other securities (including other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies, Investment Funds, warrants and Money Market Investments, and hold cash (subject to the restrictions provided in Appendix I).

The Fund may use derivatives with the aim of reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently.

## Benchmark

The Fund's performance should be assessed against its target benchmark being to exceed the MSCI AC World (Net TR) index. The Fund's investment universe is expected to overlap materially with the components of the target benchmark. The Investment Manager invests on a discretionary basis and there are no restrictions on the extent to which the Fund's portfolio and performance may deviate from the target benchmark. The Investment Manager will invest in companies or sectors not included in the target benchmark in order to take advantage of specific investment opportunities. The benchmark(s) does/do not take into account the environmental and social characteristics or sustainable objective (as relevant) of the Fund.

The target benchmark has been selected because it is representative of the type of investments in which the Fund is likely to invest and it is, therefore, an appropriate target in relation to the return that the Fund aims to provide.

## Further Information

The Fund is categorised as "Specialist Equity Fund".

More information relating to the environmental and social characteristics or sustainable investment objective (as applicable) of the Fund is provided in Appendix IV in accordance with SFDR and Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288.

## Risk Considerations

### Specific Risk Considerations

The reference in the Investment Policy to a fund investing two-thirds of its assets in a certain way applies in normal market conditions. See paragraph (A) at the start of this Appendix for further information.

The level of distribution costs in certain jurisdictions may impact the ability of the Investment Manager to meet the Fund's investment objective across all Share Classes after fees have been deducted.

The Fund has environmental and/or social characteristics (within the meaning of Article 8 SFDR). A Fund with these characteristics may have limited exposure to some

companies, industries or sectors as a result and the Fund may forego certain investment opportunities, or dispose of certain holdings, that do not align with its sustainability criteria chosen by the Investment Manager. As Investors may differ in their views of what constitutes sustainable investing, the Fund may also invest in companies that do not reflect the beliefs and values of any particular Investor. Please refer to Appendix II for more details on sustainability risks.

### Profile of the Typical Investor

The Fund may be suitable for Investors who are seeking long term growth potential offered through investment in equities.

## Fund Characteristics

Fund Currency	USD
Investment Manager	Schroder Investment Management Limited
Dealing Cut-off Time	13.00 Luxembourg time on Dealing Day
Dealing Frequency	Daily on Dealing Day
Settlement Period of Subscription and Redemption Proceeds <sup>1</sup>	3 Business Days from the relevant Dealing Day
Performance Fee	None
Redemption Charge	None
PEA / PIR Eligibility	No
Sustainability Criteria	<p>The Investment Manager applies sustainability criteria when selecting investments for the Fund.</p> <p>The Investment Manager generally excludes companies with some exposure to business segments it views as harmful to society, such as tobacco, gambling and weapons. To reduce the Fund's carbon risk, the Investment Manager also generally excludes companies with some exposure to thermal coal and oil from tar sands.</p> <p>The Investment Manager also uses a quantitative assessment to identify companies with sustainable business practices. Sustainability is assessed by considering the overall environmental and social benefits and costs of a company's operations and the strength of its governance practices.</p> <p>The sources of information used to perform the analysis include information provided by the companies, such as company sustainability reports and other relevant company material, as well as Schroders' proprietary sustainability tools and third-party data.</p> <p>The Investment Manager ensures that at least 90% of the Net Asset Value of the Fund composed of investments in companies is rated against the sustainability criteria. The Fund's sustainability criteria ensures that the portfolio's overall sustainability profile is improved when compared to the Fund's benchmark. For example, in terms of carbon intensity, the Fund's overall carbon intensity will be at least 50% lower than that of the Fund's benchmark.</p> <p>For the purposes of this test, the potential investment universe is the core universe of issuers that the Investment Manager may select for the Fund prior to the application of sustainability criteria, in accordance with the other limitations of the Investment Objective and Policy. This universe is comprised of equity and equity-related securities of companies worldwide.</p>

<sup>1</sup> Different subscription and redemption procedures may apply if applications are made through Distributors.

## General Share Class Features

Share Classes	Initial Charge <sup>2</sup>	Annual Distribution Charge <sup>3</sup>	Annual Management Charge
A Shares	N/A	N/A	N/A
AX Shares	N/A	N/A	N/A
A1 Shares	N/A	N/A	N/A
B Shares	N/A	N/A	N/A
C Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.20%
CN Shares	Up to 3%	None	0.20%
CX Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.20%
D Shares	N/A	N/A	N/A
E Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.10%
IZ, IA, IB, IC, ID Shares	None	None	Up to 0.20%
Z Shares	N/A	N/A	N/A

Annual Distribution Charge and Annual Management Charge percentages are stated as an annual charge with reference to the Net Asset Value of the Fund or the Net Asset Value per Share, as may be appropriate.

A share class hedging charge of up to 0.03% will be borne by the currency hedged Share Classes.

Not all Share Classes listed are available for subscription at the time of issue of this Prospectus. The Funds may also launch Bespoke Share Classes that are described under Appendix III at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>2</sup> The initial charge is applied against the total amount invested. The Management Company and Distributors are entitled to the initial charge, which can be partly or fully waived at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>3</sup> Annual Distribution Charges in respect of A1 and D Shares are paid at such intervals as may be agreed from time to time between the Company and those Distributors that are appointed specifically for the purpose of distributing such Shares. Annual Distribution Charges in respect of B Shares are payable quarterly.

# Schroder International Selection Fund Sustainable Swiss Equity

## Investment Objective

The Fund aims to provide capital growth in excess of the Swiss Performance Index after fees have been deducted over a three to five year period by investing in equity and equity related securities of Swiss companies which meet the Investment Manager's sustainability criteria.

## Investment Policy

The Fund is actively managed and invests at least two-thirds of its assets in a concentrated range of equity and equity related securities of Swiss companies.

The Fund maintains a positive absolute sustainability score, based on the Investment Manager's rating system. More details on the investment process used to achieve this can be found in the Fund Characteristics section.

The Fund does not directly invest in certain activities, industries or groups of issuers above the limits listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

The Fund invests in companies that have good governance practices, as determined by the Investment Manager's rating criteria (please see the Fund Characteristics section for more details).

The Investment Manager may also engage with companies held by the Fund to challenge identified areas of weakness on sustainability issues. More details on the Investment Manager's approach to sustainability and its engagement with companies are available on the webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/>

The Fund may also invest up to one-third of its assets directly or indirectly in other securities (including other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies; Investment Funds, warrants and Money Market Investments, and hold cash (subject to the restrictions provided in Appendix I).

The Fund may use derivatives with the aim of achieving investment gains, reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently.

## Benchmark

The Fund's performance should be assessed against its target benchmark being to exceed the Swiss Performance Index and compared against the Swiss Leaders Index. The Fund's investment universe is expected to overlap materially with the components of the target benchmark. The comparator benchmark is only included for performance comparison purposes and does not determine how the

Investment Manager invests the Fund's assets. The Investment Manager invests on a discretionary basis and there are no restrictions on the extent to which the Fund's portfolio and performance may deviate from the target benchmark. The Investment Manager will invest in companies or sectors not included in the target benchmark in order to take advantage of specific investment opportunities. The benchmark(s) does/do not take into account the environmental and social characteristics or sustainable objective (as relevant) of the Fund.

The target benchmark has been selected because it is representative of the type of investments in which the Fund is likely to invest and it is, therefore, an appropriate target in relation to the return that the Fund aims to provide.

## Further Information

The Fund is categorised as "Specialist Equity Fund".

More information relating to the environmental and social characteristics or sustainable investment objective (as applicable) of the Fund is provided in Appendix IV in accordance with SFDR and Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288.

## Risk Considerations

### Specific Risk Considerations

The reference in the Investment Policy to a fund investing two-thirds of its assets in a certain way applies in normal market conditions. See paragraph (A) at the start of this Appendix for further information.

The level of distribution costs in certain jurisdictions may impact the ability of the Investment Manager to meet the Fund's investment objective across all Share Classes after fees have been deducted.

The Fund has environmental and/or social characteristics (within the meaning of Article 8 SFDR). A Fund with these characteristics may have limited exposure to some companies, industries or sectors as a result and the Fund may forego certain investment opportunities, or dispose of certain holdings, that do not align with its sustainability criteria chosen by the Investment Manager. As Investors may differ in their views of what constitutes sustainable investing, the Fund may also invest in companies that do not reflect the beliefs and values of any particular Investor. Please refer to Appendix II for more details on sustainability risks.

## Profile of the Typical Investor

The Fund may be suitable for Investors who are more concerned with maximising long term returns than minimising possible short term losses.

## Fund Characteristics

Fund Currency	CHF
Investment Manager	Schroder Investment Management (Switzerland) AG
Dealing Cut-off Time	13:00 Luxembourg time on Dealing Day
Dealing Frequency	Daily on Dealing Day

Settlement Period of Subscription and Redemption Proceeds <sup>1</sup>	3 Business Days from the relevant Dealing Day
Performance Fee	None
Redemption Charge	None
PEA / PIR Eligibility	No
Sustainability Criteria	<p>The Investment Manager applies sustainability criteria when selecting investments for the Fund. A company is assessed on a variety of ESG factors including how it treats its shareholders, governance, management quality and the environment, and a final overall ESG rating is allocated.</p> <p>The Investment Manager will consider these in determining whether a company is eligible for inclusion in the Fund's portfolio, giving more weight to the overall ratings:</p> <p>The sources of information used to perform the analysis include information provided by the companies, such as company sustainability reports and other relevant company material, as well as Schroders' proprietary sustainability tools and third-party data.</p> <p>The Investment Manager ensures that at least 90% of the portion of the Fund's Net Asset Value composed of investments in companies is rated against the sustainability criteria. As a result of the application of sustainability criteria, at least 20% of the Fund's potential investment universe is excluded from the selection of investments.</p> <p>For the purposes of this test, the potential investment universe is the core universe of issuers that the Investment Manager may select for the Fund prior to the application of sustainability criteria, in accordance with the other limitations of the Investment Objective and Policy. This universe is comprised of equity and equity-related securities of Swiss companies.</p>

## General Share Class Features

Share Classes	Initial Charge <sup>2</sup>	Annual Distribution Charge <sup>3</sup>	Annual Management Charge
A Shares	Up to 5%	None	1.50%
AX Shares	Up to 5%	None	1.50%
A1 Shares	Up to 4%	0.50%	1.50%
B Shares	None	0.60%	1.50%
C Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.75%
CN Shares	Up to 3%	None	0.75%
CX Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.75%
D Shares	None	1.00%	1.50%
E Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.50%
IZ, IA, IB, IC, ID Shares	None	None	Up to 0.75%
Z Shares	None	None	Up to 0.75%

Annual Distribution Charge and Annual Management Charge percentages are stated as an annual charge with reference to the Net Asset Value of the Fund or the Net Asset Value per Share, as may be appropriate.

A share class hedging charge of up to 0.03% will be borne by the currency hedged Share Classes.

Not all Share Classes listed are available for subscription at the time of issue of this Prospectus. The Funds may also launch Bespoke Share Classes that are described under Appendix III at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>1</sup> Different subscription and redemption procedures may apply if applications are made through Distributors.

<sup>2</sup> The initial charge is applied against the total amount invested. The Management Company and Distributors are entitled to the initial charge, which can be partly or fully waived at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>3</sup> Annual Distribution Charges in respect of A1 and D Shares are paid at such intervals as may be agreed from time to time between the Company and those Distributors that are appointed specifically for the purpose of distributing such Shares. Annual Distribution Charges in respect of B Shares are payable quarterly.



# Schroder International Selection Fund Sustainable US Dollar Corporate Bond

## Investment Objective

The Fund aims to provide capital growth and income in excess of the Bloomberg US Corporate Index after fees have been deducted over a three to five year period by investing in fixed and floating rate securities denominated in USD, or other currencies hedged to USD, issued by companies worldwide, which meet the Investment Manager's sustainability criteria.

## Investment Policy

The Fund is actively managed and invests at least two-thirds of its assets in fixed and floating rate securities issued by governments, government agencies, supra-nationals and companies worldwide denominated in USD, or other currencies hedged to USD, including emerging market countries.

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than Bloomberg US Corporate Index, based on the Investment Manager's rating system. More details on the investment process used to achieve this can be found in the Fund Characteristics section.

The Fund does not directly invest in certain activities, industries or groups of issuers listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

The Fund invests in companies that have good governance practices, as determined by the Investment Manager's rating criteria (please see the Fund Characteristics section for more details).

The Investment Manager may also engage with companies held by the Fund to challenge identified areas of weakness on sustainability issues. More details on the Investment Manager's approach to sustainability and its engagement with companies are available on the webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/>

The Fund may invest:

- up to 30% of its assets in securities that have a below investment grade credit rating (as measured by Standard & Poor's or any equivalent grade of other credit rating agencies for rated bonds and implied Schroders ratings for non-rated bonds);
- up to 20% of its assets in convertible bonds including up to 10% of its assets in contingent convertible bonds;
- up to 20% of its assets in emerging markets countries; and
- up to 10% of its assets in asset-backed securities and mortgage-backed securities.

The Fund may also invest up to one-third of its assets directly or indirectly in other securities (including other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies, warrants and Money Market Investments, and hold cash (subject to the restrictions provided in Appendix I).

The Fund may use derivatives with the aim of achieving investment gains, reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently.

## Benchmark

The Fund's performance should be assessed against its target benchmark being to exceed the Bloomberg US Corporate index. The Fund's investment universe is expected to overlap materially with the components of the target benchmark. The Investment Manager invests on a discretionary basis and there are no restrictions on the extent to which the Fund's portfolio and performance may deviate from the target benchmark. The Investment Manager will invest in companies or sectors not included in the target benchmark in order to take advantage of specific investment opportunities.

The target benchmark has been selected because it is representative of the type of investments in which the Fund is likely to invest and it is, therefore, an appropriate target in relation to the return that the Fund aims to provide.

The benchmark(s) does/do not take into account the environmental and social characteristics or sustainable objective (as relevant) of the Fund.

## Further Information

The Fund is categorised as "Specialist Bond Fund".

More information relating to the environmental and social characteristics or sustainable investment objective (as applicable) of the Fund is provided in Appendix IV in accordance with SFDR and Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288.

## Risk Considerations

### Specific Risk Considerations

A detailed description of the risks linked to contingent convertible bonds, below-investment grade securities, asset-backed securities and mortgage-backed securities can be found in Appendix II of this Prospectus.

The reference in the Investment Policy to a fund investing two-thirds of its assets in a certain way applies in normal market conditions. See paragraph (A) at the start of this Appendix for further information.

The Fund has environmental and/or social characteristics (within the meaning of Article 8 SFDR). A Fund with these characteristics may have limited exposure to some companies, industries or sectors as a result and the Fund may forego certain investment opportunities, or dispose of certain holdings, that do not align with its sustainability criteria chosen by the Investment Manager. As Investors may differ in their views of what constitutes sustainable investing, the Fund may also invest in companies that do not reflect the beliefs and values of any particular Investor. Please refer to Appendix II for more details on sustainability risks.

Risks related to emerging markets investments can be found under "Emerging and Less Developed Markets Securities Risk" in Appendix II of this Prospectus.

## Profile of the Typical Investor

The Fund may be suitable for Investors who are seeking to combine capital growth opportunities with income in the relative stability of the debt markets over the long term.

## Fund Characteristics

Fund Currency	USD
Investment Manager	Schroder Investment Management North America Inc.
Dealing Cut-off Time	13.00 Luxembourg time on Dealing Day
Dealing Frequency	Daily on Dealing Day
Settlement Period of Subscription and Redemption Proceeds	3 Business Days from the relevant Dealing Day
Performance Fee	None
Redemption Charge	None
PEA / PIR Eligibility	No
Sustainability Criteria	<p>The Investment Manager applies sustainability criteria when selecting investments for the Fund.</p> <p>The strategy applies structural sustainability themes and screens to combine companies that the Investment Manager considers are best-in-class with investments in issuers demonstrating good or improving sustainability credentials. This is achieved by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The exclusion of issuers <u>with certain exposure to specific activities that the Investment Manager considers environmentally destructive or socially damaging, violate human rights and/or have demonstrated gross misconduct</u>.that the Investment Manager deems to have businesses that are environmentally destructive, socially costly, violate human rights and/or have demonstrated gross misconduct.</li> <li>- The inclusion of issuers that <u>the Investment Manager considers are well placed to deliver demonstrate</u> stable and improving sustainability trajectories relative to their industry <u>peers and issuers demonstrating good governance based on the Investment Manager's sustainability rating methodology</u>. As part of the selection process, the Investment Manager also considers companies' commitment to sustainable themes such as climate change mitigation, economic inclusion and health and wellbeing.</li> </ul> <p>The Investment Manager may also engage with companies to encourage transparency, the transition to a circular economy with lower carbon emissions intensity and responsible social behaviour that promotes sustainable growth and alpha generation.</p> <p>The Fund may also invest <u>strategically</u> in green, social and sustainable bonds. The selection of green, social and sustainable bonds entails assessing the overall sustainability of the issuer <u>and</u>; analysing the use of proceeds <u>and the expected impact on the bond's objectives</u>. A green bond is a fixed or floating rate security that finances an environmental objective. A social bond is a fixed or floating rate security that finances a social objective. A sustainable bond is a fixed or floating rate security that finances both environmental and social objectives.</p> <p>The primary sources of information used to perform the analysis are Schroders' proprietary sustainability tools and research, and the Investment Manager's third-party research, NGO reports and expert networks. The Investment Manager also performs its own analysis of information provided by the companies, including information provided in company sustainability reports and other relevant company material.</p> <p>The Investment Manager ensures that at least 90% of the portion of the Fund's Net Asset Value composed of investments in companies is rated against the sustainability criteria. As a result of the application of sustainability criteria, at least 20% of the Fund's potential investment universe is excluded from the selection of investments.</p> <p>For the purposes of this test, the potential investment universe is the core universe of issuers that the Investment Manager may select for the Fund prior to the application of sustainability criteria, in accordance with the other limitations of the Investment Objective and Policy. This universe is comprised of fixed and floating rate securities issued by companies worldwide. The universe (for the purpose of this test only) does not include fixed or floating rate securities issued by public or quasi-public issuers.</p>

## General Share Class Features

Share Classes	Initial Charge <sup>1</sup>	Annual Distribution Charge <sup>2</sup>	Annual Management Charge
A Shares	Up to 3%	None	0.90%
AX Shares	Up to 3%	None	0.90%
A1 Shares	Up to 2%	0.50%	0.90%
B Shares	None	0.60%	0.90%
C Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.45%
CN Shares	Up to 3%	None	0.45%
CX Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.45%
D Shares	None	None	0.90%
E Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.225%
IZ, IA, IB, IC, ID Shares	None	None	Up to 0.45%
Z Shares	None	None	Up to 0.45%

Annual Distribution Charge and Annual Management Charge percentages are stated as an annual charge with reference to the Net Asset Value of the Fund or the Net Asset Value per Share, as may be appropriate.

A share class hedging charge of up to 0.03% will be borne by the currency hedged Share Classes.

Not all Share Classes listed are available for subscription at the time of issue of this Prospectus. The Funds may also launch Bespoke Share Classes that are described under Appendix III at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>1</sup> The initial charge is applied against the total amount invested. The Management Company and Distributors are entitled to the initial charge, which can be partly or fully waived at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>2</sup> Annual Distribution Charges in respect of A1 and D Shares are paid at such intervals as may be agreed from time to time between the Company and those Distributors that are appointed specifically for the purpose of distributing such Shares. Annual Distribution Charges in respect of B Shares are payable quarterly.

# Schroder International Selection Fund Sustainable US Dollar High Yield

## Investment Objective

The Fund aims to provide capital growth and income in excess of the Bloomberg US High Yield Index after fees have been deducted over a three to five year period by investing in below investment grade fixed and floating rate securities denominated in USD, or other currencies hedged to USD, issued by companies worldwide, which meet the Investment Manager's sustainability criteria.

## Investment Policy

The Fund is actively managed and invests at least two-thirds of its assets in fixed and floating rate securities that have a below investment grade credit rating (as measured by Standard and Poor's or any equivalent of other credit rating agencies) issued by governments, government agencies, supra-nationals and companies worldwide denominated in USD, or other currencies hedged to USD, including emerging market countries.

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than Bloomberg US High Yield Index, based on the Investment Manager's rating system. More details on the investment process used to achieve this can be found in the Fund Characteristics section.

The Fund does not directly invest in certain activities, industries or groups of issuers listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

The Fund invests in companies that have good governance practices, as determined by the Investment Manager's rating criteria (please see the Fund Characteristics section for more details).

The Investment Manager may also engage with companies held by the Fund to challenge identified areas of weakness on sustainability issues. More details on the Investment Manager's approach to sustainability and its engagement with companies are available on the webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/>

The Fund may invest:

- up to 20% of its assets in convertible bonds including up to 10% of its assets in contingent convertible bonds;
- up to 20% of its assets in emerging markets countries; and
- up to 10% of its assets in asset-backed securities and mortgage-backed securities.

The Fund may also invest up to one-third of its assets directly or indirectly in other securities (including other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies, warrants and Money Market Investments, and hold cash (subject to the restrictions provided in Appendix I).

The Fund may use derivatives with the aim of achieving investment gains, reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently.

## Benchmark

The Fund's performance should be assessed against its target benchmark being to exceed the Bloomberg US High Yield index and compared against the Morningstar USD High Yield Bond Category and the Bloomberg US High Yield ex-Energy Index. The Fund's investment universe is expected to overlap materially with the components of the target benchmark and to a limited extent with the components of the Bloomberg US High Yield ex-Energy Index. The comparator benchmarks are only included for performance comparison purposes and do not determine how the Investment Manager invests the Fund's assets. The Investment Manager invests on a discretionary basis and there are no restrictions on the extent to which the Fund's portfolio and performance may deviate from the target benchmark and the Bloomberg US High Yield ex-Energy Index. The Investment Manager will invest in companies or sectors not included in the target benchmark and Bloomberg US High Yield ex-Energy Index in order to take advantage of specific investment opportunities.

The target benchmark has been selected because it is representative of the type of investments in which the Fund is likely to invest and it is, therefore, an appropriate target in relation to the return that the Fund aims to provide. The comparator benchmarks have been selected because the Investment Manager believes that the benchmarks are a suitable comparison for performance purposes given the Fund's investment objective and policy.

The benchmark(s) does/do not take into account the environmental and social characteristics or sustainable objective (as relevant) of the Fund.

## Further Information

The Fund is categorised as "Specialist Bond Fund".

More information relating to the environmental and social characteristics or sustainable investment objective (as applicable) of the Fund is provided in Appendix IV in accordance with SFDR and Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288.

## Risk Considerations

### Specific Risk Considerations

A detailed description of the risks linked to contingent convertible bonds, below-investment grade securities, asset-backed securities and mortgage-backed securities can be found in Appendix II of this Prospectus.

The reference in the Investment Policy to a fund investing two-thirds of its assets in a certain way applies in normal market conditions. See paragraph (A) at the start of this Appendix for further information.

The Fund has environmental and/or social characteristics (within the meaning of Article 8 SFDR). A Fund with these characteristics may have limited exposure to some companies, industries or sectors as a result and the Fund may forego certain investment opportunities, or dispose of certain holdings, that do not align with its sustainability criteria chosen by the Investment Manager. As Investors may differ in their views of what constitutes sustainable

investing, the Fund may also invest in companies that do not reflect the beliefs and values of any particular Investor. Please refer to Appendix II for more details on sustainability risks.

Risks related to emerging markets investments can be found under “Emerging and Less Developed Markets Securities Risk” in Appendix II of this Prospectus.

## Profile of the Typical Investor

The Fund may be suitable for Investors who are seeking to combine capital growth opportunities with income in the relative stability of the debt markets over the long term.

## Fund Characteristics

Fund Currency	USD
Investment Manager	Schroder Investment Management North America Inc.
Dealing Cut-off Time	13.00 Luxembourg time on Dealing Day
Dealing Frequency	Daily on Dealing Day
Settlement Period of Subscription and Redemption Proceeds	3 Business Days from the relevant Dealing Day
Performance Fee	None
Redemption Charge	None
PEA / PIR Eligibility	No
Sustainability Criteria	<p>The Investment Manager applies sustainability criteria when selecting investments for the Fund.</p> <p>The strategy applies structural sustainability themes and screens to combine companies that the Investment Manager considers are best-in-class with investments in issuers demonstrating good or improving sustainability credentials. This is achieved by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The exclusion of issuers <u>with certain exposure to specific activities that the Investment Manager considers environmentally destructive or socially damaging, violate human rights and/or have demonstrated gross misconduct, that the Investment Manager deems to have businesses that are environmentally destructive, socially costly, violate human rights and/or have demonstrated gross misconduct.</u></li> <li>- The inclusion of issuers that <u>the Investment Manager considers are well placed to deliver demonstrate</u> stable and improving sustainability trajectories relative to their industry peers <u>and issuers demonstrating good governance based on the Investment Manager's sustainability rating methodology.</u> As part of the selection process, the Investment Manager also considers companies' commitment to sustainable themes such as climate change mitigation, economic inclusion and health and wellbeing.</li> </ul> <p>The Investment Manager may also engage with companies to encourage transparency, the transition to a circular economy with lower carbon emissions intensity and responsible social behaviour that promotes sustainable growth and alpha generation.</p> <p>The Fund may also invest <u>strategically</u> in green, social and sustainable bonds. The selection of green, social and sustainable bonds entails assessing the overall sustainability of the issuer <u>and</u>, analysing the use of proceeds <u>and the expected impact on the bond's objectives.</u> A green bond is a fixed or floating rate security that finances an environmental objective. A social bond is a fixed or floating rate security that finances a social objective. A sustainable bond is a fixed or floating rate security that finances both environmental and social objectives.</p> <p>The primary sources of information used to perform the analysis are Schroders' proprietary sustainability tools and research, and the Investment Manager's third-party research, NGO reports and expert networks. The Investment Manager also performs its own analysis of information provided by the companies, including information provided in company sustainability reports and other relevant company material.</p> <p>The Investment Manager ensures that at least 90% of the portion of the Fund's Net Asset Value composed of investments in companies is rated against the sustainability criteria. As a result of the application of sustainability criteria, at least 20% of the Fund's potential investment universe is excluded from the selection of investments.</p> <p>For the purposes of this test, the potential investment universe is the core universe of issuers that the Investment Manager may select for the Fund prior to the application of sustainability criteria, in accordance with the other limitations of the Investment Objective and Policy. This universe is comprised of fixed and floating rate securities issued by companies worldwide. The universe (for the purpose of this test only) does not include fixed or floating rate securities issued by public or quasi-public issuers.</p>

## General Share Class Features

Share Classes	Initial Charge <sup>1</sup>	Annual Distribution Charge <sup>2</sup>	Annual Management Charge
A Shares	Up to 3%	None	1.20%
AX Shares	Up to 3%	None	1.20%
A1 Shares	Up to 2%	0.50%	1.20%
B Shares	None	0.60%	1.20%
C Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.60%
CN Shares	Up to 3%	None	0.60%
CX Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.60%
D Shares	None	None	1.20%
E Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.30%
IZ, IA, IB, IC, ID Shares	None	None	Up to 0.60%
Z Shares	None	None	Up to 0.60%

Annual Distribution Charge and Annual Management Charge percentages are stated as an annual charge with reference to the Net Asset Value of the Fund or the Net Asset Value per Share, as may be appropriate.

A share class hedging charge of up to 0.03% will be borne by the currency hedged Share Classes.

Not all Share Classes listed are available for subscription at the time of issue of this Prospectus. The Funds may also launch Bespoke Share Classes that are described under Appendix III at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>1</sup> The initial charge is applied against the total amount invested. The Management Company and Distributors are entitled to the initial charge, which can be partly or fully waived at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>2</sup> Annual Distribution Charges in respect of A1 and D Shares are paid at such intervals as may be agreed from time to time between the Company and those Distributors that are appointed specifically for the purpose of distributing such Shares. Annual Distribution Charges in respect of B Shares are payable quarterly.



# Schroder International Selection Fund Sustainable US Dollar Short Duration Bond

## Investment Objective

The Fund aims to provide capital growth and income in excess of the Bloomberg US Govt/Credit 1-3 Year index after fees have been deducted over a three to five year period by investing in fixed and floating rate securities denominated in USD which meet the Investment Manager's sustainability criteria. The Fund aims to reduce interest rate risk (as defined by duration) by maintaining an average duration of between one and three years.

## Investment Policy

The Fund is actively managed and invests at least two-thirds of its assets in short term fixed and floating rate securities with an investment grade credit rating (as measured by Standard & Poor's or any equivalent grade of other credit rating agencies for rated bonds and implied Schroders ratings for non-rated bonds) denominated in USD, issued by governments, government agencies, supra-nationals and companies worldwide.

The Fund will only purchase securities with an investment grade rating. If any securities are downgraded to sub-investment grade the Fund can continue to hold them. Sub-investment grade securities will not exceed 10% of the Fund's assets.

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the Bloomberg US Govt/Credit 1-3 Year index, based on the Investment Manager's rating system. More details on the investment process used to achieve this can be found in the Fund Characteristics section.

The Fund does not directly invest in certain activities, industries or groups of issuers above the limits listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

The Fund invests in companies that have good governance practices, as determined by the Investment Manager's rating criteria (please see the Fund Characteristics section for more details).

The Fund may invest in companies that the Investment Manager believes will improve their sustainability practices within a reasonable timeframe, typically up to two years.

The Investment Manager may also engage with companies held by the Fund to challenge identified areas of weakness on sustainability issues. More details on the Investment Manager's approach to sustainability and its engagement with companies are available on the webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/>

The average duration of the securities held by the Fund is expected to be between one and three years.

The Fund may invest up to 30% of its assets in asset-backed securities, commercial mortgage-backed securities, and/or residential mortgage-backed securities issued worldwide with an investment grade credit rating (as measured by Standard & Poor's or any equivalent grade of other credit rating agencies). Underlying assets may include, inter alia,

credit card receivables, personal loans, auto loans, small business loans, leases, commercial mortgages and residential mortgages.

The Fund may also invest up to one-third of its assets directly or indirectly in other securities (including other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies, Investment Funds, warrants and Money Market Investments, and hold cash (subject to the restrictions provided in Appendix I).

The Fund may use derivatives, long and short, with the aim of achieving investment gains, reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently.

## Benchmark

The Fund's performance should be assessed against its target benchmark being to exceed the Bloomberg US Govt/Credit 1-3 Year index. The Fund's investment universe is expected to overlap to a limited extent with the components of the target benchmark. However, the Fund will likely reflect certain features of the target benchmark (namely duration). The Investment Manager invests on a discretionary basis and there are no restrictions on the extent to which the Fund's portfolio and performance may deviate from the target benchmark. The Investment Manager will invest in companies or sectors not included in the target benchmark in order to take advantage of specific investment opportunities. The benchmark(s) does/do not take into account the environmental and social characteristics or sustainable objective (as relevant) of the Fund.

The target benchmark has been selected because it is representative of the type of investments in which the Fund is likely to invest and it is, therefore, an appropriate target in relation to the return that the Fund aims to provide.

## Further Information

The Fund is categorised as "Mainstream Bond Fund".

More information relating to the environmental and social characteristics or sustainable investment objective (as applicable) of the Fund is provided in Appendix IV in accordance with SFDR and Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288.

## Risk Considerations

### Specific Risk Considerations

The reference in the Investment Policy to a fund investing two-thirds of its assets in a certain way applies in normal market conditions. See paragraph (A) at the start of this Appendix for further information.

The level of distribution costs in certain jurisdictions may impact the ability of the Investment Manager to meet the Fund's investment objective across all Share Classes after fees have been deducted.

The Fund has environmental and/or social characteristics (within the meaning of Article 8 SFDR). A Fund with these characteristics may have limited exposure to some companies, industries or sectors as a result and the Fund may forego certain investment opportunities, or dispose of



certain holdings, that do not align with its sustainability criteria chosen by the Investment Manager. As Investors may differ in their views of what constitutes sustainable investing, the Fund may also invest in companies that do not reflect the beliefs and values of any particular Investor. Please refer to Appendix II for more details on sustainability risks.

## Profile of the Typical Investor

The Fund may be suitable for Investors who are seeking to combine capital growth opportunities with income in the relative stability of the debt markets over the long term.

## Fund Characteristics

Fund Currency	USD
Investment Manager	Schroder Investment Management North America Inc.
Dealing Cut-off Time	13.00 Luxembourg time on Dealing Day
Dealing Frequency	Daily on Dealing Day
Settlement Period of Subscription and Redemption Proceeds <sup>1</sup>	3 Business Days from the relevant Dealing Day
Performance Fee	None
Redemption Charge	None
PEA / PIR Eligibility	No
Sustainability Criteria	<p>The Investment Manager applies sustainability criteria when selecting investments for the Fund.</p> <p>The strategy aims to identify issuers demonstrating good or improving sustainability credentials, and those that impose a high cost on the environment and society. This involves:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The exclusion of issuers <del>with certain exposure to specific activities that the Investment Manager considers environmentally destructive or socially damaging, violate human rights and/or have demonstrated gross misconduct. that the Investment Manager deems to have businesses that are materially damaging to the climate and impose unjustifiable social costs.</del></li> <li>- The inclusion of issuers that <del>the Investment Manager considers are well placed to deliver</del><u>demonstrate</u> stable and improving sustainability trajectories, <del>and issuers demonstrating good governance based on the Investment Manager's sustainability rating methodology.</del></li> </ul> <p>The Investment Manager may also engage with companies to encourage transparency, the transition to a circular economy with lower carbon emissions intensity and responsible social behaviour that promotes sustainable growth and alpha generation.</p> <p>The primary sources of information used to perform the analysis are Schroders' proprietary sustainability tools, the Investment Manager's research, third-party analysis, NGO reports and expert networks. The Investment Manager also performs its own analysis of publicly available information provided by the companies, including information provided in company sustainability reports and other relevant company material.</p> <p>More details on the Investment Manager's approach to sustainability and its engagement with companies are available on the webpage <a href="https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/">https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/</a></p> <p>The Investment Manager ensures that at least 90% of the portion of the Fund's Net Asset Value composed of investments in companies is rated against the sustainability criteria. As a result of the application of sustainability criteria, at least 20% of the Fund's potential investment universe is excluded from the selection of investments.</p> <p>For the purposes of this test, the potential investment universe is the core universe of issuers that the Investment Manager may select for the Fund prior to the application of sustainability criteria, in accordance with the other limitations of the Investment Objective and Policy. This universe is comprised of fixed and floating rate securities denominated in USD and issued by companies worldwide. The universe (for the purpose of this test only) does not include fixed or floating rate securities issued by public or quasi-public issuers.</p>

<sup>1</sup> Different subscription and redemption procedures may apply if applications are made through Distributors.

## General Share Class Features

Share Classes	Initial Charge <sup>2</sup>	Annual Distribution Charge <sup>3</sup>	Annual Management Charge
A Shares	Up to 3%	None	0.50%
AX Shares	Up to 3%	None	0.50%
A1 Shares	Up to 2%	0.20%	0.50%
B Shares	None	0.20%	0.50%
C Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.20%
CN Shares	Up to 3%	None	0.20%
CX Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.20%
D Shares	None	1.00%	0.50%
E Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.10%
IZ, IA, IB, IC, ID Shares	None	None	Up to 0.20%
Z Shares	None	None	Up to 0.20%

Annual Distribution Charge and Annual Management Charge percentages are stated as an annual charge with reference to the Net Asset Value of the Fund or the Net Asset Value per Share, as may be appropriate.

A share class hedging charge of up to 0.03% will be borne by the currency hedged Share Classes.

Not all Share Classes listed are available for subscription at the time of issue of this Prospectus. The Funds may also launch Bespoke Share Classes that are described under Appendix III at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>2</sup> The initial charge is applied against the total amount invested. The Management Company and Distributors are entitled to the initial charge, which can be partly or fully waived at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>3</sup> Annual Distribution Charges in respect of A1 and D Shares are paid at such intervals as may be agreed from time to time between the Company and those Distributors that are appointed specifically for the purpose of distributing such Shares. Annual Distribution Charges in respect of B Shares are payable quarterly.

# Schroder International Selection Fund Swiss Equity

## Investment Objective

The Fund aims to provide capital growth in excess of the Swiss Performance Index after fees have been deducted over a three to five year period by investing in equity and equity related securities of Swiss companies.

## Investment Policy

The Fund is actively managed and invests at least two-thirds of its assets in a concentrated range of equity and equity related securities of Swiss companies. This means typically holding fewer than 50 companies.

The Fund may also invest up to one-third of its assets directly or indirectly in other securities (including other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies, Investment Funds, warrants and Money Market Investments, and hold cash (subject to the restrictions provided in Appendix I).

The Fund may use derivatives with the aim of achieving investment gains, reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently.

The Fund maintains a positive absolute sustainability score, based on the Investment Manager's rating system. More details on the investment process used to achieve this can be found in the Fund Characteristics section.

The Fund does not directly invest in certain activities, industries or groups of issuers above the limits listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

## Benchmark

The Fund's performance should be assessed against its target benchmark being to exceed the Swiss Performance Index and compared against the Swiss Leaders Index. The Fund's investment universe is expected to overlap materially with the components of the target benchmark. The comparator benchmark is only included for performance comparison purposes and does not determine how the Investment Manager invests the Fund's assets. The Investment Manager invests on a discretionary basis and there are no restrictions on the extent to which the Fund's portfolio and performance may deviate from the target benchmark. The Investment Manager will invest in companies or sectors not included in the target benchmark in order to take advantage of specific investment opportunities.

## Fund Characteristics

Fund Currency	CHF
Investment Manager	Schroder Investment Management (Switzerland) AG
Dealing Cut-off Time	13.00 Luxembourg time on Dealing Day
Dealing Frequency	Daily on Dealing Day
Settlement Period of Subscription and Redemption Proceeds <sup>1</sup>	3 Business Days from the relevant Dealing Day

<sup>1</sup> Different subscription and redemption procedures may apply if applications are made through Distributors.

The target benchmark has been selected because it is representative of the type of investments in which the Fund is likely to invest and it is, therefore, an appropriate target in relation to the return that the Fund aims to provide. The comparator benchmark has been selected because the Investment Manager believes that the benchmark is a suitable comparison for performance purposes given the Fund's investment objective and policy.

The benchmark(s) does/do not take into account the environmental and social characteristics or sustainable objective (as relevant) of the Fund.

## Further Information

The Fund is categorised as "Mainstream Equity Fund".

More information relating to the environmental and social characteristics or sustainable investment objective (as applicable) of the Fund is provided in Appendix IV in accordance with SFDR and Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288.

## Risk Considerations

### Specific Risk Considerations

The Fund has environmental and/or social characteristics (within the meaning of Article 8 SFDR). A Fund with these characteristics may have limited exposure to some companies, industries or sectors as a result and the Fund may forego certain investment opportunities, or dispose of certain holdings, that do not align with its sustainability criteria chosen by the Investment Manager. As Investors may differ in their views of what constitutes sustainable investing, the Fund may also invest in companies that do not reflect the beliefs and values of any particular Investor. Please refer to Appendix II for more details on sustainability risks.

The reference in the Investment Policy to a fund investing two-thirds of its assets in a certain way applies in normal market conditions. See paragraph (A) at the start of this Appendix for further information.

The level of distribution costs in certain jurisdictions may impact the ability of the Investment Manager to meet the Fund's investment objective across all Share Classes after fees have been deducted.

## Profile of the Typical Investor

The Fund may be suitable for Investors who are seeking long term growth potential offered through investment in equities.

Performance Fee	None
Redemption Charge	None
PEA / PIR Eligibility	No
Sustainability Criteria	<p>The Investment Manager applies governance and sustainability criteria when selecting investments for the Fund.</p> <p>Companies in the investment universe are assessed on their governance, environmental and social profile. The Investment Manager performs due diligence on potential holdings and this can include meetings with company management. The Investment Manager aims to identify the impact a business has on society whilst assessing relationships with key stakeholders such as employees, suppliers and regulators. This research is supported by quantitative analysis gained from Schroders' proprietary sustainability tools which are key inputs to assessing how existing and potential investments are meeting the Fund's sustainability criteria.</p> <p>The sources of information used to perform the analysis include information provided by the companies, such as company sustainability reports and other relevant company material, as well as Schroders' proprietary sustainability tools and third-party data.</p> <p>More details on the Investment Manager's approach to sustainability and its engagement with companies are available on the webpage <a href="https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/">https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/</a></p> <p>The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than its investment universe, based on the Investment Manager's rating system.</p> <p>The Investment Manager ensures that at least:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 90% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in developed countries; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with an investment grade credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by developed countries; and</li> <li>- 75% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in emerging countries; equities issued by small and medium companies; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with a high yield credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by emerging countries,</li> </ul> <p>is rated against the sustainability criteria. For the purposes of this test, small companies are those with market capitalisation below €5 billion, medium companies are those between €5 billion and €10 billion and large companies are those above €10 billion.</p>

## General Share Class Features

Share Classes	Initial Charge <sup>2</sup>	Annual Distribution Charge <sup>3</sup>	Annual Management Charge
A Shares	Up to 5%	None	1.25%
AX Shares	Up to 5%	None	1.25%
A1 Shares	Up to 4%	0.50%	1.50%
B Shares	None	0.60%	1.25%
C Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.75%
CN Shares	Up to 3%	None	0.75%
CX Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.75%
D Shares	None	1.00%	1.25%
E Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.375%
IZ, IA, IB, IC, ID Shares	None	None	Up to 0.75%
Z Shares	None	None	Up to 0.75%

Annual Distribution Charge and Annual Management Charge percentages are stated as an annual charge with reference to the Net Asset Value of the Fund or the Net Asset Value per Share, as may be appropriate.

A share class hedging charge of up to 0.03% will be borne by the currency hedged Share Classes.

<sup>2</sup> The initial charge is applied against the total amount invested. The Management Company and Distributors are entitled to the initial charge, which can be partly or fully waived at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>3</sup> Annual Distribution Charges in respect of A1 and D Shares are paid at such intervals as may be agreed from time to time between the Company and those Distributors that are appointed specifically for the purpose of distributing such Shares. Annual Distribution Charges in respect of B Shares are payable quarterly.

Not all Share Classes listed are available for subscription at the time of issue of this Prospectus. The Funds may also launch Bespoke Share Classes that are described under Appendix III at the Directors' discretion.

# Schroder International Selection Fund Swiss Small & Mid Cap Equity

## Investment Objective

The Fund aims to provide capital growth in excess of the Swiss Performance Index Extra after fees have been deducted over a three to five year period by investing in equity and equity related securities of small and mid-sized Swiss companies.

## Investment Policy

The Fund is actively managed and invests at least two-thirds of its assets in equity and equity related securities of small and mid-sized Swiss companies. These are companies which, at the time of purchase, are considered to be in the bottom 30% by market capitalisation of the Swiss equities market.

The Fund may also invest up to one-third of its assets directly or indirectly in other securities (including other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies, Investment Funds, warrants and Money Market Investments, and hold cash (subject to the restrictions provided in Appendix I).

The Fund may use derivatives with the aim of achieving investment gains, reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently.

The Fund maintains a positive absolute sustainability score, based on the Investment Manager's rating system. More details on the investment process used to achieve this can be found in the Fund Characteristics section.

The Fund does not directly invest in certain activities, industries or groups of issuers above the limits listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

## Benchmark

The Fund's performance should be assessed against its target benchmark being to exceed the Swiss Performance Index Extra and compared against the Morningstar Switzerland Small/Mid Cap Equity Category. The Fund's investment universe is expected to overlap materially with the components of the target benchmark. The comparator benchmark is only included for performance comparison purposes and does not determine how the Investment Manager invests the Fund's assets. The Investment Manager invests on a discretionary basis and there are no restrictions on the extent to which the Fund's portfolio and performance may deviate from the target benchmark. The Investment Manager will invest in companies or sectors not included in the target benchmark in order to take advantage of specific investment opportunities.

## Fund Characteristics

Fund Currency	CHF
Investment Manager	Schroder Investment Management (Switzerland) AG
Dealing Cut-off Time	13.00 Luxembourg time on Dealing Day
Dealing Frequency	Daily on Dealing Day
Settlement Period of Subscription and Redemption Proceeds <sup>1</sup>	3 Business Days from the relevant Dealing Day

<sup>1</sup> Different subscription and redemption procedures may apply if applications are made through Distributors.

The target benchmark has been selected because it is representative of the type of investments in which the Fund is likely to invest and it is, therefore, an appropriate target in relation to the return that the Fund aims to provide. The comparator benchmark has been selected because the Investment Manager believes that the benchmark is a suitable comparison for performance purposes given the Fund's investment objective and policy.

The benchmark(s) does/do not take into account the environmental and social characteristics or sustainable objective (as relevant) of the Fund.

## Further Information

The Fund is categorised as "Specialist Equity Fund".

More information relating to the environmental and social characteristics or sustainable investment objective (as applicable) of the Fund is provided in Appendix IV in accordance with SFDR and Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288.

## Risk Considerations

### Specific Risk Considerations

The Fund has environmental and/or social characteristics (within the meaning of Article 8 SFDR). A Fund with these characteristics may have limited exposure to some companies, industries or sectors as a result and the Fund may forego certain investment opportunities, or dispose of certain holdings, that do not align with its sustainability criteria chosen by the Investment Manager. As Investors may differ in their views of what constitutes sustainable investing, the Fund may also invest in companies that do not reflect the beliefs and values of any particular Investor. Please refer to Appendix II for more details on sustainability risks.

The reference in the Investment Policy to a fund investing two-thirds of its assets in a certain way applies in normal market conditions. See paragraph (A) at the start of this Appendix for further information.

The level of distribution costs in certain jurisdictions may impact the ability of the Investment Manager to meet the Fund's investment objective across all Share Classes after fees have been deducted.

## Profile of the Typical Investor

The Fund may be suitable for Investors who are more concerned with maximising long term returns than minimising possible short term losses.

Performance Fee	None
Redemption Charge	None
PEA / PIR Eligibility	No
Sustainability Criteria	<p>The Investment Manager applies governance and sustainability criteria when selecting investments for the Fund.</p> <p>Companies in the investment universe are assessed on their governance, environmental and social profile. The Investment Manager performs due diligence on potential holdings and this can include meetings with company management. The Investment Manager aims to identify the impact a business has on society whilst assessing relationships with key stakeholders such as employees, suppliers and regulators. This research is supported by quantitative analysis gained from Schroders' proprietary sustainability tools which are key inputs to assessing how existing and potential investments are meeting the Fund's sustainability criteria.</p> <p>The sources of information used to perform the analysis include information provided by the companies, such as company sustainability reports and other relevant company material, as well as Schroders' proprietary sustainability tools and third-party data.</p> <p>More details on the Investment Manager's approach to sustainability and its engagement with companies are available on the webpage <a href="https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/">https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/</a></p> <p>The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than its investment universe, based on the Investment Manager's rating system.</p> <p>The Investment Manager ensures that at least:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 90% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in developed countries; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with an investment grade credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by developed countries; and</li> <li>- 75% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in emerging countries; equities issued by small and medium companies; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with a high yield credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by emerging countries,</li> </ul> <p>is rated against the sustainability criteria. For the purposes of this test, small companies are those with market capitalisation below €5 billion, medium companies are those between €5 billion and €10 billion and large companies are those above €10 billion.</p>

## General Share Class Features

Share Classes	Initial Charge <sup>2</sup>	Annual Distribution Charge <sup>3</sup>	Annual Management Charge
A Shares	Up to 5%	None	1.50%
AX Shares	Up to 5%	None	1.50%
A1 Shares	Up to 4%	0.50%	1.50%
B Shares	None	0.60%	1.50%
C Shares	Up to 1%	None	1.00%
CN Shares	Up to 3%	None	1.00%
CX Shares	Up to 1%	None	1.00%
D Shares	None	1.00%	1.50%
E Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.50%
IZ, IA, IB, IC, ID Shares	None	None	Up to 1%
Z Shares	None	None	Up to 1%

Annual Distribution Charge and Annual Management Charge percentages are stated as an annual charge with reference to the Net Asset Value of the Fund or the Net Asset Value per Share, as may be appropriate.

A share class hedging charge of up to 0.03% will be borne by the currency hedged Share Classes.

<sup>2</sup> The initial charge is applied against the total amount invested. The Management Company and Distributors are entitled to the initial charge, which can be partly or fully waived at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>3</sup> Annual Distribution Charges in respect of A1 and D Shares are paid at such intervals as may be agreed from time to time between the Company and those Distributors that are appointed specifically for the purpose of distributing such Shares. Annual Distribution Charges in respect of B Shares are payable quarterly.



Not all Share Classes listed are available for subscription at the time of issue of this Prospectus. The Funds may also launch Bespoke Share Classes that are described under Appendix III at the Directors' discretion.

# Schroder International Selection Fund Taiwanese Equity

## Investment Objective

The Fund aims to provide capital growth in excess of the TAIEX Total Return index after fees have been deducted over a three to five year period by investing in equity and equity related securities of Taiwanese companies.

## Investment Policy

The Fund is actively managed and invests at least two-thirds of its assets in the equity and equity related securities of Taiwanese companies.

The Fund may also invest up to one-third of its assets directly or indirectly in other securities (including other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies, Investment Funds, warrants and Money Market Investments, and hold cash (subject to the restrictions provided in Appendix I).

The Fund may use derivatives with the aim of achieving investment gains, reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently.

## Benchmark

The Fund's performance should be assessed against its target benchmark being to exceed the TAIEX Total Return index and compared against the Morningstar Taiwan Equity Category. The Fund's investment universe is expected to overlap to a limited extent with the components of the target benchmark. The comparator benchmark is only included for performance comparison purposes and does not determine how the Investment Manager invests the Fund's assets. The Investment Manager invests on a discretionary basis and there are no restrictions on the extent to which the Fund's portfolio and performance may

deviate from the target benchmark. The Investment Manager will invest in companies or sectors not included in the target benchmark in order to take advantage of specific investment opportunities.

The target benchmark has been selected because it is representative of the type of investments in which the Fund is likely to invest and it is, therefore, an appropriate target in relation to the return that the Fund aims to provide. The comparator benchmark has been selected because the Investment Manager believes that the benchmark is a suitable comparison for performance purposes given the Fund's investment objective and policy.

## Further Information

The Fund is categorised as "Specialist Equity Fund".

## Risk Considerations

### Specific Risk Considerations

The reference in the Investment Policy to a fund investing two-thirds of its assets in a certain way applies in normal market conditions. See paragraph (A) at the start of this Appendix for further information.

The level of distribution costs in certain jurisdictions may impact the ability of the Investment Manager to meet the Fund's investment objective across all Share Classes after fees have been deducted.

## Profile of the Typical Investor

The Fund may be suitable for Investors who are more concerned with maximising long term returns than minimising possible short term losses.

## Fund Characteristics

Fund Currency	USD
Investment Manager	Schroder Investment Management (Hong Kong) Limited
Dealing Cut-off Time	13.00 Luxembourg time on Dealing Day
Dealing Frequency	Daily on Dealing Day
Settlement Period of Subscription and Redemption Proceeds <sup>1</sup>	3 Business Days from the relevant Dealing Day
Performance Fee	None
Redemption Charge	None
PEA / PIR Eligibility	No

<sup>1</sup> Different subscription and redemption procedures may apply if applications are made through Distributors.

## General Share Class Features

Share Classes	Initial Charge <sup>2</sup>	Annual Distribution Charge <sup>3</sup>	Annual Management Charge
A Shares	Up to 5%	None	1.50%
AX Shares	Up to 5%	None	1.50%
A1 Shares	Up to 4%	0.50%	1.50%
B Shares	None	0.60%	1.50%
C Shares	Up to 1%	None	1.00%
CN Shares	Up to 3%	None	1.00%
CX Shares	Up to 1%	None	1.00%
D Shares	None	1.00%	1.50%
E Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.50%
IZ, IA, IB, IC, ID Shares	None	None	Up to 1%
Z Shares	None	None	Up to 1%

Annual Distribution Charge and Annual Management Charge percentages are stated as an annual charge with reference to the Net Asset Value of the Fund or the Net Asset Value per Share, as may be appropriate.

A share class hedging charge of up to 0.03% will be borne by the currency hedged Share Classes.

Not all Share Classes listed are available for subscription at the time of issue of this Prospectus. The Funds may also launch Bespoke Share Classes that are described under Appendix III at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>2</sup> The initial charge is applied against the total amount invested. The Management Company and Distributors are entitled to the initial charge, which can be partly or fully waived at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>3</sup> Annual Distribution Charges in respect of A1 and D Shares are paid at such intervals as may be agreed from time to time between the Company and those Distributors that are appointed specifically for the purpose of distributing such Shares. Annual Distribution Charges in respect of B Shares are payable quarterly.

# Schroder International Selection Fund UK Equity

## Investment Objective

The Fund aims to provide capital growth in excess of the FTSE All Share Total Return index after fees have been deducted over a three to five year period by investing in equity and equity related securities of UK companies.

## Investment Policy

The Fund is actively managed and invests at least two-thirds of its assets in equity and equity related securities of UK companies.

The Fund may also invest up to one-third of its assets directly or indirectly in other securities (including other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies, Investment Funds, warrants and Money Market Investments, and hold cash (subject to the restrictions provided in Appendix I).

The Fund may use derivatives with the aim of achieving investment gains, reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently.

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the FTSE All Share Total Return index, based on the Investment Manager's rating criteria. More details on the investment process used to achieve this can be found in the Fund Characteristics section.

The Fund does not directly invest in certain activities, industries or groups of issuers above the limits listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

## Benchmark

The Fund's performance should be assessed against its target benchmark being to exceed the FTSE All Share Total Return Index. The Fund's investment universe is expected to overlap materially with the components of the target benchmark. The Investment Manager invests on a discretionary basis and there are no restrictions on the extent to which the Fund's portfolio and performance may deviate from the target benchmark. The Investment Manager will invest in companies or sectors not included in the target benchmark in order to take advantage of specific investment opportunities.

The target benchmark has been selected because it is representative of the type of investments in which the Fund is likely to invest and it is, therefore, an appropriate target in relation to the return that the Fund aims to provide.

The benchmark(s) does/do not take into account the environmental and social characteristics or sustainable objective (as relevant) of the Fund.

## Further Information

The Fund is categorised as "Mainstream Equity Fund".

More information relating to the environmental and social characteristics or sustainable investment objective (as applicable) of the Fund is provided in Appendix IV in accordance with SFDR and Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288.

## Risk Considerations

### Specific Risk Considerations

The Fund has environmental and/or social characteristics (within the meaning of Article 8 SFDR). A Fund with these characteristics may have limited exposure to some companies, industries or sectors as a result and the Fund may forego certain investment opportunities, or dispose of certain holdings, that do not align with its sustainability criteria chosen by the Investment Manager. As Investors may differ in their views of what constitutes sustainable investing, the Fund may also invest in companies that do not reflect the beliefs and values of any particular Investor. Please refer to Appendix II for more details on sustainability risks.

The reference in the Investment Policy to a fund investing two-thirds of its assets in a certain way applies in normal market conditions. See paragraph (A) at the start of this Appendix for further information.

The level of distribution costs in certain jurisdictions may impact the ability of the Investment Manager to meet the Fund's investment objective across all Share Classes after fees have been deducted.

## Profile of the Typical Investor

The Fund may be suitable for Investors who are seeking long term growth potential offered through investment in equities.

## Fund Characteristics

Fund Currency	GBP
Investment Manager	Schroder Investment Management Limited
Dealing Cut-off Time	13.00 Luxembourg time on Dealing Day
Dealing Frequency	Daily on Dealing Day
Settlement Period of Subscription and Redemption Proceeds <sup>1</sup>	3 Business Days from the relevant Dealing Day
Performance Fee	None

<sup>1</sup> Different subscription and redemption procedures may apply if applications are made through Distributors.

Redemption Charge	None
PEA / PIR Eligibility	No
Sustainability Criteria	<p>The Investment Manager applies governance and sustainability criteria when selecting investments for the Fund.</p> <p>Companies in the investment universe are assessed on their governance, environmental and social profile. The Investment Manager performs due diligence on potential holdings and this can include meetings with company management. The Investment Manager aims to identify the impact a business has on society whilst assessing relationships with key stakeholders such as employees, suppliers and regulators. This research is supported by quantitative analysis gained from Schroders' proprietary sustainability tools which are key inputs to assessing how existing and potential investments are meeting the Fund's sustainability criteria.</p> <p>The sources of information used to perform the analysis include information provided by the companies, such as company sustainability reports and other relevant company material, as well as Schroders' proprietary sustainability tools and third-party data.</p> <p>More details on the Investment Manager's approach to sustainability and its engagement with companies are available on the webpage <a href="https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/">https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/</a></p> <p>The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than its investment universe, based on the Investment Manager's rating system.</p> <p>The Investment Manager ensures that at least:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 90% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in developed countries; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with an investment grade credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by developed countries; and</li> <li>- 75% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in emerging countries; equities issued by small and medium companies; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with a high yield credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by emerging countries,</li> </ul> <p>is rated against the sustainability criteria. For the purposes of this test, small companies are those with market capitalisation below €5 billion, medium companies are those between €5 billion and €10 billion and large companies are those above €10 billion.</p>

## General Share Class Features

Share Classes	Initial Charge <sup>2</sup>	Annual Distribution Charge <sup>3</sup>	Annual Management Charge
A Shares	Up to 5%	None	1.10%
AX Shares	Up to 5%	None	1.10%
A1 Shares	Up to 4%	0.50%	1.10%
B Shares	None	0.60%	1.10%
C Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.60%
CN Shares	Up to 3%	None	0.60%
CX Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.60%
D Shares	None	1.00%	1.10%
E Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.30%
IZ, IA, IB, IC, ID Shares	None	None	Up to 0.60%
Z Shares	None	None	Up to 0.60%

Annual Distribution Charge and Annual Management Charge percentages are stated as an annual charge with reference to the Net Asset Value of the Fund or the Net Asset Value per Share, as may be appropriate.

A share class hedging charge of up to 0.03% will be borne by the currency hedged Share Classes.

Not all Share Classes listed are available for subscription at the time of issue of this Prospectus. The Funds may also launch Bespoke Share Classes that are described under Appendix III at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>2</sup> The initial charge is applied against the total amount invested. The Management Company and Distributors are entitled to the initial charge, which can be partly or fully waived at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>3</sup> Annual Distribution Charges in respect of A1 and D Shares are paid at such intervals as may be agreed from time to time between the Company and those Distributors that are appointed specifically for the purpose of distributing such Shares. Annual Distribution Charges in respect of B Shares are payable quarterly.

# Schroder International Selection Fund US Dollar Bond

## Investment Objective

The Fund aims to provide income and capital growth in excess of the Bloomberg US Aggregate Bond (TR) index after fees have been deducted over a three to five year period by investing in fixed and floating rate securities denominated in USD.

## Investment Policy

The Fund is actively managed and invests at least two-thirds of its assets in fixed and floating rate securities, including asset-backed securities and mortgage-backed securities, denominated in USD, issued by governments, government agencies and companies worldwide.

The Fund invests in the full credit spectrum of fixed income investments. The Fund may invest:

- up to 40% of its assets in securities that have a below investment grade credit rating (as measured by Standard & Poor's or any equivalent grade of other credit rating agencies for rated bonds and implied Schrodgers ratings for non-rated bonds); and
- up to 70% of its assets in asset-backed securities, commercial mortgage-backed securities, and/or residential mortgage-backed securities issued worldwide with an investment grade or sub-investment grade credit rating (as measured by Standard & Poor's or any equivalent grade of other credit rating agencies). Underlying assets may include credit card receivables, personal loans, auto loans, small business loans, leases, commercial mortgages and residential mortgages.

The Fund may also invest up to one-third of its assets directly or indirectly in other securities (including other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies, Investment Funds, warrants and Money Market Investments, and hold cash (subject to the restrictions provided in Appendix I).

The Fund may use derivatives, long and short, with the aim of achieving investment gains, reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently. The Fund may use leverage.

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the Bloomberg US Aggregate Bond (TR) index based on the Investment Manager's rating criteria. More details on the investment process used to achieve this can be found in the Fund Characteristics section.

The Fund does not directly invest in certain activities, industries or groups of issuers above the limits listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

## Benchmark

The Fund's performance should be assessed against its target benchmark being to exceed the Bloomberg US Aggregate Bond (TR) index and compared against the Morningstar USD Diversified Bond Category. The Fund's investment universe is expected to overlap to a limited extent with the components of the target benchmark. However, the Fund will likely reflect certain features of the target benchmark (namely currency exposure). The comparator benchmark is only included for performance comparison purposes and does not determine how the

Investment Manager invests the Fund's assets. The Investment Manager invests on a discretionary basis and there are no restrictions on the extent to which the Fund's portfolio and performance may deviate from the target benchmark. The Investment Manager will invest in companies or sectors not included in the target benchmark in order to take advantage of specific investment opportunities.

The target benchmark has been selected because it is representative of the type of investments in which the Fund is likely to invest and it is, therefore, an appropriate target in relation to the return that the Fund aims to provide. The comparator benchmark has been selected because the Investment Manager believes that the benchmark is a suitable comparison for performance purposes given the Fund's investment objective and policy.

The benchmark(s) does/do not take into account the environmental and social characteristics or sustainable objective (as relevant) of the Fund.

## Further Information

The Fund is categorised as "Mainstream Bond Fund".

More information relating to the environmental and social characteristics or sustainable investment objective (as applicable) of the Fund is provided in Appendix IV in accordance with SFDR and Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288.

## Risk Considerations

### Risk Management Method

Relative Value-at-Risk (VaR)

### VaR Benchmark

Bloomberg US Aggregate Bond Index. This index measures the investment grade, U.S. dollar-denominated, fixed-rate taxable bond market, including Treasuries, government-related and corporate securities, MBS (agency fixed-rate and hybrid ARM passthroughs), ABS and CMBS.

### Expected Leverage

200% of the total net assets

The expected level of leverage may be higher when volatility decreases sustainably, when interest rates are expected to change or when credit spreads are expected to widen or tighten.

### This Fund is not a leveraged financial instrument

The Fund utilises financial derivative instruments for investment purposes and the global exposure is monitored under the relative VaR approach in line with UCITS Risk Measurement Rules. Whilst these instruments generate leverage, the Fund itself is not a leveraged financial instrument as further described in the MIFID Directive. For further details on the relative VaR approach please see Appendix 1. In addition to this regulatory restriction, Schroders implements internal controls on global exposure to constrain and/or highlight global exposure as appropriate.

## Specific Risk Considerations

The Fund has environmental and/or social characteristics (within the meaning of Article 8 SFDR). A Fund with these characteristics may have limited exposure to some companies, industries or sectors as a result and the Fund may forego certain investment opportunities, or dispose of certain holdings, that do not align with its sustainability criteria chosen by the Investment Manager. As Investors may differ in their views of what constitutes sustainable investing, the Fund may also invest in companies that do not reflect the beliefs and values of any particular Investor. Please refer to Appendix II for more details on sustainability risks.

The reference in the Investment Policy to a fund investing two-thirds of its assets in a certain way applies in normal market conditions. See paragraph (A) at the start of this Appendix for further information.

The level of distribution costs in certain jurisdictions may impact the ability of the Investment Manager to meet the Fund's investment objective across all Share Classes after fees have been deducted.

## Profile of the Typical Investor

The Fund may be suitable for Investors who are seeking to combine capital growth opportunities with income in the relative stability of the debt markets over the long term.

## Fund Characteristics

Fund Currency	USD
Investment Manager	Schroder Investment Management North America Inc.
Dealing Cut-off Time	13.00 Luxembourg time on Dealing Day
Dealing Frequency	Daily on Dealing Day
Settlement Period of Subscription and Redemption Proceeds <sup>1</sup>	3 Business Days from the relevant Dealing Day
Performance Fee	None
Redemption Charge	None
PEA / PIR Eligibility	No
Sustainability Criteria	<p>The Investment Manager applies governance and sustainability criteria when selecting investments for the Fund.</p> <p>The strategy aims to identify issuers demonstrating good or improving sustainability credentials, and those that impose a high cost on the environment and society. This involves:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- The exclusion of issuers <u>with certain exposure to specific activities that the Investment Manager considers environmentally destructive or socially damaging, violate human rights and/ or have demonstrated gross misconduct, that the Investment Manager deems to have businesses that are materially damaging to the climate and impose unjustifiable social costs.</u></li><li>- The inclusion of issuers that <u>the Investment Manager considers are well placed to deliver demonstrate stable and improving sustainability trajectories relative to their industry peers, and issuers demonstrating good governance based on the Investment Manager's sustainability rating methodology.</u></li></ul> <p>The Investment Manager may also engage with companies to encourage transparency, the transition to a circular economy with lower carbon emissions intensity and responsible social behaviour that promotes sustainable growth and alpha generation.</p> <p>The primary sources of information used to perform the analysis are the Investment Manager's proprietary tools and research, third-party research, NGO reports and expert networks. The Investment Manager also performs its own analysis of publicly available information provided by the companies, including information provided in company sustainability reports and other relevant company material.</p> <p>More details on the Investment Manager's approach to sustainability and its engagement with companies are available on the webpage <a href="https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/">https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/</a></p> <p>The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than its investment universe, based on the Investment Manager's rating system.</p> <p>The Investment Manager ensures that at least:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- 90% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in developed countries; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with an investment grade credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by developed countries; and</li><li>- 75% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in emerging countries; equities issued by small and medium companies; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with a high yield credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by emerging countries,</li></ul>

<sup>1</sup> Different subscription and redemption procedures may apply if applications are made through Distributors.



is rated against the sustainability criteria. For the purposes of this test, small companies are those with market capitalisation below €5 billion, medium companies are those between €5 billion and €10 billion and large companies are those above €10 billion.

## General Share Class Features

Share Classes	Initial Charge <sup>2</sup>	Annual Distribution Charge <sup>3</sup>	Annual Management Charge
A Shares	Up to 3%	None	0.75%
AX Shares	Up to 3%	None	0.75%
A1 Shares	Up to 2%	0.50%	0.75%
B Shares	None	0.50%	0.75%
C Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.50%
CN Shares	Up to 3%	None	0.50%
CX Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.50%
D Shares	None	1.00%	0.75%
E Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.25%
IZ, IA, IB, IC, ID Shares	None	None	Up to 0.50%
Z Shares	None	None	Up to 0.50%

Annual Distribution Charge and Annual Management Charge percentages are stated as an annual charge with reference to the Net Asset Value of the Fund or the Net Asset Value per Share, as may be appropriate.

A share class hedging charge of up to 0.03% will be borne by the currency hedged Share Classes.

Not all Share Classes listed are available for subscription at the time of issue of this Prospectus. The Funds may also launch Bespoke Share Classes that are described under Appendix III at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>2</sup> The initial charge is applied against the total amount invested. The Management Company and Distributors are entitled to the initial charge, which can be partly or fully waived at the Directors' discretion. The Management Company and Distributors are entitled to the initial charge, which can be partly or fully waived at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>3</sup> Annual Distribution Charges in respect of A1 and D Shares are paid at such intervals as may be agreed from time to time between the Company and those Distributors that are appointed specifically for the purpose of distributing such Shares. Annual Distribution Charges in respect of B Shares are payable quarterly.

# Schroder International Selection Fund US Large Cap

## Investment Objective

The Fund aims to provide capital growth in excess of the Standard & Poor's 500 (Net TR) Lagged index after fees have been deducted over a three to five year period by investing in equity and equity related securities of large-sized US companies.

## Investment Policy

The Fund is actively managed and invests at least two-thirds of its assets in the equity and equity related securities of large-sized US companies. Large-sized companies are companies which, at the time of purchase, are considered to be in the top 85% by market capitalisation of the US equities market.

The Fund may invest in the equity securities of non-US companies provided they are listed on one of the major North American stock exchanges.

The Fund may also invest up to one-third of its assets directly or indirectly in other securities (including other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies, Investment Funds, warrants and Money Market Investments, and hold cash (subject to the restrictions provided in Appendix I).

The Fund may use derivatives with the aim of reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently.

## Benchmark

The Fund's performance should be assessed against its target benchmark, being to exceed the Standard & Poor's 500 (Net TR) Lagged index. The Fund's investment universe is expected to overlap materially with the components of the

target benchmark. The Investment Manager invests on a discretionary basis and there are no restrictions on the extent to which the Fund's portfolio and performance may deviate from the target benchmark. The Investment Manager will invest in companies or sectors not included in the target benchmark in order to take advantage of specific investment opportunities.

The target benchmark has been selected because it is representative of the type of investments in which the Fund is likely to invest, and it is, therefore, an appropriate target in relation to the return that the Fund aims to provide.

## Further Information

The Fund is categorised as "Mainstream Equity Fund".

## Risk Considerations

### Specific Risk Considerations

The reference in the Investment Policy to a fund investing two-thirds of its assets in a certain way applies in normal market conditions. See paragraph (A) at the start of this Appendix for further information.

The level of distribution costs in certain jurisdictions may impact the ability of the Investment Manager to meet the Fund's investment objective across all Share Classes after fees have been deducted.

## Profile of the Typical Investor

The Fund may be suitable for Investors who are seeking long term growth potential offered through investment in equities.

## Fund Characteristics

Fund Currency	USD
Investment Manager	Schroder Investment Management (Europe) S.A. – German Branch
Dealing Cut-off Time	13.00 Luxembourg time on Dealing Day
Dealing Frequency	Daily on Dealing Day
Settlement Period of Subscription and Redemption Proceeds <sup>1</sup>	3 Business Days from the relevant Dealing Day
Performance Fee	None
Redemption Charge	None
PEA / PIR Eligibility	No

<sup>1</sup> Different subscription and redemption procedures may apply if applications are made through Distributors.

## General Share Class Features

Share Classes	Initial Charge <sup>2</sup>	Annual Distribution Charge <sup>3</sup>	Annual Management Charge
A Shares	Up to 5%	None	1.25%
AX Shares	Up to 5%	None	1.25%
A1 Shares	Up to 4%	0.50%	1.50%
B Shares	None	0.60%	1.25%
C Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.55%
CN Shares	Up to 3%	None	0.55%
CX Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.55%
D Shares	None	1.00%	1.25%
E Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.375%
IZ, IA, IB, IC, ID Shares	None	None	Up to 0.75%
Z Shares	None	None	Up to 0.75%

Annual Distribution Charge and Annual Management Charge percentages are stated as an annual charge with reference to the Net Asset Value of the Fund or the Net Asset Value per Share, as may be appropriate.

A share class hedging charge of up to 0.03% will be borne by the currency hedged Share Classes.

Not all Share Classes listed are available for subscription at the time of issue of this Prospectus. The Funds may also launch Bespoke Share Classes that are described under Appendix III at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>2</sup> The initial charge is applied against the total amount invested. The Management Company and Distributors are entitled to the initial charge, which can be partly or fully waived at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>3</sup> Annual Distribution Charges in respect of A1 and D Shares are paid at such intervals as may be agreed from time to time between the Company and those Distributors that are appointed specifically for the purpose of distributing such Shares. Annual Distribution Charges in respect of B Shares are payable quarterly.

# Schroder International Selection Fund US Small & Mid-Cap Equity

## Investment Objective

The Fund aims to provide capital growth in excess of the Russell 2500 Lagged (Net TR) index after fees have been deducted over a three to five year period by investing in equity and equity related securities of small and mid-sized US companies.

## Investment Policy

The Fund is actively managed and invests at least two-thirds of its assets in equity and equity related securities of small and mid-sized US companies. These are companies which, at the time of purchase, are considered to be in the bottom 40% by market capitalisation of the US equities market.

The Fund invests in a broad range of small and mid-sized US companies. The investment approach focuses on three types of US companies: companies that the Investment Manager believes demonstrate strong growth trends and improving levels of cash; companies which the Investment Manager believes generate dependable earnings and revenues; and companies that the Investment Manager believes are undergoing positive change that is not being recognised by the market. By doing so, the Investment Manager believes that we can reduce overall risk and improve returns for our investors over the medium to long term.

The Fund may also invest up to one-third of its assets directly or indirectly in other securities (including other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies, Investment Funds, warrants and Money Market Investments, and hold cash (subject to the restrictions provided in Appendix I).

The Fund may use derivatives with aim of reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently.

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the S&P Mid Cap 400 Lagged (Net TR) Index, based on the Investment Manager's rating criteria. More details on the investment process used to achieve this can be found in the Fund Characteristics section.

The Fund does not directly invest in certain activities, industries or groups of issuers above the limits listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

## Benchmark

The Fund's performance should be assessed against its target benchmark being to exceed the Russell 2500 Lagged (Net TR) index and compared against the Morningstar US Mid-Cap Equity Category and the S&P Mid Cap 400 Lagged (Net TR) Index. The Fund's investment universe is expected to overlap materially with the components of the target benchmark and the S&P Mid Cap 400 Lagged (Net TR) Index. The comparator benchmarks are only included for performance comparison purposes and do not determine how the Investment Manager invests the Fund's assets. The Investment Manager invests on a discretionary basis and there are no restrictions on the extent to which the Fund's

portfolio and performance may deviate from the target benchmark or the S&P Mid Cap 400 Lagged (Net TR) Index. The Investment Manager will invest in companies or sectors not included in the target benchmark or the S&P Mid Cap 400 Lagged (Net TR) Index in order to take advantage of specific investment opportunities.

The target benchmark has been selected because it is representative of the type of investments in which the Fund is likely to invest and it is, therefore, an appropriate target in relation to the return that the Fund aims to provide. The comparator benchmarks have been selected because the Investment Manager believes that each benchmark is a suitable comparison for performance purposes given the Fund's investment objective and policy.

The benchmark(s) does/do not take into account the environmental and social characteristics or sustainable objective (as relevant) of the Fund.

## Further Information

The Fund is categorised as "Specialist Equity Fund".

More information relating to the environmental and social characteristics or sustainable investment objective (as applicable) of the Fund is provided in Appendix IV in accordance with SFDR and Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288.

## Risk Considerations

### Specific Risk Considerations

The Fund has environmental and/or social characteristics (within the meaning of Article 8 SFDR). A Fund with these characteristics may have limited exposure to some companies, industries or sectors as a result and the Fund may forego certain investment opportunities, or dispose of certain holdings, that do not align with its sustainability criteria chosen by the Investment Manager. As Investors may differ in their views of what constitutes sustainable investing, the Fund may also invest in companies that do not reflect the beliefs and values of any particular Investor. Please refer to Appendix II for more details on sustainability risks.

The reference in the Investment Policy to a fund investing two-thirds of its assets in a certain way applies in normal market conditions. See paragraph (A) at the start of this Appendix for further information.

The level of distribution costs in certain jurisdictions may impact the ability of the Investment Manager to meet the Fund's investment objective across all Share Classes after fees have been deducted.

## Profile of the Typical Investor

The Fund may be suitable for Investors who are more concerned with maximising long term returns than minimising possible short term losses.

## Fund Characteristics

Fund Currency	USD
Investment Manager	Schroder Investment Management North America Inc.

Dealing Cut-off Time	13.00 Luxembourg time on Dealing Day
Dealing Frequency	Daily on Dealing Day
Settlement Period of Subscription and Redemption Proceeds <sup>1</sup>	3 Business Days from the relevant Dealing Day
Performance Fee	None
Redemption Charge	None
PEA / PIR Eligibility	No
Sustainability Criteria	<p>The Investment Manager applies governance and sustainability criteria when selecting investments for the Fund.</p> <p>Companies in the investment universe are assessed on their governance, environmental and social profile, across a range of factors.</p> <p>The Investment Manager performs its own due diligence on potential holdings including, where possible, meetings with senior management. The Investment Manager analyses information provided by the companies, including information provided in company sustainability reports and other relevant company material. The Investment Manager will also scrutinise other disclosures, including third party reports, and will typically engage with the company during the assessment process and afterwards if the company is selected for the portfolio.</p> <p>This assessment is supported by quantitative analysis from Schroders' proprietary sustainability tools. Through such tools, analysts are able to compare companies based on the metrics selected, their own company assessment scores or adjusted rankings (size, sector or region), with the flexibility to make company specific adjustments to reflect their detailed knowledge.</p> <p>More details on the Investment Manager's approach to sustainability and its engagement with companies are available on the webpage <a href="https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/">https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/</a></p> <p>The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than its investment universe, based on the Investment Manager's rating system.</p> <p>The Investment Manager ensures that at least:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 90% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in developed countries; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with an investment grade credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by developed countries; and</li> <li>- 75% the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in emerging countries; equities issued by small and medium companies; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with a high yield credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by emerging countries,</li> </ul> <p>is rated against the sustainability criteria. For the purposes of this test, small companies are those with market capitalisation below €5 billion, medium companies are those between €5 billion and €10 billion and large companies are those above €10 billion.</p>

<sup>1</sup> Different subscription and redemption procedures may apply if applications are made through Distributors.

## General Share Class Features

Share Classes	Initial Charge <sup>2</sup>	Annual Distribution Charge <sup>3</sup>	Annual Management Charge
A Shares	Up to 5%	None	1.50%
AX Shares	Up to 5%	None	1.50%
A1 Shares	Up to 4%	0.50%	1.50%
B Shares	None	0.60%	1.50%
C Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.85%
CN Shares	Up to 3%	None	0.85%
CX Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.85%
D Shares	None	1.00%	1.50%
E Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.50%
IZ, IA, IB, IC, ID Shares	None	None	Up to 1%
Z Shares	None	None	Up to 1%

Annual Distribution Charge and Annual Management Charge percentages are stated as an annual charge with reference to the Net Asset Value of the Fund or the Net Asset Value per Share, as may be appropriate.

A share class hedging charge of up to 0.03% will be borne by the currency hedged Share Classes.

Not all Share Classes listed are available for subscription at the time of issue of this Prospectus. The Funds may also launch Bespoke Share Classes that are described under Appendix III at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>2</sup> The initial charge is applied against the total amount invested. The Management Company and Distributors are entitled to the initial charge, which can be partly or fully waived at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>3</sup> Annual Distribution Charges in respect of A1 and D Shares are paid at such intervals as may be agreed from time to time between the Company and those Distributors that are appointed specifically for the purpose of distributing such Shares. Annual Distribution Charges in respect of B Shares are payable quarterly.

# Schroder International Selection Fund US Smaller Companies Impact

## Investment Objective

The Fund aims to provide capital growth in excess of the Russell 2000 Lagged (Net TR) index after fees have been deducted over a three to five year period by investing in equity and equity related securities of small-sized US companies whose activities the Investment Manager considers create positive social or environmental impact and which the Investment Manager deems to be sustainable investments.

## Investment Policy

The Fund is actively managed and invests its assets in (i) sustainable investments, which are investments that the Investment Manager expects to contribute towards the advancement of an environmental or social objective linked to one or more of the UN SDGs, and to deliver returns to shareholders over the long term (please see the Fund Characteristics section for more details), and (ii) investments that the Investment Manager deems to be neutral under its sustainability criteria such as cash and Money Market Investments and derivatives used with the aim of reducing risk (hedging) or managing the Fund more efficiently.

The Investment Manager will select companies from a universe of eligible companies that have been determined as meeting the Investment Manager's impact criteria. The impact criteria include an assessment of the company's contribution to the UN SDGs alongside the Investment Manager's assessment of the company's impact via its proprietary impact investment management framework and tools (including an impact scorecard).

The Fund is part of Schroders' Impact Driven strategies. As such, it applies highly selective investment criteria and its investment process is aligned with the Operating Principles for Impact Management which means that an assessment of impact is embedded in the steps of the investment process. All sustainable investments in the Fund are subject to this framework.

The Fund does not directly invest in certain activities, industries or groups of issuers above the limits listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

The Fund invests in companies that do not cause significant environmental or social harm and have good governance practices, as determined by the Investment Manager's rating criteria (please see the Fund Characteristics section for more details).

The Investment Manager may also engage with companies held by the Fund to seek to improve sustainability practices and enhance social and environmental impacts generated by underlying investee companies. More details on the Investment Manager's approach to sustainability and its engagement with companies are available on the webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/>.

The Fund invests at least two-thirds of its assets in a concentrated range of equity and equity related securities of small-sized US companies. These are companies which, at

the time of purchase, are considered to be in the bottom 30% by market capitalisation of the US equities market. The Fund typically holds 40 – 60 companies.

The Fund may also invest up to one-third of its assets directly or indirectly in other securities (including other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies, Investment Funds, warrants and Money Market Investments, and hold cash (subject to the restrictions provided in Appendix I).

The Fund may use derivatives with the aim of achieving investment gains, reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently.

## Benchmark

The Fund's performance should be assessed against its target benchmark being to exceed the Russell 2000 Lagged (Net TR) index and compared against the Morningstar US Small-Cap Equity Category. The Fund's investment universe is expected to overlap materially with the components of the target benchmark. The comparator benchmark is only included for performance comparison purposes and does not determine how the Investment Manager invests the Fund's assets. The Investment Manager invests on a discretionary basis and there are no restrictions on the extent to which the Fund's portfolio and performance may deviate from the target benchmark. The Investment Manager will invest in companies or sectors not included in the target benchmark in order to take advantage of specific investment opportunities.

The target benchmark has been selected because it is representative of the type of investments in which the Fund is likely to invest and it is, therefore, an appropriate target in relation to the return that the Fund aims to provide. The comparator benchmark has been selected because the Investment Manager believes that it is a suitable comparison for performance purposes given the Fund's investment objective and policy.

The benchmark(s) does/do not take into account the environmental and social characteristics or sustainable objective (as relevant) of the Fund.

## Further Information

The Fund is categorised as "Specialist Equity Fund".

More information relating to the environmental and social characteristics or sustainable investment objective (as applicable) of the Fund is provided in Appendix IV in accordance with SFDR and Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288.

## Risk Considerations

### Specific Risk Considerations

The Fund has the objective of sustainable investment (within the meaning of Article 9 SFDR). A Fund with this objective may have limited exposure to some companies, industries or sectors as a result and the Fund may forego certain investment opportunities, or dispose of certain holdings, that do not align with its sustainability criteria chosen by the Investment Manager. As Investors may differ in their views of what constitutes sustainable investing, the Fund may also



invest in companies that do not reflect the beliefs and values of any particular Investor. Please refer to Appendix II for more details on sustainability risks.

The reference in the Investment Policy to a fund investing two-thirds of its assets in a certain way applies in normal market conditions. See paragraph (A) at the start of this Appendix for further information.

The level of distribution costs in certain jurisdictions may impact the ability of the Investment Manager to meet the Fund's investment objective across all Share Classes after fees have been deducted.

## Profile of the Typical Investor

The Fund may be suitable for Investors who are more concerned with maximising long term returns than minimising possible short term losses.

## Fund Characteristics

Fund Currency	USD
Investment Manager	Schroder Investment Management North America Inc.
Dealing Cut-off Time	13.00 Luxembourg time on Dealing Day
Dealing Frequency	Daily on Dealing Day
Settlement Period of Subscription and Redemption Proceeds <sup>1</sup>	3 Business Days from the relevant Dealing Day
Performance Fee	None
Redemption Charge	None
PEA / PIR Eligibility	No
Sustainability Criteria	<p>The Investment Manager applies sustainability criteria when selecting investments for the Fund.</p> <p>Investments are composed of companies whose products and services contribute positively to at least one of the UN SDGs. In order to identify companies with a direct link to a UN SDG, the Investment Manager applies a two step approach:</p> <p>The first is a revenue based approach that considers whether a certain percentage of the relevant company's revenues, capital expenditure or operating expenditure contributes to an environmental or social objective (as applicable).</p> <p>The second is a detailed impact assessment of the company via the completion of a proprietary impact scorecard. The Investment Manager considers different aspects of impact such as: what outcome and UN SDGs the company is contributing to; who is served by the outcome (such as the relevant stakeholder or industry); an assessment of our expected contribution (including Schroders influence and engagement); and consideration of impact risks. The assessment typically includes Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) that are used to track the company's impact over time.</p> <p>The company and impact scorecard are then validated and approved by Schroders' Impact Assessment Group (IAG), in order for the company to be eligible for inclusion in the Fund's investible universe. The IAG consists of members from Schroders' impact and sustainable investment teams and members of the investment team. There may be some limited instances where step 2 and the IAG approval may follow subsequently (such as a particularly time sensitive investment).</p> <p>The Investment Manager has identified three types of companies that will typically be considered for inclusion in the portfolio.</p> <p>The first type are highly innovative companies whose business model solves a direct need within the UN SDGs. These are growth companies whose solution to an UN SDG gap can be scaled.</p> <p>The second type are companies that are already generating revenues that have an impact, but do not articulate or highlight that impact. These are companies the Investment Manager can identify due to its deep understanding of the US Small Cap universe where it sees a re-rating opportunity. In so doing the companies can better articulate and become more transparent about their impact opportunity. This is expected to be the largest group in the Fund's portfolio.</p> <p>The third type will tend to have the lowest level of revenue link. These are companies whose business models are transitioning towards higher impact activities and where the Investment Manager sees the ability to help guide such companies on that journey with active engagement. This is expected to be the smallest group in the Fund's portfolio.</p> <p>Each investment must have some revenue linking to an UN SDG. Based on where the investment falls within the three types the level of linked revenue will vary.</p> <p>The Investment Manager ensures that at least 90% of the portion of the Fund's Net Asset Value composed of investments in companies is rated against the sustainability criteria. As a result of the application of sustainability criteria, at least 20% of the Fund's potential investment universe is excluded from the selection of investments.</p>

<sup>1</sup> Different subscription and redemption procedures may apply if applications are made through Distributors.

For the purposes of this test, the potential investment universe is the core universe of issuers that the Investment Manager may select for the Fund prior to the application of sustainability criteria, in accordance with the other limitations of the Investment Objective and Policy. This universe is comprised of equity and equity related securities of small-sized US companies or companies which derive a significant proportion of their revenues or profits from small-sized US companies.

## General Share Class Features

Share Classes	Initial Charge <sup>2</sup>	Annual Distribution Charge <sup>3</sup>	Annual Management Charge
A Shares	Up to 5%	None	1.50%
AX Shares	Up to 5%	None	1.50%
A1 Shares	Up to 4%	0.50%	1.50%
B Shares	None	0.60%	1.50%
C Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.85%
CN Shares	Up to 3%	None	0.85%
CX Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.85%
D Shares	None	1.00%	1.50%
E Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.50%
IZ, IA, IB, IC, ID Shares	None	None	Up to 1%
Z Shares	None	None	Up to 1%

Annual Distribution Charge and Annual Management Charge percentages are stated as an annual charge with reference to the Net Asset Value of the Fund or the Net Asset Value per Share, as may be appropriate.

A share class hedging charge of up to 0.03% will be borne by the currency hedged Share Classes.

Not all Share Classes listed are available for subscription at the time of issue of this Prospectus. The Funds may also launch Bespoke Share Classes that are described under Appendix III at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>2</sup> The initial charge is applied against the total amount invested. The Management Company and Distributors are entitled to the initial charge, which can be partly or fully waived at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>3</sup> Annual Distribution Charges in respect of A1 and D Shares are paid at such intervals as may be agreed from time to time between the Company and those Distributors that are appointed specifically for the purpose of distributing such Shares. Annual Distribution Charges in respect of B Shares are payable quarterly.

## Specific investment objectives and investment policies of the Money Market Funds

This section contains additional information applicable to the Funds which qualify as Money Market Funds. The general provisions of the Prospectus also apply to the Money Market Funds, unless otherwise provided below.

# Schroder International Selection Fund EURO Liquidity

This Fund qualifies as a Standard Variable Net Asset Value Money Market Fund in accordance with the provisions of the MMFR. This Fund has been rated by external credit rating agencies. Such ratings were solicited and financed by the Investment Manager.

## Investment Objective

The Fund aims to provide income by investing in Money Market Instruments denominated in Euro. The Fund is designed to provide liquidity and aims to preserve the value of the investment in falling markets. The preservation of value or provision of liquidity cannot be guaranteed.

## Investment Policy

The Fund is actively managed and invests in Money Market Instruments (at least rated investment grade as measured by Standard & Poor's or any equivalent grade of other credit rating agencies in addition to receiving a favourable assessment of their credit quality pursuant to the Management Company's internal credit quality assessment procedure) that are denominated in Euro and issued by government, government agencies and companies worldwide provided that (i) at the time of acquisition, the residual maturity of all such securities held in the portfolio does not exceed 12 months, taking into account any financial instruments connected therewith, or (ii) the terms and conditions governing those securities provide that the applicable interest rate is adjusted at least annually on the basis of market conditions and the residual maturity of all such securities does not exceed 2 years.

The Fund may use derivatives with the aim of hedging currency and interest rate risk. The Fund may also hold cash and make deposits with a credit institution.

## Benchmark

The Fund does not have a target benchmark. The Fund's performance should be compared against the FTSE EUR 1m Eurodeposit LC (TR) index. The comparator benchmark is only included for performance comparison purposes and does not determine how the Investment Manager invests the Fund's assets. The Fund's investment universe is expected to overlap materially with the components of the comparator benchmark. The Investment Manager invests on a discretionary basis and there are no restrictions on the extent to which the Fund's portfolio and performance may deviate from the comparator benchmark. The Investment Manager will invest in companies or sectors not included in the comparator benchmark.

The comparator benchmark has been selected because the Investment Manager believes that the benchmark is a suitable comparison for performance purposes given the Fund's investment objective and policy.

## Profile of the Typical Investor

The Fund invests in fixed income securities which are near to maturity. It is designed to be a short term investment for investors who seek to limit losses in falling markets. It is not designed to be a long term investment. For full details of the risks applicable to investing in the Fund, please refer to Appendix II, "Risks of Investment".

## Fund Characteristics

Fund Currency	EUR
Investment Manager	Schroder Investment Management Limited
Dealing Cut-off Time	13.00 Luxembourg time on Dealing Day
Dealing Frequency	Daily on Dealing Day
Settlement Period of Subscription and Redemption Proceeds <sup>1</sup>	3 Business Days from the relevant Dealing Day
Performance Fee	None
Redemption Charge	None
PEA / PIR Eligibility	No

<sup>1</sup> Different subscription and redemption procedures may apply if applications are made through Distributors.

## General Share Class Features

Share Classes	Initial Charge <sup>2</sup>	Annual Distribution Charge <sup>3</sup>	Annual Management Charge
A Shares	None	None	0.20%
AX Shares	None	None	0.20%
A1 Shares	None	None	0.20%
B Shares	None	None	0.20%
C Shares	None	None	0.20%
CN Shares	Up to 3%	None	0.20%
CX Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.20%
D Shares	N/A	N/A	N/A
E Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.10%
IZ, IA, IB, IC, ID Shares	None	None	Up to 0.20%
Z Shares	None	None	Up to 0.20%

Annual Distribution Charge and Annual Management Charge percentages are stated as an annual charge with reference to the Net Asset Value of the Fund or the Net Asset Value per Share, as may be appropriate.

A share class hedging charge of up to 0.03% will be borne by the currency hedged Share Classes.

Not all Share Classes listed are available for subscription at the time of issue of this Prospectus. The Funds may also launch Bespoke Share Classes that are described under Appendix III at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>2</sup> The initial charge is applied against the total amount invested. The Management Company and Distributors are entitled to the initial charge, which can be partly or fully waived at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>3</sup> Annual Distribution Charges in respect of A1 and D Shares are paid at such intervals as may be agreed from time to time between the Company and those Distributors that are appointed specifically for the purpose of distributing such Shares. Annual Distribution Charges in respect of B Shares are payable quarterly.

# Schroder International Selection Fund US Dollar Liquidity

This Fund qualifies as a Standard Variable Net Asset Value Money Market Fund in accordance with the provisions of the MMFR.

## Investment Objective

The Fund aims to provide income by investing in Money Market Instruments denominated in US Dollar. The Fund is designed to provide liquidity and aims to preserve the value of the investment in falling markets. The preservation of value or provision of liquidity cannot be guaranteed.

## Investment Policy

The Fund is actively managed and invests in Money Market Instruments (rated at least investment grade as measured by Standard & Poor's or any equivalent grade of other credit rating agencies in addition to receiving a favourable assessment of their credit quality pursuant to the Management Company's internal credit quality assessment procedure) that are denominated in US Dollar and issued by government, government agencies and companies worldwide provided that (i) at the time of acquisition, the residual maturity of all such securities held in the portfolio does not exceed 12 months, taking into account any financial instruments connected therewith, or (ii) the terms and conditions governing those securities provide that the

applicable interest rate is adjusted at least annually on the basis of market conditions and the residual maturity of all such securities does not exceed 2 years.

The Fund may use derivatives with the aim of hedging currency and interest rate risk. The Fund may also hold cash and make deposits with a credit institution.

## Benchmark

The Fund does not have a target benchmark. The Fund's performance should be compared against the ICE BofA US Treasury Bill (0-3m) index. The comparator benchmark is only included for performance comparison purposes and does not determine how the Investment Manager invests the Fund's assets. The Fund's investment universe is expected to overlap materially with the components of the comparator benchmark. The Investment Manager invests on a discretionary basis and there are no restrictions on the extent to which the Fund's portfolio and performance may deviate from the comparator benchmark. The Investment Manager will invest in companies or sectors not included in the comparator benchmark.

The comparator benchmark has been selected because the Investment Manager believes that the benchmark is a suitable comparison for performance purposes given the Fund's investment objective and policy.

## Fund Characteristics

Fund Currency	USD
Investment Manager	Schroder Investment Management North America Inc.
Dealing Cut-off Time	13.00 Luxembourg time on Dealing Day
Dealing Frequency	Daily on Dealing Day
Dealing Currency	Relevant Share Class's currency only <sup>1</sup>
Settlement Period of Subscription and Redemption Proceeds <sup>2</sup>	1 Business Day from the relevant Dealing Day
Performance Fee	None
Redemption Charge	None
PEA / PIR Eligibility	No

<sup>1</sup> The currency exchange service as described in Section 2 will not be available for this Fund

<sup>2</sup> Different subscription and redemption procedures may apply if applications are made through Distributors.

## General Share Class Features

Share Classes	Initial Charge <sup>3</sup>	Annual Distribution Charge <sup>4</sup>	Annual Management Charge
A Shares	None	None	0.20%
AX Shares	None	None	0.20%
A1 Shares	None	None	0.20%
B Shares	None	None	0.20%
C Shares	None	None	0.20%
CN Shares	Up to 3%	None	0.20%
CX Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.20%
D Shares	None	1.00%	0.20%
E Shares	Up to 1%	None	0.10%
IZ, IA, IB, IC, ID Shares	None	None	Up to 0.20%
Z Shares	None	None	Up to 0.20%

Annual Distribution Charge and Annual Management Charge percentages are stated as an annual charge with reference to the Net Asset Value of the Fund or the Net Asset Value per Share, as may be appropriate.

A share class hedging charge of up to 0.03% will be borne by the currency hedged Share Classes.

Not all Share Classes listed are available for subscription at the time of issue of this Prospectus. The Funds may also launch Bespoke Share Classes that are described under Appendix III at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>3</sup> The initial charge is applied against the total amount invested. The Management Company and Distributors are entitled to the initial charge, which can be partly or fully waived at the Directors' discretion.

<sup>4</sup> Annual Distribution Charges in respect of A1 and D Shares are paid at such intervals as may be agreed from time to time between the Company and those Distributors that are appointed specifically for the purpose of distributing such Shares. Annual Distribution Charges in respect of B Shares are payable quarterly.



# Additional Information for Money Market Funds

## Additional information to Shareholders

Shareholders' attention is drawn to the fact that:

- Money Market Funds are not a guaranteed investment;
- an investment in a Money Market Fund is different from an investment in deposits as the principal invested in a Money Market Fund is capable of fluctuation;
- the Company does not rely on external support for guaranteeing the liquidity of the Funds which qualify as Money Market Funds or stabilising the Net Asset Value per Share of those Funds; and
- the risk of loss of the principal is borne by the Shareholders.

In addition to the information made available to Shareholders in accordance with the main part of the Prospectus, the following information will be made available at the registered office of the Company and on the webpage of the Management Company ([www.schroders.com](http://www.schroders.com)) on a weekly basis:

- the maturity breakdown of the portfolio of the relevant Fund;
- the credit profile of the relevant Fund;
- the Weighted Average Maturity and the Weighted Average Life of the relevant Fund;
- details of the 10 largest holdings in the Fund, including the name, country, maturity and asset type, the counterparty in the case of repurchase and reverse repurchase agreements (if applicable);
- the total value of the relevant Fund; and
- the net yield of the relevant Fund.

In addition, the Net Asset Value per Share of the Share Classes of the Funds shall be made available on the abovementioned webpage on a daily basis.

## Specific provisions relating to the calculation of the Net Asset Value per Share of Funds qualifying as Money Market Funds

The Net Asset Value per Share shall be rounded to the nearest basis point or its equivalent when the Net Asset Value is published in a currency unit.

By derogation to the section 2.4. "Calculation of Net Asset Value" above, the assets of Funds qualifying as Money Market Funds will be valued using the following valuation principles:

- (A) Liquid assets and Money Market Instruments will be valued at Mark-to-Market or Mark-to-Model where the use of Mark-to-Market is not possible or the market data is not of sufficient quality;
- (B) Shares or units of Money Market Funds shall be valued at their last available net asset value as reported by such money market funds;

- (C) The value of any cash on hand or on deposit and accounts receivable, prepaid expenses, cash dividends and interest declared or accrued as aforesaid, and not yet received shall be deemed to be the full amount thereof, unless, however, the same is unlikely to be paid or received in full, in which case the value thereof shall be determined conservatively by using Mark-to-Model;
- (D) Any assets or liabilities in currencies other than the Fund Currency (as defined in this Appendix ) will be converted using the relevant spot rate quoted by a bank or other recognised financial institution

The assets of Funds qualifying as Money Market Funds shall be valued on at least a daily basis.

The Net Asset Value per Share shall be calculated as the difference between the sum of all assets of the Fund and the sum of all liabilities of the Fund valued in accordance with Mark-to-Market or Mark-to-Model, or both, divided by the number of outstanding Shares of the Fund.

Shares of a Fund shall be issued or redeemed at a price that is equal to the relevant Net Asset Value per Share calculated on the Dealing Day (plus any applicable initial charge or less any applicable redemption charge).

## Investment restrictions and portfolio rules

### Specific investment restrictions

The Directors have adopted the following restrictions in relation to the investments of the Funds qualifying as Standard Variable Net Asset Value Money Market Funds. These restrictions and policies may be amended from time to time by the Directors should they deem it to be in the best interest of the Company. In this case, the Prospectus will be updated.

- (A) Each Fund may exclusively invest in the following eligible assets:
  - (1) Money Market Instruments that fulfil all of the following requirements:
    - (i) It falls within the following categories:
      - (a) Money Market Instruments admitted to or dealt in on a Regulated Market, admitted to official listing on a stock exchange; and/or
      - (b) Money Market Instruments other than those dealt in on a Regulated Market, if the issuer or the issuer of such instruments are themselves regulated for the purpose of protecting investors and savings, and provided that such instruments are:
        - (i) issued or guaranteed by a central, regional or local authority or by a central bank of an EU Member State, the European Central Bank, the EU or the European Investment Bank, a non-EU Member State or, in case of a Federal State, by one of the members making up the federation, or by a public international body to which one or more EU Member States belong; or
        - (ii) issued by an undertaking, any securities of which are dealt in on Regulated Markets referred to in (1) (i) (a) above; or

- (iii) issued or guaranteed by an establishment subject to prudential supervision, in accordance with criteria defined by EU law, or by an establishment which is subject to and complies with prudential rules considered by the CSSF to be at least as stringent as those laid down by EU law; or
    - (iv) issued by other bodies belonging to the categories approved by the CSSF provided that investments in such instruments are subject to investor protection equivalent to that laid down in (i), (ii) and (iii) above and provided that the issuer is a company whose capital and reserves amount to at least EUR 10,000,000 and which presents and publishes its annual accounts in accordance with Directive 2013/34/EU, is an entity which, within a group of companies which includes one or several listed companies, is dedicated to the financing of the group or is an entity which is dedicated to the financing of securitisation vehicles which benefit from a banking liquidity line.
  - (II) it displays one of the following alternative characteristics:
    - (a) it has a legal maturity at issuance of 397 days or less;
    - (b) it has a residual maturity of 397 days or less;
    - (c) it has a residual maturity until the legal redemption date of less than or equal to 2 years provided that the time remaining to the next interest rate reset date is 397 days or less. For that purpose, floating-rate Money Market Instruments and fixed-rate Money Market Instruments hedged by a swap arrangement shall be reset to a money market rate or index.
  - (III) the issuer of the Money Market Instrument and the quality of the Money Market Instrument have received a favourable assessment pursuant to the internal credit quality assessment procedure established by the Management Company;
 

This requirement shall not apply to Money Market Instruments issued or guaranteed by the EU, a central authority or central bank of an EU Member State, the European Central Bank, the European Investment Bank, the European Stability Mechanism or the European Financial Stability Facility.
  - (IV) where the Funds invest in a securitisation or ABCP, it is subject to the requirements laid down in (A) (2) below.
- (2) (I) Eligible securitisations and ABCPs provided that the securitisation or ABCP is sufficiently liquid, has received a favourable assessment pursuant to the internal credit quality assessment procedure established by the Management Company, and is any of the following:
    - (a) a securitisation referred to in Article 13 of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2015/61<sup>5</sup>;
    - (b) an ABCP issued by an ABCP programme which:
      - (i) is fully supported by a regulated credit institution that covers all liquidity, credit and material dilution risks, as well as ongoing transaction costs and ongoing programme-wide costs related to the ABCP, if necessary to guarantee the investor the full payment of any amount under the ABCP;
      - (ii) is not a re-securitisation and the exposures underlying the securitisation at the level of each ABCP transaction do not include any securitisation position;
      - (iii) does not include a synthetic securitisation as defined in point (11) of Article 242 of Regulation (EU) No 575/2013<sup>6</sup>;
    - (c) a simple, transparent and standardised (STS) securitisation, as determined in accordance with the criteria and conditions laid down in Articles 20, 21 and 22 of Regulation (EU) 2017/2402 of the European Parliament and of the Council, or an STS ABCP as determined in accordance with the criteria and conditions laid down in Articles 24, 25 and 26 of that Regulation.
  - (II) The Fund may invest in the securitisations or ABCPs provided any of the following conditions is fulfilled, as applicable:
    - (a) The legal maturity at issuance or residual maturity of the securitisations and ABCPs referred to in (I) (a) (b) and (c) above is two years or less and the time remaining until the next interest rate reset date is 397 days or less;
    - (b) The securitisations referred to in points (I) (a) and (c) above are amortising instruments and have a WAL of two years or less.
  - (3) Deposits with credit institutions provided that all of the following conditions are fulfilled:
    - (I) the deposit is repayable on demand or is able to be withdrawn at any time;
    - (II) the deposit matures in no more than 12 months;

<sup>5</sup> Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2015/61 of 10 October 2014 to supplement Regulation (EU) No 575/2013 of the European Parliament and the Council with regard to liquidity coverage requirement for Credit Institutions.

<sup>6</sup> Regulation (EU) No 575/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 26 June 2013 on prudential requirements for credit institutions and investment firms and amending Regulation (EU) No 648/2012.

- (III) the credit institution has its registered office in a EU Member State or, where the credit institution has its registered office in a third country, it is subject to prudential rules considered equivalent to those laid down in EU Law in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 107(4) of Regulation (EU) No 575/2013.
- (4) Repurchase agreements provided that all the following conditions are fulfilled:
- (I) It is used on a temporary basis, for no more than seven working days, only for liquidity management purposes and not for investment purposes other than as referred to in point (III) below.
- (II) The counterparty receiving assets transferred by the relevant Fund as collateral under the repurchase agreement is prohibited from selling, investing, pledging or otherwise transferring those assets without the prior consent of the Company;
- (III) The cash received by the relevant Fund as part of the repurchase agreement is able to be:
- (a) placed on deposits in accordance with (3) above; or
- (b) invested in liquid transferable securities or Money Market Instruments other than those referred to in (A) (1) above provided that those assets comply with one of the following conditions:
- (i) they are issued or guaranteed by the Union, a central authority or central bank of a Member State of the EU, the European Central Bank, the European Investment Bank, the European Stability Mechanism or the European Financial Stability Facility provided that a favourable assessment has been received pursuant to the internal credit rating assessment procedure established by the Management Company;
- (ii) they are issued or guaranteed by a central authority or central bank of a non-EU Member State, provided that a favourable assessment has been received pursuant to the internal credit rating assessment procedure of the Management Company.
- Cash received by the relevant Fund as part of the repurchase agreement shall not otherwise be invested in other assets, transferred or otherwise reused.
- (IV) Cash received by the relevant Fund as part of the repurchase agreement does not exceed 10% of its assets.
- (V) The Company has the right to terminate the agreement at any time upon giving prior notice of no more than two working days.
- (5) Reverse repurchase agreements provided that all of the following conditions are fulfilled:
- (I) the Fund has the right to terminate the agreement at any time upon giving prior notice of no more than two working days;
- (II) the assets received by the Fund as part of a reverse repurchase agreement shall:
- (a) be Money Market Instruments that fulfil the requirements set out in (A) (1) above
- (b) not include securitisations and ABCPs;
- (c) have a market value which is at all times at least equal to the cash paid out;
- (d) not be sold, reinvested, pledged or otherwise transferred;
- (e) be sufficiently diversified with a maximum exposure to a given issuer of 15% of the Fund's Net Asset Value except where those assets take the form of Money Market Instruments that fulfil the requirements of (C) (1) (VIII) below.
- (f) be issued by an entity that is independent from the counterparty and is expected not to display a high correlation with the performance of the counterparty;
- By way of derogation from (a) above, the Fund may receive as part of a reverse repurchase agreement liquid transferable securities or Money Market Instruments other than those referred to in (A) (1) above provided that those assets comply with one of the following conditions:
- (i) they are issued or guaranteed by the Union, a central authority or central bank of a Member State of the EU, the European Central Bank, the European Investment Bank, the European Stability Mechanism or the European Financial Stability Facility provided that a favourable assessment has been received pursuant to the internal credit rating assessment procedure established by the Management Company;
- (ii) they are issued or guaranteed by a central authority or central bank of a non-EU Member State, provided that a favourable assessment has been received pursuant to the internal credit rating assessment procedure of the Management Company;
- The assets received as part of a reverse repurchase agreement in accordance with the above shall fulfil the diversification requirements described under (C) (1) (VIII).
- (III) The Company shall ensure that it is able to recall the full amount of cash at any time on either an accrued basis or a Mark-to-Market basis. When the cash is recallable at any time on a Mark-to-Market basis, the Mark-to-Market value of the reverse repurchase agreement shall be used for the calculation of the Net Asset Value per Share of the relevant Fund.

- (6) Units or shares of any other standard or short-term Money Market Fund ("targeted MMF") provided that all of the following conditions are fulfilled:
- (I) no more than 10 % of the assets of the targeted MMF are able, according to its fund rules or instruments of incorporation, to be invested in aggregate in units or shares of targeted MMFs.
  - (II) the targeted MMF does not hold units or shares of the acquiring Fund.
  - (III) the targeted MMF is authorised under the MMF Regulation.
- (7) Financial derivative instruments provided that they are dealt in on a stock exchange or a Regulated Market or OTC provided that all of the following conditions are fulfilled:
- (I) the underlying of the financial derivative instrument consists of interest rates, foreign exchange rates, currencies or indices representing one of those categories;
  - (II) the financial derivative instrument serves only the purpose of hedging the interest rate or exchange rate risks inherent in other investments of the Fund;
  - (III) the counterparties to OTC derivative transactions are institutions subject to prudential regulation and supervision and belonging to the categories approved by the CSSF;
  - (IV) the OTC derivatives are subject to reliable and verifiable valuation on a daily basis and can be sold, liquidated or closed by an offsetting transaction at any time at their fair value at the Company's initiative.
- (B) The Company may hold ancillary liquid assets in accordance with Article 41(2) of the Law.
- (C) (1) (I) The Company will invest no more than 5% of the assets of any Fund in Money Market Instruments, securitisations and ABCPs issued by the same body.
- The Company may not invest more than 10% of the assets of such Fund in deposits made with the same credit institution, unless the structure of the Luxembourg banking sector is such that there are insufficient viable credit institutions to meet that diversification requirement and it is not economically feasible for the Fund to make deposits in another Member State of the EU, in which case up to 15 % of its assets may be deposited with the same credit institution.
- (II) By way of derogation from (C) (1) (I) above, a Fund may invest up to 10% of its assets in Money Market Instruments, securitisations and ABCPs issued by the same body provided that the total value of such Money Market Instruments, securitisations and ABCPs held by the relevant Fund in each issuing body in which it invests more than 5 % of its assets does not exceed 40 % of the value of its assets.
- (III) The aggregate of all of a Fund's exposures to securitisations and ABCPs shall not exceed 20% of its assets, whereby up to 15% of that Fund's assets may be invested in securitisations and ABCPs that do not comply with the criteria for the identification of STS securitisations and ABCPs.
  - (IV) The aggregate risk exposure to the same counterparty of a Fund stemming from OTC derivative transactions which fulfil the conditions set out in (A) (7) above shall not exceed 5% of the assets of the relevant Fund.
  - (V) The aggregate amount of cash provided to the same counterparty of the Company acting on behalf of a Fund in reverse repurchase agreements shall not exceed 15 % of the assets of that Fund.
  - (VI) Notwithstanding the individual limits laid down in paragraphs (C) (1) (I) and (IV), the Company shall not combine, where to do so would result in an investment of more than 15 % of a Fund's assets in a single body, any of the following:
    - (a) investments in Money Market Instruments, securitisations and ABCPs issued by that body, and/or
    - (b) deposits made with that body, and/or
    - (c) OTC financial derivative instruments giving counterparty risk exposure to that body.
  - (VII) The limit of 15% laid down in (C) (1) (VI) above would be increased to a maximum of 20% in Money Market Instruments, deposits and OTC financial derivative instruments of that single body to the extent the structure of the Luxembourg financial market would be such that there are insufficient viable financial institutions to meet that diversification requirement and it is not economically feasible for the Company to use financial institutions in other Member States of the EU.
- (VIII) Notwithstanding the provisions outlined in (C) (1) (I), the Company is authorised to invest more than 5% and up to 100% of the assets of any Fund, in accordance with the principle of risk spreading, in Money Market Instruments issued or guaranteed separately or jointly by the EU, the national, regional and local administrations of the Member States of the EU or their central banks, the European Central Bank, the European Investment Bank, the European Investment Fund, the European Stability Mechanism, the European Financial Stability Facility, a central authority or central bank of a member state of the OECD, Group of Twenty or Singapore, the International Monetary Fund, the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, the Council of Europe Development Bank, the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, the Bank for International Settlements, or any other relevant international financial institution or organisation to which one or more Member States of the EU belong, provided that such**



**Fund must hold Money Market Instruments from at least six different issues by the issuer and that the Fund limits the investments in Money Market Instruments from the same issue to a maximum of 30% of the assets of such Fund.**

- (IX) The limit laid down in the first paragraph of (C) (1) (I) may be of a maximum of 10% for certain bonds when they are issued by a single credit institution which has its registered office in a Member State of the EU and is subject by law, to special public supervision designed to protect bondholders. In particular, sums deriving from the issue of these bonds must be invested in accordance with the law in assets which, during the whole period of validity of the bonds, are capable of covering claims attached to the bonds and which, in case of failure of the issuer, would be used on a priority basis for the repayment of the principal and payment of accrued interest.

- (X) If a Fund invests more than 5% of its assets in the bonds referred to in the above paragraph and issued by a single issuer, the total value of such investments shall not exceed 40% of the value of the assets of the Fund.

- (XI) Notwithstanding the individual limits laid down in (C) (1) (I) the Fund may invest no more than 20 % of its assets in bonds issued by a single credit institution where the requirements set out in point (f) of Article 10(1) or point (c) of Article 11(1) of Delegated Regulation (EU) 2015/61 are met, including any possible investment in assets referred to in (C) (1) (IX) and (X) above.

Where a Fund invests more than 5 % of its assets in the bonds referred to in the above paragraph issued by a single issuer, the total value of those investments shall not exceed 60 % of the value of the assets of the relevant Fund, including any possible investment in assets referred to in (C) (1) (IX) and (X) above, respecting the limits set out therein.

Companies which are part of the same group for the purposes of the establishment of consolidated accounts, as defined in accordance with Directive 2013/34/EU or in accordance with recognised international accounting rules, are regarded as a single body for the purpose of calculating the limits contained in section (C) (1) (I) to (VII).

- (D) (1) The Company may not acquire on behalf of any Fund more than 10% of Money Market Instruments, securitisations and ABCPs issued by a single body.

- (2) Paragraph (D)(1) above is waived as regards Money Market Instruments issued or guaranteed by the EU, national, regional and local administrations of the Member States of the EU or their central banks, the European Central Bank, the European Investment Bank, the European Investment Fund, the European Stability Mechanism, the European Financial Stability Facility, a central authority or central bank of a third country, the International Monetary Fund, the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, the Council of

Europe Development Bank, the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, the Bank for International Settlements, or any other relevant international financial institution or organisation to which one or more Member States of the EU belong.

- (E) (1) Unless explicitly otherwise mentioned in its investment policy, a Fund may not invest more than 10% of its assets in units or shares of targeted MMFs as defined under paragraph (A) (6).
- (2) A Fund may acquire units or shares of another targeted MMF provided that it represents no more than 5% of a Fund's assets.
- (3) Any Fund which is allowed to derogate from item (E) (1) above may not invest in aggregate more than 17.5% of its assets in units or shares of other targeted MMFs.
- (4) By derogation to (2) and (3) above, any Fund may either:

- (I) be a feeder MMF investing at least 85% of its assets in one other single targeted MMF UCITS in accordance with Article 58 of the UCITS Directive; or
- (II) invest up to 20% of its assets in another single targeted MMF with a maximum of 30% in aggregate of its assets in targeted MMFs which are not UCITS in accordance with Article 55 of the UCITS Directive,

provided that the following conditions are met:

- (a) the relevant Fund is marketed solely through an employee savings scheme governed by national law and which has only natural persons as investors;
- (b) the employee savings scheme referred to above only allows investors to redeem their investment subject to restrictive redemption terms which are laid down in national law, whereby redemptions may only take place in certain circumstances that are not linked to market developments.

- (5) Where the target MMF is managed, whether directly or under a delegation, by the Management Company or by any other company to which the Management Company is linked by common management or control, or by a substantial direct or indirect holding, the Management Company or that other company, is prohibited from charging subscription or redemption fees on account of the investment by the acquiring Fund in the units or shares of the targeted MMF.

In respect of a Fund's investments of more than 10% of its assets in the target MMF, (i) if the target MMF is linked to the Management Company as described in the preceding paragraph, there shall be no Annual Management Charge charged to that portion of the assets of the relevant Fund and (ii) in the other cases, the maximum level of Annual Management Charges that may be charged both to the Fund itself and to the target MMF will not exceed 1%. The Company will indicate in its annual report the total Annual Management Charges

charged both to the relevant Fund and to the target MMF in which such Fund has invested during the relevant period.

- (6) The underlying investments held by the targeted MMF in which a Fund invests do not have to be considered for the purpose of the investment restrictions set forth under (C) (1) (I) above.
- (7) Any Fund may act as a master fund for other funds.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, a Fund may subscribe, acquire and/or hold securities to be issued or issued by one or more Fund(s) qualifying as Money Market Funds without the Company being subject to the requirements of the Law of 10 August 1915 on commercial companies, as amended, with respect to the subscription, acquisition and/or the holding by a company of its own shares, under the condition however that:

- (I) the target Money Market Fund does not, in turn, invest in the relevant Fund invested in this target Money Market Fund; and
- (II) no more than 10% of the assets that the target Money Market Funds whose acquisition is contemplated may be invested in units of other Money Market Funds; and
- (III) voting rights, if any, attaching to the shares of the target Money Market Fund are suspended for as long as they are held by the Fund concerned and without prejudice to the appropriate processing in the accounts and the periodic reports; and
- (IV) in any event, for as long as these securities are held by the Fund, their value will not be taken into consideration for the calculation of the net assets of the Fund for the purposes of verifying the minimum threshold of the net assets imposed by the Luxembourg Law.

(F) In addition the Company will not:

- (1) invest in assets other than those referred to under (A) and (B) above;
- (2) short sale Money Market Instruments, securitisations, ABCPs and units or shares of other Money Market Funds ;
- (3) take direct or indirect exposure to equity or commodities, including via derivatives, certificates representing them, indices based on them, or any other means or instrument that would give an exposure to them.
- (4) enter into securities lending agreements or securities borrowing agreements, or any other agreement that would encumber the assets of the Fund.
- (5) borrowing and lending cash.

(G) The Company will in addition comply with such further restrictions as may be required by the regulatory authorities in which the Shares are marketed.

## Portfolio rules

Standard Variable Net Asset Value Money Market Funds shall also comply on an ongoing basis with all of the following requirements:

- (A) its portfolio is to have at all times a Weighted Average Maturity of no more than 6 months;
- (B) its portfolio is to have at all times a Weighted Average Life of no more than 12 months, subject to the provisions of the MMFR;
- (C) at least 7.5 % of its assets are to be comprised of daily maturing assets, reverse repurchase agreements (if any) which can be terminated by giving prior notice of one working day or cash which can be withdrawn by giving prior notice of one working day. A Fund is not to acquire any asset other than a daily maturing asset when such acquisition would result in that Fund investing less than 7.5 % of its assets in daily maturing assets;
- (D) at least 15 % of its assets are to be comprised of weekly maturing assets, reverse repurchase agreements (if any) which can be terminated by giving prior notice of five working days or cash which can be withdrawn by giving prior notice of five working days. A Fund is not to acquire any asset other than a weekly maturing asset when such acquisition would result in that Fund investing less than 15 % of its assets in weekly maturing assets. Money Market Instruments or units or shares of other Money Market Funds may be included within the weekly maturing assets limit up to 7.5% of its assets provided they are able to be redeemed and settled within five working days.

If the abovementioned limits are exceeded for reasons beyond the control of the Company or as a result of the exercise of subscription or redemption rights, the Company shall adopt as a priority objective the correction of that situation, taking due account of the interest of its Shareholders.

## Repurchase and reverse repurchase agreements

The Company will comply with the Regulations and in particular the MMFR, the CSSF circular 14/592 relating to ESMA guidelines on ETFs and other UCITS issues and Regulation (EU) 2015/2365 of 25 November 2015 on transparency of securities financing transactions and of reuse.

## Internal Credit Quality Assessment Procedure

In accordance with the MMFR, and relevant delegated acts supplementing the MMFR, the Management Company has established, implemented and consistently applies a customized internal credit quality assessment procedure based on prudent, systematic and continuous assessment methodologies for systematically determining the credit quality of the instruments held in the portfolio of the Funds that qualify as Money Market Funds within the meaning of the MMFR.

An effective process has been established by the Management Company to ensure that relevant information on the issuer and the instrument's characteristics are obtained and kept up-to-date. This information includes, but is not limited to, detail on each issuer's financial accounts, business profile, and the quality of management in addition to industry and market trends.

Determination of credit risk of an issuer or guarantor will be made based on an independent analysis of the issuer's or guarantor's ability to repay its debt obligations which uses a mixture of quantitative and qualitative information. The persons in charge of the implementation of internal credit quality assessment procedure constitute a team of credit analysts under the responsibility of the Management Company. The determination of credit risk shall include the following elements, where applicable:

- Financial condition and analysis of recent financial statements;
- Assessment of the issuer's liquidity profile including sources of liquidity;
- Ability to react to future market-wide and issuer- or guarantor-specific events, including the ability to repay in a highly adverse situation;
- Strength of the issuer's or guarantor within the economy and relative to economic trends and competitive position;
- Credit quality direction (which is an absolute view of how an issuer's credit quality is expected to evolve in the market);
- Sector rankings (they are made on a relative risk basis, linking a credit quality direction with an analyst's view of what is forecast to happen to an issue in the market);
- The rating and outlook provided by external credit rating agencies.

In order to quantify the credit risk of an issuer or guarantor and the relative risk of default of an issuer or guarantor and of an instrument, the following quantitative criteria will be used in the credit quality assessment methodology:

- Bond pricing information, including credit spreads and pricing of comparable fixed income instruments and related securities;
- Pricing of money market instruments relevant to the issuer or guarantor, instrument or industry sector;
- Credit default-swap pricing information, including credit default-swap spreads for comparable instruments;
- Default statistics relating to the issuer or guarantor, instrument, or industry sector;
- Financial indices relevant to the geographic location, industry sector or asset class of the issuer or instrument;
- Financial information relating to the issuer or guarantor, including profitability ratios, interest coverage leverage metrics, pricing of new issues including the existence of more junior securities.

Specific criteria for the qualitative assessment of the issuer or guarantor and of an instrument as designated by the Management Company will include:

- (A) Credit Assessment of the issuer or guarantor of the instrument
  - (1) The financial condition of the issuer

- (I) Analysis of the sovereign including explicit and contingent liabilities, the size of foreign exchange reserves and any foreign exchange liabilities etc.
- (II) Analysis of the industry and market in which the issuer operates, and its position within it.

- (2) The financial condition of the guarantor

- (3) The condition of government support

- (I) The level of government ownership or the point at which intervention will take place
- (II) Debt protection or business/financial support
- (III) National policy and the level of economic/systematic importance

- (B) The liquidity of the instrument

- (1) The amount of the issue outstanding
- (2) The instruments liquidity as measured by both internal and external liquidity risk applications

- (C) The issuer's rating from external credit rating agencies

- (1) External credit ratings are not relied upon, but are used as an initial threshold for suitability using a minimum rating by internationally recognized statistical rating organizations determined by the Management Company.

There will be no mechanistic over-reliance on external ratings given, amongst other factors, the external rating is not forward-looking in nature. Independent, fundamental analysis will therefore be undertaken in order to come to an informed view.

The qualitative and quantitative inputs on which the credit quality assessment methodology is based will be of a reliable nature and well-documented.

Based on the analysis completed, a global favorable or unfavorable assessment on the issuer and on the instrument will be delivered. Unfavorable assessments result automatically in the impossibility of a transaction. Favorable assessments permit the issuer's inclusion on the approved list of issuers, making transactions possible but do not systematically end with a transaction. Each approved issuer is assigned a maximum maturity for which its issues can be held.

The credit quality of individual issuers is reviewed and updated on a continuous basis. Proactive monitoring of public information that may impact an issuer's credit quality is key part of the dynamic research process.

In case an issuer's credit quality declines the instruments of which are held in the portfolio of a Fund, the issuer may be designated "do not roll". In these instances, the instruments are either (i) sold or (ii) allowed to expire. In this latter case, the assessment of the credit quality of the instrument must remain favorable and further issues of the same issuer will not be purchased until such a point it recovers a credit quality sufficient to conclude to a favorable assessment of the instruments it issues.

The credit quality assessment methodologies are reviewed at least on annual basis by the Management Company and more often if necessary.



In case there is a material change, within the meaning of the MMFR, that could have an impact on the existing assessment of an instrument or on the credit quality methodologies, a new credit quality assessment will be performed and/or credit quality methodologies will be updated.

Stress scenario analysis is performed at both an individual issuer and a total portfolio level. In the case of individual issuers, stress scenario analysis forms an integral part of the

credit research process. It is performed in order to test the robustness of the assumptions used in the credit research process and to ensure that individual issuers are suitably resilient under potentially challenging conditions. Key factors involved in historical scenarios are used to inform forward-looking assumptions of potential future scenarios. Stress scenario analysis is performed on-desk by a dedicated team of credit analysts using proprietary systems, and is performed as frequently as may be necessary.

# Appendix IV

## Pre-contractual Disclosures

Information relating to the environmental and social characteristics or sustainable investment objectives of the Funds is provided in the following Appendix in accordance with SFDR and Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288.

Pre-contractual disclosure for the financial products referred to in Article 8, paragraphs 1, 2 and 2a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 6, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852

**Product name:** **Schroder International Selection Fund Alternative Securitised Income**

**Legal entity identifier:** **549300WDWBV63KONLL52**

## Environmental and/or social characteristics

**Sustainable investment** means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good governance practices.

The **EU Taxonomy** is a classification system laid down in Regulation (EU) 2020/852, establishing a list of **environmentally sustainable economic activities**. That Regulation does not lay down a list of socially sustainable economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.

### Does this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?

<input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> No
<input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with an environmental objective: ___%</b>  <input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy  <input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy	<input type="checkbox"/> It <b>promotes Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics</b> and while it does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will have a minimum proportion of ___% of sustainable investments  <input type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy  <input type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy  <input type="checkbox"/> with a social objective
<input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with a social objective ___%</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> It promotes E/S characteristics, but <b>will not make any sustainable investments</b>



## What environmental and/or social characteristics are promoted by this financial product?

The Fund only invests in assets deemed above a minimum threshold based on the Investment Manager's rating system.

Securities are ranked across Environmental, Social and Governance factors using a scorecard system and are awarded points on a 100-point /100 percent scale. These scores are then translated into a scoring system of 1-star – 5-stars, with a score of 5-stars deemed the highest. The Investment Manager ensures that at least 80% of the assets in the Fund are ranked in the top 3 Sustainability categories (3, 4, 5-stars) and will invest 100% of its assets in those ranked 2-stars or higher.

No reference benchmark has been designated for the purpose of attaining the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the Fund.

### ● **What sustainability indicators are used to measure the attainment of each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?**

The Investment Manager uses different sustainability indicators to score each investment in the Fund dependent on the specific asset-type, e.g. whether the underlying secured assets are mortgages or commercial real estate or another asset type. Indicators are typically either quantitative, data-oriented measures or information provided following engagement with issuers. Indicators include but are not limited to environmental metrics such as environmental transition risk or physical risk, social indicators such as predatory lending risk or consumer education effort and governance metrics such as risk retention or clarity of roles. Compliance with the minimum required score is monitored daily via our automated compliance controls. The Fund also applies certain exclusions, with which the Investment Manager monitors compliance on an ongoing basis via its portfolio compliance framework.

### ● **What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?**

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

**Sustainability indicators** measure how the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product are attained.

- **How do the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make, not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?**

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- **How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?**

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- **How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:**

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

The EU Taxonomy sets out a “do not significant harm” principle by which Taxonomy-aligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives and is accompanied by specific EU criteria.

The “do not significant harm” principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.

Any other sustainable investments must also not significantly harm any environmental or social objectives.



## Does this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

☐ Yes

☒ No, due to the nature of the Fund’s assets, the Investment Manager is not able to adequately consider the principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors as these metrics only apply to investments in companies, sovereign debt and real estate.

However, the Investment Manager does consider adverse impacts relevant to the strategy in the following way:

- The Investment Manager ensures that investments are aligned with the UN Principles for Responsible Investment (“PRI”). All investments must be compliant with industry standards, be fair, and be fit-for purpose
- The Investment Manager’s rating system takes into account adverse impacts on society such as the asset footprint on the environment or impact on climate change
- Investments that cannot meet minimum standards related to social, environmental or governance concerns are excluded from the portfolio. The list of excluded sectors is reviewed, updated and published quarterly.



## What investment strategy does this financial product follow?

The sustainable investment strategy used by the Investment Manager is as follows:

The Fund is actively managed and invests at least two-thirds of its assets in fixed and floating rate securitised investments including, but not limited to, asset-backed securities (ABS), agency and non-agency residential mortgage-backed securities (MBS) including forward-settling securities such as to be announced (TBA) trades, commercial mortgage-backed securities (CMBS), collateralised loan obligations (CLOs) and credit risk transfer securities (CRTs). Underlying assets of the asset-backed securities may include credit card receivables, personal loans, auto loans, transportation finance and small business loans.

The Fund may also invest in fixed and floating rate securities issued by governments, government agencies, supranationals and companies worldwide.

The Fund’s strategy will have an overall duration of between zero and four years, but this does not preclude the Fund from investing in securities with a duration above four years.

**Principal adverse impacts** are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anticorruption and antibribery matters.

**The investment strategy** guides investment decisions based on factors such as investment objectives and risk tolerance.

The Fund may invest up to 100% of its assets in fixed and floating rate investments issued worldwide with an investment grade or sub-investment grade credit rating (as measured by Standard & Poor's or any equivalent grade of other credit rating agencies for rated securities and implied Schroders ratings for non-rated securities).

The Fund may also invest up to one-third of its assets directly or indirectly in other securities (including other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies, Investment Funds, warrants and Money Market Investments, and hold cash.

The Fund may use derivatives, long and short, with the aim of achieving investment gains, reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently.

The Investment Manager assesses the sustainability credentials of potential investments using a proprietary tool. The Fund only invests in assets deemed above a minimum threshold based on the Investment Manager's rating system.

The Fund does not directly invest in certain activities, industries or groups of issuers above the limits listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

The Investment Manager applies governance and sustainability criteria when selecting investments for the Fund.

The strategy aims to identify securities offering good or improving sustainability characteristics and credentials.

The Investment Manager seeks to avoid, penalize or exclude collateral, structures or agents that impose a high cost on the environment and society, or those that lack acceptable governance.

This involves:

- The exclusion of sectors, assets or collateral, that the Investment Manager deems impose material uncompensated costs to the environment and those that impose unjustifiable social costs
- The inclusion of securities that evidence improvements to existing assets, lending conditions or governance based on the Investment Manager's rating methodology.

Securities are ranked across Environmental, Social and Governance factors using a scorecard system and are awarded points on a 100-point /100 percent scale. These scores are then translated into a scoring system of 1star -5stars, with a score of 5-stars deemed the highest.

The Investment Manager ensures that at least 80% of the assets in the Fund are ranked in the top 3 Sustainability categories (3, 4, 5-stars) and will invest 100% of its assets in those ranked 2-stars or higher.

The primary sources of information used to perform the analysis are the Investment Manager's proprietary tools, surveys, ESG questionnaires, public information, securitization filings and third-party research.

● ***What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?***

The following binding elements are applied throughout the investment process:

- At least 80% of the assets in the Fund are ranked in the top 3 Sustainability categories (3, 4, 5-stars) and will invest 100% of its assets in those ranked 2-stars or higher based on the Investment Manager's rating system.
- The Fund does not directly invest in certain activities, industries or groups of issuers above the limits listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>
- The Fund invests in companies that have good governance practices, as determined by the Investment Manager's rating criteria.

● ***What is the committed minimum rate to reduce the scope of the investments considered prior to the application of that investment strategy?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

● ***What is the policy to assess good governance practices of the investee companies?***

Due to the nature of the Fund's assets, the good governance principles of A) sound management structures, B) employee relations, C) remuneration of staff and D) tax compliance are not directly or fully applicable.

As part of our good governance framework, the Investment Manager ensures that the special purpose vehicles (SPVs – the structure holding the assets) are set up in jurisdictions which have well-established corporate legal frameworks and sound corporate governance and are supervised by local law, policies and regulations. One of the many characteristics of securitisation is that as a separate SPV, or pool of assets, the securitisation is not generally a managed "going concern" corporation. We assess the fiduciary behaviour of parties to the structure, such as servicers, collateral managers and trustees, and practices that mitigate risk, align interest and avoid conflict.

**Good governance** practices include sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff and tax compliance.



## What is the asset allocation planned for this financial product?

**Asset allocation** describes the share of investments in specific assets.

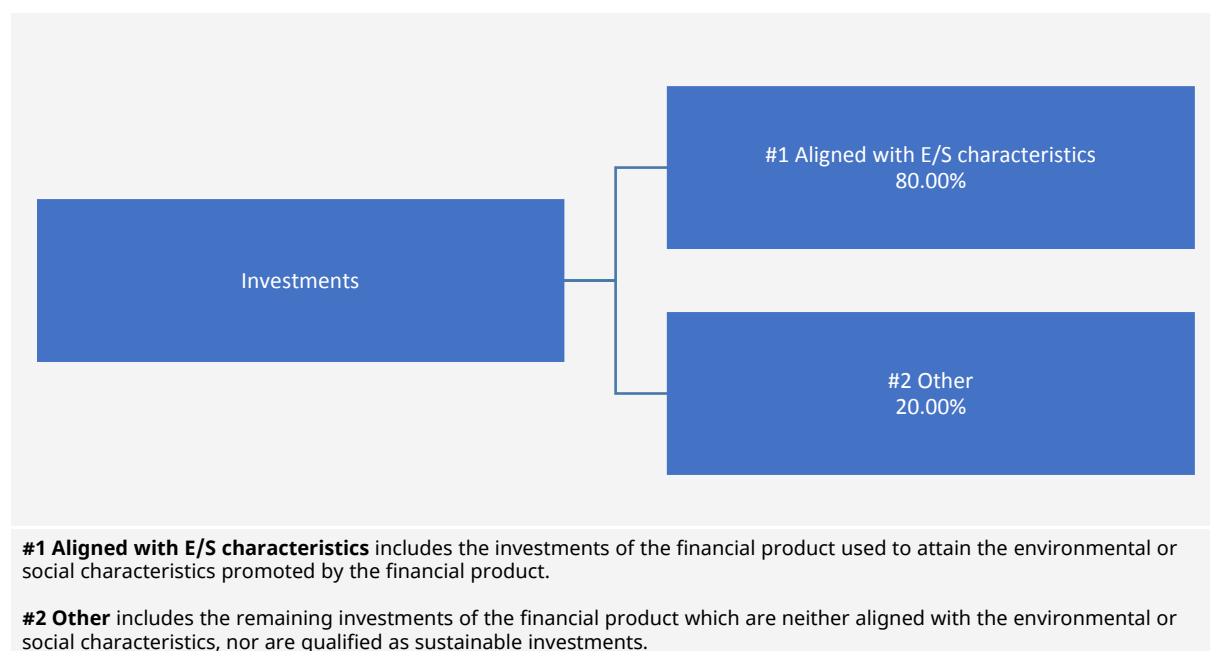
The planned composition of the Fund's investments that are used to meet its environmental or social characteristics are summarised below.

**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the minimum proportion of the Fund's assets used to attain the environmental or social characteristics. This means investments that are ranked in the top 3 Sustainability categories according to the Investment Manager's rating criteria. The minimum proportion stated in #1 applies in normal market conditions.

**#2 Other** includes investments that are treated as neutral for sustainability purposes, such as cash and Money Market Investments and derivatives used with the aim of reducing risk (hedging) or managing the Fund more efficiently. #2 also includes any investments that are not aligned with the environmental or social characteristics as they are not ranked in the top 3 Sustainability categories according to the Investment Manager's rating criteria.

Minimum safeguards are applied where relevant to Money Market Investments and derivatives used with the aim of reducing risk (hedging) or other investments by restricting (as appropriate) investments in counterparties where there are ownership links or exposure to higher risk countries (for the purpose of money laundering, terrorist financing, bribery, corruption, tax evasion and sanctions risks). A firm-wide risk assessment considers the risk rating of each jurisdiction; which includes reference to a number of public statements, indices and world governance indicators issued by the UN, the European Union, the UK Government, the Financial Action Task Force and several Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), such as Transparency International and the Basel Committee.

In addition, new counterparties are reviewed by Schroders' credit risk team and approval of a new counterparty is based on a holistic review of the various sources of information available, including, but not limited to, quality of management, ownership structure, location, regulatory and social environment to which each counterparty is subject, and the degree of development of the local banking system and its regulatory framework. Ongoing monitoring is performed through a Schroders' proprietary tool, which supports the analysis of a counterparty's management of environmental, social and governance trends and challenges. Any significant deterioration in the profile of the counterparty in Schroders' proprietary tool would lead to further analysis and potential exclusion by Schroders' credit risk team.



### ● *How does the use of derivatives attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?*

This question is not applicable for the Fund.



### **To what minimum extent are sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?**

There is no minimum extent to which the Fund's investments (including transitional and enabling activities) with an environmental objective are aligned with the Taxonomy. Taxonomy alignment of this Fund's investments has therefore not been calculated and has as a result been deemed to constitute 0% of the Fund's portfolio.

In future it is expected that the Fund will assess and report on the extent to which its underlying investments are in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the Taxonomy, along with information relating to the proportion of enabling and transitional activities. This Prospectus will be updated once it is possible in the Investment Manager's opinion to accurately disclose to what extent the Fund's investments are in Taxonomy-aligned environmentally sustainable activities, including the proportions of investments in enabling and transitional activities selected for the Fund.

● **Does the financial product invest in fossil gas and/or nuclear energy related activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy<sup>1</sup>?**

☐ Yes:

☐ In fossil gas ☐ In nuclear energy

☒ No

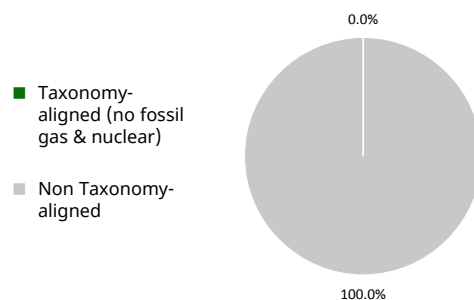
To comply with the EU Taxonomy, the criteria for **fossil gas** include limitations on emissions and switching to renewable power or low-carbon fuels by the end of 2035. For **nuclear energy**, the criteria include comprehensive safety and waste management rules.

Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

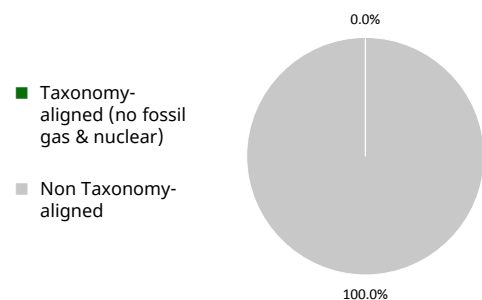
- **turnover** reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee companies
- **capital expenditure** (CapEx) showing the green investments made by investee companies, e.g. for a transition to a green economy.
- **operational expenditure** (OpEx) reflecting green operational activities of investee companies.

The two graphs below show in green the minimum percentage of investments that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the Taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy-alignment in relation to all the investments of the financial product including sovereign bonds, while the second graph shows the Taxonomy-alignment only in relation to the investments of the financial product other than sovereign bonds.

**1. Taxonomy-alignment of investments including sovereign bonds\***



**2. Taxonomy-alignment of investments excluding sovereign bonds\***



This graph represents x% of the total investments<sup>2</sup>.

\* For the purpose of these graphs, 'sovereign bonds' consist of all sovereign exposures

● **What is the minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities?**

As per the above, at the date of this Prospectus the share of investments by the Fund in transitional and enabling activities is currently deemed to constitute 0% of the Fund's portfolio.

**Enabling activities** directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective.

**Transitional activities** are activities for which low-carbon alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.

<sup>1</sup> Fossil gas and/or nuclear related activities will only comply with the EU Taxonomy where they contribute to limiting climate change ("climate change mitigation") and do not significantly harm any EU Taxonomy objective – see explanatory note in the left-hand margin. The full criteria for fossil gas and nuclear energy economic activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy are laid down in Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1214.

<sup>2</sup> As there is no Taxonomy-alignment, there is no impact on the graph if sovereign bonds are excluded (i.e. the percentage of Taxonomy-aligned investments remains 0%) and the Management Company therefore believes that there is no need to mention this information.





## What is the minimum share of Sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

This question is not applicable for the Fund.



are sustainable investments with an environmental objective that **do not take into account the criteria** for environmentally sustainable economic activities under the EU Taxonomy.



## What is the minimum share of socially sustainable investments?

This question is not applicable for the Fund.



## What investments are included under “#2 Other”, what is their purpose and are there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

#2 Other includes investments that are treated as neutral for sustainability purposes, such as cash and Money Market Investments and derivatives used with the aim of reducing risk (hedging) or managing the Fund more efficiently. #2 also includes investments that are not aligned with the environmental or social characteristics as they are not ranked in the top 3 Sustainability categories according to the Investment Manager’s rating criteria.

Minimum safeguards are applied where relevant to Money Market Investments and derivatives used with the aim of reducing risk (hedging) or other investments by restricting (as appropriate) investments in counterparties where there are ownership links or exposure to higher risk countries (for the purpose of money laundering, terrorist financing, bribery, corruption, tax evasion and sanctions risks). A firm-wide risk assessment considers the risk rating of each jurisdiction; which includes reference to a number of public statements, indices and world governance indicators issued by the UN, the European Union, the UK Government, the Financial Action Task Force and several Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), such as Transparency International and the Basel Committee.

In addition, new counterparties are reviewed by Schroders’ credit risk team and approval of a new counterparty is based on a holistic review of the various sources of information available, including, but not limited to, quality of management, ownership structure, location, regulatory and social environment to which each counterparty is subject, and the degree of development of the local banking system and its regulatory framework. Ongoing monitoring is performed through a Schroders’ proprietary tool, which supports the analysis of a counterparty’s management of environmental, social and governance trends and challenges. Any significant deterioration in the profile of the counterparty in Schroders’ proprietary tool would lead to further analysis and potential exclusion by Schroders’ credit risk team.



## Is a specific index designated as a reference benchmark to determine whether this financial product is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes?

**Reference benchmarks** are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the environmental or social characteristics that they promote.

- **How is the reference benchmark continuously aligned with each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?**

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- **How is the alignment of the investment strategy with the methodology of the index ensured on a continuous basis?**

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- ***How does the designated index differ from a relevant broad market index?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- ***Where can the methodology used for the calculation of the designated index be found?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.



## **Where can I find more product specific information online?**

More product-specific information can be found on the webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

Pre-contractual disclosure for the financial products referred to in Article 8, paragraphs 1, 2 and 2a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 6, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852

**Product name:** **Schroder International Selection Fund Asian Credit Opportunities**

**Legal entity identifier:** **549300T8YDW23OK28X19**

## Environmental and/or social characteristics

**Sustainable investment** means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good governance practices.

The **EU Taxonomy** is a classification system laid down in Regulation (EU) 2020/852, establishing a list of **environmentally sustainable economic activities**. That Regulation does not lay down a list of socially sustainable economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.

Does this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?	
●● <input type="checkbox"/> Yes	●○ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
<input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with an environmental objective: __%</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> It <b>promotes Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics</b> and while it does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will have a minimum proportion of <b>10.00%</b> of sustainable investments
<input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy	<input type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy
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<input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with a social objective __%</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> with a social objective
	<input type="checkbox"/> It promotes E/S characteristics, but <b>will not make any sustainable investments</b>



## What environmental and/or social characteristics are promoted by this financial product?

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the JP Morgan Asia Credit index, based on the Investment Manager's rating system. This benchmark (which is a broad market index) does not take into account the environmental and social characteristics promoted by the Fund.

The sustainability score is measured by Schroders' proprietary tool that provides an estimate of the net "impact" that an issuer may create in terms of social and environmental "costs" or "benefits". It does this by using certain indicators with respect to that issuer, and quantifying them positively and negatively to produce an aggregate notional measure of the effect that the relevant underlying issuer may have on society and the environment. It does this using third party data as well as Schroders own estimates and assumptions and the outcome may differ from other sustainability tools and measures. Examples of such indicators are greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

The result is expressed as an aggregate score of the sustainability indicators for each issuer, specifically a notional percentage (positive or negative) of sales or GDP of the relevant underlying issuer. For example, a score of +2% would mean an issuer contributes \$2 of relative notional positive impact (i.e. benefits to society) per \$100 of sales or GDP. The sustainability score of the Fund is derived from the scores of all issuers in the Fund's portfolio measured by Schroders' proprietary tool.

The Fund invests at least 10% of its assets in sustainable investments, which are investments that the Investment Manager expects to contribute towards the advancement of one or more environmental and/or social objective (s).

### ● What sustainability indicators are used to measure the attainment of each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

The Investment Manager monitors compliance with the characteristic to maintain a higher overall sustainability score than the JP Morgan Asia Credit index by reference to the weighted average sustainability score of the Fund in Schroders' proprietary tool compared against the weighted average sustainability score of the JP Morgan Asia Credit index in Schroders' proprietary tool over the previous six month period, based on month-end data. The overall sustainability score aggregates the effect of sustainability indicators including but not limited to greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

**Sustainability indicators** measure how the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product are attained.

The Investment Manager monitors compliance with the characteristic to invest at least 10% of its assets in sustainable investments by reference to (i) the sustainability score of each asset in Schroders' proprietary tool and / or (ii) whether the asset is classified as a green, social and / or sustainable bond. Compliance with this is monitored daily via our automated compliance controls. The Fund also applies certain exclusions, with which the Investment Manager monitors compliance on an ongoing basis via its portfolio compliance framework.

● ***What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?***

In respect of the proportion of the Fund's portfolio that is invested in sustainable investments, each sustainable investment either (i) demonstrates a net positive effect across a range of environmental or social objectives, as scored by Schroders' proprietary tool and/or (ii) is classified as a green, social and/or sustainable bond using a third-party data source. The environmental or social objectives of the sustainable investments that the Fund partially intends to make may include, but are not limited to, increasing environmental and/or social benefits such as greater water access or fair pay and reducing environmental, and/or social costs such as carbon emissions or food waste. For example, greater water access as measured by Schroders' proprietary tool are the estimated societal benefits of the provision of clean drinking water to human health. The environmental or social objectives of green, social and/or sustainable bonds may include, but are not limited to climate change mitigation, renewable energy initiatives, natural resource conservation, access to finance and affordable housing projects.

● ***How do the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make, not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?***

The Investment Manager's approach to investing in issuers that do not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective includes the following:

- Firm-wide investment exclusions apply to Schroders funds. These relate to international conventions on cluster munitions, anti-personnel mines, and chemical and biological weapons and a list of those companies that are excluded is available at <https://www.schroders.com/en/sustainability/active-ownership/group-exclusions/>. Firm-wide exclusions also apply to companies generating more than 20% of their revenue from thermal coal mining.
- The Fund excludes companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to tobacco and thermal coal
- The Fund excludes companies that are assessed by Schroders to have breached one or more 'global norms' thereby causing significant environmental or social harm; these companies comprise Schroders' 'global norms' breach list. Schroders' determination of whether a company has been involved in such a breach considers relevant principles such as those contained in the UN Global Compact (UNGC) principles the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights. The 'global norms' list may be informed by assessments performed by third party providers and by proprietary research, where relevant to a particular situation. In exceptional circumstances a derogation may be applied in order to allow the Fund to continue to hold a company on Schroders' 'global norms' breach list, for example where the stated investment strategy of the Fund may otherwise be compromised. Any such company cannot be categorised as a sustainable investment.
- The Fund may also apply certain other exclusions in addition to those summarised above.

Further information on all of the Fund's investment exclusions is to be found under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

● ***How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?***

When seeking to identify significant harm, Schroders' approach to taking into account the Principal Adverse Impacts (PAI) indicators involves a quantitative and a qualitative assessment. Where it is not considered appropriate or feasible to set quantitative thresholds, the Investment Manager engages, where relevant. Investee companies deemed not to satisfy the quantitative thresholds would generally be excluded, unless on a case-by-case basis the data is deemed not representative of a company's performance in the relevant area.

This framework is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability and quality of the data evolves.

Our approach includes:

1. **Quantitative:** this includes indicators where specific thresholds have been established:

**Principal adverse impacts** are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anticorruption and antibribery matters.

- Via the application of exclusions. This approach is relevant to **PAI 4** (Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector), **PAI 5** (Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production) and **PAI 14** (Exposure to controversial weapons). Further, the following PAIs are assessed as part of Schroders' 'global norms' breach list exclusion (which seeks to exclude companies where significant harm is occurring):
  - **PAI 7** (Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas)
  - **PAI 8** (Emissions to water)
  - **PAI 9** (Hazardous waste and radioactive waste ratio)
  - **PAI 10** (Violations of UN Global Compact principles and Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises)
  - **PAI 11** (Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and Voluntary)
  - **PAI 14** in Table 3 (Number of identified cases of severe human rights issues and incidents)
- Via the application of an alert system flag if the relevant indicator(s) exceeds a threshold. These quantitative thresholds to assess significant harm are established centrally by our Sustainable Investment team and monitored systematically. This approach applies to indicators where we have segmented the population into harm groups to establish a threshold, such as carbon related PAI metrics, **PAI 1** (GHG emissions), **PAI 2** (Carbon footprint) and **Voluntary PAI 4 in Table 2** (Investing in companies without carbon emission reduction initiatives). **PAI 3** (GHG intensity of investee companies) operates in a similar way but the threshold is based on a revenue metric. A threshold for **PAI 6** (Energy consumption intensity per high impact climate sector) is established based on the above mentioned carbon measures. A similar approach has been taken for **PAI 15** (GHG intensity). **PAI 16** (Investee countries subject to social violations) also operates in the same way but based on data availability regarding social violations. Through this process the relevant issuer(s) that is/are deemed not to satisfy the quantitative thresholds is/are flagged to the Investment Manager for consideration, whose response may involve selling the holdings(s) or maintaining the position if on a case-by-case basis the data is deemed not representative of a company's performance in the relevant area. Investee companies deemed to cause significant harm are excluded from the Fund.
- 2. **Qualitative:** This includes PAI indicators where Schroders' believes that the data available does not enable us to make a quantitative determination regarding whether significant harm is done so as to warrant excluding an investment. In such cases, the Investment Manager engages wherever possible with the company or companies held, in accordance with the priorities documented in Schroders' Engagement Blueprint and/or voting policy. This approach applies to indicators such as **PAI 12** (Unadjusted gender pay gap) and **PAI 13** (Board gender diversity), where we engage and may use our voting rights where we consider appropriate. Both board gender diversity and disclosure of gender pay gap information are captured in our Engagement Blueprint.

● ***How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:***

Companies on Schroders' 'global norms' breach list cannot be categorised as sustainable investments. Schroders' determination of whether a company should be included on such list norms considers the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, among other relevant principles. The 'global norms' breach list is informed by third party providers and proprietary research, where relevant.

*The EU Taxonomy sets out a "do not significant harm" principle by which Taxonomy-aligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives and is accompanied by specific EU criteria.*

*The "do not significant harm" principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.*

*Any other sustainable investments must also not significantly harm any environmental or social objectives.*



## Does this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

☒ Yes, the Investment Manager's approach to considering principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors involves classifying the indicators into three categories:

The Investment Manager's approach to considering principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors differs depending on the relevant indicator. Some indicators are considered via the application of exclusions, some are considered via the investment process (where data is available via Schroders PAI dashboard and via other external data sources) and some are considered via engagement. Further details are provided below. PAIs are considered as part of pre-investment through the application of exclusions. These include:

- Controversial weapons: PAI 14 (Exposure to controversial weapons (anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, chemical weapons and biological weapons))
- Schroders' 'global norms' breach list, which covers: PAI 7 (Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas), PAI 8 (Emissions to water), PAI 9 (Hazardous waste and radioactive waste ratio), PAI 10 (Violations of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises), PAI 11 (Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises) and PAI 16 (Investee countries subject to social violations)
- Companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to thermal coal: PAI 4 (Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector) and PAI 5 (Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production)

Compliance with these thresholds is monitored via the Investment Manager's portfolio compliance framework. PAIs are also considered through integration in the investment process as Schroders' proprietary tools incorporate several PAIs as a component of its scoring methodology. For example, within Schroders' proprietary tool, PAIs related to carbon footprint and greenhouse gas emissions (PAIs 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 15) and PAI 7 (Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas) are included in assessing an issuer's overall environmental score, while PAI 12 (Unadjusted gender pay gap) and PAI 13 (Board gender diversity) are included in assessing an issuer's overall social score.

The combination of the Investment Manager's fundamental and quantitative analysis helps to provide a comprehensive view on ESG factors on a country, sector and issuer level.

That said, due to a lower availability of PAI indicators for many issuers in Asia, some PAIs may be less meaningful in the context of an Asia focused strategy. Over time we anticipate that this data will improve which will allow us to further assess the consideration of PAIs.

All PAI indicators are monitored via Schroders PAI dashboard.

PAIs are also considered post-investment through engagement where the Investment Manager engages in line with the approach and expectations set out in Schroders Engagement Blueprint, which outlines our approach to active ownership.

The Investment Manager may engage with selected issuers held in the Fund, with a primary focus on corporate engagements relating to PAIs 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 12, 13 and 15. For each issuer, the Investment Manager assesses and identifies the most relevant topics for engagement based on Schroders' proprietary tools, data from external data providers, and in-house analysis.

We also aim to engage with several issuers on net zero carbon emissions targets (PAI 1,2, 15).

Our approach is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability, and quality, of PAI data evolves. The Management Company's statement on principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors is available at <https://mybrand.schroders.com/m/4ab13771bddd9d/original/Statement-on-principal-adverse-impacts-of-investment-decisions-on-sustainability-factors-2-1-new.pdf> <https://api.schroders.com/document-store/id/ffcb39bb-96cb-4e56-9461-deba9a493e85>. The Fund level information is disclosed or will be disclosed (as applicable) in the Fund's annual report.

1. Set thresholds: these involve very explicit thresholds for considering an investment to be a "sustainable investment". For example, PAI 10 on violations of UNGC principles.

2. Active ownership: these involve indicators on which we have a plan to engage with the underlying holding as set out in the Schroders Group document <https://mybrand.schroders.com/m/3222ea4ed44a1f2c/original/schroders-engagement-blueprint.pdf>, outlining our approach to active ownership. For example, PAI 1, 2 and 3 covering GHG emissions and PAI 13 on board gender diversity.

3. Improve coverage: these involve indicators where we consider data coverage to be too sparse to properly consider them and our focus is primarily on engaging with the underlying holdings to increase reporting. For example, PAI 7 on biodiversity, PAI 9 on hazardous waste ratio and PAI 12 on the gender pay gap.

Our approach is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability, and quality, of PAI data evolves.

The Management Company's statement on principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors is available at <https://mybrand.schroders.com/m/467910ac8e6da45c/original/Statement-on-principal-adverse-impacts-of-investment-decisions-on-sustainability-factors.pdf>. The Fund level information is disclosed or will be (as applicable) in the Fund's annual report.

☐ No



## What investment strategy does this financial product follow?

The sustainable investment strategy used by the Investment Manager is as follows:

The Fund is actively managed and invests at least two-thirds of its assets in fixed and floating rate securities denominated in various currencies and issued by companies, governments, government agencies and supranationals in Asia. For the purposes of this Fund, Asia includes the following west Asian countries: Bahrain, Israel, Lebanon, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Turkey and United Arab Emirates.

The Fund may invest:

- up to 20% of its assets in asset-backed securities and mortgage-backed securities; and



– up to 50% of its assets in sub-investment grade securities (being securities with a credit rating below investment grade as measured by Standard & Poor's or any equivalent grade of other credit rating agencies for rated bonds and implied Schroders ratings for nonrated bonds).

The Fund may invest up to 20% of its assets in mainland China through the Qualified Foreign Investor ("QFI") scheme or Regulated Markets (including the CIBM via Bond Connect or CIBM Direct).

The Fund may also invest up to one-third of its assets directly or indirectly in other securities (including other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies, Investment Funds, warrants and Money Market Investments, and hold cash.

The Fund intends to use derivatives, long and short, with the aim of achieving investment gains, reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently.

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the JP Morgan Asia Credit index based on the Investment Manager's rating criteria.

The Fund does not directly invest in certain activities, industries or groups of issuers above the limits listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

The Investment Manager applies governance and sustainability criteria when selecting investments for the Fund.

The strategy aims to identify issuers demonstrating good or improving sustainability credentials, and those that impose a high cost on the environment and society. This involves:

– the exclusion of issuers with certain exposure to specific activities that the Investment Manager considers environmentally destructive or socially damaging, violate human rights and/ or have demonstrated gross misconduct that the Investment Manager deems to have businesses that are materially damaging to the climate and impose unjustifiable social costs.

– the inclusion of issuers that the Investment Manager considers are well placed to deliver demonstrate stable and improving sustainability trajectories relative to their industry peers, and issuers demonstrating good governance based on the Investment Manager's sustainability rating methodology.

The Investment Manager may also engage with companies to encourage transparency, the transition to a circular economy with lower carbon emissions intensity and responsible social behaviour that promotes sustainable growth and alpha generation.

The primary sources of information used to perform the analysis are the Investment Manager's proprietary tools and research, third-party research, NGO reports and expert networks. The Investment Manager also performs its own analysis of publicly available information provided by the companies, including information provided in company sustainability reports and other relevant company material.

More details on the Investment Manager's approach to sustainability and its engagement with companies are available on the webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/>

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than its investment universe, based on the Investment Manager's rating system.

The Investment Manager ensures that at least:

– 90% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in developed countries; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with an investment grade credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by developed countries; and

– 75% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in emerging countries; equities issued by small and medium companies; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with a high yield credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by emerging countries,

is rated against the sustainability criteria. For the purposes of this test, small companies are those with market capitalisation below €5 billion, medium companies are those between €5 billion and €10 billion and large companies are those above €10 billion.

### ● ***What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?***

The following binding elements are applied throughout the investment process:

- The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the JP Morgan Asia Credit index based on the Investment Manager's rating criteria.
- The Fund invests at least 10% of its assets in sustainable investments and such investments do not cause significant environmental or social harm.
- Exclusions are applied to direct investments in companies. The Fund applies certain exclusions relating to international conventions on cluster munitions, anti-personnel mines, and chemical and biological weapons. The Fund also excludes companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to tobacco and thermal coal, especially companies that generate at least 10% of their revenues from tobacco production, companies that generate at least 25% of their revenues from of the tobacco value chain (such as suppliers, distributors, retailers and licensors), companies that generate at least 10% of their revenues from thermal coal mining and companies that generate at least 30% of their revenues from coal fired power generation. The Fund excludes companies that are assessed by Schroders to have breached one or more 'global norms' thereby causing significant



environmental or social harm; these companies comprise Schroders' 'global norms' breach list. In exceptional circumstances a derogation may be applied in order to allow the Fund to continue to hold a company on Schroders' 'global norms' breach list, for example where the stated investment strategy of the Fund may otherwise be compromised. Any such company cannot be categorised as a sustainable investment. Further, the Fund may apply certain other exclusions as listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

- The Fund invests in companies that have good governance practices, as determined by the Investment Manager's rating criteria.

The Investment Manager ensures that at least:

- 90% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in developed countries; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with an investment grade credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by developed countries; and
- 75% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in emerging countries; equities issued by small and medium companies; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with a high yield credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by emerging countries,

is rated against the sustainability criteria.

● **What is the committed minimum rate to reduce the scope of the investments considered prior to the application of that investment strategy?**

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

● **What is the policy to assess good governance practices of the investee companies?**

In order to assess good governance practices, a central Good Governance Test is applied. This test is based on a data-driven quantitative framework, which uses a scorecard to assess companies across the categories of sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff, and tax compliance. Schroders has defined a number of criteria across these pillars. Compliance with the test is monitored centrally and companies which do not pass this test cannot be held by the Fund, unless the Investment Manager has agreed that the issuer demonstrates good governance based on additional insights beyond that quantitative analysis.

**Good governance** practices include sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff and tax compliance.



**Asset allocation** describes the share of investments in specific assets.

## What is the asset allocation planned for this financial product?

The planned composition of the Fund's investments that are used to meet its environmental or social characteristics are summarised below.

**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the minimum proportion of the Fund's assets used to attain the environmental or social characteristics, which is equal to 60%. The Fund commits to maintain a higher overall sustainability score than the JP Morgan Asia Credit index, and so the Fund's investments that are scored by Schroders' proprietary sustainability tool are included within the minimum proportion stated in #1 on the basis that they will contribute to the Fund's sustainability score (whether such individual investment has a positive or a negative score). Also included within #1 are any green, social or sustainable bonds that are not scored by Schroders' proprietary sustainability tool-is. € The minimum proportion of assets that are invested in sustainable investments, is indicated in #1A. The minimum proportions stated apply in normal market conditions. The actual proportion stated in #1 is expected to be higher.

The sustainability score is measured by Schroders' proprietary tool that provides an estimate of the net "impact" that an issuer may create in terms of social and environmental "costs" or "benefits". It does this by using certain indicators with respect to that issuer, and quantifying them positively and negatively to produce an aggregate notional measure of the effect that the relevant underlying issuer may have on society and the environment. Examples of such indicators are greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

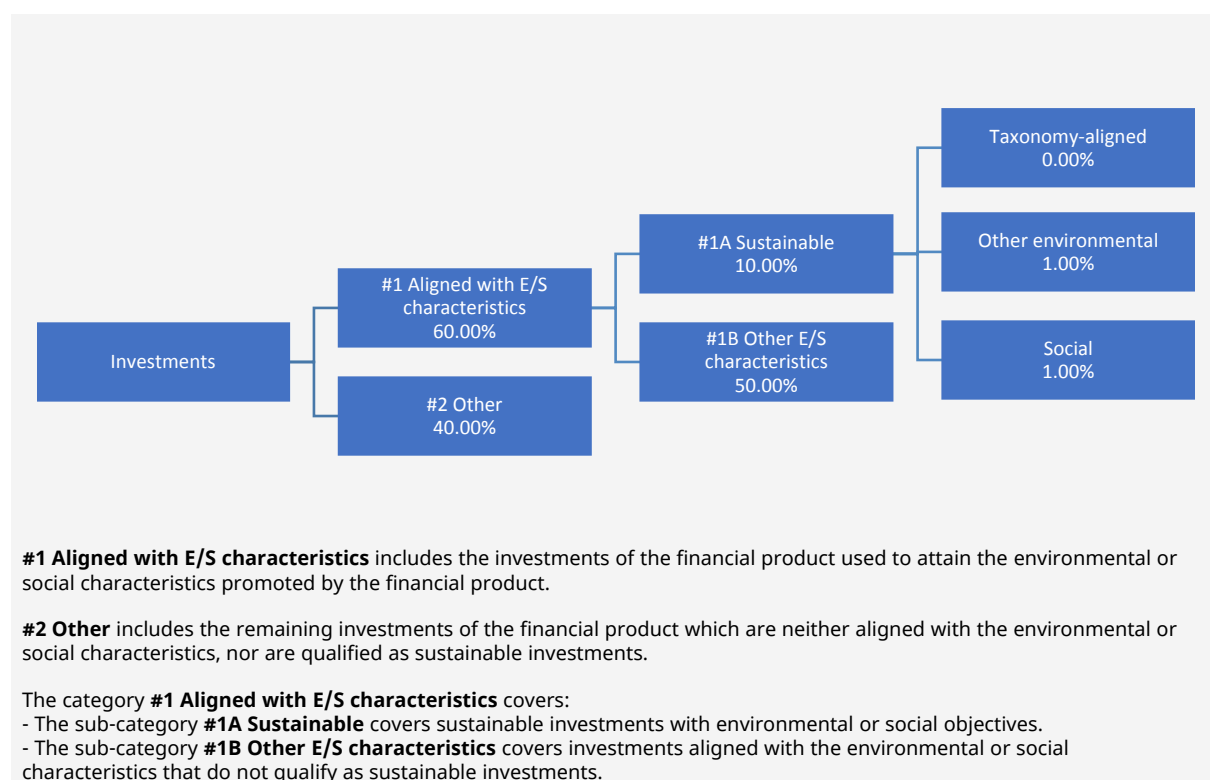
The Fund will invest at least 10% of its assets in sustainable investments. Each sustainable investment (i) demonstrates a net positive effect across a range of environmental or social objectives, as scored by Schroders' proprietary tool or (ii) is classified as a green, social and/ or sustainable bond using a third-party data source.

With the exception of any green or social bonds, which will be classified as having an environmental or social objective respectively, a sustainable investment is classified as having an environmental or social objective depending on whether the relevant issuer has a higher score in Schroders' proprietary tool relative to its applicable peer group for its environmental indicators or its social indicators. In each case, indicators are comprised of both "costs" and "benefits".

**#2 Other** includes cash which is treated as neutral for sustainability purposes. #2 also includes other investments that are not scored by Schroders' proprietary sustainability tool and so do not contribute towards the Fund's sustainability score. As #1 states a minimum proportion that is in practice expected to be higher, the proportion stated in #2 is expected to be lower.

Minimum safeguards are applied where relevant to Money Market Investments and other investments by restricting (as appropriate) investments in counterparties where there are ownership links or exposure to higher risk countries (for the purpose of money laundering, terrorist financing, bribery, corruption, tax evasion and sanctions risks). A firm-wide risk assessment considers the risk rating of each jurisdiction; which includes reference to a number of public statements, indices and world governance indicators issued by the UN, the European Union, the UK Government, the Financial Action Task Force and several Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), such as Transparency International and the Basel Committee.

In addition, new counterparties are reviewed by Schroders' credit risk team and approval of a new counterparty is based on a holistic review of the various sources of information available, including, but not limited to, quality of management, ownership structure, location, regulatory and social environment to which each counterparty is subject, and the degree of development of the local banking system and its regulatory framework. Ongoing monitoring is performed through a Schroders' proprietary tool, which supports the analysis of a counterparty's management of environmental, social and governance trends and challenges. Any significant deterioration in the profile of the counterparty in Schroders' proprietary tool would lead to further analysis and potential exclusion by Schroders' credit risk team.



#1 The minimum proportion stated applies in normal market conditions.

### ● **How does the use of derivatives attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?**

Single name credit default swaps are used as a proxy for direct investments which would otherwise be held by the Fund in line with its sustainability criteria. Such derivatives are therefore used to attain the Fund's sustainability score in Schroders' proprietary tool which is one of the binding elements of the Fund. The Fund may use other derivatives that are scored in Schroders' proprietary tool to meet the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted by the Fund, as such derivatives would contribute to the Fund's sustainability score (whether such individual investment has a positive or a negative score).



### **To what minimum extent are sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?**

There is no minimum extent to which the Fund's investments (including transitional and enabling activities) with an environmental objective are aligned with the Taxonomy. Taxonomy alignment of this Fund's investments has therefore not been calculated and has as a result been deemed to constitute 0% of the Fund's portfolio.

In future it is expected that the Fund will assess and report on the extent to which its underlying investments are in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the Taxonomy, along with information relating to the proportion of enabling and transitional activities. This Prospectus will be updated once it is possible in the Investment Manager's opinion to accurately

disclose to what extent the Fund's investments are in Taxonomy-aligned environmentally sustainable activities, including the proportions of investments in enabling and transitional activities selected for the Fund.

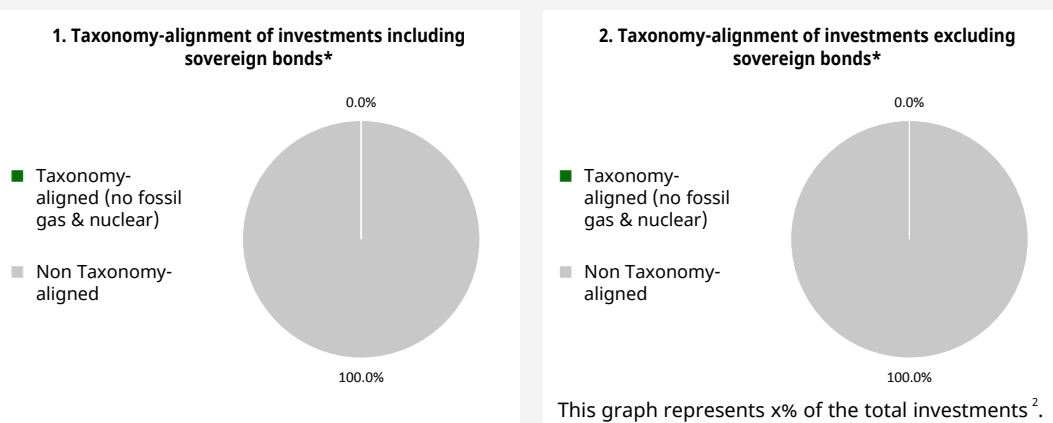
● **Does the financial product invest in fossil gas and/or nuclear energy related activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy<sup>1</sup>?**

- ☐ Yes:  
☐ In fossil gas ☐ In nuclear energy  
☒ No

To comply with the EU Taxonomy, the criteria for **fossil gas** include limitations on emissions and switching to renewable power or low-carbon fuels by the end of 2035. For **nuclear energy**, the criteria include comprehensive safety and waste management rules.

Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:  
- **turnover** reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee companies  
- **capital expenditure** (CapEx) showing the green investments made by investee companies, e.g. for a transition to a green economy.  
- **operational expenditure** (OpEx) reflecting green operational activities of investee companies.

The two graphs below show in green the minimum percentage of investments that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the Taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy-alignment in relation to all the investments of the financial product including sovereign bonds, while the second graph shows the Taxonomy-alignment only in relation to the investments of the financial product other than sovereign bonds.



\* For the purpose of these graphs, 'sovereign bonds' consist of all sovereign exposures

● **What is the minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities?**

As per the above, at the date of this Prospectus the share of investments by the Fund in transitional and enabling activities is currently deemed to constitute 0% of the Fund's portfolio.

**Enabling activities** directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective.

**Transitional activities** are activities for which low-carbon alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.

<sup>1</sup> Fossil gas and/or nuclear related activities will only comply with the EU Taxonomy where they contribute to limiting climate change ("climate change mitigation") and do not significantly harm any EU Taxonomy objective – see explanatory note in the left-hand margin. The full criteria for fossil gas and nuclear energy economic activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy are laid down in Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1214.

<sup>2</sup> As there is no Taxonomy-alignment, there is no impact on the graph if sovereign bonds are excluded (i.e. the percentage of Taxonomy-aligned investments remains 0%) and the Management Company therefore believes that there is no need to mention this information.



## What is the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

The Fund commits to invest at least 1% of its assets in sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy.



are sustainable investments with an environmental objective that **do not take into account the criteria** for environmentally sustainable economic activities under the EU Taxonomy.



## What is the minimum share of socially sustainable investments?

The Fund commits to invest at least 1% of its assets in sustainable investments with a social objective.



## What investments are included under “#2 Other”, what is their purpose and are there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

#2 Other includes cash which is treated as neutral for sustainability purposes. #2 also includes **other** investments that are not scored by Schroders' proprietary sustainability tools and so do not contribute towards the Fund's sustainability score.

Minimum safeguards are applied where relevant to Money Market Investments and other investments by restricting (as appropriate) investments in counterparties where there are ownership links or exposure to higher risk countries (for the purpose of money laundering, terrorist financing, bribery, corruption, tax evasion and sanctions risks). A firm-wide risk assessment considers the risk rating of each jurisdiction; which includes reference to a number of public statements, indices and world governance indicators issued by the UN, the European Union, the UK Government, the Financial Action Task Force and several Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), such as Transparency International and the Basel Committee.

In addition, new counterparties are reviewed by Schroders' credit risk team and approval of a new counterparty is based on a holistic review of the various sources of information available, including, but not limited to, quality of management, ownership structure, location, regulatory and social environment to which each counterparty is subject, and the degree of development of the local banking system and its regulatory framework. Ongoing monitoring is performed through a Schroders' proprietary tool, which supports the analysis of a counterparty's management of environmental, social and governance trends and challenges. Any significant deterioration in the profile of the counterparty in Schroders' proprietary tool would lead to further analysis and potential exclusion by Schroders' credit risk team.



## Is a specific index designated as a reference benchmark to determine whether this financial product is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes?

**Reference benchmarks** are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the environmental or social characteristics that they promote.

- **How is the reference benchmark continuously aligned with each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?**

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- **How is the alignment of the investment strategy with the methodology of the index ensured on a continuous basis?**

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- ***How does the designated index differ from a relevant broad market index?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- ***Where can the methodology used for the calculation of the designated index be found?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.



## **Where can I find more product specific information online?**

More product-specific information can be found on the webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

**Product name:** **Schroder International Selection Fund Asian Dividend Maximiser**

**Legal entity identifier:** **5493008UI8R6FCP1MG15**

## Environmental and/or social characteristics

<p><b>Sustainable investment</b> means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good Governance practices.</p>	<p><b>Does this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?</b></p>	
<p>The <b>EU Taxonomy</b> is a classification system laid down in Regulation (EU) 2020/852, establishing a list of <b>environmentally sustainable economic activities</b>. For the time being, it does not include a list of socially sustainable economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.</p>	<p><input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Yes</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with an environmental objective: ___%</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with a social objective ___%</b></p>	<p><input type="radio"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>No</b></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> It <b>promotes Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics</b> and while it does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will have a minimum proportion of <b>25.00%</b> of sustainable investments</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> with a social objective</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> It promotes E/S characteristics, but <b>will not make any sustainable investments</b></p>



## What environmental and/or social characteristics are promoted by this financial product?

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the MSCI AC Pacific ex Japan High Dividend Yield (Net TR) index, based on the Investment Manager's rating system. This benchmark (which is a broad market index) does not take into account the environmental and social characteristics promoted by the Fund.

The sustainability score is measured by Schroders' proprietary tool that provides an estimate of the net "impact" that an issuer may create in terms of social and environmental "costs" or "benefits". It does this by using certain indicators with respect to that issuer, and quantifying them positively and negatively to produce an aggregate notional measure of the effect that the relevant underlying issuer may have on society and the environment. It does this using third party data as well as Schroders own estimates and assumptions and the outcome may differ from other ~~sustainability~~<sup>sustainability</sup> tools and measures. Examples of such indicators are greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

The result is expressed as an aggregate score of the sustainability indicators for each issuer, specifically a notional percentage (positive or negative) of sales of the relevant underlying issuer. For example, a score of +2% would mean an issuer contributes \$2 of relative notional positive impact (i.e. benefits to society) per \$100 of sales. The sustainability score of the Fund is derived from the scores of all issuers in the Fund's portfolio measured by Schroders' proprietary tool.

The Fund invests at least 25% of its assets in sustainable investments, which are investments that the Investment Manager expects to contribute towards the advancement of one or more environmental and/or social objective (s).

### ● What sustainability indicators are used to measure the attainment of each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

The Investment Manager monitors compliance with the characteristic to maintain a higher overall sustainability score than the MSCI AC Pacific ex Japan High Dividend Yield (Net TR) index by reference to the weighted average sustainability score of the Fund in Schroders' proprietary tool compared against the weighted average sustainability score of the MSCI AC Pacific ex Japan High Dividend Yield (Net TR) index in Schroders' proprietary tool over the previous six month period, based on month-end data. The overall sustainability score aggregates the effect of sustainability indicators including but not limited to greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

**Sustainability indicators** measure how the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product are attained.



The Investment Manager monitors compliance with the characteristic to invest at least 25% of its assets in sustainable investments by reference to the sustainability score of each asset in Schroders' proprietary tool. Compliance with this is monitored daily via our automated compliance controls. The Fund also applies certain exclusions, with which the Investment Manager monitors compliance on an ongoing basis via its portfolio compliance framework.

● ***What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?***

In respect of the proportion of the Fund's portfolio that is invested in sustainable investments, each sustainable investment demonstrates a net positive effect across a range of environmental or social objectives, as scored by Schroders' proprietary tool. The environmental or social objectives of the sustainable investments that the Fund partially intends to make may include, but are not limited to, increasing environmental and/or social benefits such as greater water access or fair pay and reducing environmental, and/or social costs such as carbon emissions or food waste. For example, greater water access as measured by Schroders' proprietary tool are the estimated societal benefits of the provision of clean drinking water to human health.

● ***How do the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make, not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?***

The Investment Manager's approach investing in issuers that do not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective includes the following:

- Firm-wide investment exclusions apply to Schroders funds. These relate to international conventions on cluster munitions, anti-personnel mines, and chemical and biological weapons and a list of companies that are excluded is available at <https://www.schroders.com/en/sustainability/active-ownership/group-exclusions/>. Firm-wide exclusions also apply to companies generating more than 20% of their revenue from thermal coal mining.
- The Fund excludes companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to tobacco and thermal coal.
- The Fund excludes companies that are assessed by Schroders to have breached one or more 'global norms' thereby causing significant harm; these companies comprise Schroders' 'global norms' breach list. Schroders' determination of whether a company has been involved in such a breach considers relevant principles such as those contained in the UN Global Compact (UNGC) principles the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights. The 'global norms' breach list may be informed by assessments performed by third party providers and by proprietary research, where relevant to a particular situation. In exceptional circumstances a derogation may be applied in order to allow the Fund to continue to hold a company on Schroders' 'global norms' breach list, for example where the stated investment strategy of the Fund may otherwise be compromised. Any such company cannot be categorised as a sustainable investment.
- The Fund may also apply certain other exclusions.

Further information on all of the Fund's exclusions is to be found under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

● ***How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?***

When seeking to identify significant harm, Schroders' approach to taking into account the Principal Adverse Impacts (PAI) indicators involves a quantitative and a qualitative assessment. Where it is not considered appropriate or feasible to set quantitative thresholds, the Investment Manager engages, where relevant. Investee companies deemed not to satisfy the quantitative thresholds would generally be excluded, unless on a case-by-case basis the data is deemed not representative of a company's performance in the relevant area.

This framework is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability and quality of the data evolves.

Our approach includes:

1. **Quantitative:** this includes indicators where specific thresholds have been established:

- Via the application of exclusions. This approach is relevant to **PAI 4** (Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector), **PAI 5** (Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production) and **PAI 14** (Exposure to controversial weapons). Further, the following PAIs are assessed as part of Schroders 'global norms' breach list exclusion (which seeks to exclude companies where significant harm is occurring):

**Principal adverse impacts** are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anticorruption and antibribery matters.



- **PAI 7** (Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas)
- **PAI 8** (Emissions to water)
- **PAI 9** (Hazardous waste and radioactive waste ratio)
- **PAI 10** (Violations of UN Global Compact principles and Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises)
- **PAI 11** (Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and Voluntary)
- **PAI 14** in Table 3 (Number of identified cases of severe human rights issues and incidents)
- Via the application of an alert system flag if the relevant indicator(s) exceeds a threshold. These quantitative thresholds to assess significant harm are established centrally by our Sustainable Investment team and monitored systematically. This approach applies to indicators where we have segmented the population into harm groups to establish a threshold, such as carbon related PAI metrics, **PAI 1** (GHG emissions), **PAI 2** (Carbon footprint) and **Voluntary PAI 4 in Table 2** (Investing in companies without carbon emission reduction initiatives). **PAI 3** (GHG intensity of investee companies) operates in a similar way but the threshold is based on a revenue metric. A threshold for **PAI 6** (Energy consumption intensity per high impact climate sector) is established based on the above mentioned carbon measures. A similar approach has been taken for **PAI 15** (GHG intensity). **PAI 16** (Investee countries subject to social violations) also operates in the same way but based on data availability regarding social violations. Through this process the relevant issuer(s) that is/are deemed not to satisfy the quantitative thresholds is/are flagged to the Investment Manager for consideration, whose response may involve selling the holdings(s) or maintaining the position if on a case-by-case basis the data is deemed not representative of a company's performance in the relevant area. Investee companies deemed to cause significant harm are excluded from the Fund.
- 2. **Qualitative:** This includes PAI indicators where Schroders' believes that the data available does not enable us to make a quantitative determination regarding whether significant harm is done so as to warrant excluding an investment. In such cases, the Investment Manager engages wherever possible with the company or companies held, in accordance with the priorities documented in Schroders' Engagement Blueprint and/or voting policy. This approach applies to indicators such as **PAI 12** (Unadjusted gender pay gap) and **PAI 13** (Board gender diversity), where we engage and may use our voting rights where we consider appropriate. Both board gender diversity and disclosure of gender pay gap information are captured in our Engagement Blueprint.

### ● *How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights?*

Companies on Schroders' 'global norms' breach list cannot be categorised as sustainable investments. Schroders' determination of whether a company should be included on such list considers the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, among other relevant principles. The 'global norms' breach list is informed by third party providers and proprietary research, where relevant.

*The EU Taxonomy sets out a "do not significant harm" principle by which Taxonomy-aligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives and is accompanied by specific EU criteria.*

The "do not significant harm" principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.

*Any other sustainable investments must also not significantly harm any environmental or social objectives.*



## Does this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

☒ Yes, the Investment Manager's approach to considering principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors involves classifying the indicators into three categories:

The Investment Manager's approach to considering principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors differs depending on the relevant indicator. Some indicators are considered via the application of exclusions, some are considered via the investment process (where data is available via Schroders PAI dashboard and via other external data sources) and some are considered via engagement. Further details are provided below.

PAIs are considered as part of pre-investment through the application of exclusions. These include:

- Controversial weapons: PAI 14 (Exposure to controversial weapons (anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, chemical weapons and biological weapons)).

- Schrodgers' 'global norms' breach list, which covers: PAI 7 (Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas), PAI 8 (Emissions to water), PAI 9 (Hazardous waste and radioactive waste ratio), PAI 10 (Violations of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises), PAI 11 (Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises) and PAI 16 (Investee countries subject to social violations).

- Companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to thermal coal: PAI 4 (Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector) and PAI 5 (Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production).

Compliance with these thresholds is monitored via the Investment Manager's portfolio compliance framework. PAIs are also considered through integration in the investment process through the bottom up stock analysis at a company level. The Asian Equities investment team uses a proprietary tool which provides a framework for analysing a company's relationship with its stakeholders and the sustainability of its business model and covers PAIs 1, 2, 3 and 6 (Greenhouse gas emissions). PAI indicators may be further reviewed via the Schrodgers PAI dashboard.

PAIs are also considered post-investment through engagement where the Investment Manager engages in line with the approach and expectations set out in Schrodgers Engagement Blueprint, which outlines our approach to active ownership.

The Investment Manager may engage with selected issuers held by the Fund on PAIs. For example, we may engage with issuers on net zero carbon emissions targets related to PAI 1,2,3, and board gender diversity related to PAI 13.

Where issuers are flagged on lack of data availability on PAIs, the Investment Manager may engage with issuers where the primary focus is to increase reporting, quality and availability of PAI data.

Our approach is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability, and quality, of PAI data evolves. The Management Company's statement on principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors is available at <https://mybrand.schrodgers.com/m/4ab13771bddd9d/original/Statement-on-principal-adverse-impacts-of-investment-decisions-on-sustainability-factors-2-1-new.pdf> <https://api.schrodgers.com/document-store/id/ffcb39bb-96cb-4e56-9461-deba9a493e85>. The Fund level information is disclosed or will be disclosed (as applicable) in the Fund's annual report.

1. Set thresholds: these involve very explicit thresholds for considering an investment to be a "sustainable investment". For example, PAI 10 on violations of UNGC principles.

2. Active ownership: these involve indicators on which we have a plan to engage with the underlying holding as set out in the Schrodgers Group document - <https://mybrand.schrodgers.com/m/3222ea4ed44a1f2c/original/schrodgers-engagement-blueprint.pdf>, outlining our approach to active ownership. For example, PAI 1, 2 and 3 covering GHG emissions and PAI 13 on board gender diversity.

3. Improve coverage: these involve indicators where we consider data coverage to be too sparse to properly consider them and our focus is primarily on engaging with the underlying holdings to increase reporting. For example, PAI 7 on biodiversity, PAI 9 on hazardous waste ratio and PAI 12 on the gender pay gap.

Our approach is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability, and quality, of PAI data evolves.

The Management Company's statement on principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors is available at <https://mybrand.schrodgers.com/m/467910ac8e6da45c/original/Statement-on-principal-adverse-impacts-of-investment-decisions-on-sustainability-factors.pdf>. The Fund level information is disclosed or will be (as applicable) in the Fund's annual report.

☐ No



## What investment strategy does this financial product follow?

**The investment strategy** guides investment decisions based on factors such as investment objectives and risk tolerance.

The sustainable investment strategy used by the Investment Manager is as follows:

The Fund is actively managed and invests at least two thirds of its assets (excluding cash) in equities or equity related securities of Asia-Pacific companies (excluding Japan), which are selected for their income and capital growth potential.

To enhance the yield of the Fund, the Investment Manager selectively sells short dated call options over individual securities held by the Fund, generating extra income by agreeing strike prices above which potential capital growth is sold.

The Fund may invest directly in China B-Shares and China H-Shares and may invest up to 10% of its assets (on a net basis) directly or indirectly (for example via participatory notes) in China A-Shares through Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect and Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect and shares listed on the STAR Board and the ChiNext.

The Fund may also invest up to one-third of its assets directly or indirectly in other securities (including other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies, Investment Funds, warrants and Money Market Investments, and hold cash.

The Fund may use derivatives with the aim of achieving investment gains, reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently.

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the MSCI AC Pacific ex Japan High Dividend Yield (Net TR) index, based on the Investment Manager's rating criteria.

The Fund does not directly invest in certain activities, industries or groups of issuers above the limits listed under “Sustainability-Related Disclosure” on the Fund’s webpage, <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

The Investment Manager applies governance and sustainability criteria when selecting investments for the Fund. Companies in the investment universe are assessed on their governance, environmental and social profile. The Investment Manager performs due diligence on potential holdings and this can include meetings with company management. The Investment Manager aims to identify the impact a business has on society whilst assessing relationships with key stakeholders such as employees, suppliers and regulators. This research is supported by quantitative analysis gained from Schroders’ proprietary sustainability tools which are key inputs to assessing how existing and potential investments are meeting the Fund’s sustainability criteria.

The sources of information used to perform the analysis include information provided by the companies, such as company sustainability reports and other relevant company material, as well as Schroders’ proprietary sustainability tools and third-party data.

More details on the Investment Manager’s approach to sustainability and its engagement with companies are available on the webpage

<https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/>

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than its investment universe, based on the Investment Manager’s rating system.

The Investment Manager ensures that at least:

- 90% of the portion of the Fund’s NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in developed countries; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with an investment grade credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by developed countries; and

- 75% of the portion of the Fund’s NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in emerging countries; equities issued by small and medium companies; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with a high yield credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by emerging countries,

is rated against the sustainability criteria. For the purposes of this test, small companies are those with market capitalisation below €5 billion, medium companies are those between €5 billion and €10 billion and large companies are those above €10 billion.

● ***What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?***

The following binding elements are applied throughout the investment process:

- The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the MSCI AC Pacific ex Japan High Dividend Yield (Net TR) index based on the Investment Manager’s rating criteria.
- The Fund invests at least 25% of its assets in sustainable investments and such investments do not cause significant environmental or social harm.
- Exclusions are applied to direct investments in companies. The Fund applies certain exclusions relating to international conventions on cluster munitions, anti-personnel mines, and chemical and biological weapons. The Fund also excludes companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to tobacco and thermal coal, especially companies that generate at least 10% of their revenues from tobacco production, companies that generate at least 25% of their revenues from any other part of the tobacco value chain (suppliers, distributors, retailers, licensors), companies that generate at least 10% of their revenues from thermal coal mining and companies that generate at least 30% of their revenues from coal fired power generation. The Fund excludes companies that are assessed by Schroders to have breached one or more ‘global norms’ thereby causing significant environmental or social harm; these companies comprise Schroders’ ‘global norms’ breach list. In exceptional circumstances a derogation may be applied in order to allow the Fund to continue to hold a company on Schroders’ ‘global norms’ breach list, for example where the stated investment strategy of the Fund may otherwise be compromised. Any such company cannot be categorised as a sustainable investment. Further, the Fund may apply other exclusions as listed under “Sustainability-Related Disclosures” on the Fund’s webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>
- The Fund invests in companies that have good governance practices, as determined by the Investment Manager’s rating criteria.

The Investment Manager ensures that at least:

- 90% of the portion of the Fund’s NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in developed countries; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with an investment grade credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by developed countries; and
- 75% of the portion of the Fund’s NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in emerging countries; equities issued by small and medium companies; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with a high yield credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by emerging countries,

is rated against the sustainability criteria.

- **What is the committed minimum rate to reduce the scope of the investments considered prior to the application of that investment strategy?**

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- **What is the policy to assess good governance practices of the investee companies?**

In order to assess good governance practices, a central Good Governance Test is applied. This test is based on a data-driven quantitative framework, which uses a scorecard to assess companies across the categories of sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff, and tax compliance. Schroders has defined a number of criteria across these pillars.

Compliance with the test is monitored centrally and companies which do not pass this test cannot be held by the Fund, unless the Investment Manager has agreed that the issuer demonstrates good governance based on additional insights beyond that quantitative analysis.

**Good governance** practices include sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff and tax compliance.



## What is the asset allocation planned for this financial product?

**Asset allocation** describes the share of investments in specific assets.

The planned composition of the Fund's investments that are used to meet its environmental or social characteristics are summarised below.

**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the minimum proportion of the Fund's assets used to attain the environmental or social characteristics, which is equal to 70%. The Fund commits to maintain a higher overall sustainability score than the MSCI AC Pacific ex Japan High Dividend Yield (Net TR) index, and so the Fund's investments that are scored by Schroders' proprietary sustainability tool are included within the minimum proportion stated in #1 on the basis that they will contribute to the Fund's sustainability score (whether such individual investment has a positive or a negative score). Also included within #1 is the minimum proportion of assets that are invested in sustainable investments, as indicated in #1A. The minimum proportions stated apply in normal market conditions. The actual proportion stated in #1 is expected to be higher.

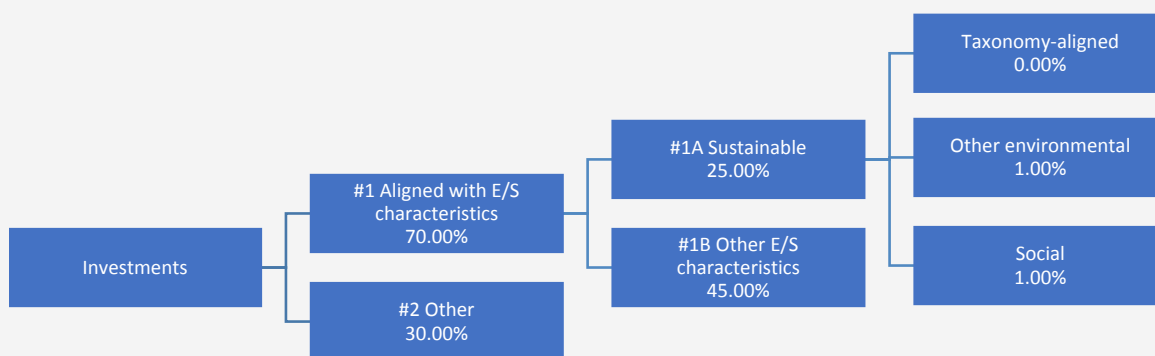
The sustainability score is measured by Schroders' proprietary tool that provides an estimate of the net "impact" that an issuer may create in terms of social and environmental "costs" or "benefits". It does this by using certain indicators with respect to that issuer, and quantifying them positively and negatively to produce an aggregate notional measure of the effect that the relevant underlying issuer may have on society and the environment. Examples of such indicators are greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

The Fund will invest at least 25% of its assets in sustainable investments. A sustainable investment is classified as having an environmental or social objective depending on whether the relevant issuer has a higher score in Schroders' proprietary tool relative to its applicable peer group for its environmental indicators or its social indicators. In each case, indicators are comprised of both "costs" and "benefits".

**#2 Other** includes cash which is treated as neutral for sustainability purposes. #2 also includes investments that are not scored by Schroders' proprietary sustainability tool and so do not contribute towards the Fund's sustainability score. As #1 states a minimum proportion that is in practice expected to be higher, the proportion stated in #2 is expected to be lower.

Minimum safeguards are applied where relevant to Money Market Investments and other investments by restricting (as appropriate) investments in counterparties where there are ownership links or exposure to higher risk countries (for the purpose of money laundering, terrorist financing, bribery, corruption, tax evasion and sanctions risks). A firm-wide risk assessment considers the risk rating of each jurisdiction; which includes reference to a number of public statements, indices and world governance indicators issued by the UN, the European Union, the UK Government, the Financial Action Task Force and several Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), such as Transparency International and the Basel Committee.

In addition, new counterparties are reviewed by Schroders' credit risk team and approval of a new counterparty is based on a holistic review of the various sources of information available, including, but not limited to, quality of management, ownership structure, location, regulatory and social environment to which each counterparty is subject, and the degree of development of the local banking system and its regulatory framework. Ongoing monitoring is performed through a Schroders' proprietary tool, which supports the analysis of a counterparty's management of environmental, social and governance trends and challenges. Any significant deterioration in the profile of the counterparty in Schroders' proprietary tool would lead to further analysis and potential exclusion by Schroders' credit risk team.



**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the investments of the financial product used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product.

**#2 Other** includes the remaining investments of the financial product which are neither aligned with the environmental or social characteristics, nor are qualified as sustainable investments.

The category **#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** covers:

- The sub-category **#1A Sustainable** covers sustainable investments with environmental or social objectives.
- The sub-category **#1B Other E/S characteristics** covers investments aligned with the environmental or social characteristics that do not qualify as sustainable investments.

#1 The minimum proportion stated applies in normal market conditions.

### ● **How does the use of derivatives attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?**

The Fund may use derivatives that are scored in Schroders' proprietary tool to meet the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted by the Fund, as such derivatives would contribute to the Fund's sustainability score (whether such individual investment has a positive or a negative score). However, the Fund's use of covered call options for income generation purposes do not contribute towards the Fund's sustainability score.



### **To what minimum extent are sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?**

There is no minimum extent to which the Fund's investments (including transitional and enabling activities) with an environmental objective are aligned with the Taxonomy. Taxonomy alignment of this Fund's investments has therefore not been calculated and has as a result been deemed to constitute 0% of the Fund's portfolio.

In future it is expected that the Fund will assess and report on the extent to which its underlying investments are in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the Taxonomy, along with information relating to the proportion of enabling and transitional activities. This Prospectus will be updated once it is possible in the Investment Manager's opinion to accurately disclose to what extent the Fund's investments are in Taxonomy-aligned environmentally sustainable activities, including the proportions of investments in enabling and transitional activities selected for the Fund.

### ● **Does the financial product invest in fossil gas and/or nuclear energy related activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy<sup>1</sup>?**

☐ Yes:

☐ In fossil gas ☐ In nuclear energy

☒ No

To comply with the EU Taxonomy, the criteria for **fossil gas** include limitations on emissions and switching to renewable power or low-carbon fuels by the end of 2035. For **nuclear energy**, the criteria include

<sup>1</sup> Fossil gas and/or nuclear related activities will only comply with the EU Taxonomy where they contribute to limiting climate change ("climate change mitigation") and do not significantly harm any EU Taxonomy objective – see explanatory note in the left-hand margin. The full criteria for fossil gas and nuclear energy economic activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy are laid down in Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1214.

comprehensive safety and waste management rules.

Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

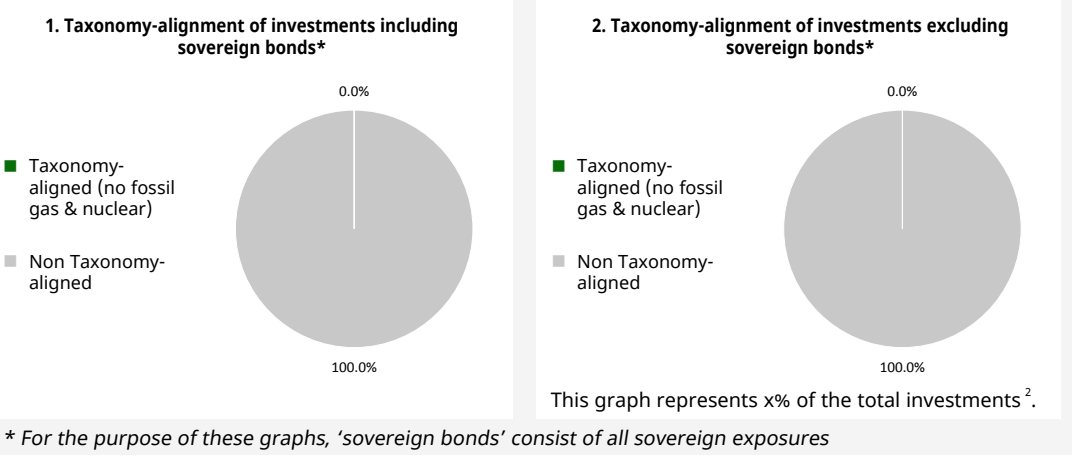
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**Enabling activities** directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective.

**Transitional activities** are activities for which low-carbon alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.

are sustainable investments with an environmental objective that **do not take into account the criteria** for environmentally sustainable economic activities under the EU Taxonomy.

The two graphs below show in green the minimum percentage of investments that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the Taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy-alignment in relation to all the investments of the financial product including sovereign bonds, while the second graph shows the Taxonomy-alignment only in relation to the investments of the financial product other than sovereign bonds.



- **What is the minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities?**  
As per the above, at the date of this Prospectus the share of investments by the Fund in transitional and enabling activities is currently deemed to constitute 0% of the Fund's portfolio.



**What is the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?**  
The Fund commits to invest at least 1% of its assets in sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

<sup>2</sup> As there is no Taxonomy-alignment, there is no impact on the graph if sovereign bonds are excluded (i.e. the percentage of Taxonomy-aligned investments remains 0%) and the Management Company therefore believes that there is no need to mention this information.





## What is the minimum share of socially sustainable investments?

The Fund commits to invest at least 1% of its assets in sustainable investments with a social objective.



## What investments are included under “#2 Other”, what is their purpose and are there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

#2 Other includes cash which is treated as neutral for sustainability purposes. #2 also includes investments that are not scored by Schroders’ proprietary sustainability tools and so do not contribute towards the Fund’s sustainability score.

Minimum safeguards are applied where relevant to Money Market Investments and other investments by restricting (as appropriate) investments in counterparties where there are ownership links or exposure to higher risk countries (for the purpose of money laundering, terrorist financing, bribery, corruption, tax evasion and sanctions risks). A firm-wide risk assessment considers the risk rating of each jurisdiction; which includes reference to a number of public statements, indices and world governance indicators issued by the UN, the European Union, the UK Government, the Financial Action Task Force and several Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), such as Transparency International and the Basel Committee.

In addition, new counterparties are reviewed by Schroders’ credit risk team and approval of a new counterparty is based on a holistic review of the various sources of information available, including, but not limited to, quality of management, ownership structure, location, regulatory and social environment to which each counterparty is subject, and the degree of development of the local banking system and its regulatory framework. Ongoing monitoring is performed through a Schroders’ proprietary tool, which supports the analysis of a counterparty’s management of environmental, social and governance trends and challenges. Any significant deterioration in the profile of the counterparty in Schroders’ proprietary tool would lead to further analysis and potential exclusion by Schroders’ credit risk team.



## Is a specific index designated as a reference benchmark to determine whether this financial product is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes?

**Reference benchmarks** are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the environmental or social characteristics that they promote.

- ***How is the reference benchmark continuously aligned with each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- ***How is the alignment of the investment strategy with the methodology of the index ensured on a continuous basis?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- ***How does the designated index differ from a relevant broad market index?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- ***Where can the methodology used for the calculation of the designated index be found?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.



## Where can I find more product specific information online?

More product-specific information can be found on the webpage: <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>





The Investment Manager uses different sustainability indicators to measure the impact contribution at an investee company level. In particular, the Investment Manager uses a quantitative screening tool to identify companies that derive a certain minimum percentage of their revenues from whose main activity is contributing to an environmental or social objective. The Investment Manager selects companies that will derive at least 50% of their revenues within three to five years from whose main activity is associated with one or more of the UN SDGs. In addition, there is a detailed impact assessment of every company via the completion of a proprietary scorecard. The impact scorecard focuses on the impact that a company's products and services are expected to have. The Investment Manager considers different aspects of impact such as: what outcome and UN SDGs the company is contributing to; who is served by the outcome (such as the relevant stakeholder or industry); an assessment of our expected contribution (including Schroders influence and engagement); and consideration of impact risks. The assessment includes tracking Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) that are used to measure and monitor the company's impact over time via an annual review.

Once these steps have been completed, the company and scorecard are then validated and approved by Schroders' Impact Assessment Group (IAG), in order for the company to be eligible for inclusion in the Fund's investible universe. The IAG consists of members from Schroders' impact and sustainable investment teams and members of the investment team.

### ● **How do sustainable investments not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?**

The Investment Manager's approach to investing in issuers that do not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective includes the following:

- Firm-wide investment exclusions apply to Schroders funds. These relate to international conventions on cluster munitions, anti-personnel mines, and chemical and biological weapons and a list of companies that are excluded is available at <https://www.schroders.com/en/sustainability/active-ownership/group-exclusions/>. Firm-wide exclusions also apply to companies generating more than 20% of their revenue from thermal coal mining.
- The Fund excludes companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to tobacco and thermal coal.
- The Fund excludes companies that are assessed by Schroders to have breached one or more 'global norms' thereby causing significant environmental or social harm; these companies comprise Schroder's 'global norms' breach list. Schroders' determination of whether a company has been involved in such a breach considers relevant principles such as those contained in the UN Global Compact (UNGC) principles, the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights. The 'global norms' breach list may be informed by assessments performed by third party providers and by proprietary research, where relevant to a particular situation.
- The Fund may also apply certain other exclusions in addition to those summarised above.

Further information on all of the Fund's investment exclusions is to be found under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

### ● **How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?**

When seeking to identify significant harm, Schroders' approach to taking into account the Principal Adverse Impacts (PAI) indicators involves a quantitative and a qualitative assessment. Where it is not considered appropriate or feasible to set quantitative thresholds, the Investment Manager engages, where relevant. Investee companies deemed not to satisfy the quantitative thresholds would generally be excluded, unless on a case-by-case basis the data is deemed not representative of a company's performance in the relevant area.

This framework is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability and quality of the data evolves.

Our approach includes:

1. **Quantitative:** this includes indicators where specific thresholds have been established:

- Via the application of exclusions. This approach is relevant to **PAI 4** (Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector), **PAI 5** (Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production) and **PAI 14** (Exposure to controversial weapons). Further, the following PAIs are assessed as part of Schroders 'global norms' breach list exclusion (which seeks to exclude companies where significant harm is occurring):
  - **PAI 7** (Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas)
  - **PAI 8** (Emissions to water)
  - **PAI 9** (Hazardous waste and radioactive waste ratio)

**Principal adverse impacts** are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anticorruption and antibribery matters.

- **PAI 10** (Violations of UN Global Compact principles and Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises)
- **PAI 11** (Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and Voluntary)
- **PAI 14** in Table 3 (Number of identified cases of severe human rights issues and incidents)
- Via the application of an alert system flag if the relevant indicator(s) exceeds a threshold. These quantitative thresholds to assess significant harm are established centrally by our Sustainable Investment team and monitored systematically. This approach applies to indicators where we have segmented the population into harm groups to establish a threshold, such as carbon related PAI metrics, **PAI 1** (GHG emissions), **PAI 2** (Carbon footprint) and **Voluntary PAI 4 in Table 2** (Investing in companies without carbon emission reduction initiatives). **PAI 3** (GHG intensity of investee companies) operates in a similar way but the threshold is based on a revenue metric. A threshold for **PAI 6** (Energy consumption intensity per high impact climate sector) is established based on the ~~above-mentioned~~ carbon measures. A similar approach has been taken for **PAI 15** (GHG intensity). **PAI 16** (Investee countries subject to social violations) also operates in the same way but based on data availability regarding social violations. Through this process the relevant issuer(s) that is/are deemed not to satisfy the quantitative thresholds is/are flagged to the Investment Manager for consideration, whose response may involve selling the holdings(s) or maintaining the position if on a case-by-case basis the data is deemed not representative of a company's performance in the relevant area. Investee companies deemed to cause significant harm are excluded from the Fund.
- 2. **Qualitative:** This includes PAI indicators where Schroders' believes that the data available does not enable us to make a quantitative determination regarding whether significant harm is done so as to warrant excluding an investment. In such cases, the Investment Manager engages wherever possible with the company or companies held, in accordance with the priorities documented in Schroders' Engagement Blueprint and/or voting policy. This approach applies to indicators such as **PAI 12** (Unadjusted gender pay gap) and **PAI 13** (Board gender diversity), where we engage and may use our voting rights where we consider appropriate. Both board gender diversity and disclosure of gender pay gap information are captured in our Engagement Blueprint.

● ***How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights?***

Companies on Schroders' 'global norms' breach list cannot be categorised as sustainable investments. Schroders' determination of whether a company should be included on such list considers the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, among other relevant principles. The 'global norms' breach list is informed by third party providers and proprietary research, where relevant.



## Does this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

☒ Yes, ~~the Investment Manager's approach to considering principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors involves classifying the indicators into three categories:~~

~~The Investment Manager's approach to considering principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors differs depending on the relevant indicator. Some indicators are considered via the application of exclusions, some are considered via the investment process (where data is available via Schroders PAI dashboard and via other external data sources) and some via engagement. Further details are provided below.~~

~~PAIs are considered as part of pre-investment through the application of exclusions. These include:~~

~~- Controversial weapons: PAI 14 (Exposure to controversial weapons (anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, chemical weapons and biological weapons)).~~

~~- Schroders' 'global norms' breach list, which covers: PAI 7 (Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas), PAI 8 (Emissions to water), PAI 9 (Hazardous waste and radioactive waste ratio), PAI 10 (Violations of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises), PAI 11 (Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises) and PAI 16 (Investee countries subject to social violations).~~

~~- Companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to thermal coal: PAI 4 (Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector) and PAI 5 (Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production).~~

~~Compliance with these thresholds is monitored via the Investment Manager's portfolio compliance framework. PAIs are also considered through integration in the investment process through the bottom-up stock analysis at a company level. Portfolio holdings are reviewed on a proprietary scorecard that assesses the materiality of impact for each company amongst other dimensions of impact, which may consider a number of PAIs including PAI 1-3 (Greenhouse gas emissions). The Asian Equities investment team also uses a proprietary tool which~~

provides a framework for analysing a company's relationship with its stakeholders and the sustainability of its business model and covers PAIs 1, 2, 3 and 6 (Greenhouse gas emissions). PAI indicators may be further reviewed via the Schroders PAI dashboard.

PAIs are also considered post-investment through engagement where the Investment Manager engages in line with the approach and expectations set out in Schroders Engagement Blueprint, which outlines our approach to active ownership.

The Investment Manager may engage with selected issuers held by the Fund on PAIs. For example, we aim to engage with several issuers on net zero carbon emissions targets (PAI 1,2,3), procuring renewable energy (PAI 5) and further topics of engagement may include board gender diversity which relates to PAI 13.

Where issuers are flagged on lack of data availability on PAIs, the Investment Manager may engage with issuers where the primary focus is to increase reporting, quality and availability of PAI data.

Our approach is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability, and quality, of PAI data evolves. The Management Company's statement on principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors is available at <https://mybrand.schroders.com/m/4ab13771bddd9d/original/Statement-on-principal-adverse-impacts-of-investment-decisions-on-sustainability-factors-2-1-new.pdf> <https://api.schroders.com/document-store/id/ffcb39bb-96cb-4e56-9461-deba9a493e85>. The Fund level information is disclosed or will be disclosed (as applicable) in the Fund's annual report.

1. Set thresholds: these involve very explicit thresholds for considering an investment to be a "sustainable investment". For example, PAI 10 on violations of UNGC principles.

2. Active ownership: these involve indicators on which we have a plan to engage with the underlying holding as set out in the Schroders Group document <https://mybrand.schroders.com/m/3222ea4ed44a1f2c/original/schroders-engagement-blueprint.pdf>, outlining our approach to active ownership. For example, PAI 1, 2 and 3 covering GHG emissions and PAI 13 on board gender diversity.

3. Improve coverage: these involve indicators where we consider data coverage to be too sparse to properly consider them and our focus is primarily on engaging with the underlying holdings to increase reporting. For example, PAI 7 on biodiversity, PAI 9 on hazardous waste ratio and PAI 12 on the gender pay gap.

Our approach is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability, and quality, of PAI data evolves.

The Management Company's statement on principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors is available at <https://mybrand.schroders.com/m/467910ac8e6da45c/original/Statement-on-principal-adverse-impacts-of-investment-decisions-on-sustainability-factors.pdf>. The Fund level information is disclosed or will be (as applicable) in the Fund's annual report.

☐ No



## What investment strategy does this financial product follow?

The sustainable investment strategy used by the Investment Manager is as follows:

The Fund is actively managed and invests its assets in (i) sustainable investments, which are investments that are expected to contribute towards the advancement of an environmental or social objective linked to one or more of the UN SDGs, and (ii) investments that the Investment Manager deems to be neutral under its sustainability criteria such as cash and Money Market Investments and derivatives used with the aim of reducing risk (hedging) or managing the Fund more efficiently.

The Investment Manager will select companies from a universe of eligible companies that have been determined as meeting the Investment Manager's impact criteria. The impact criteria include an assessment of the company's contribution to the UN SDGs alongside the Investment Manager's assessment of the company's impact via its proprietary impact investment management framework and tools (including an impact scorecard).

The Fund is part of Schroders' Impact Driven strategies. As such, it applies highly selective investment criteria and its investment process is aligned with the Operating Principles for Impact Management which means that an assessment of impact is embedded in the steps of the investment process. All sustainable investments in the Fund are subject to this framework.

The Fund does not directly invest in certain activities, industries or groups of issuers above the limits listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

The Fund invests in companies that do not cause significant environmental or social harm and have good governance practices, as determined by the Investment Manager's rating criteria. The Investment Manager may also engage with companies held by the Fund to seek to improve sustainability practices and enhance social and environmental impacts generated by underlying investee companies. More details on the Investment Manager's approach to sustainability and its engagement with companies are available on the webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/>

The Fund invests at least two-thirds of its assets in a concentrated range of equity and equity related securities of Asia Pacific companies (excluding Japan) or companies which derive a significant proportion of their revenues or profits from Asia Pacific countries (excluding Japan). The Fund typically holds 25 - 45 companies.

The Fund may invest directly in China B-Shares and China H-Shares and may invest up to 40% of its assets (on a net basis) directly or indirectly (for example via participatory notes (including delta-one securities) and warrants) in China A-Shares through Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect and Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect and shares listed on the STAR Board and the ChiNext.

The Fund may also invest up to one-third of its assets directly or indirectly in other securities (including other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies, Investment Funds, warrants and Money Market Investments, and hold cash.

The Fund may use derivatives with the aim of achieving investment gains, reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently.

The Investment Manager applies sustainability criteria when selecting investments for the Fund.

The Investment Manager defines positive impact according to three key themes:

- Climate Change
- Health & Well-being
- Social Development and Sustainable economy.

Sustainable economy is a system that supports society and provides for a good quality of life while minimizing resource use and environmental harm in order to preserve natural resources for future generations, including the companies that facilitate such a system.

Investments are composed of companies whose products and services contribute positively to at least one of the UN SDGs. In order to identify companies with a direct link to a UN SDG, the Investment Manager applies a two step approach:

- The first is a revenue based approach that considers whether a certain percentage of the relevant company's revenues, capital expenditure or operating expenditure contributes to an environmental or social objective (as applicable).
- The second is a detailed impact assessment of the company via the completion of a proprietary impact scorecard. The Investment Manager considers different aspects of impact such as: what outcome and UN SDGs the company is contributing to; who is served by the outcome (such as the relevant stakeholder or industry); an assessment of our expected contribution (including Schroders influence and engagement); and consideration of impact risks. The assessment typically includes Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) that are used to track the company's impact over time.

The company and impact scorecard are then validated and approved by Schroders' Impact Assessment Group (IAG), in order for the company to be eligible for inclusion in the Fund's investible universe. The IAG consists of members from Schroders' impact and sustainable investment teams and members of the investment team. There may be some limited instances where step 2 and the IAG approval may follow subsequently (such as a particularly time sensitive investment).

The Investment Manager ensures that at least 90% of the portion of the Fund's Net Asset Value composed of investments in companies is rated against the sustainability criteria. As a result of the application of sustainability criteria, at least 20% of the Fund's potential investment universe is excluded from the selection of investments.

For the purposes of this test, the potential investment universe is the core universe of issuers that the Investment Manager may select for the Fund prior to the application of sustainability criteria, in accordance with the other limitations of the Investment Objective and Policy. This universe is comprised of equity and equity related securities of Asia Pacific companies (excluding Japan) or companies which derive a significant proportion of their revenues or profits from Asia Pacific countries (excluding Japan).

### ● ***What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain the sustainable investment objective?***

The following binding elements are applied throughout the investment process:

- The Fund is actively managed and invests at least 75% of its assets in sustainable investments, which are investments that the Investment Manager believes will contribute towards the advancement of an environmental or social objective linked to one or more of the UN SDGs.
- Exclusions are applied to direct investments in companies. The Fund applies certain exclusions relating to international conventions on cluster munitions, anti-personnel mines, and chemical and biological weapons. The Fund also excludes companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to tobacco and thermal coal, especially companies that generate revenues from tobacco production or any other part of the tobacco value chain (suppliers, distributors, retailers, licensors), and companies that generate revenues from thermal coal mining and coal fired power generation. The Fund excludes companies that are assessed by Schroders to have breached one or more 'global norms' thereby causing significant environmental or social harm; these companies comprise Schroders' 'global norms' breach list. Details of the revenue thresholds together with certain other exclusions the Fund applies are listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>
- The Fund invests in companies that have good governance practices, as determined by the Investment Manager's rating criteria.

**The investment strategy** guides investment decisions based on factors such as investment objectives and risk tolerance.



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**Good governance** practices include sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff and tax compliance.

### ● **What is the policy to assess good governance practices of the investee companies?**

In order to assess good governance practices, a central Good Governance Test is applied. This test is based on a data-driven quantitative framework, which uses a scorecard to assess companies across the categories of sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff, and tax compliance. Schroders has defined a number of criteria across these pillars.

Compliance with the test is monitored centrally and companies which do not pass this test cannot be held by the Fund, unless the Investment Manager has agreed that the issuer demonstrates good governance based on additional insights beyond that quantitative analysis.



**Asset allocation** describes the share of investments in specific assets.

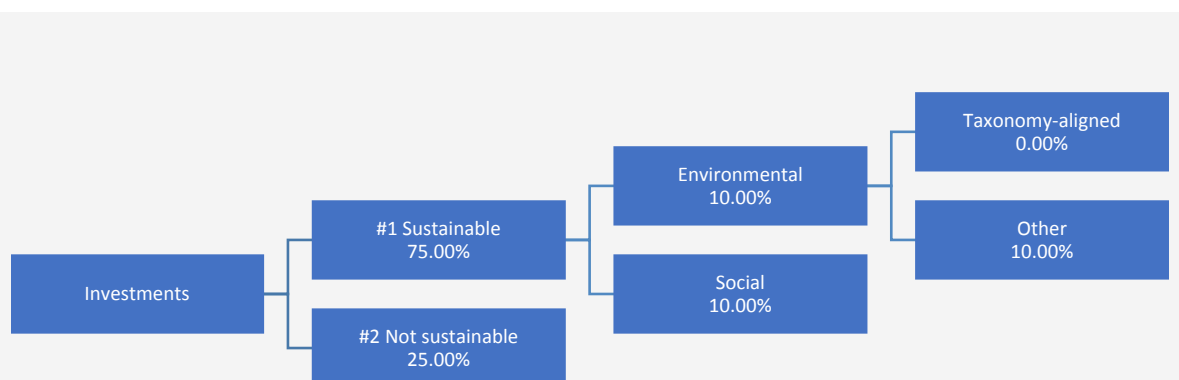
## **What is the asset allocation and the minimum share of sustainable investments?**

The planned composition of the Fund's investments that are used to meet its sustainable investment objective are summarised below. The Fund invests at least 75% of its assets in sustainable investments, which means included in **#1 Sustainable** are investments in Asia Pacific companies (excluding Japan) or companies which derive a significant proportion of their revenues or profits from Asia Pacific countries (excluding Japan) that are expected to contribute towards the advancement of an environmental or social objective linked to one or more of the UN SDGs. Within this overall commitment of 75%, there is a minimum commitment to invest at least 10% of its assets in sustainable investments with an environmental objective and at least 10% of its assets in sustainable investments with a social objective. The minimum proportions stated apply in normal market conditions.

**#2 Not sustainable** includes investments that are treated as neutral for sustainability purposes, such as cash and Money Market Investments and derivatives used with the aim of reducing risk (hedging) or managing the Fund more efficiently.

Minimum safeguards are applied where relevant to Money Market Investments and derivatives used with the aim of reducing risk (hedging) by restricting (as appropriate) investments in counterparties where there are ownership links or exposure to higher risk countries (for the purpose of money laundering, terrorist financing, bribery, corruption, tax evasion and sanctions risks). A firm-wide risk assessment considers the risk rating of each jurisdiction; which includes reference to a number of public statements, indices and world governance indicators issued by the UN, the European Union, the UK Government, the Financial Action Task Force and several Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), such as Transparency International and the Basel Committee.

In addition, new counterparties are reviewed by Schroders' credit risk team and approval of a new counterparty is based on a holistic review of the various sources of information available, including, but not limited to, quality of management, ownership structure, location, regulatory and social environment to which each counterparty is subject, and the degree of development of the local banking system and its regulatory framework. Ongoing monitoring is performed through a Schroders' proprietary tool, which supports the analysis of a counterparty's management of environmental, social and governance trends and challenges. Any significant deterioration in the profile of the counterparty in Schroders' proprietary tool would lead to further analysis and potential exclusion by Schroders' credit risk team.



**#1 Sustainable** covers sustainable investments with environmental or social objectives.

**#2 Not sustainable** includes investments which do not qualify as sustainable investments.

● **How does the use of derivatives attain the sustainable investment objective?**

This question is not applicable for the Fund



**To what minimum extent are sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?**

There is no minimum extent to which the Fund's investments (including transitional and enabling activities) with an environmental objective are aligned with the Taxonomy. Taxonomy alignment of this Fund's investments has therefore not been calculated and has as a result been deemed to constitute 0% of the Fund's portfolio.

In future it is expected that the Fund will assess and report on the extent to which its underlying investments are in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the Taxonomy, along with information relating to the proportion of enabling and transitional activities. This Prospectus will be updated once it is possible in the Investment Manager's opinion to accurately disclose to what extent the Fund's investments are in Taxonomy-aligned environmentally sustainable activities, including the proportions of investments in enabling and transitional activities selected for the Fund.

● **Does the financial product invest in fossil gas and/or nuclear energy related activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy<sup>1</sup>?**

☐ Yes:

☐ In fossil gas ☐ In nuclear energy

☒ No

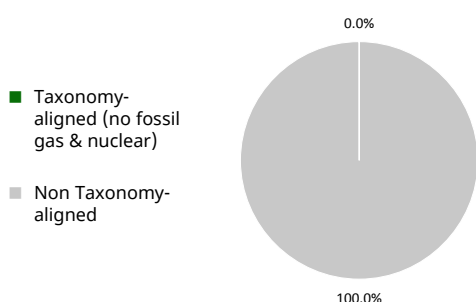
To comply with the EU Taxonomy, the criteria for **fossil gas** include limitations on emissions and switching to renewable power or low-carbon fuels by the end of 2035. For **nuclear energy**, the criteria include comprehensive safety and waste management rules.

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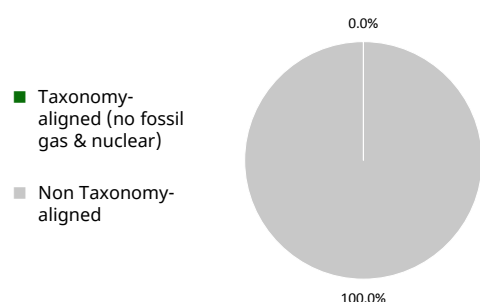
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The two graphs below show in green the minimum percentage of investments that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the Taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy-alignment in relation to all the investments of the financial product including sovereign bonds, while the second graph shows the Taxonomy-alignment only in relation to the investments of the financial product other than sovereign bonds.

**1. Taxonomy-alignment of investments including sovereign bonds\***



**2. Taxonomy-alignment of investments excluding sovereign bonds\***



This graph represents x% of the total investments<sup>2</sup>.

\* For the purpose of these graphs, 'sovereign bonds' consist of all sovereign exposures

**Enabling activities** directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective.

● **What is the minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities?**

As per the above, at the date of this Prospectus the share of investments by the Fund in transitional and enabling activities is currently deemed to constitute 0% of the Fund's portfolio.

<sup>1</sup> Fossil gas and/or nuclear related activities will only comply with the EU Taxonomy where they contribute to limiting climate change ("climate change mitigation") and do not significantly harm any EU Taxonomy objective – see explanatory note in the left-hand margin. The full criteria for fossil gas and nuclear energy economic activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy are laid down in Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1214.

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**Transitional activities** are activities for which low-carbon alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.



### What is the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

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### What is the minimum share of sustainable investments with a social objective?

The Fund commits to invest at least 10% of its assets in sustainable investments with a social objective.



### What investments are included under “#2 Not sustainable”, what is their purpose and are there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

**#2 Not Sustainable** includes investments that are treated as neutral for sustainability purposes, such as cash and Money Market Investments and derivatives used with the aim of reducing risk (hedging) or managing the Fund more efficiently.

Minimum safeguards are applied where relevant to Money Market Investments and derivatives used with the aim of reducing risk (hedging) by restricting (as appropriate) investments in counterparties where there are ownership links or exposure to higher risk countries (for the purpose of money laundering, terrorist financing, bribery, corruption, tax evasion and sanctions risks). A firm-wide risk assessment considers the risk rating of each jurisdiction; which includes reference to a number of public statements, indices and world governance indicators issued by the UN, the European Union, the UK Government, the Financial Action Task Force and several Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), such as Transparency International and the Basel Committee.

In addition, new counterparties are reviewed by Schroders’ credit risk team and approval of a new counterparty is based on a holistic review of the various sources of information available, including, but not limited to, quality of management, ownership structure, location, regulatory and social environment to which each counterparty is subject, and the degree of development of the local banking system and its regulatory framework. Ongoing monitoring is performed through a Schroders’ proprietary tool, which supports the analysis of a counterparty’s management of environmental, social and governance trends and challenges. Any significant deterioration in the profile of the counterparty in Schroders’ proprietary tool would lead to further analysis and potential exclusion by Schroders’ credit risk team.



### Is a specific index designated as a reference benchmark to meet the sustainable investment objective?

**Reference benchmarks** are indexes to measure

- *How does the reference benchmark take into account sustainability factors in a way that is continuously aligned with the sustainable investment objective?*

This question is not applicable for the Fund

whether the financial product attains the sustainable investment objective.

- ***How is the alignment of the investment strategy with the methodology of the index ensured on a continuous basis?***  
This question is not applicable for the Fund
- ***How does the designated index differ from a relevant broad market index?***  
This question is not applicable for the Fund
- ***Where can the methodology used for the calculation of the designated index be found?***  
This question is not applicable for the Fund



## **Where can I find more product specific information online?**

More product-specific information can be found on the webpage: <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

Pre-contractual disclosure for the financial products referred to in Article 8, paragraphs 1, 2 and 2a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 6, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852

**Product name:** **Schroder International Selection Fund Asian Equity Yield**

**Legal entity identifier:** **HW8T20METRZQAOYP1066**

## Environmental and/or social characteristics

**Sustainable investment** means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good governance practices.

The **EU Taxonomy** is a classification system laid down in Regulation (EU) 2020/852, establishing a list of **environmentally sustainable economic activities**. That Regulation does not lay down a list of socially sustainable economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.

### Does this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?

<input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <b>Yes</b>	<input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <b>No</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with an environmental objective: __%</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> It <b>promotes Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics</b> and while it does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will have a minimum proportion of <b>25.00%</b> of sustainable investments
<input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy	<input type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy
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<input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with a social objective __%</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> with a social objective
	<input type="checkbox"/> It promotes E/S characteristics, but <b>will not make any sustainable investments</b>



## What environmental and/or social characteristics are promoted by this financial product?

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the MSCI AC Asia Pacific ex Japan High Dividend Yield (net TR) Index, based on the Investment Manager's rating system. This benchmark (which is a broad market index) does not take into account the environmental and social characteristics promoted by the Fund.

The sustainability score is measured by Schroders' proprietary tool that provides an estimate of the net "impact" that an issuer may create in terms of social and environmental "costs" or "benefits". It does this by using certain indicators with respect to that issuer, and quantifying them positively and negatively to produce an aggregate notional measure of the effect that the relevant underlying issuer may have on society and the environment. It does this using third party data as well as Schroders own estimates and assumptions and the outcome may differ from other sustainability tools and measures. Examples of such indicators are greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

The result is expressed as an aggregate score of the sustainability indicators for each issuer, specifically a notional percentage (positive or negative) of sales of the relevant underlying issuer. For example, a score of +2% would mean an issuer contributes \$2 of relative notional positive impact (i.e. benefits to society) per \$100 of sales. The sustainability score of the Fund is derived from the scores of all issuers in the Fund's portfolio measured by Schroders' proprietary tool.

The Fund invests at least 25% of its assets in sustainable investments, which are investments that the Investment Manager expects to contribute towards the advancement of one or more environmental and/or social objective (s).

### What sustainability indicators are used to measure the attainment of each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

The Investment Manager monitors compliance with the characteristic to maintain a higher overall sustainability score than the MSCI AC Asia Pacific ex Japan High Dividend Yield (net TR) Index by reference to the weighted average sustainability score of the Fund in Schroders' proprietary tool compared against the weighted average sustainability score of the MSCI AC Asia Pacific ex Japan High Dividend Yield (net TR) Index in Schroders' proprietary tool over the previous six month period, based on month-end data. The overall sustainability score aggregates the effect of sustainability indicators including but not limited to greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

**Sustainability indicators** measure how the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product are attained.

The Investment Manager monitors compliance with the characteristic to invest at least 25% of its assets in sustainable investments by reference to the sustainability score of each asset in Schroders' proprietary tool. Compliance with this is monitored daily via our automated compliance controls. The Fund also applies certain exclusions, with which the Investment Manager monitors compliance on an ongoing basis via its portfolio compliance framework.

● ***What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?***

In respect of the proportion of the Fund's portfolio that is invested in sustainable investments, each sustainable investment demonstrates a net positive effect across a range of environmental or social objectives, as scored by Schroders' proprietary tool. The environmental or social objectives of the sustainable investments that the Fund partially intends to make may include, but are not limited to, increasing environmental and/or social benefits such as greater water access or fair pay and reducing environmental, and/or social costs such as carbon emissions or food waste. For example, greater water access as measured by Schroders' proprietary tool are the estimated societal benefits of the provision of clean drinking water to human health.

● ***How do the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make, not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?***

The Investment Manager's approach to investing in issuers that do not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective includes the following:

- Firm-wide investment exclusions apply to Schroders funds. These relate to international conventions on cluster munitions, anti-personnel mines, and chemical and biological weapons and a list of those companies that are excluded is available at <https://www.schroders.com/en/sustainability/active-ownership/group-exclusions/>. Firm-wide exclusions also apply to companies generating more than 20% of their revenue from thermal coal mining.
- The Fund excludes companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to tobacco and thermal coal.
- The Fund excludes companies that are assessed by Schroders to have breached one or more 'global norms' thereby causing significant environmental or social harm; these companies comprise Schroders' 'global norms' breach list. Schroders' determination of whether a company has been involved in such a breach considers relevant principles such as those contained in the UN Global Compact (UNGC) principles the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights. The 'global norms' breach list may be informed by assessments performed by third party providers and by proprietary research, where relevant to a particular situation. In exceptional circumstances a derogation may be applied in order to allow the Fund to continue to hold a company on Schroders' 'global norms' breach list, for example where the stated investment strategy of the Fund may otherwise be compromised. Any such company cannot be categorised as a sustainable investment. .
- The Fund may also apply certain other exclusions in addition to those summarised above.

Further information on all of the Fund's investment exclusions is to be found under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

● ***How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?***

When seeking to identify significant harm, Schroders' approach to taking into account the Principal Adverse Impacts (PAI) indicators involves a quantitative and a qualitative assessment. Where it is not considered appropriate or feasible to set quantitative thresholds, the Investment Manager engages, where relevant. Investee companies deemed not to satisfy the quantitative thresholds would generally be excluded, unless on a case-by-case basis the data is deemed not representative of a company's performance in the relevant area.

This framework is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability and quality of the data evolves.

Our approach includes:

1. **Quantitative:** this includes indicators where specific thresholds have been established:

- Via the application of exclusions. This approach is relevant to **PAI 4** (Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector), **PAI 5** (Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production) and **PAI 14** (Exposure to controversial weapons). Further, the following PAIs are assessed as part of Schroders 'global norms' breach list exclusion (which seeks to exclude companies where significant harm is occurring):

**Principal adverse impacts** are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anticorruption and antibribery matters.

- **PAI 7** (Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas)
- **PAI 8** (Emissions to water)
- **PAI 9** (Hazardous waste and radioactive waste ratio)
- **PAI 10** (Violations of UN Global Compact principles and Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises)
- **PAI 11** (Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and Voluntary)
- **PAI 14** in Table 3 (Number of identified cases of severe human rights issues and incidents)
- Via the application of an alert system flag if the relevant indicator(s) exceeds a threshold. These quantitative thresholds to assess significant harm are established centrally by our Sustainable Investment team and monitored systematically. This approach applies to indicators where we have segmented the population into harm groups to establish a threshold, such as carbon related PAI metrics, **PAI 1** (GHG emissions), **PAI 2** (Carbon footprint) and **Voluntary PAI 4 in Table 2** (Investing in companies without carbon emission reduction initiatives). **PAI 3** (GHG intensity of investee companies) operates in a similar way but the threshold is based on a revenue metric. A threshold for **PAI 6** (Energy consumption intensity per high impact climate sector) is established based on the above mentioned carbon measures. A similar approach has been taken for **PAI 15** (GHG intensity). **PAI 16** (Investee countries subject to social violations) also operates in the same way but based on data availability regarding social violations. Through this process the relevant issuer(s) that is/are deemed not to satisfy the quantitative thresholds is/are flagged to the Investment Manager for consideration, whose response may involve selling the holdings(s) or maintaining the position if on a case-by-case basis the data is deemed not representative of a company's performance in the relevant area. Investee companies deemed to cause significant harm are excluded from the Fund.
- 2. **Qualitative:** This includes PAI indicators where Schroders' believes that the data available does not enable us to make a quantitative determination regarding whether significant harm is done so as to warrant excluding an investment. In such cases, the Investment Manager engages wherever possible with the company or companies held, in accordance with the priorities documented in Schroders' Engagement Blueprint and/or voting policy. This approach applies to indicators such as **PAI 12** (Unadjusted gender pay gap) and **PAI 13** (Board gender diversity), where we engage and may use our voting rights where we consider appropriate. Both board gender diversity and disclosure of gender pay gap information are captured in our Engagement Blueprint.

● ***How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:***

Companies on Schroders' 'global norms' breach list cannot be categorised as sustainable investments. Schroders' determination of whether a company should be included on such list considers the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, among other relevant principles. The 'global norms' breach list is informed by third party providers and proprietary research, where relevant.

*The EU Taxonomy sets out a "do not significant harm" principle by which Taxonomy-aligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives and is accompanied by specific EU criteria.*

The "do not significant harm" principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.

*Any other sustainable investments must also not significantly harm any environmental or social objectives.*



## Does this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

✓ Yes, the Investment Manager's approach to considering principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors involves classifying the indicators into three categories:

The Investment Manager's approach to considering principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors differs depending on the relevant indicator. Some indicators are considered via the application of exclusions, some are considered via the investment process (where data is available via Schroders PAI dashboard and via other external data sources) and some via engagement. Further details are provided below.

PAIs are considered as part of pre-investment through the application of exclusions. These include:

- Controversial weapons: PAI 14 (Exposure to controversial weapons (anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, chemical weapons and biological weapons)).

- Schrodgers' 'global norms' breach list, which covers: PAI 7 (Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas), PAI 8 (Emissions to water), PAI 9 (Hazardous waste and radioactive waste ratio), PAI 10 (Violations of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises), PAI 11 (Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises) and PAI 16 (Investee countries subject to social violations)

- Companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to thermal coal: PAI 4 (Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector) and PAI 5 (Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production).

Compliance with these thresholds is monitored via the Investment Manager's portfolio compliance framework. PAIs are also considered through integration in the investment process through the bottom-up stock analysis at a company level. The Asian Equities investment team uses a proprietary tool which provides a framework for analysing a company's relationship with its stakeholders and the sustainability of its business model and covers PAIs 1, 2, 3 and 6 (Greenhouse gas emissions). PAI indicators may be further reviewed via the Schrodgers PAI dashboard.

PAIs are also considered post-investment through engagement where the Investment Manager engages in line with the approach and expectations set out in Schrodgers Engagement Blueprint, which outlines our approach to active ownership.

The Investment Manager may engage with selected issuers held by the Fund on PAIs. For example, we aim to engage with several issuers on net zero carbon emissions targets (PAI 1,2,3), procuring renewable energy (PAI 5) and further topics of engagement may include board gender diversity which relates to PAI 13.

Where issuers are flagged on lack of data availability on PAIs, the Investment Manager may engage with issuers where the primary focus is to increase reporting, quality and availability of PAI data.

Our approach is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability, and quality, of PAI data evolves. The Management Company's statement on principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors is available at <https://mybrand.schrodgers.com/m/4ab13771bddd9d/original/Statement-on-principal-adverse-impacts-of-investment-decisions-on-sustainability-factors-2-1-new.pdf> <https://api.schrodgers.com/document-store/id/ffcb39bb-96cb-4e56-9461-deba9a493e85>. The Fund level information is disclosed or will be disclosed (as applicable) in the Fund's annual report.

1. Set thresholds: these involve very explicit thresholds for considering an investment to be a "sustainable investment". For example, PAI 10 on violations of UNGC principles.

2. Active ownership: these involve indicators on which we have a plan to engage with the underlying holding as set out in the Schrodgers Group document <https://mybrand.schrodgers.com/m/3222ea4ed44a1f2c/original/schrodgers-engagement-blueprint.pdf>, outlining our approach to active ownership. For example, PAI 1, 2 and 3 covering GHG emissions and PAI 13 on board gender diversity.

3. Improve coverage: these involve indicators where we consider data coverage to be too sparse to properly consider them and our focus is primarily on engaging with the underlying holdings to increase reporting. For example, PAI 7 on biodiversity, PAI 9 on hazardous waste ratio and PAI 12 on the gender pay gap.

Our approach is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability, and quality, of PAI data evolves.

The Management Company's statement on principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors is available at <https://mybrand.schrodgers.com/m/467910ac8e6da45c/original/Statement-on-principal-adverse-impacts-of-investment-decisions-on-sustainability-factors.pdf>. The Fund level information is disclosed or will be (as applicable) in the Fund's annual report.

☐ No



**The investment strategy** guides investment decisions based on factors such as investment objectives and risk tolerance.

## What investment strategy does this financial product follow?

The sustainable investment strategy used by the Investment Manager is as follows:

The Fund is actively managed and invests at least two-thirds of its assets in equity and equity related securities of Asia Pacific companies (excluding Japan).

The Fund invests in the equities of companies in the Asia Pacific (excluding Japan) region that pay dividends now but also retain enough cash to reinvest back into the company to generate future growth.

The Fund may invest directly in China B-Shares and China H-Shares and may invest less than 30% of its assets (on a net basis) directly or indirectly (for example via participatory notes) in China A-Shares through:

- Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect and Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect;
- the Qualified Foreign Investor ("QFI") scheme;
- shares listed on the STAR Board and the ChiNext; and
- Regulated Markets.

The Fund may also invest up to one-third of its assets directly or indirectly in other securities (including other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies, Investment Funds, warrants and Money Market Investments, and hold cash. The Fund may use derivatives with the aim of reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently.



The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the MSCI AC Asia Pacific ex Japan High Dividend Yield (net TR) Index based on the Investment Manager's rating criteria.

The Fund does not directly invest in certain activities, industries or groups of issuers above the limits listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

The Investment Manager applies governance and sustainability criteria when selecting investments for the Fund.

In the selection and assessment of potential investment opportunities and holdings, companies are assessed on a proprietary stakeholder-based approach against criteria including, but not limited to (1) good governance practices; (2) impact on the environment and local communities; and (3) fair and equitable treatment of employees, suppliers and customers. Information and insights derived from Schroders' proprietary sustainability tools are utilised in this assessment and due diligence process.

The Investment Manager's proprietary analysis and ongoing engagement with these companies may also help it derive a reasonable level of conviction that concrete steps will be or are being taken to transition out of business segments or practices that have not met the sustainability criteria or improve on their relevant areas of weakness. The Investment Manager may consider these companies eligible for investment ahead of seeing changes in the company's ratings and rankings across both internal and external evaluation metrics.

The primary sources of information used to perform the analysis include the Investment Manager's proprietary tools and research, third-party research, NGO reports and expert networks. The Investment Manager also performs its own analysis of publicly available information provided by the companies, including information provided in company sustainability reports and other relevant company material.

More details on the Investment Manager's approach to sustainability and its engagement with companies are available on the webpage

<https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/>

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than its investment universe, based on the Investment Manager's rating system.

The Investment Manager ensures that at least:

- 90% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in developed countries; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with an investment grade credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by developed countries; and

- 75% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in emerging countries; equities issued by small and medium companies; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with a high yield credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by emerging countries,

is rated against the sustainability criteria. For the purposes of this test, small companies are those with market capitalisation below €5 billion, medium companies are those between €5 billion and €10 billion and large companies are those above €10 billion.

### ● ***What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?***

The following binding elements are applied throughout the investment process:

- The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the MSCI AC Asia Pacific ex Japan High Dividend Yield (net TR) Index based on the Investment Manager's rating criteria.
- The Fund invests at least 25% of its assets in sustainable investments and such investments do not cause significant environmental or social harm.
- Exclusions are applied to direct investments in companies. The Fund applies certain exclusions relating to international conventions on cluster munitions, anti-personnel mines, and chemical and biological weapons. The Fund also excludes companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to tobacco and thermal coal, especially companies that generate at least 10% of their revenues from tobacco production, companies that generate at least 25% of their revenues from the tobacco value chain (such as suppliers, distributors, retailers and licensors), companies that generate at least 10% of their revenues from thermal coal mining and companies that generate at least 30% of their revenues from coal fired power generation. The Fund excludes companies that are assessed by Schroders to have breached one or more 'global norms' thereby causing significant environmental or social harm; these companies comprise Schroders' 'global norms' breach list. In exceptional circumstances a derogation may be applied in order to allow the Fund to continue to hold a company on Schroders' 'global norms' breach list, for example where the stated investment strategy of the Fund may otherwise be compromised. Any such company cannot be categorised as a sustainable investment. Further, the Fund may apply certain other exclusions as listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>
- The Fund invests in companies that have good governance practices, as determined by the Investment Manager's rating criteria.

The Investment Manager ensures that at least:



- 90% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in developed countries; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with an investment grade credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by developed countries; and
- 75% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in emerging countries; equities issued by small and medium companies; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with a high yield credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by emerging countries,

is rated against the sustainability criteria.

● ***What is the committed minimum rate to reduce the scope of the investments considered prior to the application of that investment strategy?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

● ***What is the policy to assess good governance practices of the investee companies?***

In order to assess good governance practices, a central Good Governance Test is applied. This test is based on a data-driven quantitative framework, which uses a scorecard to assess companies across the categories of sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff, and tax compliance. Schroders has defined a number of criteria across these pillars.

Compliance with the test is monitored centrally and companies which do not pass this test cannot be held by the Fund, unless the Investment Manager has agreed that the issuer demonstrates good governance based on additional insights beyond that quantitative analysis.

**Good governance** practices include sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff and tax compliance.



**Asset allocation** describes the share of investments in specific assets.

## What is the asset allocation planned for this financial product?

The planned composition of the Fund's investments that are used to meet its environmental or social characteristics are summarised below.

**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the minimum proportion of the Fund's assets used to attain the environmental or social characteristics, which is equal to 70%. The Fund commits to maintain a higher overall sustainability score than the MSCI AC Asia Pacific ex Japan High Dividend Yield (net TR) Index, and so the Fund's investments that are scored by Schroders' proprietary sustainability tool are included within the minimum proportion stated in #1 on the basis that they will contribute to the Fund's sustainability score (whether such individual investment has a positive or a negative score). Also included within #1 is the minimum proportion of assets that are invested in sustainable investments, as indicated in #1A. The minimum proportions stated apply in normal market conditions. The actual proportion stated in #1 is expected to be higher.

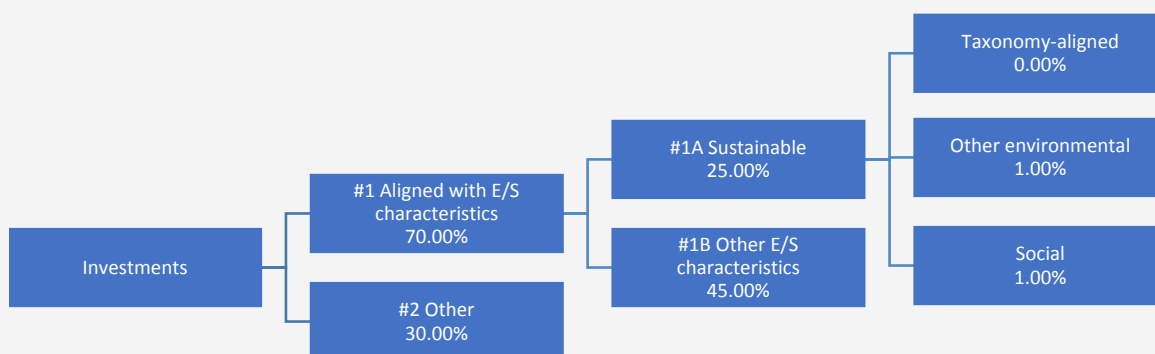
The sustainability score is measured by Schroders' proprietary tool that provides an estimate of the net "impact" that an issuer may create in terms of social and environmental "costs" or "benefits". It does this by using certain indicators with respect to that issuer, and quantifying them positively and negatively to produce an aggregate notional measure of the effect that the relevant underlying issuer may have on society and the environment. Examples of such indicators are greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

The Fund will invest at least 25% of its assets in sustainable investments. A sustainable investment is classified as having an environmental or social objective depending on whether the relevant issuer has a higher score in Schroders' proprietary tool relative to its applicable peer group for its environmental indicators or its social indicators. In each case, indicators are comprised of both "costs" and "benefits".

**#2 Other** includes cash which is treated as neutral for sustainability purposes. #2 also includes investments that are not scored by Schroders' proprietary sustainability tool and so do not contribute towards the Fund's sustainability score. As #1 states a minimum proportion that is in practice expected to be higher, the proportion stated in #2 is expected to be lower.

Minimum safeguards are applied where relevant to Money Market Investments and other investments by restricting (as appropriate) investments in counterparties where there are ownership links or exposure to higher risk countries (for the purpose of money laundering, terrorist financing, bribery, corruption, tax evasion and sanctions risks). A firm-wide risk assessment considers the risk rating of each jurisdiction; which includes reference to a number of public statements, indices and world governance indicators issued by the UN, the European Union, the UK Government, the Financial Action Task Force and several Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), such as Transparency International and the Basel Committee.

In addition, new counterparties are reviewed by Schroders' credit risk team and approval of a new counterparty is based on a holistic review of the various sources of information available, including, but not limited to, quality of management, ownership structure, location, regulatory and social environment to which each counterparty is subject, and the degree of development of the local banking system and its regulatory framework. Ongoing monitoring is performed through a Schroders' proprietary tool, which supports the analysis of a counterparty's management of environmental, social and governance trends and challenges. Any significant deterioration in the profile of the counterparty in Schroders' proprietary tool would lead to further analysis and potential exclusion by Schroders' credit risk team.



**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the investments of the financial product used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product.

**#2 Other** includes the remaining investments of the financial product which are neither aligned with the environmental or social characteristics, nor are qualified as sustainable investments.

The category **#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** covers:

- The sub-category **#1A Sustainable** covers sustainable investments with environmental or social objectives.
- The sub-category **#1B Other E/S characteristics** covers investments aligned with the environmental or social characteristics that do not qualify as sustainable investments.

#1 The minimum proportion stated applies in normal market conditions.

### ● **How does the use of derivatives attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?**

The Fund may use derivatives that are scored in Schroders' proprietary tool to meet the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted by the Fund, as such derivatives would contribute to the Fund's sustainability score (whether such individual investment has a positive or a negative score).



### **To what minimum extent are sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?**

There is no minimum extent to which the Fund's investments (including transitional and enabling activities) with an environmental objective are aligned with the Taxonomy. Taxonomy alignment of this Fund's investments has therefore not been calculated and has as a result been deemed to constitute 0% of the Fund's portfolio.

In future it is expected that the Fund will assess and report on the extent to which its underlying investments are in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the Taxonomy, along with information relating to the proportion of enabling and transitional activities. This Prospectus will be updated once it is possible in the Investment Manager's opinion to accurately disclose to what extent the Fund's investments are in Taxonomy-aligned environmentally sustainable activities, including the proportions of investments in enabling and transitional activities selected for the Fund.

### ● **Does the financial product invest in fossil gas and/or nuclear energy related activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy<sup>1</sup>?**

☐ Yes:

☐ In fossil gas ☐ In nuclear energy

☒ No

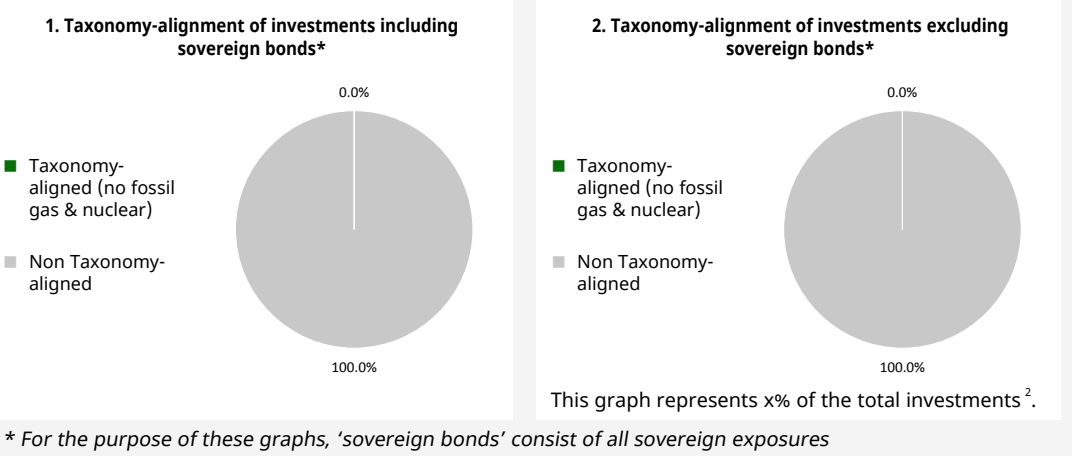
To comply with the EU Taxonomy, the criteria for **fossil gas** include limitations on emissions and switching to renewable power or low-carbon fuels by the end of 2035. For **nuclear energy**, the criteria include comprehensive safety and waste management rules.

<sup>1</sup> Fossil gas and/or nuclear related activities will only comply with the EU Taxonomy where they contribute to limiting climate change ("climate change mitigation") and do not significantly harm any EU Taxonomy objective – see explanatory note in the left-hand margin. The full criteria for fossil gas and nuclear energy economic activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy are laid down in Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1214.

Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

- **turnover** reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee companies
- **capital expenditure** (CapEx) showing the green investments made by investee companies, e.g. for a transition to a green economy.
- **operational expenditure** (OpEx) reflecting green operational activities of investee companies.

The two graphs below show in green the minimum percentage of investments that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the Taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy-alignment in relation to all the investments of the financial product including sovereign bonds, while the second graph shows the Taxonomy-alignment only in relation to the investments of the financial product other than sovereign bonds.



**Enabling activities** directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective.

**Transitional activities** are activities for which low-carbon alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.

- **What is the minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities?**  
As per the above, at the date of this Prospectus the share of investments by the Fund in transitional and enabling activities is currently deemed to constitute 0% of the Fund's portfolio.



- **What is the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?**  
The Fund commits to invest at least 1% of its assets in sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy.



are sustainable investments with an environmental objective that **do not take into account the criteria** for environmentally sustainable economic activities under the EU Taxonomy.

<sup>2</sup> As there is no Taxonomy-alignment, there is no impact on the graph if sovereign bonds are excluded (i.e. the percentage of Taxonomy-aligned investments remains 0%) and the Management Company therefore believes that there is no need to mention this information.



## What is the minimum share of socially sustainable investments?

The Fund commits to invest at least 1% of its assets in sustainable investments with a social objective.



## What investments are included under “#2 Other”, what is their purpose and are there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

#2 Other includes cash which is treated as neutral for sustainability purposes. #2 also includes investments that are not scored by Schroders’ proprietary sustainability tools and so do not contribute towards the Fund’s sustainability score.

Minimum safeguards are applied where relevant to Money Market Investments and other investments by restricting (as appropriate) investments in counterparties where there are ownership links or exposure to higher risk countries (for the purpose of money laundering, terrorist financing, bribery, corruption, tax evasion and sanctions risks). A firm-wide risk assessment considers the risk rating of each jurisdiction; which includes reference to a number of public statements, indices and world governance indicators issued by the UN, the European Union, the UK Government, the Financial Action Task Force and several Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), such as Transparency International and the Basel Committee.

In addition, new counterparties are reviewed by Schroders’ credit risk team and approval of a new counterparty is based on a holistic review of the various sources of information available, including, but not limited to, quality of management, ownership structure, location, regulatory and social environment to which each counterparty is subject, and the degree of development of the local banking system and its regulatory framework. Ongoing monitoring is performed through a Schroders’ proprietary tool, which supports the analysis of a counterparty’s management of environmental, social and governance trends and challenges. Any significant deterioration in the profile of the counterparty in Schroders’ proprietary tool would lead to further analysis and potential exclusion by Schroders’ credit risk team.



## Is a specific index designated as a reference benchmark to determine whether this financial product is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes?

**Reference benchmarks** are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the environmental or social characteristics that they promote.

- ***How is the reference benchmark continuously aligned with each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- ***How is the alignment of the investment strategy with the methodology of the index ensured on a continuous basis?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- ***How does the designated index differ from a relevant broad market index?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- ***Where can the methodology used for the calculation of the designated index be found?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.



## Where can I find more product specific information online?

More product-specific information can be found on the webpage: <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

Pre-contractual disclosure for the financial products referred to in Article 8, paragraphs 1, 2 and 2a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 6, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852

**Product name:** **Schroder International Selection Fund Asian Local Currency Bond**

**Legal entity identifier:** **549300KCHS5SNB1JYW85**

## Environmental and/or social characteristics

**Sustainable investment** means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good governance practices.

The **EU Taxonomy** is a classification system laid down in Regulation (EU) 2020/852, establishing a list of **environmentally sustainable economic activities**. That Regulation does not lay down a list of socially sustainable economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.

Does this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?	
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<input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with an environmental objective: __%</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> It <b>promotes Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics</b> and while it does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will have a minimum proportion of <b>10.00%</b> of sustainable investments
<input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy	<input type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy
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<input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with a social objective __%</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> with a social objective
	<input type="checkbox"/> It promotes E/S characteristics, but <b>will not make any sustainable investments</b>



## What environmental and/or social characteristics are promoted by this financial product?

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the iBoxx Asian Local Currency Bond index, based on the Investment Manager's rating system. This benchmark (which is a broad market index) does not take into account the environmental and social characteristics promoted by the Fund.

The sustainability score is measured by Schroders' proprietary tool that provides an estimate of the net "impact" that an issuer may create in terms of social and environmental "costs" or "benefits". It does this by using certain indicators with respect to that issuer, and quantifying them positively and negatively to produce an aggregate notional measure of the effect that the relevant underlying issuer may have on society and the environment. It does this using third party data as well as Schroders own estimates and assumptions and the outcome may differ from other sustainability tools and measures. Examples of such indicators are greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

The result is expressed as an aggregate score of the sustainability indicators for each issuer, specifically a notional percentage (positive or negative) of sales or GDP of the relevant underlying issuer. For example, a score of +2% would mean an issuer contributes \$2 of relative notional positive impact (i.e. benefits to society) per \$100 of sales or GDP. The sustainability score of the Fund is derived from the scores of all issuers in the Fund's portfolio measured by Schroders' proprietary tool.

The Fund invests at least 10% of its assets in sustainable investments, which are investments that the Investment Manager expects to contribute towards the advancement of one or more environmental and/or social objective (s).

### What sustainability indicators are used to measure the attainment of each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

The Investment Manager monitors compliance with the characteristic to maintain a higher overall sustainability score than the iBoxx Asian Local Currency Bond index by reference to the weighted average sustainability score of the Fund in Schroders' proprietary tool compared against the weighted average sustainability score of the iBoxx Asian Local Currency Bond index in Schroders' proprietary tool over the previous ~~six months~~**six-month** period, based on month-end data. The overall sustainability score aggregates the effect of sustainability indicators including but not limited to greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

**Sustainability indicators** measure how the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product are attained.

The Investment Manager monitors compliance with the characteristic to invest at least 10% of its assets in sustainable investments by reference to (i) the sustainability score of each asset in Schroders' proprietary tool and/ or (ii) whether the asset is classified as a green, social and/ or sustainable bond. Compliance with this is monitored daily via our automated compliance controls. The Fund also applies certain exclusions, with which the Investment Manager monitors compliance on an ongoing basis via its portfolio compliance framework.

● ***What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?***

In respect of the proportion of the Fund's portfolio that is invested in sustainable investments, each sustainable investment either (i) demonstrates a net positive effect across a range of environmental or social objectives, as scored by Schroders' proprietary tool and/or (ii) is classified as a green, social and/ or sustainable bond using a third-party data source. The environmental or social objectives of the sustainable investments that the Fund partially intends to make may include, but are not limited to, increasing environmental and/or social benefits such as greater water access or fair pay and reducing environmental, and/or social costs such as carbon emissions or food waste. For example, greater water access as measured by Schroders' proprietary tool are the estimated societal benefits of the provision of clean drinking water to human health. The environmental or social objectives of green, social and/or sustainable bonds may include, but are not limited to, climate change mitigation, renewable energy initiatives, natural resource conservation, access to finance and affordable housing projects.

● ***How do the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make, not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?***

The Investment Manager's approach to investing in issuers that do not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective includes the following:

- Firm-wide investment exclusions apply to Schroders funds. These relate to international conventions on cluster munitions, anti-personnel mines, and chemical and biological weapons and a list of those companies that are excluded is available at <https://www.schroders.com/en/sustainability/active-ownership/group-exclusions/>. Firm-wide exclusions also apply to companies generating more than 20% of their revenue from thermal coal mining.
- The Fund excludes companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to tobacco and thermal coal.
- The Fund excludes companies that are assessed by Schroders to have breached one or more 'global norms' thereby causing significant environmental or social harm; these companies comprise Schroders' 'global norms' breach list. Schroders' determination of whether a company has been involved in such a breach considers relevant principles such as those contained in the UN Global Compact (UNGC) principles, the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights. The 'global norms' breach list may be informed by assessments performed by third party providers and by proprietary research, where relevant to a particular situation. In exceptional circumstances a derogation may be applied in order to allow the Fund to continue to hold a company on Schroders' 'global norms' breach list, for example where the stated investment strategy of the Fund may otherwise be compromised. Any such company cannot be categorised as a sustainable investment.
- The Fund may also apply certain other exclusions in addition to those summarised above.

Further information on all of the Fund's investment exclusions is to be found under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

● ***How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?***

When seeking to identify significant harm, Schroders' approach to taking into account the Principal Adverse Impacts (PAI) indicators involves a quantitative and a qualitative assessment. Where it is not considered appropriate or feasible to set quantitative thresholds, the Investment Manager engages, where relevant. Investee companies deemed not to satisfy the quantitative thresholds would generally be excluded, unless on a case-by-case basis the data is deemed not representative of a company's performance in the relevant area.

This framework is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability and quality of the data evolves.

Our approach includes:

1. **Quantitative:** this includes indicators where specific thresholds have been established:

**Principal adverse impacts** are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anticorruption and antibribery matters.



- Via the application of exclusions. This approach is relevant to **PAI 4** (Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector), **PAI 5** (Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production) and **PAI 14** (Exposure to controversial weapons). Further, the following PAIs are assessed as part of Schroders' 'global norms' breach list exclusion (which seeks to exclude companies where significant harm is occurring):
  - **PAI 7** (Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas)
  - **PAI 8** (Emissions to water)
  - **PAI 9** (Hazardous waste and radioactive waste ratio)
  - **PAI 10** (Violations of UN Global Compact principles and Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises)
  - **PAI 11** (Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and Voluntary)
  - **PAI 14** in Table 3 (Number of identified cases of severe human rights issues and incidents)
- Via the application of an alert system flag if the relevant indicator(s) exceeds a threshold. These quantitative thresholds to assess significant harm are established centrally by our Sustainable Investment team and monitored systematically. This approach applies to indicators where we have segmented the population into harm groups to establish a threshold, such as carbon related PAI metrics, **PAI 1** (GHG emissions), **PAI 2** (Carbon footprint) and **Voluntary PAI 4 in Table 2** (Investing in companies without carbon emission reduction initiatives). **PAI 3** (GHG intensity of investee companies) operates in a similar way but the threshold is based on a revenue metric. A threshold for **PAI 6** (Energy consumption intensity per high impact climate sector) is established based on the ~~above-mentioned~~ carbon measures. A similar approach has been taken for **PAI 15** (GHG intensity). **PAI 16** (Investee countries subject to social violations) also operates in the same way but based on data availability regarding social violations. Through this process the relevant issuer(s) that is/are deemed not to satisfy the quantitative thresholds is/are flagged to the Investment Manager for consideration, whose response may involve selling the holdings(s) or maintaining the position if on a case-by-case basis the data is deemed not representative of a company's performance in the relevant area. Investee companies deemed to cause significant harm are excluded from the Fund.
- 2. **Qualitative:** This includes PAI indicators where Schroders' believes that the data available does not enable us to make a quantitative determination regarding whether significant harm is done so as to warrant excluding an investment. In such cases, the Investment Manager engages wherever possible with the company or companies held, in accordance with the priorities documented in Schroders' Engagement Blueprint and/or voting policy. This approach applies to indicators such as **PAI 12** (Unadjusted gender pay gap) and **PAI 13** (Board gender diversity), where we engage and may use our voting rights where we consider appropriate. Both board gender diversity and disclosure of gender pay gap information are captured in our Engagement Blueprint.

● ***How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:***

Companies on Schroders' 'global norms' breach list cannot be categorised as sustainable investments. Schroders' determination of whether a company should be included on such list considers the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, among other relevant principles. The 'global norms' breach list is informed by third party providers and proprietary research, where relevant.

*The EU Taxonomy sets out a "do not significant harm" principle by which Taxonomy-aligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives and is accompanied by specific EU criteria.*

*The "do not significant harm" principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.*

*Any other sustainable investments must also not significantly harm any environmental or social objectives.*



## Does this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

☒ Yes, the Investment Manager's approach to considering principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors involves classifying the indicators into three categories:



The Investment Manager's approach to considering principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors differs depending on the relevant indicator. Some indicators are considered via the application of exclusions, some are considered via the investment process (where data is available via Schroders PAI dashboard and via other external data sources) and some are considered via engagement. Further details are provided below. PAIs are considered as part of pre-investment through the application of exclusions. These include:

- Controversial weapons: PAI 14 (Exposure to controversial weapons (anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, chemical weapons and biological weapons))
- Schroders' 'global norms' breach list, which covers: PAI 7 (Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas), PAI 8 (Emissions to water), PAI 9 (Hazardous waste and radioactive waste ratio), PAI 10 (Violations of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises), PAI 11 (Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises) and PAI 16 (Investee countries subject to social violations)
- Companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to thermal coal: PAI 4 (Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector) and PAI 5 (Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production)

Compliance with these thresholds is monitored via the Investment Manager's portfolio compliance framework. PAIs are also considered through integration in the investment process as Schroders' proprietary tools incorporate several PAIs as a component of its scoring methodology. For example, within Schroders' proprietary tool, PAIs related to carbon footprint and greenhouse gas emissions (PAIs 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 15) and PAI 7 (Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas) are included in assessing an issuer's overall environmental score, while PAI 12 (Unadjusted gender pay gap) and PAI 13 (Board gender diversity) are included in assessing an issuer's overall social score.

The combination of the Investment Manager's fundamental and quantitative analysis helps to provide a comprehensive view on ESG factors on a country, sector and issuer level.

That said, due to a lower availability of PAI indicators for many issuers in Asia, some PAIs may be less meaningful in the context of an Asia focused strategy. Over time we anticipate that this data will improve which will allow us to further assess the consideration of PAIs. All PAI indicators are monitored via Schroders PAI dashboard.

PAIs are also considered post-investment through engagement where the Investment Manager engages in line with the approach and expectations set out in Schroders Engagement Blueprint, which outlines our approach to active ownership.

The Investment Manager may engage with selected issuers held in the Fund, with a primary focus on corporate engagements relating to PAIs 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 12, 13 and 15. For each issuer, the Investment Manager assesses and identifies the most relevant topics for engagement based on Schroders' proprietary tools, data from external data providers, and in-house analysis.

We also aim to engage with several issuers on net zero carbon emissions targets (PAI 1, 2, 15).

Our approach is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability, and quality, of PAI data evolves. The Management Company's statement on principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors is available at <https://mybrand.schroders.com/m/4ab13771bdddcd9d/original/Statement-on-principal-adverse-impacts-of-investment-decisions-on-sustainability-factors-2-1-new.pdf> <https://api.schroders.com/document-store/id/ffcb39bb-96cb-4e56-9461-deba9a493e85>. The Fund level information is disclosed or will be disclosed (as applicable) in the Fund's annual report.

1. Set thresholds: these involve very explicit thresholds for considering an investment to be a "sustainable investment". For example, PAI 10 on violations of UNGC principles.

2. Active ownership: these involve indicators on which we have a plan to engage with the underlying holding as set out in the Schroders Group document <https://mybrand.schroders.com/m/3222ea4ed44a1f2c/original/schroders-engagement-blueprint.pdf>, outlining our approach to active ownership. For example, PAI 1, 2 and 3 covering GHG emissions and PAI 13 on board gender diversity.

3. Improve coverage: these involve indicators where we consider data coverage to be too sparse to properly consider them and our focus is primarily on engaging with the underlying holdings to increase reporting. For example, PAI 7 on biodiversity, PAI 9 on hazardous waste ratio and PAI 12 on the gender pay gap.

Our approach is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability, and quality, of PAI data evolves.

The Management Company's statement on principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors is available at <https://mybrand.schroders.com/m/467910ac8e6da45c/original/Statement-on-principal-adverse-impacts-of-investment-decisions-on-sustainability-factors.pdf>. The Fund level information is disclosed or will be (as applicable) in the Fund's annual report.

☐ No



## What investment strategy does this financial product follow?

The sustainable investment strategy used by the Investment Manager is as follows:

The Fund is actively managed and invests at least two-thirds of its assets in fixed income securities with an investment grade or sub-investment grade credit rating (as measured by Standard & Poor's or any equivalent grade of other credit rating agencies for rated bonds and implied Schroders ratings for non-rated bonds) denominated in local currencies issued by government, government agencies and companies in Asia (excluding Japan) and derivatives related to the above instruments. For the purposes of this Fund, Asia includes the following west Asian countries: Bahrain, Israel, Lebanon, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Turkey and United Arab Emirates.

**The investment strategy** guides investment decisions based on factors such as investment objectives and risk tolerance.

The Fund may invest directly in mainland China through (i) QFI schemes or QFII related schemes supervised by the China Securities Regulatory Commission provided investment restriction is complied with and/or they qualify as Investment Funds and (ii) Regulated Markets (including the CIBM via Bond Connect or CIBM Direct).

Investments in mainland China Regulated Markets and interbank bond markets may also be performed indirectly through notes, certificates or other instruments (which qualify as transferable securities and do not embed a derivative element), open-ended Investment Funds and eligible derivative transactions.

The Fund may also invest up to one-third of its assets directly or indirectly in other securities (including other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies, Investment Funds, warrants and Money Market Investments, and hold cash.

The Fund intends to use derivatives (including total return swaps and long and short currency forwards) with the aim of achieving investment gains, reducing risk or managing the fund more efficiently. Where the Fund uses total return swaps, the underlying consists of instruments in which the Fund may invest according to its Investment Objective and Investment Policy. In particular, the aim is to use total return swaps on a temporary basis in market conditions including but not limited to periods of slow economic growth and falling interest rates, and where the Investment Manager's view is that sovereign spread premiums will compress. The gross exposure of total return swaps will not exceed 20% and is expected to remain within the range of 0% to 5% of the Net Asset Value. In certain circumstances this proportion may be higher.

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the iBoxx Asian Local Currency Bond index, based on the Investment Manager's rating criteria.

The Fund does not directly invest in certain activities, industries or groups of issuers above the limits listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

The Investment Manager applies governance and sustainability criteria when selecting investments for the Fund. The strategy aims to identify issuers demonstrating good or improving sustainability credentials, and those that impose a high cost on the environment and society. This involves:

- the exclusion of issuers with certain exposure to specific activities that the Investment Manager considers environmentally destructive or socially damaging, violate human rights and/ or have demonstrated gross misconduct that the Investment Manager deems to have businesses that are materially damaging to the climate and impose unjustifiable social costs.

- the inclusion of issuers that the Investment Manager considers are well placed to deliver demonstrate stable and improving sustainability trajectories relative to their industry peers, and issuers demonstrating good governance based on the Investment Manager's sustainability rating methodology.

The Investment Manager may also engage with companies to encourage transparency, the transition to a circular economy with lower carbon emissions intensity and responsible social behaviour that promotes sustainable growth and alpha generation. The primary sources of information used to perform the analysis are the Investment Manager's proprietary tools and research, third-party research, NGO reports and expert networks. The Investment Manager also performs its own analysis of publicly available information provided by the companies, including information provided in company sustainability reports and other relevant company material.

More details on the Investment Manager's approach to sustainability and its engagement with companies are available on the webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/>

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than its investment universe, based on the Investment Manager's rating system.

The Investment Manager ensures that at least:

- 90% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in developed countries; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with an investment grade credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by developed countries; and

- 75% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in emerging countries; equities issued by small and medium companies; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with a high yield credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by emerging countries,

is rated against the sustainability criteria. For the purposes of this test, small companies are those with market capitalisation below €5 billion, medium companies are those between €5 billion and €10 billion and large companies are those above €10 billion.

### ● ***What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?***

The following binding elements are applied throughout the investment process:

- The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the iBoxx Asian Local Currency Bond index based on the Investment Manager's rating criteria.
- The Fund invests at least 10% of its assets in sustainable investments and such investments do not cause significant environmental or social harm.

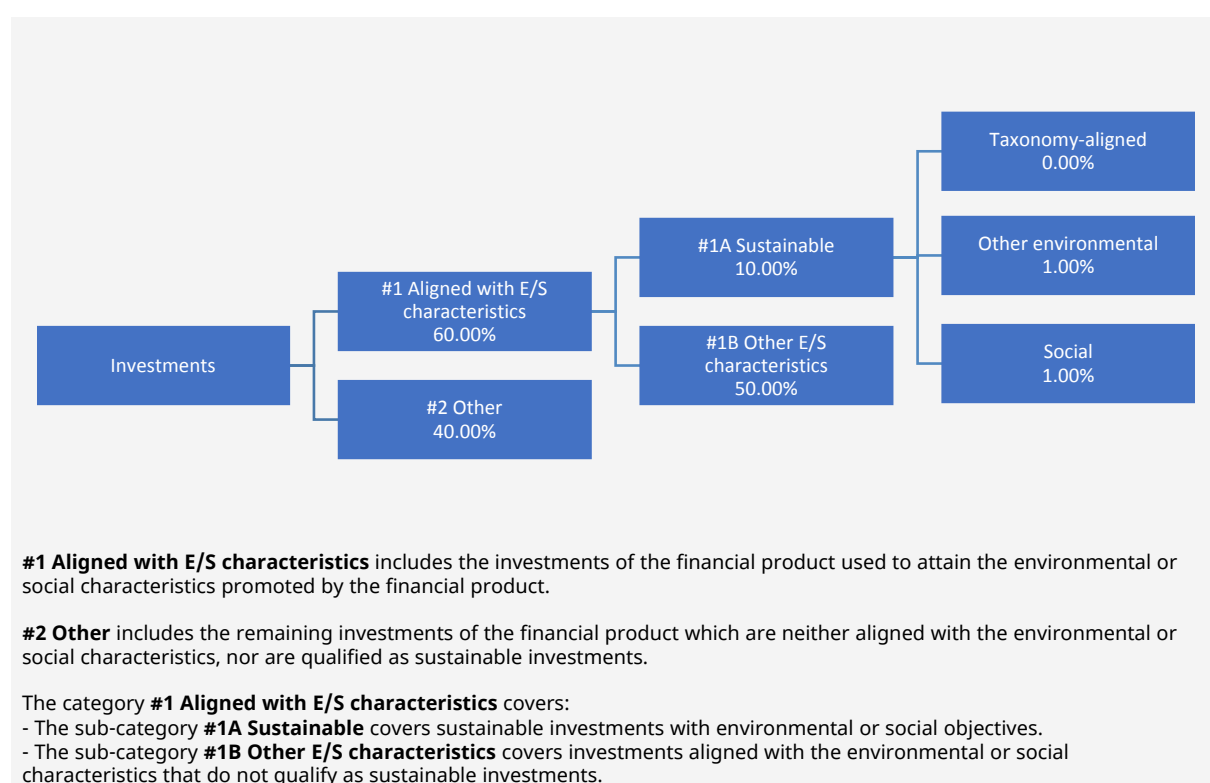


depending on whether the relevant issuer has a higher score in Schroders' proprietary tool relative to its applicable peer group for its environmental indicators or its social indicators. In each case, indicators are comprised of both "costs" and "benefits".

**#2 Other** includes cash which is treated as neutral for sustainability purposes. #2 also includes **other** investments that are not scored by Schroders' proprietary sustainability tool and so do not contribute towards the Fund's sustainability score. As #1 states a minimum proportion that is in practice expected to be higher, the proportion stated in #2 is expected to be lower.

Minimum safeguards are applied where relevant to Money Market Investments and other investments by restricting (as appropriate) investments in counterparties where there are ownership links or exposure to higher risk countries (for the purpose of money laundering, terrorist financing, bribery, corruption, tax evasion and sanctions risks). A firm-wide risk assessment considers the risk rating of each jurisdiction; which includes reference to a number of public statements, indices and world governance indicators issued by the UN, the European Union, the UK Government, the Financial Action Task Force and several Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), such as Transparency International and the Basel Committee.

In addition, new counterparties are reviewed by Schroders' credit risk team and approval of a new counterparty is based on a holistic review of the various sources of information available, including, but not limited to, quality of management, ownership structure, location, regulatory and social environment to which each counterparty is subject, and the degree of development of the local banking system and its regulatory framework. Ongoing monitoring is performed through a Schroders' proprietary tool, which supports the analysis of a counterparty's management of environmental, social and governance trends and challenges. Any significant deterioration in the profile of the counterparty in Schroders' proprietary tool would lead to further analysis and potential exclusion by Schroders' credit risk team.



#1 The minimum proportion stated applies in normal market conditions.

### ● **How does the use of derivatives attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?**

Single name credit default swaps are used as a proxy for direct investments which would otherwise be held by the Fund in line with its sustainability criteria. Such derivatives are therefore used to attain the Fund's sustainability score in Schroders proprietary tool which is one of the binding elements of the Fund. The Fund may use other derivatives that are scored in Schroders' proprietary tool to meet the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted by the Fund, as such derivatives would contribute to the Fund's sustainability score (whether such individual investment has a positive or a negative score).



## To what minimum extent are sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

There is no minimum extent to which the Fund's investments (including transitional and enabling activities) with an environmental objective are aligned with the Taxonomy. Taxonomy alignment of this Fund's investments has therefore not been calculated and has as a result been deemed to constitute 0% of the Fund's portfolio.

In future it is expected that the Fund will assess and report on the extent to which its underlying investments are in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the Taxonomy, along with information relating to the proportion of enabling and transitional activities. This Prospectus will be updated once it is possible in the Investment Manager's opinion to accurately disclose to what extent the Fund's investments are in Taxonomy-aligned environmentally sustainable activities, including the proportions of investments in enabling and transitional activities selected for the Fund.

### ● Does the financial product invest in fossil gas and/or nuclear energy related activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy<sup>1</sup>?

☐ Yes:

☐ In fossil gas ☐ In nuclear energy

☒ No

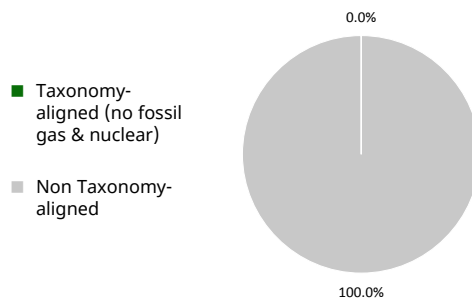
To comply with the EU Taxonomy, the criteria for **fossil gas** include limitations on emissions and switching to renewable power or low-carbon fuels by the end of 2035. For **nuclear energy**, the criteria include comprehensive safety and waste management rules.

Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

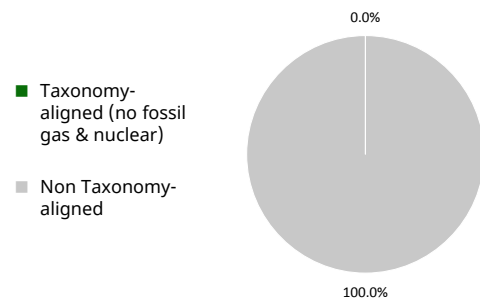
- **turnover** reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee companies
- **capital expenditure** (CapEx) showing the green investments made by investee companies, e.g. for a transition to a green economy.
- **operational expenditure** (OpEx) reflecting green operational activities of investee companies.

The two graphs below show in green the minimum percentage of investments that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the Taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy-alignment in relation to all the investments of the financial product including sovereign bonds, while the second graph shows the Taxonomy-alignment only in relation to the investments of the financial product other than sovereign bonds.

1. Taxonomy-alignment of investments including sovereign bonds\*



2. Taxonomy-alignment of investments excluding sovereign bonds\*



This graph represents x% of the total investments<sup>2</sup>.

\* For the purpose of these graphs, 'sovereign bonds' consist of all sovereign exposures

### ● What is the minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities?

As per the above, at the date of this Prospectus the share of investments by the Fund in transitional and enabling activities is currently deemed to constitute 0% of the Fund's portfolio.

**Enabling activities** directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective.

**Transitional activities** are activities for which low-carbon

<sup>1</sup> Fossil gas and/or nuclear related activities will only comply with the EU Taxonomy where they contribute to limiting climate change ("climate change mitigation") and do not significantly harm any EU Taxonomy objective – see explanatory note in the left-hand margin. The full criteria for fossil gas and nuclear energy economic activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy are laid down in Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1214.

<sup>2</sup> As there is no Taxonomy-alignment, there is no impact on the graph if sovereign bonds are excluded (i.e. the percentage of Taxonomy-aligned investments remains 0%) and the Management Company therefore believes that there is no need to mention this information.

alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.



### What is the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

The Fund commits to invest at least 1% of its assets in sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy.



are sustainable investments with an environmental objective that **do not take into account the criteria** for environmentally sustainable economic activities under the EU Taxonomy.



### What is the minimum share of socially sustainable investments?

The Fund commits to invest at least 1% of its assets in sustainable investments with a social objective.



### What investments are included under “#2 Other”, what is their purpose and are there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

**#2 Other** includes cash which is treated as neutral for sustainability purposes. #2 also includes other investments that are not scored by Schroders’ proprietary sustainability tools and so do not contribute towards the Fund’s sustainability score.

Minimum safeguards are applied where relevant to Money Market Investments and other investments by restricting (as appropriate) investments in counterparties where there are ownership links or exposure to higher risk countries (for the purpose of money laundering, terrorist financing, bribery, corruption, tax evasion and sanctions risks). A firm-wide risk assessment considers the risk rating of each jurisdiction; which includes reference to a number of public statements, indices and world governance indicators issued by the UN, the European Union, the UK Government, the Financial Action Task Force and several Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), such as Transparency International and the Basel Committee.

In addition, new counterparties are reviewed by Schroders’ credit risk team and approval of a new counterparty is based on a holistic review of the various sources of information available, including, but not limited to, quality of management, ownership structure, location, regulatory and social environment to which each counterparty is subject, and the degree of development of the local banking system and its regulatory framework. Ongoing monitoring is performed through a Schroders’ proprietary tool, which supports the analysis of a counterparty’s management of environmental, social and governance trends and challenges. Any significant deterioration in the profile of the counterparty in Schroders’ proprietary tool would lead to further analysis and potential exclusion by Schroders’ credit risk team.



### Is a specific index designated as a reference benchmark to determine whether this financial product is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes?

**Reference benchmarks** are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the

- **How is the reference benchmark continuously aligned with each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?**

This question is not applicable for the Fund.



environmental or social characteristics that they promote.

- ***How is the alignment of the investment strategy with the methodology of the index ensured on a continuous basis?***  
This question is not applicable for the Fund.
- ***How does the designated index differ from a relevant broad market index?***  
This question is not applicable for the Fund.
- ***Where can the methodology used for the calculation of the designated index be found?***  
This question is not applicable for the Fund.



## **Where can I find more product specific information online?**

More product-specific information can be found on the webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>



Pre-contractual disclosure for the financial products referred to in Article 8, paragraphs 1, 2 and 2a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 6, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852

**Product name:** **Schroder International Selection Fund Asian Opportunities**

**Legal entity identifier:** **YV2UILN4DUFWUTDZHO58**

## Environmental and/or social characteristics

<p><b>Sustainable investment</b> means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good governance practices.</p>	<p><b>Does this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?</b></p> <p><input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Yes</b> <span style="margin-left: 100px;"><input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>No</b></span></p>		
<p>The <b>EU Taxonomy</b> is a classification system laid down in Regulation (EU) 2020/852, establishing a list of <b>environmentally sustainable economic activities</b>. That Regulation does not lay down a list of socially sustainable economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.</p>	<table border="1"> <tr> <td data-bbox="258 436 869 1052"> <p><input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with an environmental objective: __%</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with a social objective __%</b></p> </td><td data-bbox="869 436 1482 1052"> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> It <b>promotes Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics</b> and while it does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will have a minimum proportion of <b>25.00%</b> of sustainable investments</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> with a social objective</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> It promotes E/S characteristics, but <b>will not make any sustainable investments</b></p> </td></tr> </table>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with an environmental objective: __%</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with a social objective __%</b></p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> It <b>promotes Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics</b> and while it does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will have a minimum proportion of <b>25.00%</b> of sustainable investments</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> with a social objective</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> It promotes E/S characteristics, but <b>will not make any sustainable investments</b></p>
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## What environmental and/or social characteristics are promoted by this financial product?

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the MSCI AC Asia ex Japan (Net TR) Index, based on the Investment Manager's rating system. This benchmark (which is a broad market index) does not take into account the environmental and social characteristics promoted by the Fund.

The sustainability score is measured by Schroders' proprietary tool that provides an estimate of the net "impact" that an issuer may create in terms of social and environmental "costs" or "benefits". It does this by using certain indicators with respect to that issuer, and quantifying them positively and negatively to produce an aggregate notional measure of the effect that the relevant underlying issuer may have on society and the environment. It does this using third party data as well as Schroders own estimates and assumptions and the outcome may differ from other sustainability tools and measures. Examples of such indicators are greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

The result is expressed as an aggregate score of the sustainability indicators for each issuer, specifically a notional percentage (positive or negative) of sales of the relevant underlying issuer. For example, a score of +2% would mean an issuer contributes \$2 of relative notional positive impact (i.e. benefits to society) per \$100 of sales. The sustainability score of the Fund is derived from the scores of all issuers in the Fund's portfolio measured by Schroders' proprietary tool.

The Fund invests at least 25% of its assets in sustainable investments, which are investments that the Investment Manager expects to contribute towards the advancement of one or more environmental and/or social objective (s).

### What sustainability indicators are used to measure the attainment of each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

The Investment Manager monitors compliance with the characteristic to maintain a higher overall sustainability score than the MSCI AC Asia ex Japan (Net TR) Index by reference to the weighted average sustainability score of the Fund in Schroders' proprietary tool compared against the weighted average sustainability score of the MSCI AC Asia ex Japan (Net TR) Index in Schroders' proprietary tool over the previous ~~six months~~**six-month** period, based on month-end data. The overall sustainability score aggregates the effect of sustainability indicators including but not limited to greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

**Sustainability indicators** measure how the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product are attained.

The Investment Manager monitors compliance with the characteristic to invest at least 25% of its assets in sustainable investments by reference to the sustainability score of each asset in Schroders' proprietary tool. Compliance with this is monitored daily via our automated compliance controls. The Fund also applies certain exclusions, with which the Investment Manager monitors compliance on an ongoing basis via its portfolio compliance framework.

● ***What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?***

In respect of the proportion of the Fund's portfolio that is invested in sustainable investments, each sustainable investment demonstrates a net positive effect across a range of environmental or social objectives, as scored by Schroders' proprietary tool. The environmental or social objectives of the sustainable investments that the Fund partially intends to make may include, but are not limited to, increasing environmental and/or social benefits such as greater water access or fair pay and reducing environmental, and/or social costs such as carbon emissions or food waste. For example, greater water access as measured by Schroders' proprietary tool are the estimated societal benefits of the provision of clean drinking water to human health.

● ***How do the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make, not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?***

The Investment Manager's approach to investing in issuers that do not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective includes the following:

- Firm-wide investment exclusions apply to Schroders funds. These relate to international conventions on cluster munitions, anti-personnel mines, and chemical and biological weapons and a list of those companies that are excluded is available at <https://www.schroders.com/en/sustainability/active-ownership/group-exclusions/>. Firm-wide exclusions also apply to companies generating more than 20% of their revenue from thermal coal mining.
- The Fund excludes companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to tobacco and thermal coal.
- The Fund excludes companies that are assessed by Schroders to have breached one or more 'global norms' thereby causing significant environmental or social harm; these companies comprise Schroders' 'global norms' breach list. Schroders' determination of whether a company has been involved in such a breach considers relevant principles such as those contained in the UN Global Compact (UNGC) principles, the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights. The 'global norms' breach list may be informed by assessments performed by third party providers and by proprietary research, where relevant to a particular situation. In exceptional circumstances a derogation may be applied in order to allow the Fund to continue to hold a company on Schroders' 'global norms' breach list, for example where the stated investment strategy of the Fund may otherwise be compromised. Any such company cannot be categorised as a sustainable investment.
- The Fund may also apply certain other exclusions in addition to those summarised above.

Further information on all of the Fund's exclusions is to be found under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

● ***How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?***

When seeking to identify significant harm, Schroders' approach to taking into account the Principal Adverse Impacts (PAI) indicators involves a quantitative and a qualitative assessment. Where it is not considered appropriate or feasible to set quantitative thresholds, the Investment Manager engages, where relevant. Investee companies deemed not to satisfy the quantitative thresholds would generally be excluded, unless on a case-by-case basis the data is deemed not representative of a company's performance in the relevant area.

This framework is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability and quality of the data evolves.

Our approach includes:

1. **Quantitative:** this includes indicators where specific thresholds have been established:

- Via the application of exclusions. This approach is relevant to **PAI 4** (Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector), **PAI 5** (Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production) and **PAI 14** (Exposure to controversial weapons). Further, the following PAIs are assessed as part of Schroders 'global norms' breach list exclusion (which seeks to exclude companies where significant harm is occurring):

**Principal adverse impacts** are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anticorruption and antibribery matters.

- **PAI 7** (Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas)
- **PAI 8** (Emissions to water)
- **PAI 9** (Hazardous waste and radioactive waste ratio)
- **PAI 10** (Violations of UN Global Compact principles and Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises)
- **PAI 11** (Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and Voluntary)
- **PAI 14** in Table 3 (Number of identified cases of severe human rights issues and incidents)
- Via the application of an alert system flag if the relevant indicator(s) exceeds a threshold. These quantitative thresholds to assess significant harm are established centrally by our Sustainable Investment team and monitored systematically. This approach applies to indicators where we have segmented the population into harm groups to establish a threshold, such as carbon related PAI metrics, **PAI 1** (GHG emissions), **PAI 2** (Carbon footprint) and **Voluntary PAI 4 in Table 2** (Investing in companies without carbon emission reduction initiatives). **PAI 3** (GHG intensity of investee companies) operates in a similar way but the threshold is based on a revenue metric. A threshold for **PAI 6** (Energy consumption intensity per high impact climate sector) is established based on the ~~above mentioned~~ carbon measures. A similar approach has been taken for **PAI 15** (GHG intensity). **PAI 16** (Investee countries subject to social violations) also operates in the same way but based on data availability regarding social violations. Through this process the relevant issuer(s) that is/are deemed not to satisfy the quantitative thresholds is/are flagged to the Investment Manager for consideration, whose response may involve selling the holdings(s) or maintaining the position if on a case-by-case basis the data is deemed not representative of a company's performance in the relevant area. Investee companies deemed to cause significant harm are excluded from the Fund.
- 2. **Qualitative:** This includes PAI indicators where Schroders' believes that the data available does not enable us to make a quantitative determination regarding whether significant harm is done so as to warrant excluding an investment. In such cases, the Investment Manager engages wherever possible with the company or companies held, in accordance with the priorities documented in Schroders' Engagement Blueprint and/or voting policy. This approach applies to indicators such as **PAI 12** (Unadjusted gender pay gap) and **PAI 13** (Board gender diversity), where we engage and may use our voting rights where we consider appropriate. Both board gender diversity and disclosure of gender pay gap information are captured in our Engagement Blueprint.

● ***How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:***

Companies on Schroders' 'global norms' breach list cannot be categorised as sustainable investments. Schroders' determination of whether a company should be included on such list considers the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, among other relevant principles. The 'global norms' breach list is informed by third party providers and proprietary research, where relevant.

*The EU Taxonomy sets out a "do not significant harm" principle by which Taxonomy-aligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives and is accompanied by specific EU criteria.*

*The "do not significant harm" principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.*

*Any other sustainable investments must also not significantly harm any environmental or social objectives.*



## Does this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

☒ Yes, ~~the Investment Manager's approach to considering principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors involves classifying the indicators into three categories:~~

~~The Investment Manager's approach to considering principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors differs depending on the relevant indicator. Some indicators are considered via the application of exclusions, some are considered via the investment process (where data is available via Schroders PAI dashboard and via other external data sources) and some via engagement. Further details are provided below.~~

~~PAIs are considered as part of pre-investment through the application of exclusions. These include:~~

- Controversial weapons: PAI 14 (Exposure to controversial weapons (anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, chemical weapons and biological weapons)).

- Schrodgers' 'global norms' breach list, which covers: PAI 7 (Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas), PAI 8 (Emissions to water), PAI 9 (Hazardous waste and radioactive waste ratio), PAI 10 (Violations of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises), PAI 11 (Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises) and PAI 16 (Investee countries subject to social violations)

- Companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to thermal coal: PAI 4 (Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector) and PAI 5 (Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production).

Compliance with these thresholds is monitored via the Investment Manager's portfolio compliance framework. PAIs are also considered through integration in the investment process through the bottom-up stock analysis at a company level. The Asian Equities investment team uses a proprietary tool which provides a framework for analysing a company's relationship with its stakeholders and the sustainability of its business model and covers PAIs 1, 2, 3 and 6 (Greenhouse gas emissions). PAI indicators may be further reviewed via the Schrodgers PAI dashboard.

PAIs are also considered post-investment through engagement where the Investment Manager engages in line with the approach and expectations set out in Schrodgers Engagement Blueprint, which outlines our approach to active ownership.

The Investment Manager may engage with selected issuers held by the Fund on PAIs. For example, we aim to engage with several issuers on net zero carbon emissions targets (PAI 1,2,3), procuring renewable energy (PAI 5) and further topics of engagement may include board gender diversity which relates to PAI 13.

Where issuers are flagged on lack of data availability on PAIs, the Investment Manager may engage with issuers where the primary focus is to increase reporting, quality and availability of PAI data.

Our approach is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability, and quality, of PAI data evolves. The Management Company's statement on principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors is available at <https://mybrand.schroders.com/m/4ab13771bdddcd9d/original/Statement-on-principal-adverse-impacts-of-investment-decisions-on-sustainability-factors-2-1-new.pdf> <https://api.schroders.com/document-store/id/ffcb39bb-96cb-4e56-9461-deba9a493e85>. The Fund level information is disclosed or will be disclosed (as applicable) in the Fund's annual report.

1. Set thresholds: these involve very explicit thresholds for considering an investment to be a "sustainable investment". For example, PAI 10 on violations of UNGC principles.

2. Active ownership: these involve indicators on which we have a plan to engage with the underlying holding as set out in the Schrodgers Group document <https://mybrand.schroders.com/m/3222ea4ed44a1f2c/original/schroders-engagement-blueprint.pdf>, outlining our approach to active ownership. For example, PAI 1, 2 and 3 covering GHG emissions and PAI 13 on board gender diversity.

3. Improve coverage: these involve indicators where we consider data coverage to be too sparse to properly consider them and our focus is primarily on engaging with the underlying holdings to increase reporting. For example, PAI 7 on biodiversity, PAI 9 on hazardous waste ratio and PAI 12 on the gender pay gap.

Our approach is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability, and quality, of PAI data evolves.

The Management Company's statement on principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors is available at <https://mybrand.schroders.com/m/467910ac8e6da45c/original/Statement-on-principal-adverse-impacts-of-investment-decisions-on-sustainability-factors.pdf>. The Fund level information is disclosed or will be (as applicable) in the Fund's annual report.

☐ No



**The investment strategy** guides investment decisions based on factors such as investment objectives and risk tolerance.

## What investment strategy does this financial product follow?

The sustainable investment strategy used by the Investment Manager is as follows:

The Fund is actively managed and invests at least two-thirds of its assets in equity and equity related securities of Asian companies (excluding Japan). The Fund may invest directly in China B-Shares and China H-Shares and may invest less than 30% of its assets (on a net basis) directly or indirectly (for example via participatory notes) in China A-Shares through:

- Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect and Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect;
- the Qualified Foreign Investor ("QFI") scheme;
- shares listed on the STAR Board and the ChiNext; and
- Regulated Markets.

The Fund may also invest up to one-third of its assets directly or indirectly in other securities (including other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies, Investment Funds, warrants and Money Market Investments, and hold cash.

The Fund may use derivatives with the aim of reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently.

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the MSCI AC Asia ex Japan (Net TR) Index based on the Investment Manager's rating criteria.

The Fund does not directly invest in certain activities, industries or groups of issuers above the limits listed under “Sustainability-Related Disclosure” on the Fund’s webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

The Investment Manager applies governance and sustainability criteria when selecting investments for the Fund.

In the selection and assessment of potential investment opportunities and holdings, companies are assessed on a proprietary stakeholder-based approach against criteria including, but not limited to (1) good governance practices; (2) impact on the environment and local communities; and (3) fair and equitable treatment of employees, suppliers and customers. Information and insights derived from Schroders’ proprietary sustainability tools are utilised in this assessment and due diligence process.

The Investment Manager’s proprietary analysis and ongoing engagement with these companies may also help it derive a reasonable level of conviction that concrete steps will be or are being taken to transition out of business segments or practices that have not met the sustainability criteria or improve on their relevant areas of weakness. The Investment Manager may consider these companies eligible for investment ahead of seeing changes in the company’s ratings and rankings across both internal and external evaluation metrics.

The primary sources of information used to perform the analysis include the Investment Manager’s proprietary tools and research, third-party research, NGO reports and expert networks. The Investment Manager also performs its own analysis of publicly available information provided by the companies, including information provided in company sustainability reports and other relevant company material.

More details on the Investment Manager’s approach to sustainability and its engagement with companies are available on the webpage

<https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/>

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than its investment universe, based on the Investment Manager’s rating system.

The Investment Manager ensures that at least:

- 90% of the portion of the Fund’s NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in developed countries; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with an investment grade credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by developed countries; and

- 75% of the portion of the Fund’s NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in emerging countries; equities issued by small and medium companies; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with a high yield credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by emerging countries,

is rated against the sustainability criteria. For the purposes of this test, small companies are those with market capitalisation below €5 billion, medium companies are those between €5 billion and €10 billion and large companies are those above €10 billion.

### ● ***What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?***

The following binding elements are applied throughout the investment process:

- The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the MSCI AC Asia ex Japan (Net TR) Index based on the Investment Manager’s rating criteria.
- The Fund invests at least 25% of its assets in sustainable investments and such investments do not cause significant environmental or social harm.
- Exclusions are applied to direct investments in companies. The Fund applies certain exclusions relating to international conventions on cluster munitions, anti-personnel mines, and chemical and biological weapons. The Fund also excludes companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to tobacco and thermal coal, especially companies that generate at least 10% of their revenues from tobacco production, companies that generate at least 25% of their revenues from the tobacco value chain (such as suppliers, distributors, retailers and licensors), companies that generate at least 10% of their revenues from thermal coal mining and companies that generate at least 30% of their revenues from coal fired power generation. The Fund excludes companies that are assessed by Schroders to have breached one or more ‘global norms’ thereby causing significant environmental or social harm; these companies comprise Schroders’ ‘global norms’ breach list. In exceptional circumstances a derogation may be applied in order to allow the Fund to continue to hold a company on Schroders’ ‘global norms’ breach list, for example where the stated investment strategy of the Fund may otherwise be compromised. Any such company cannot be categorised as a sustainable investment. Further, the Fund may apply other exclusions as listed under “Sustainability-Related Disclosure” on the Fund’s webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>
- The Fund invests in companies that have good governance practices, as determined by the Investment Manager’s rating criteria.

The Investment Manager ensures that at least:

- 90% of the portion of the Fund’s NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in developed countries; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with an investment grade credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by developed countries; and



- 75% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in emerging countries; equities issued by small and medium companies; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with a high yield credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by emerging countries,

is rated against the sustainability criteria.

● **What is the committed minimum rate to reduce the scope of the investments considered prior to the application of that investment strategy?**

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

● **What is the policy to assess good governance practices of the investee companies?**

In order to assess good governance practices, a central Good Governance Test is applied. This test is based on a data-driven quantitative framework, which uses a scorecard to assess companies across the categories of sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff, and tax compliance. Schroders has defined a number of criteria across these pillars.

Compliance with the test is monitored centrally and companies which do not pass this test cannot be held by the Fund, unless the Investment Manager has agreed that the issuer demonstrates good governance based on additional insights beyond that quantitative analysis.

**Good governance** practices include sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff and tax compliance.



**Asset allocation** describes the share of investments in specific assets.

## What is the asset allocation planned for this financial product?

The planned composition of the Fund's investments that are used to meet its environmental or social characteristics are summarised below.

**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the minimum proportion of the Fund's assets used to attain the environmental or social characteristics, which is equal to 70%. The Fund commits to maintain a higher overall sustainability score than the MSCI AC Asia ex Japan (Net TR) Index, and so the Fund's investments that are scored by Schroders' proprietary sustainability tool are included within the minimum proportion stated in #1 on the basis that they will contribute to the Fund's sustainability score (whether such individual investment has a positive or a negative score). Also included within #1 is the minimum proportion of assets that are invested in sustainable investments, as indicated in #1A. The minimum proportions stated apply in normal market conditions. The actual proportion stated in #1 is expected to be higher.

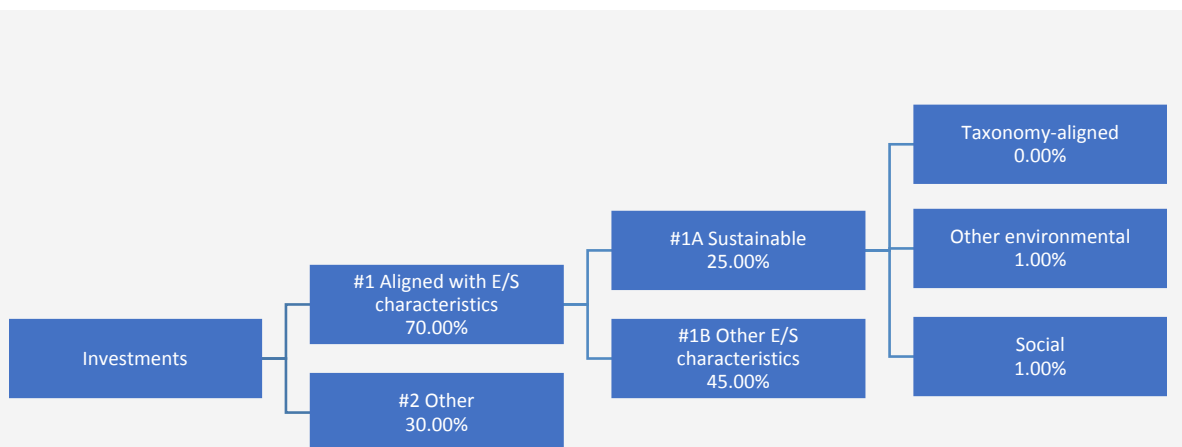
The sustainability score is measured by Schroders' proprietary tool that provides an estimate of the net "impact" that an issuer may create in terms of social and environmental "costs" or "benefits". It does this by using certain indicators with respect to that issuer, and quantifying them positively and negatively to produce an aggregate notional measure of the effect that the relevant underlying issuer may have on society and the environment. Examples of such indicators are greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

The Fund will invest at least 25% of its assets in sustainable investments. A sustainable investment is classified as having an environmental or social objective depending on whether the relevant issuer has a higher score in Schroders' proprietary tool relative to its applicable peer group for its environmental indicators or its social indicators. In each case, indicators are comprised of both "costs" and "benefits".

**#2 Other** includes cash which is treated as neutral for sustainability purposes. #2 also includes investments that are not scored by Schroders' proprietary sustainability tool and so do not contribute towards the Fund's sustainability score. As #1 states a minimum proportion that is in practice expected to be higher, the proportion stated in #2 is expected to be lower.

Minimum safeguards are applied where relevant to Money Market Investments and other investments by restricting (as appropriate) investments in counterparties where there are ownership links or exposure to higher risk countries (for the purpose of money laundering, terrorist financing, bribery, corruption, tax evasion and sanctions risks). A firm-wide risk assessment considers the risk rating of each jurisdiction; which includes reference to a number of public statements, indices and world governance indicators issued by the UN, the European Union, the UK Government, the Financial Action Task Force and several Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), such as Transparency International and the Basel Committee.

In addition, new counterparties are reviewed by Schroders' credit risk team and approval of a new counterparty is based on a holistic review of the various sources of information available, including, but not limited to, quality of management, ownership structure, location, regulatory and social environment to which each counterparty is subject, and the degree of development of the local banking system and its regulatory framework. Ongoing monitoring is performed through a Schroders' proprietary tool, which supports the analysis of a counterparty's management of environmental, social and governance trends and challenges. Any significant deterioration in the profile of the counterparty in Schroders' proprietary tool would lead to further analysis and potential exclusion by Schroders' credit risk team.



**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the investments of the financial product used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product.

**#2 Other** includes the remaining investments of the financial product which are neither aligned with the environmental or social characteristics, nor are qualified as sustainable investments.

The category **#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** covers:

- The sub-category **#1A Sustainable** covers sustainable investments with environmental or social objectives.
- The sub-category **#1B Other E/S characteristics** covers investments aligned with the environmental or social characteristics that do not qualify as sustainable investments.

#1 The minimum proportion stated applies in normal market conditions.

### ● **How does the use of derivatives attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?**

The Fund may use derivatives that are scored in Schroders' proprietary tool to meet the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted by the Fund, as such derivatives would contribute to the Fund's sustainability score (whether such individual investment has a positive or a negative score).



### **To what minimum extent are sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?**

There is no minimum extent to which the Fund's investments (including transitional and enabling activities) with an environmental objective are aligned with the Taxonomy. Taxonomy alignment of this Fund's investments has therefore not been calculated and has as a result been deemed to constitute 0% of the Fund's portfolio.

In future it is expected that the Fund will assess and report on the extent to which its underlying investments are in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the Taxonomy, along with information relating to the proportion of enabling and transitional activities. This Prospectus will be updated once it is possible in the Investment Manager's opinion to accurately disclose to what extent the Fund's investments are in Taxonomy-aligned environmentally sustainable activities, including the proportions of investments in enabling and transitional activities selected for the Fund.

### ● **Does the financial product invest in fossil gas and/or nuclear energy related activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy<sup>1</sup>?**

☐ Yes:

☐ In fossil gas ☐ In nuclear energy

☒ No

To comply with the EU Taxonomy, the criteria for **fossil gas** include limitations on emissions and switching to renewable power or low-carbon fuels by the end of 2035. For **nuclear energy**, the criteria include comprehensive safety and waste management rules.

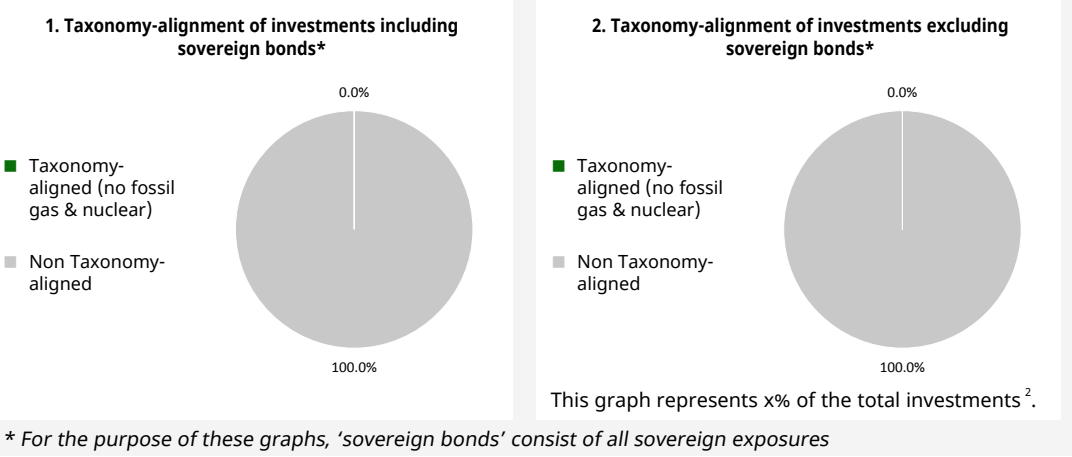
<sup>1</sup> Fossil gas and/or nuclear related activities will only comply with the EU Taxonomy where they contribute to limiting climate change ("climate change mitigation") and do not significantly harm any EU Taxonomy objective – see explanatory note in the left-hand margin. The full criteria for fossil gas and nuclear energy economic activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy are laid down in Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1214.



Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

- **turnover** reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee companies
- **capital expenditure** (CapEx) showing the green investments made by investee companies, e.g. for a transition to a green economy.
- **operational expenditure** (OpEx) reflecting green operational activities of investee companies.

The two graphs below show in green the minimum percentage of investments that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the Taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy-alignment in relation to all the investments of the financial product including sovereign bonds, while the second graph shows the Taxonomy-alignment only in relation to the investments of the financial product other than sovereign bonds.



**Enabling activities** directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective.

**Transitional activities** are activities for which low-carbon alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.

- **What is the minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities?**  
As per the above, at the date of this Prospectus the share of investments by the Fund in transitional and enabling activities is currently deemed to constitute 0% of the Fund's portfolio.



- **What is the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?**  
The Fund commits to invest at least 1% of its assets in sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

are sustainable investments with an environmental objective that **do not take into account the criteria** for environmentally sustainable economic activities under the EU Taxonomy.

<sup>2</sup> As there is no Taxonomy-alignment, there is no impact on the graph if sovereign bonds are excluded (i.e. the percentage of Taxonomy-aligned investments remains 0%) and the Management Company therefore believes that there is no need to mention this information.



## What is the minimum share of socially sustainable investments?

The Fund commits to invest at least 1% of its assets in sustainable investments with a social objective.



## What investments are included under “#2 Other”, what is their purpose and are there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

**#2 Other** includes cash which is treated as neutral for sustainability purposes. #2 also includes investments that are not scored by Schroders’ proprietary sustainability tools and so do not contribute towards the Fund’s sustainability score.

Minimum safeguards are applied where relevant to Money Market Investments and other investments by restricting (as appropriate) investments in counterparties where there are ownership links or exposure to higher risk countries (for the purpose of money laundering, terrorist financing, bribery, corruption, tax evasion and sanctions risks). A firm-wide risk assessment considers the risk rating of each jurisdiction; which includes reference to a number of public statements, indices and world governance indicators issued by the UN, the European Union, the UK Government, the Financial Action Task Force and several Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), such as Transparency International and the Basel Committee.

In addition, new counterparties are reviewed by Schroders’ credit risk team and approval of a new counterparty is based on a holistic review of the various sources of information available, including, but not limited to, quality of management, ownership structure, location, regulatory and social environment to which each counterparty is subject, and the degree of development of the local banking system and its regulatory framework. Ongoing monitoring is performed through a Schroders’ proprietary tool, which supports the analysis of a counterparty’s management of environmental, social and governance trends and challenges. Any significant deterioration in the profile of the counterparty in Schroders’ proprietary tool would lead to further analysis and potential exclusion by Schroders’ credit risk team.



## Is a specific index designated as a reference benchmark to determine whether this financial product is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes?

**Reference benchmarks** are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the environmental or social characteristics that they promote.

- ***How is the reference benchmark continuously aligned with each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- ***How is the alignment of the investment strategy with the methodology of the index ensured on a continuous basis?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- ***How does the designated index differ from a relevant broad market index?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- ***Where can the methodology used for the calculation of the designated index be found?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.



## Where can I find more product specific information online?

More product-specific information can be found on the webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

Pre-contractual disclosure for the financial products referred to in Article 8, paragraphs 1, 2 and 2a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 6, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852

**Product name:** **Schroder International Selection Fund Asian Smaller Companies**

**Legal entity identifier:** **I42YR6PXBTDUSQX75**

## Environmental and/or social characteristics

**Sustainable investment** means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good governance practices.

The **EU Taxonomy** is a classification system laid down in Regulation (EU) 2020/852, establishing a list of **environmentally sustainable economic activities**. That Regulation does not lay down a list of socially sustainable economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.

### Does this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?

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<input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with an environmental objective: __%</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> It <b>promotes Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics</b> and while it does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will have a minimum proportion of <b>25.00%</b> of sustainable investments
<input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy	<input type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy
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<input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with a social objective __%</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> with a social objective
	<input type="checkbox"/> It promotes E/S characteristics, but <b>will not make any sustainable investments</b>



## What environmental and/or social characteristics are promoted by this financial product?

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the MSCI AC Asia Ex Japan Small Cap (Net TR) index, based on the Investment Manager's rating system. This benchmark (which is a broad market index) does not take into account the environmental and social characteristics promoted by the Fund.

The sustainability score is measured by Schroders' proprietary tool that provides an estimate of the net "impact" that an issuer may create in terms of social and environmental "costs" or "benefits". It does this by using certain indicators with respect to that issuer, and quantifying them positively and negatively to produce an aggregate notional measure of the effect that the relevant underlying issuer may have on society and the environment. It does this using third party data as well as Schroders own estimates and assumptions and the outcome may differ from other sustainability tools and measures. Examples of such indicators are greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

The result is expressed as an aggregate score of the sustainability indicators for each issuer, specifically a notional percentage (positive or negative) of sales of the relevant underlying issuer. For example, a score of +2% would mean an issuer contributes \$2 of relative notional positive impact (i.e. benefits to society) per \$100 of sales. The sustainability score of the Fund is derived from the scores of all issuers in the Fund's portfolio measured by Schroders' proprietary tool.

The Fund invests at least 25% of its assets in sustainable investments, which are investments that the Investment Manager expects to contribute towards the advancement of one or more environmental and/or social objective (s).

### What sustainability indicators are used to measure the attainment of each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

The Investment Manager monitors compliance with the characteristic to maintain a higher overall sustainability score than the MSCI AC Asia Ex Japan Small Cap (Net TR) index by reference to the weighted average sustainability score of the Fund in Schroders' proprietary tool compared against the weighted average sustainability score of the MSCI AC Asia Ex Japan Small Cap (Net TR) index in Schroders' proprietary tool over the previous six month period, based on month-end data. The overall sustainability score aggregates the effect of sustainability indicators including but not limited to greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

**Sustainability indicators** measure how the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product are attained.

The Investment Manager monitors compliance with the characteristic to invest at least 25% of its assets in sustainable investments by reference to the sustainability score of each asset in Schroders' proprietary tool. Compliance with this is monitored daily via our automated compliance controls. The Fund also applies certain exclusions, with which the Investment Manager monitors compliance on an ongoing basis via its portfolio compliance framework.

● ***What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?***

In respect of the proportion of the Fund's portfolio that is invested in sustainable investments, each sustainable investment demonstrates a net positive effect across a range of environmental or social objectives, as scored by Schroders' proprietary tool. The environmental or social objectives of the sustainable investments that the Fund partially intends to make may include, but are not limited to, increasing environmental and/or social benefits such as greater water access or fair pay and reducing environmental, and/or social costs such as carbon emissions or food waste. For example, greater water access as measured by Schroders' proprietary tool are the estimated societal benefits of the provision of clean drinking water to human health.

● ***How do the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make, not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?***

The Investment Manager's approach to investing in issuers that do not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective includes the following:

- Firm-wide investment exclusions apply to Schroders funds. These relate to international conventions on cluster munitions, anti-personnel mines, and chemical and biological weapons and a list of those companies that are excluded is available at <https://www.schroders.com/en/sustainability/active-ownership/group-exclusions/>.
- The Fund excludes companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to tobacco and thermal coal, especially tobacco production, tobacco value chain (suppliers, distributors, retailers, licensors), thermal coal mining and coal fired power generation.
- The Fund excludes companies that are assessed by Schroders to have breached one or more 'global norms' thereby causing significant environmental or social harm; these companies comprise Schroders' 'global norms' breach list. Schroders' determination of whether a company has been involved in such a breach considers relevant principles such as those contained in the UN Global Compact (UNGC) principles, the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights. The 'global norms' breach list may be informed by assessments performed by third party providers and by proprietary research, where relevant to a particular situation. In exceptional circumstances a derogation may be applied in order to allow the Fund to continue to hold a company on Schroders' 'global norms' breach list, for example where the stated investment strategy of the Fund may otherwise be compromised. Any such company cannot be categorised as a sustainable investment.
- The Fund may also apply certain other exclusions in addition to those summarised above.

Further information on all of the Fund's exclusions is to be found under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

● ***How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?***

When seeking to identify significant harm, Schroders' approach to taking into account the Principal Adverse Impacts (PAI) indicators involves a quantitative and a qualitative assessment. Where it is not considered appropriate or feasible to set quantitative thresholds, the Investment Manager engages, where relevant. Investee companies deemed not to satisfy the quantitative thresholds would generally be excluded, unless on a case-by-case basis the data is deemed not representative of a company's performance in the relevant area.

This framework is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability and quality of the data evolves.

Our approach includes:

1. **Quantitative:** this includes indicators where specific thresholds have been established:

- Via the application of exclusions. This approach is relevant to **PAI 4** (Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector), **PAI 5** (Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production) and **PAI 14** (Exposure to controversial weapons). Further, the following PAIs are assessed as part of Schroders 'global norms' breach list exclusion (which seeks to exclude companies where significant harm is occurring):

**Principal adverse impacts** are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anticorruption and antibribery matters.

- **PAI 7** (Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas)
- **PAI 8** (Emissions to water)
- **PAI 9** (Hazardous waste and radioactive waste ratio)
- **PAI 10** (Violations of UN Global Compact principles and Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises)
- **PAI 11** (Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and Voluntary)
- **PAI 14** in Table 3 (Number of identified cases of severe human rights issues and incidents)
- Via the application of an alert system flag if the relevant indicator(s) exceeds a threshold. These quantitative thresholds to assess significant harm are established centrally by our Sustainable Investment team and monitored systematically. This approach applies to indicators where we have segmented the population into harm groups to establish a threshold, such as carbon related PAI metrics, **PAI 1** (GHG emissions), **PAI 2** (Carbon footprint) and **Voluntary PAI 4 in Table 2** (Investing in companies without carbon emission reduction initiatives). **PAI 3** (GHG intensity of investee companies) operates in a similar way but the threshold is based on a revenue metric. A threshold for **PAI 6** (Energy consumption intensity per high impact climate sector) is established based on the ~~above mentioned~~ carbon measures. A similar approach has been taken for **PAI 15** (GHG intensity). **PAI 16** (Investee countries subject to social violations) also operates in the same way but based on data availability regarding social violations. Through this process the relevant issuer(s) that is/are deemed not to satisfy the quantitative thresholds is/are flagged to the Investment Manager for consideration, whose response may involve selling the holdings(s) or maintaining the position if on a case-by-case basis the data is deemed not representative of a company's performance in the relevant area. Investee companies deemed to cause significant harm are excluded from the Fund.
- 2. **Qualitative:** This includes PAI indicators where Schroders' believes that the data available does not enable us to make a quantitative determination regarding whether significant harm is done so as to warrant excluding an investment. In such cases, the Investment Manager engages wherever possible with the company or companies held, in accordance with the priorities documented in Schroders' Engagement Blueprint and/or voting policy. This approach applies to indicators such as **PAI 12** (Unadjusted gender pay gap) and **PAI 13** (Board gender diversity), where we engage and may use our voting rights where we consider appropriate. Both board gender diversity and disclosure of gender pay gap information are captured in our Engagement Blueprint.

● ***How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:***

Companies on Schroders' 'global norms' breach list cannot be categorised as sustainable investments. Schroders' determination of whether a company should be included on such list considers the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, among other relevant principles. The 'global norms' breach list is informed by third party providers and proprietary research, where relevant.

*The EU Taxonomy sets out a "do not significant harm" principle by which Taxonomy-aligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives and is accompanied by specific EU criteria.*

*The "do not significant harm" principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.*

*Any other sustainable investments must also not significantly harm any environmental or social objectives.*



## Does this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

✓ Yes, ~~the Investment Manager's approach to considering principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors involves classifying the indicators into three categories:~~

~~The Investment Manager's approach to considering principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors differs depending on the relevant indicator. Some indicators are considered via the application of exclusions, some are considered via the investment process (where data is available via Schroders PAI dashboard and via other external data sources) and some via engagement. Further details are provided below.~~

~~PAIs are considered as part of pre-investment through the application of exclusions. These include:~~

- Controversial weapons: PAI 14 (Exposure to controversial weapons (anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, chemical weapons and biological weapons)).

- Schroders' 'global norms' breach list, which covers: PAI 7 (Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas), PAI 8 (Emissions to water), PAI 9 (Hazardous waste and radioactive waste ratio), PAI 10 (Violations of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises), PAI 11 (Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises) and PAI 16 (Investee countries subject to social violations)

- Companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to thermal coal: PAI 4 (Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector) and PAI 5 (Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production).

Compliance with these thresholds is monitored via the Investment Manager's portfolio compliance framework. PAIs are also considered through integration in the investment process through the bottom-up stock analysis at a company level. The Asian Equities investment team uses a proprietary tool which provides a framework for analysing a company's relationship with its stakeholders and the sustainability of its business model and covers PAIs 1, 2, 3 and 6 (Greenhouse gas emissions). PAI indicators may be further reviewed via the Schroders PAI dashboard.

PAIs are also considered post-investment through engagement where the Investment Manager engages in line with the approach and expectations set out in Schroders Engagement Blueprint, which outlines our approach to active ownership.

The Investment Manager may engage with selected issuers held by the Fund on PAIs. For example, we aim to engage with several issuers on net zero carbon emissions targets (PAI 1,2,3), procuring renewable energy (PAI 5) and further topics of engagement may include board gender diversity which relates to PAI 13.

Where issuers are flagged on lack of data availability on PAIs, the Investment Manager may engage with issuers where the primary focus is to increase reporting, quality and availability of PAI data.

Our approach is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability, and quality, of PAI data evolves. The Management Company's statement on principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors is available at <https://mybrand.schroders.com/m/4ab13771bddd9d/original/Statement-on-principal-adverse-impacts-of-investment-decisions-on-sustainability-factors-2-1-new.pdf> <https://api.schroders.com/document-store/id/ffcb39bb-96cb-4e56-9461-deba9a493e85>. The Fund level information is disclosed or will be disclosed (as applicable) in the Fund's annual report.

1. Set thresholds: these involve very explicit thresholds for considering an investment to be a "sustainable investment". For example, PAI 10 on violations of UNGC principles.

2. Active ownership: these involve indicators on which we have a plan to engage with the underlying holding as set out in the Schroders Group document - <https://mybrand.schroders.com/m/3222ea4ed44a1f2c/original/schroders-engagement-blueprint.pdf>, outlining our approach to active ownership. For example, PAI 1, 2 and 3 covering GHG emissions and PAI 13 on board gender diversity.

3. Improve coverage: these involve indicators where we consider data coverage to be too sparse to properly consider them and our focus is primarily on engaging with the underlying holdings to increase reporting. For example, PAI 7 on biodiversity, PAI 9 on hazardous waste ratio and PAI 12 on the gender pay gap.

Our approach is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability, and quality, of PAI data evolves.

The Management Company's statement on principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors is available at <https://mybrand.schroders.com/m/467910ac8e6da45c/original/Statement-on-principal-adverse-impacts-of-investment-decisions-on-sustainability-factors.pdf>. The Fund level information is disclosed or will be (as applicable) in the Fund's annual report.

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**The investment strategy** guides investment decisions based on factors such as investment objectives and risk tolerance.

## What investment strategy does this financial product follow?

The sustainable investment strategy used by the Investment Manager is as follows:

The Fund is actively managed and invests at least two-thirds of its assets in equity and equity related securities of small-sized companies in Asia (excluding Japan). Small-sized companies are companies which, at the time of purchase, are considered to be in the bottom 30% by market capitalisation of the Asian (excluding Japan) equities market.

The Fund may invest directly in China B-Shares and China H-Shares and may invest less than 30% of its assets (on a net basis) directly or indirectly (for example via participatory notes) in China A-Shares through Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect and Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect and shares listed on the STAR Board and the ChiNext.

The Fund may also invest up to one-third of its assets directly or indirectly in other securities (including other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies, Investment Funds, warrants and Money Market Investments, and hold cash.

The Fund may use derivatives with the aim of reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently.

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the MSCI AC Asia Ex Japan Small Cap (Net TR) index based on the Investment Manager's rating criteria.



The Fund does not directly invest in certain activities, industries or groups of issuers above the limits listed under “Sustainability-Related Disclosure” on the Fund’s webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

The Investment Manager applies governance and sustainability criteria when selecting investments for the Fund.

In the selection and assessment of potential investment opportunities and holdings, companies are assessed on a proprietary stakeholder-based approach against criteria including, but not limited to (1) good governance practices; (2) impact on the environment and local communities; and (3) fair and equitable treatment of employees, suppliers and customers. Information and insights derived from Schroders’ proprietary sustainability tools are utilised in this assessment and due diligence process.

The Investment Manager’s proprietary analysis and ongoing engagement with these companies may also help it derive a reasonable level of conviction that concrete steps will be or are being taken to transition out of business segments or practices that have not met the sustainability criteria or improve on their relevant areas of weakness. The Investment Manager may consider these companies eligible for investment ahead of seeing changes in the company’s ratings and rankings across both internal and external evaluation metrics.

The primary sources of information used to perform the analysis include the Investment Manager’s proprietary tools and research, third-party research, NGO reports and expert networks. The Investment Manager also performs its own analysis of publicly available information provided by the companies, including information provided in company sustainability reports and other relevant company material.

More details on the Investment Manager’s approach to sustainability and its engagement with companies are available on the webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/>

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than its investment universe, based on the Investment Manager’s rating system.

The Investment Manager ensures that at least:

- 90% of the portion of the Fund’s NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in developed countries; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with an investment grade credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by developed countries; and

- 75% of the portion of the Fund’s NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in emerging countries; equities issued by small and medium companies; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with a high yield credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by emerging countries,

is rated against the sustainability criteria. For the purposes of this test, small companies are those with market capitalisation below €5 billion, medium companies are those between €5 billion and €10 billion and large companies are those above €10 billion.

● ***What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?***

The following binding elements are applied throughout the investment process:

- The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the MSCI AC Asia Ex Japan Small Cap (Net TR) index based on the Investment Manager’s rating criteria.
- The Fund invests at least 25% of its assets in sustainable investments and such investments do not cause significant environmental or social harm.
- Exclusions are applied to direct investments in companies. The Fund applies certain exclusions relating to international conventions on cluster munitions, anti-personnel mines, and chemical and biological weapons. The Fund also excludes companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to tobacco and thermal coal, especially companies that generate at least 10% of their revenues from tobacco production, companies that generate at least 25% of their revenues from any other part of the tobacco value chain (suppliers, distributors, retailers, licensors), companies that generate at least 10% of their revenues from thermal coal mining and companies that generate at least 30% of their revenues from coal fired power generation. The Fund excludes companies that are assessed by Schroders to have breached one or more ‘global norms’ thereby causing significant environmental or social harm; these companies comprise Schroders’ ‘global norms’ breach list. In exceptional circumstances a derogation may be applied in order to allow the Fund to continue to hold a company on Schroders’ ‘global norms’ breach list, for example where the stated investment strategy of the Fund may otherwise be compromised. Further, the Fund may apply other exclusions as listed under “Sustainability-Related Disclosure” on the Fund’s webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>
- The Fund invests in companies that have good governance practices, as determined by the Investment Manager’s rating criteria.

The Investment Manager ensures that at least:

- 90% of the portion of the Fund’s NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in developed countries; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with an investment grade credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by developed countries; and



- 75% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in emerging countries; equities issued by small and medium companies; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with a high yield credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by emerging countries,

is rated against the sustainability criteria.

● **What is the committed minimum rate to reduce the scope of the investments considered prior to the application of that investment strategy?**

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

● **What is the policy to assess good governance practices of the investee companies?**

In order to assess good governance practices, a central Good Governance Test is applied. This test is based on a data-driven quantitative framework, which uses a scorecard to assess companies across the categories of sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff, and tax compliance. Schroders has defined a number of criteria across these pillars.

Compliance with the test is monitored centrally and companies which do not pass this test cannot be held by the Fund, unless the Investment Manager has agreed that the issuer demonstrates good governance based on additional insights beyond that quantitative analysis.

**Good governance** practices include sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff and tax compliance.



## What is the asset allocation planned for this financial product?

**Asset allocation** describes the share of investments in specific assets.

The planned composition of the Fund's investments that are used to meet its environmental or social characteristics are summarised below.

**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the minimum proportion of the Fund's assets used to attain the environmental or social characteristics, which is equal to 70%. The Fund commits to maintain a higher overall sustainability score than the MSCI AC Asia Ex Japan Small Cap (Net TR) index, and so the Fund's investments that are scored by Schroders' proprietary sustainability tool are included within the minimum proportion stated in #1 on the basis that they will contribute to the Fund's sustainability score (whether such individual investment has a positive or a negative score). Also included within #1 is the minimum proportion of assets that are invested in sustainable investments, as indicated in #1A. The minimum proportions stated apply in normal market conditions. The actual proportion stated in #1 is expected to be higher.

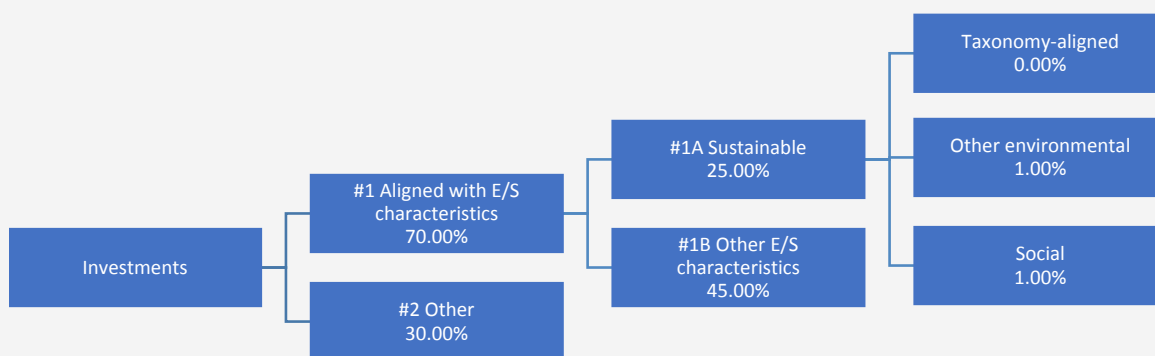
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The Fund will invest at least 25% of its assets in sustainable investments. A sustainable investment is classified as having an environmental or social objective depending on whether the relevant issuer has a higher score in Schroders' proprietary tool relative to its applicable peer group for its environmental indicators or its social indicators. In each case, indicators are comprised of both "costs" and "benefits".

**#2 Other** includes cash which is treated as neutral for sustainability purposes. #2 also includes investments that are not scored by Schroders' proprietary sustainability tool and so do not contribute towards the Fund's sustainability score. As #1 states a minimum proportion that is in practice expected to be higher, the proportion stated in #2 is expected to be lower.

Minimum safeguards are applied where relevant to Money Market Investments and other investments by restricting (as appropriate) investments in counterparties where there are ownership links or exposure to higher risk countries (for the purpose of money laundering, terrorist financing, bribery, corruption, tax evasion and sanctions risks). A firm-wide risk assessment considers the risk rating of each jurisdiction; which includes reference to a number of public statements, indices and world governance indicators issued by the UN, the European Union, the UK Government, the Financial Action Task Force and several Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), such as Transparency International and the Basel Committee.

In addition, new counterparties are reviewed by Schroders' credit risk team and approval of a new counterparty is based on a holistic review of the various sources of information available, including, but not limited to, quality of management, ownership structure, location, regulatory and social environment to which each counterparty is subject, and the degree of development of the local banking system and its regulatory framework. Ongoing monitoring is performed through a Schroders' proprietary tool, which supports the analysis of a counterparty's management of environmental, social and governance trends and challenges. Any significant deterioration in the profile of the counterparty in Schroders' proprietary tool would lead to further analysis and potential exclusion by Schroders' credit risk team.



**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the investments of the financial product used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product.

**#2 Other** includes the remaining investments of the financial product which are neither aligned with the environmental or social characteristics, nor are qualified as sustainable investments.

The category **#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** covers:

- The sub-category **#1A Sustainable** covers sustainable investments with environmental or social objectives.
- The sub-category **#1B Other E/S characteristics** covers investments aligned with the environmental or social characteristics that do not qualify as sustainable investments.

#1 The minimum proportion stated applies in normal market conditions.

### ● **How does the use of derivatives attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?**

The Fund may use derivatives that are scored in Schroders' proprietary tool to meet the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted by the Fund, as such derivatives would contribute to the Fund's sustainability score (whether such individual investment has a positive or a negative score).



### **To what minimum extent are sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?**

There is no minimum extent to which the Fund's investments (including transitional and enabling activities) with an environmental objective are aligned with the Taxonomy. Taxonomy alignment of this Fund's investments has therefore not been calculated and has as a result been deemed to constitute 0% of the Fund's portfolio.

In future it is expected that the Fund will assess and report on the extent to which its underlying investments are in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the Taxonomy, along with information relating to the proportion of enabling and transitional activities. This Prospectus will be updated once it is possible in the Investment Manager's opinion to accurately disclose to what extent the Fund's investments are in Taxonomy-aligned environmentally sustainable activities, including the proportions of investments in enabling and transitional activities selected for the Fund.

### ● **Does the financial product invest in fossil gas and/or nuclear energy related activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy<sup>1</sup>?**

☐ Yes:

☐ In fossil gas ☐ In nuclear energy

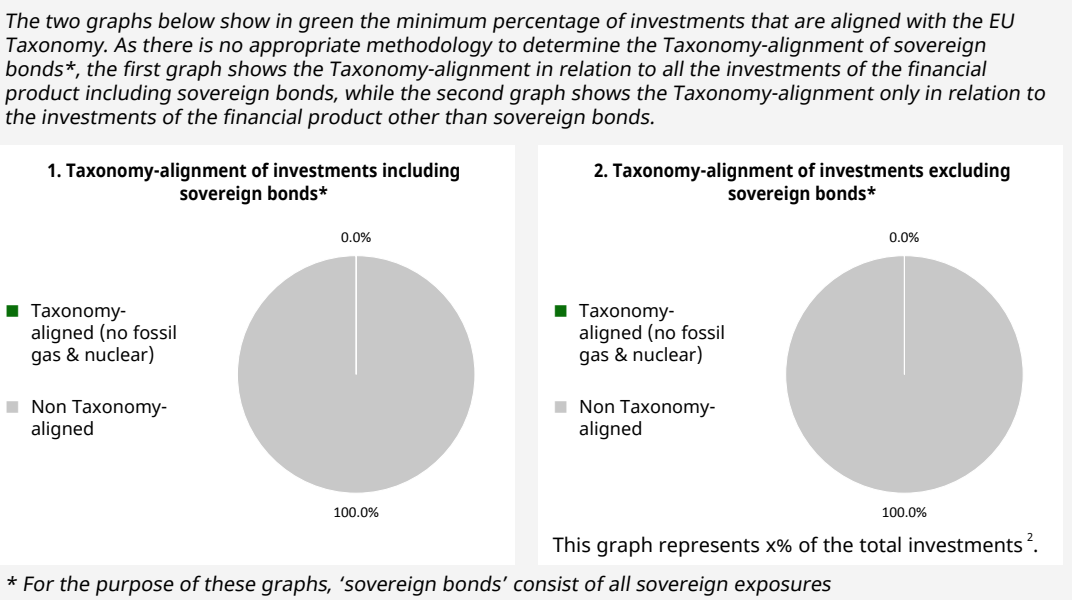
☒ No

To comply with the EU Taxonomy, the criteria for **fossil gas** include limitations on emissions and switching to renewable power or low-carbon fuels by the end of 2035. For **nuclear energy**, the criteria include comprehensive safety and waste management rules.

<sup>1</sup> Fossil gas and/or nuclear related activities will only comply with the EU Taxonomy where they contribute to limiting climate change ("climate change mitigation") and do not significantly harm any EU Taxonomy objective – see explanatory note in the left-hand margin. The full criteria for fossil gas and nuclear energy economic activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy are laid down in Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1214.

Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

- **turnover** reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee companies
- **capital expenditure** (CapEx) showing the green investments made by investee companies, e.g. for a transition to a green economy.
- **operational expenditure** (OpEx) reflecting green operational activities of investee companies.



**Enabling activities** directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective.

**Transitional activities** are activities for which low-carbon alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.

- **What is the minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities?**  
As per the above, at the date of this Prospectus the share of investments by the Fund in transitional and enabling activities is currently deemed to constitute 0% of the Fund's portfolio.



**What is the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?**  
The Fund commits to invest at least 1% of its assets in sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy.



are sustainable investments with an environmental objective that **do not take into account the criteria** for environmentally sustainable economic activities under the EU Taxonomy.

<sup>2</sup> As there is no Taxonomy-alignment, there is no impact on the graph if sovereign bonds are excluded (i.e. the percentage of Taxonomy-aligned investments remains 0%) and the Management Company therefore believes that there is no need to mention this information.



## What is the minimum share of socially sustainable investments?

The Fund commits to invest at least 1% of its assets in sustainable investments with a social objective.



## What investments are included under “#2 Other”, what is their purpose and are there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

**#2 Other** includes cash which is treated as neutral for sustainability purposes. #2 also includes investments that are not scored by Schroders’ proprietary sustainability tools and so do not contribute towards the Fund’s sustainability score.

Minimum safeguards are applied where relevant to Money Market Investments and other investments by restricting (as appropriate) investments in counterparties where there are ownership links or exposure to higher risk countries (for the purpose of money laundering, terrorist financing, bribery, corruption, tax evasion and sanctions risks). A firm-wide risk assessment considers the risk rating of each jurisdiction; which includes reference to a number of public statements, indices and world governance indicators issued by the UN, the European Union, the UK Government, the Financial Action Task Force and several Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), such as Transparency International and the Basel Committee.

In addition, new counterparties are reviewed by Schroders’ credit risk team and approval of a new counterparty is based on a holistic review of the various sources of information available, including, but not limited to, quality of management, ownership structure, location, regulatory and social environment to which each counterparty is subject, and the degree of development of the local banking system and its regulatory framework. Ongoing monitoring is performed through a Schroders’ proprietary tool, which supports the analysis of a counterparty’s management of environmental, social and governance trends and challenges. Any significant deterioration in the profile of the counterparty in Schroders’ proprietary tool would lead to further analysis and potential exclusion by Schroders’ credit risk team.



## Is a specific index designated as a reference benchmark to determine whether this financial product is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes?

**Reference benchmarks** are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the environmental or social characteristics that they promote.

- **How is the reference benchmark continuously aligned with each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?**

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- **How is the alignment of the investment strategy with the methodology of the index ensured on a continuous basis?**

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- **How does the designated index differ from a relevant broad market index?**

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- **Where can the methodology used for the calculation of the designated index be found?**

This question is not applicable for the Fund.



## Where can I find more product specific information online?

More product-specific information can be found on the webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

Pre-contractual disclosure for the financial products referred to in Article 8, paragraphs 1, 2 and 2a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 6, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852

**Product name:** **Schroder International Selection Fund Asian Total Return**

**Legal entity identifier:** **A3HSL7JNL11S4BK1H669**

## Environmental and/or social characteristics

**Sustainable investment** means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good governance practices.

The **EU Taxonomy** is a classification system laid down in Regulation (EU) 2020/852, establishing a list of **environmentally sustainable economic activities**. That Regulation does not lay down a list of socially sustainable economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.

Does this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?	
●● <input type="checkbox"/> Yes	●○ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
<input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with an environmental objective: __%</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> It <b>promotes Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics</b> and while it does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will have a minimum proportion of <b>25.00%</b> of sustainable investments
<input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy	<input type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy
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<input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with a social objective __%</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> with a social objective
	<input type="checkbox"/> It promotes E/S characteristics, but <b>will not make any sustainable investments</b>



## What environmental and/or social characteristics are promoted by this financial product?

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the MSCI AC Asia Pacific ex Japan (Net TR) index, based on the Investment Manager's rating system. This benchmark (which is a broad market index) does not take into account the environmental and social characteristics promoted by the Fund.

The sustainability score is measured by Schroders' proprietary tool that provides an estimate of the net "impact" that an issuer may create in terms of social and environmental "costs" or "benefits". It does this by using certain indicators with respect to that issuer, and quantifying them positively and negatively to produce an aggregate notional measure of the effect that the relevant underlying issuer may have on society and the environment. It does this using third party data as well as Schroders own estimates and assumptions and the outcome may differ from other sustainability tools and measures. Examples of such indicators are greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

The result is expressed as an aggregate score of the sustainability indicators for each issuer, specifically a notional percentage (positive or negative) of sales of the relevant underlying issuer. For example, a score of +2% would mean an issuer contributes \$2 of relative notional positive impact (i.e. benefits to society) per \$100 of sales. The sustainability score of the Fund is derived from the scores of all issuers in the Fund's portfolio measured by Schroders' proprietary tool.

The Fund invests at least 25% of its assets in sustainable investments, which are investments that the Investment Manager expects to contribute towards the advancement of one or more environmental and/or social objective (s).

### ● What sustainability indicators are used to measure the attainment of each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

The Investment Manager monitors compliance with the characteristic to maintain a higher overall sustainability score than the MSCI AC Asia Pacific ex Japan (Net TR) index by reference to the weighted average sustainability score of the Fund in Schroder' proprietary tool compared against the weighted average sustainability score of the MSCI AC Asia Pacific ex Japan (Net TR) index in Schroder' proprietary tool over the previous ~~six months~~**six-month** period, based on month-end data. The overall sustainability score aggregates the effect of sustainability indicators including but not limited to greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

**Sustainability indicators** measure how the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product are attained.

The Investment Manager monitors compliance with the characteristic to invest at least 25% of its assets in sustainable investments by reference to the sustainability score of each asset in Schroder's proprietary tool. Compliance with this is monitored daily via our automated compliance controls. The Fund also applies certain exclusions, with which the Investment Manager monitors compliance on an ongoing basis via its portfolio compliance framework.

● ***What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?***

In respect of the proportion of the Fund's portfolio that is invested in sustainable investments, each sustainable investment demonstrates a net positive effect across a range of environmental or social objectives, as scored by Schroder's proprietary tool. The environmental or social objectives of the sustainable investments that the Fund partially intends to make may include, but are not limited to, increasing environmental and/or social benefits such as greater water access or fair pay and reducing environmental, and/or social costs such as carbon emissions or food waste. For example, greater water access as measured by Schroder's proprietary tool are the estimated societal benefits of the provision of clean drinking water to human health.

● ***How do the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make, not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?***

The Investment Manager's approach to investing in issuers that do not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective includes the following:

- Firm-wide investment exclusions apply to Schroders funds. These relate to international conventions on cluster munitions, anti-personnel mines, and chemical and biological weapons and a list of those companies that are excluded is available at <https://www.schroders.com/en/sustainability/active-ownership/group-exclusions/>. Firm-wide exclusions also apply to companies generating more than 20% of their revenue from thermal coal mining.
- The Fund excludes companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to tobacco and thermal coal.
- The Fund excludes companies that are assessed by Schroders to have breached one or more 'global norms' thereby causing significant environmental or social harm; these companies comprise Schroders' 'global norms' breach list. Schroders' determination of whether a company has been involved in such a breach considers relevant principles such as those contained in the UN Global Compact (UNGC) principles, the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights. The 'global norms' breach list may be informed by assessments performed by third party providers and by proprietary research, where relevant to a particular situation. In exceptional circumstances a derogation may be applied in order to allow the Fund to continue to hold a company on Schroders' 'global norms' breach list, for example where the stated investment strategy of the Fund may otherwise be compromised. Any such company cannot be categorised as a sustainable investment.
- The Fund may also apply certain other exclusions in addition to those summarised above.

Further information on all of the Fund's investment exclusions is to be found under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

● ***How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?***

When seeking to identify significant harm, Schroders' approach to taking into account the Principal Adverse Impacts (PAI) indicators involves a quantitative and a qualitative assessment. Where it is not considered appropriate or feasible to set quantitative thresholds, the Investment Manager engages, where relevant. Investee companies deemed not to satisfy the quantitative thresholds would generally be excluded, unless on a case-by-case basis the data is deemed not representative of a company's performance in the relevant area.

This framework is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability and quality of the data evolves.

Our approach includes:

1. **Quantitative:** this includes indicators where specific thresholds have been established:

- Via the application of exclusions. This approach is relevant to **PAI 4** (Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector), **PAI 5** (Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production) and **PAI 14** (Exposure to controversial weapons). Further, the following PAIs are assessed as part of Schroders' 'global norms' breach list exclusion (which seeks to exclude companies where significant harm is occurring):

**Principal adverse impacts** are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anticorruption and antibribery matters.



- **PAI 7** (Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas)
- **PAI 8** (Emissions to water)
- **PAI 9** (Hazardous waste and radioactive waste ratio)
- **PAI 10** (Violations of UN Global Compact principles and Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises)
- **PAI 11** (Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and Voluntary)
- **PAI 14** in Table 3 (Number of identified cases of severe human rights issues and incidents)
- Via the application of an alert system flag if the relevant indicator(s) exceeds a threshold. These quantitative thresholds to assess significant harm are established centrally by our Sustainable Investment team and monitored systematically. This approach applies to indicators where we have segmented the population into harm groups to establish a threshold, such as carbon related PAI metrics, **PAI 1** (GHG emissions), **PAI 2** (Carbon footprint) and **Voluntary PAI 4 in Table 2** (Investing in companies without carbon emission reduction initiatives). **PAI 3** (GHG intensity of investee companies) operates in a similar way but the threshold is based on a revenue metric. A threshold for **PAI 6** (Energy consumption intensity per high impact climate sector) is established based on the ~~above mentioned~~ carbon measures. A similar approach has been taken for **PAI 15** (GHG intensity). **PAI 16** (Investee countries subject to social violations) also operates in the same way but based on data availability regarding social violations. Through this process the relevant issuer(s) that is/are deemed not to satisfy the quantitative thresholds is/are flagged to the Investment Manager for consideration, whose response may involve selling the holdings(s) or maintaining the position if on a case-by-case basis the data is deemed not representative of a company's performance in the relevant area. Investee companies deemed to cause significant harm are excluded from the Fund.
- 2. **Qualitative:** This includes PAI indicators where Schroders' believes that the data available does not enable us to make a quantitative determination regarding whether significant harm is done so as to warrant excluding an investment. In such cases, the Investment Manager engages wherever possible with the company or companies held, in accordance with the priorities documented in Schroders' Engagement Blueprint and/or voting policy. This approach applies to indicators such as **PAI 12** (Unadjusted gender pay gap) and **PAI 13** (Board gender diversity), where we engage and may use our voting rights where we consider appropriate. Both board gender diversity and disclosure of gender pay gap information are captured in our Engagement Blueprint.

● ***How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:***

Companies on Schroders' 'global norms' breach list cannot be categorised as sustainable investments. Schroders' determination of whether a company should be included on such list considers the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, among other relevant principles. The 'global norms' breach list is informed by third party providers and proprietary research, where relevant.

*The EU Taxonomy sets out a "do not significant harm" principle by which Taxonomy-aligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives and is accompanied by specific EU criteria.*

*The "do not significant harm" principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.*

*Any other sustainable investments must also not significantly harm any environmental or social objectives.*



## Does this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

☒ Yes, ~~the Investment Manager's approach to considering principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors involves classifying the indicators into three categories:~~

~~The Investment Manager's approach to considering principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors differs depending on the relevant indicator. Some indicators are considered via the application of exclusions, some are considered via the investment process (where data is available via Schroders PAI dashboard and via other external data sources) and some via engagement. Further details are provided below.~~

~~PAIs are considered as part of pre-investment through the application of exclusions. These include:~~



- Controversial weapons: PAI 14 (Exposure to controversial weapons (anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, chemical weapons and biological weapons)).

- Schrodgers' 'global norms' breach list, which covers: PAI 7 (Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas), PAI 8 (Emissions to water), PAI 9 (Hazardous waste and radioactive waste ratio), PAI 10 (Violations of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises), PAI 11 (Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises) and PAI 16 (Investee countries subject to social violations)

- Companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to thermal coal: PAI 4 (Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector) and PAI 5 (Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production).

Compliance with these thresholds is monitored via the Investment Manager's portfolio compliance framework. PAIs are also considered through integration in the investment process through the bottom-up stock analysis at a company level. The Asian Equities investment team uses a proprietary tool which provides a framework for analysing a company's relationship with its stakeholders and the sustainability of its business model and covers PAIs 1, 2, 3 and 6 (Greenhouse gas emissions). PAI indicators may be further reviewed via the Schrodgers PAI dashboard.

PAIs are also considered post-investment through engagement where the Investment Manager engages in line with the approach and expectations set out in Schrodgers Engagement Blueprint, which outlines our approach to active ownership.

The Investment Manager may engage with selected issuers held by the Fund on PAIs. For example, we aim to engage with several issuers on net zero carbon emissions targets (PAI 1,2,3), procuring renewable energy (PAI 5) and further topics of engagement may include board gender diversity which relates to PAI 13.

Where issuers are flagged on lack of data availability on PAIs, the Investment Manager may engage with issuers where the primary focus is to increase reporting, quality and availability of PAI data.

Our approach is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability, and quality, of PAI data evolves. The Management Company's statement on principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors is available at <https://mybrand.schrodgers.com/m/4ab13771bdddcd9d/original/Statement-on-principal-adverse-impacts-of-investment-decisions-on-sustainability-factors-2-1-new.pdf> <https://api.schrodgers.com/document-store/id/ffcb39bb-96cb-4e56-9461-deba9a493e85>. The Fund level information is disclosed or will be disclosed (as applicable) in the Fund's annual report.

1. Set thresholds: these involve very explicit thresholds for considering an investment to be a "sustainable investment". For example, PAI 10 on violations of UNGC principles.

2. Active ownership: these involve indicators on which we have a plan to engage with the underlying holding as set out in the Schrodgers Group document <https://mybrand.schrodgers.com/m/3222ea4ed44a1f2c/original/schrodgers-engagement-blueprint.pdf>, outlining our approach to active ownership. For example, PAI 1, 2 and 3 covering GHG emissions and PAI 13 on board gender diversity.

3. Improve coverage: these involve indicators where we consider data coverage to be too sparse to properly consider them and our focus is primarily on engaging with the underlying holdings to increase reporting. For example, PAI 7 on biodiversity, PAI 9 on hazardous waste ratio and PAI 12 on the gender pay gap.

Our approach is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability, and quality, of PAI data evolves.

The Management Company's statement on principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors is available at <https://mybrand.schrodgers.com/m/467910ac8e6da45c/original/Statement-on-principal-adverse-impacts-of-investment-decisions-on-sustainability-factors.pdf>. The Fund level information is disclosed or will be (as applicable) in the Fund's annual report.

☐ No



**The investment strategy** guides investment decisions based on factors such as investment objectives and risk tolerance.

## What investment strategy does this financial product follow?

The sustainable investment strategy used by the Investment Manager is as follows:

The Fund is actively managed and invests at least two-thirds of its assets in Asia Pacific equity and equity related securities.

The Fund may invest directly in China B-Shares and China H-Shares and may invest less than 30% of its assets (on a net basis) directly or indirectly (for example via participatory notes) in China A-Shares through:

- Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect and Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect;
- the Qualified Foreign Investor ("QF") scheme;
- shares listed on the STAR Board and the ChiNext; and
- Regulated Markets.

The Fund may also invest up to one-third of its assets directly or indirectly in other securities (including other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies, Investment Funds, warrants and Money Market Investments, and hold cash.

The Fund may use derivatives with the aim of achieving investment gains, reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently. The Fund may buy or sell equity index futures and buy and sell index options on indices or individual stocks. To obtain exposure to equity indices and individual stocks, the Fund may also enter into contracts for difference where the underlying investments are not delivered and settlement is made in cash.

Contracts for difference may be used to gain long and short exposure or to hedge exposure on equity and equity related securities. The gross exposure of contracts for difference will not exceed 10% and is expected to remain within the range of 0% to 10% of the Net Asset Value. In certain circumstances this proportion may be higher.

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the MSCI AC Asia Pacific ex Japan (Net TR) index based on the Investment Manager's rating criteria.

The Fund does not directly invest in certain activities, industries or groups of issuers above the limits listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

The Investment Manager applies governance and sustainability criteria when selecting investments for the Fund.

In the selection and assessment of potential investment opportunities and holdings, companies are assessed on a proprietary stakeholder-based approach against criteria including, but not limited to (1) good governance practices; (2) impact on the environment and local communities; and (3) fair and equitable treatment of employees, suppliers and customers. Information and insights derived from Schroders' proprietary sustainability tools are utilised in this assessment and due diligence process.

The Investment Manager's proprietary analysis and ongoing engagement with these companies may also help it derive a reasonable level of conviction that concrete steps will be or are being taken to transition out of business segments or practices that have not met the sustainability criteria or improve on their relevant areas of weakness. The Investment Manager may consider these companies eligible for investment ahead of seeing changes in the company's ratings and rankings across both internal and external evaluation metrics.

The primary sources of information used to perform the analysis include the Investment Manager's proprietary tools and research, third-party research, NGO reports and expert networks. The Investment Manager also performs its own analysis of publicly available information provided by the companies, including information provided in company sustainability reports and other relevant company material.

More details on the Investment Manager's approach to sustainability and its engagement with companies are available on the webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/>

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than its investment universe, based on the Investment Manager's rating system.

The Investment Manager ensures that at least:

- 90% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in developed countries; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with an investment grade credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by developed countries; and

- 75% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in emerging countries; equities issued by small and medium companies; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with a high yield credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by emerging countries,

is rated against the sustainability criteria. For the purposes of this test, small companies are those with market capitalisation below €5 billion, medium companies are those between €5 billion and €10 billion and large companies are those above €10 billion.

### ● **What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?**

The following binding elements are applied throughout the investment process:

- The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the MSCI AC Asia Pacific ex Japan (Net TR) index based on the Investment Manager's rating criteria.
- The Fund invests at least 25% of its assets in sustainable investments and such investments do not cause significant environmental or social harm.
- Exclusions are applied to direct investments in companies. The Fund applies certain exclusions relating to international conventions on cluster munitions, anti-personnel mines, and chemical and biological weapons. The Fund also excludes companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to tobacco and thermal coal, especially companies that generate at least 10% of their revenues from tobacco production, companies that generate at least 25% of their revenues from the tobacco value chain (such as suppliers, distributors, retailers and licensors), companies that generate at least 10% of their revenues from thermal coal mining and companies that generate at least 30% of their revenues from coal fired power generation. The Fund excludes companies that are assessed by Schroders to have breached one or more 'global norms' thereby causing significant environmental or social harm; these companies comprise Schroders' 'global norms' breach list. In exceptional circumstances a derogation may be applied in order to allow the Fund to continue to hold a company on Schroders' 'global norms' breach list, for example where the stated investment strategy of the Fund may otherwise be compromised. Any such company cannot be categorised as a sustainable investment. Further, the Fund may apply other exclusions as listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>
- The Fund invests in companies that have good governance practices, as determined by the Investment Manager's rating criteria.

The Investment Manager ensures that at least:

- 90% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in developed countries; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with an investment grade credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by developed countries; and
- 75% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in emerging countries; equities issued by small and medium companies; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with a high yield credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by emerging countries,

is rated against the sustainability criteria.

● **What is the committed minimum rate to reduce the scope of the investments considered prior to the application of that investment strategy?**

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

● **What is the policy to assess good governance practices of the investee companies?**

In order to assess good governance practices, a central Good Governance Test is applied. This test is based on a data-driven quantitative framework, which uses a scorecard to assess companies across the categories of sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff, and tax compliance. Schroders has defined a number of criteria across these pillars.

Compliance with the test is monitored centrally and companies which do not pass this test cannot be held by the Fund, unless the Investment Manager has agreed that the issuer demonstrates good governance based on additional insights beyond that quantitative analysis.

**Good governance** practices include sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff and tax compliance.



**Asset allocation** describes the share of investments in specific assets.

## What is the asset allocation planned for this financial product?

The planned composition of the Fund's investments that are used to meet its environmental or social characteristics are summarised below.

**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the minimum proportion of the Fund's assets used to attain the environmental or social characteristics, which is equal to 70%. The Fund commits to maintain a higher overall sustainability score than the MSCI AC Asia Pacific ex Japan (Net TR) index, and so the Fund's investments that are scored by Schroders' proprietary sustainability tool are included within the minimum proportion stated in #1 on the basis that they will contribute to the Fund's sustainability score (whether such individual investment has a positive or a negative score). Also included within #1 is the minimum proportion of assets that are invested in sustainable investments, as indicated in #1A. The minimum proportions stated apply in normal market conditions. The actual proportion stated in #1 is expected to be higher.

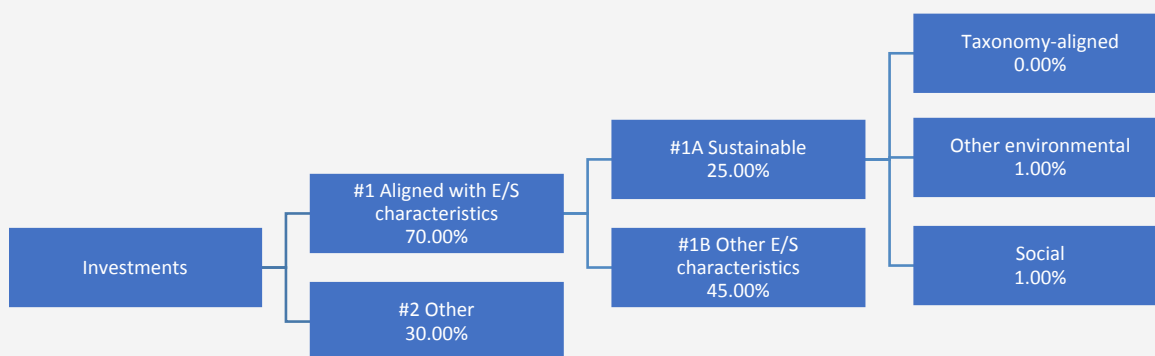
The sustainability score is measured by Schroders' proprietary tool that provides an estimate of the net "impact" that an issuer may create in terms of social and environmental "costs" or "benefits". It does this by using certain indicators with respect to that issuer, and quantifying them positively and negatively to produce an aggregate notional measure of the effect that the relevant underlying issuer may have on society and the environment. Examples of such indicators are greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

The Fund will invest at least 25% of its assets in sustainable investments. A sustainable investment is classified as having an environmental or social objective depending on whether the relevant issuer has a higher score in Schroders' proprietary tool relative to its applicable peer group for its environmental indicators or its social indicators. In each case, indicators are comprised of both "costs" and "benefits".

**#2 Other** includes cash which is treated as neutral for sustainability purposes. #2 also includes investments that are not scored by Schroders' proprietary sustainability tool and so do not contribute towards the Fund's sustainability score. As #1 states a minimum proportion that is in practice expected to be higher, the proportion stated in #2 is expected to be lower.

Minimum safeguards are applied where relevant to Money Market Investments and other investments by restricting (as appropriate) investments in counterparties where there are ownership links or exposure to higher risk countries (for the purpose of money laundering, terrorist financing, bribery, corruption, tax evasion and sanctions risks). A firm-wide risk assessment considers the risk rating of each jurisdiction; which includes reference to a number of public statements, indices and world governance indicators issued by the UN, the European Union, the UK Government, the Financial Action Task Force and several Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), such as Transparency International and the Basel Committee.

In addition, new counterparties are reviewed by Schroders' credit risk team and approval of a new counterparty is based on a holistic review of the various sources of information available, including, but not limited to, quality of management, ownership structure, location, regulatory and social environment to which each counterparty is subject, and the degree of development of the local banking system and its regulatory framework. Ongoing monitoring is performed through a Schroders' proprietary tool, which supports the analysis of a counterparty's management of environmental, social and governance trends and challenges. Any significant deterioration in the profile of the counterparty in Schroders' proprietary tool would lead to further analysis and potential exclusion by Schroders' credit risk team.



**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the investments of the financial product used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product.

**#2 Other** includes the remaining investments of the financial product which are neither aligned with the environmental or social characteristics, nor are qualified as sustainable investments.

The category **#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** covers:

- The sub-category **#1A Sustainable** covers sustainable investments with environmental or social objectives.
- The sub-category **#1B Other E/S characteristics** covers investments aligned with the environmental or social characteristics that do not qualify as sustainable investments.

#1 The minimum proportion stated applies in normal market conditions.

### ● **How does the use of derivatives attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?**

The Fund uses derivatives extensively to implement its investment strategy. Short positions contribute to the Fund's overall sustainability score. Short positions with negative scores contribute positively towards the aggregate score, while short positions with positive scores detract from the aggregate score. Equity and index derivatives are scored in the same way as physical holdings, on a look-through basis, and also contribute to the Fund's overall sustainability score. The Fund may use other derivatives that are scored in Schroders' proprietary tool to meet the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted by the Fund, as such derivatives would contribute to the Fund's sustainability score (whether such individual investment has a positive or a negative score).



### **To what minimum extent are sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?**

There is no minimum extent to which the Fund's investments (including transitional and enabling activities) with an environmental objective are aligned with the Taxonomy. Taxonomy alignment of this Fund's investments has therefore not been calculated and has as a result been deemed to constitute 0% of the Fund's portfolio.

In future it is expected that the Fund will assess and report on the extent to which its underlying investments are in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the Taxonomy, along with information relating to the proportion of enabling and transitional activities. This Prospectus will be updated once it is possible in the Investment Manager's opinion to accurately disclose to what extent the Fund's investments are in Taxonomy-aligned environmentally sustainable activities, including the proportions of investments in enabling and transitional activities selected for the Fund.

### ● **Does the financial product invest in fossil gas and/or nuclear energy related activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy<sup>1</sup>?**

- ☐ Yes:
- ☐ In fossil gas ☐ In nuclear energy
- ☒ No

To comply with the EU Taxonomy, the criteria for **fossil gas** include limitations on emissions and switching to renewable power or low-carbon fuels by the end of 2035. For

<sup>1</sup> Fossil gas and/or nuclear related activities will only comply with the EU Taxonomy where they contribute to limiting climate change ("climate change mitigation") and do not significantly harm any EU Taxonomy objective – see explanatory note in the left-hand margin. The full criteria for fossil gas and nuclear energy economic activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy are laid down in Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1214.


**nuclear energy**, the criteria include comprehensive safety and waste management rules.

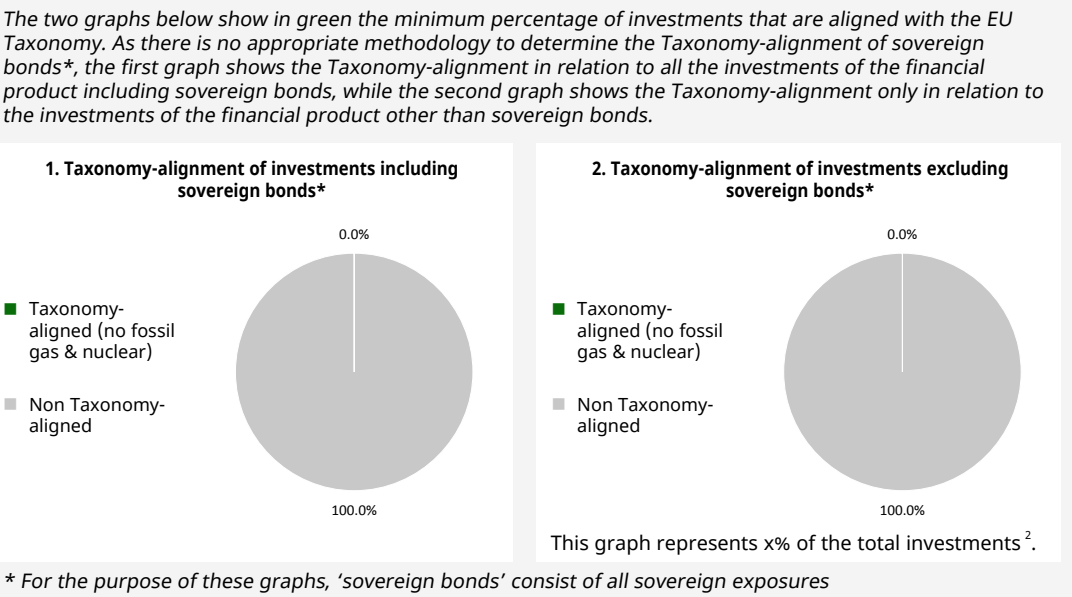
Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

- **turnover** reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee companies
- **capital expenditure** (CapEx) showing the green investments made by investee companies, e.g. for a transition to a green economy.
- **operational expenditure** (OpEx) reflecting green operational activities of investee companies.

**Enabling activities** directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective.

**Transitional activities** are activities for which low-carbon alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.

 are sustainable investments with an environmental objective that **do not take into account the criteria** for environmentally sustainable economic activities under the EU Taxonomy.



- **What is the minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities?**  
As per the above, at the date of this Prospectus the share of investments by the Fund in transitional and enabling activities is currently deemed to constitute 0% of the Fund's portfolio.



**What is the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?**  
The Fund commits to invest at least 1% of its assets in sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

<sup>2</sup> As there is no Taxonomy-alignment, there is no impact on the graph if sovereign bonds are excluded (i.e. the percentage of Taxonomy-aligned investments remains 0%) and the Management Company therefore believes that there is no need to mention this information.



## What is the minimum share of socially sustainable investments?

The Fund commits to invest at least 1% of its assets in sustainable investments with a social objective.



## What investments are included under “#2 Other”, what is their purpose and are there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

**#2 Other** includes cash which is treated as neutral for sustainability purposes. #2 also includes investments that are not scored by Schroders’ proprietary sustainability tools and so do not contribute towards the Fund’s sustainability score.

Minimum safeguards are applied where relevant to Money Market Investments and other investments by restricting (as appropriate) investments in counterparties where there are ownership links or exposure to higher risk countries (for the purpose of money laundering, terrorist financing, bribery, corruption, tax evasion and sanctions risks). A firm-wide risk assessment considers the risk rating of each jurisdiction; which includes reference to a number of public statements, indices and world governance indicators issued by the UN, the European Union, the UK Government, the Financial Action Task Force and several Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), such as Transparency International and the Basel Committee.

In addition, new counterparties are reviewed by Schroders’ credit risk team and approval of a new counterparty is based on a holistic review of the various sources of information available, including, but not limited to, quality of management, ownership structure, location, regulatory and social environment to which each counterparty is subject, and the degree of development of the local banking system and its regulatory framework. Ongoing monitoring is performed through a Schroders’ proprietary tool, which supports the analysis of a counterparty’s management of environmental, social and governance trends and challenges. Any significant deterioration in the profile of the counterparty in Schroders’ proprietary tool would lead to further analysis and potential exclusion by Schroders’ credit risk team.



## Is a specific index designated as a reference benchmark to determine whether this financial product is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes?

**Reference benchmarks** are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the environmental or social characteristics that they promote.

- **How is the reference benchmark continuously aligned with each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?**

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- **How is the alignment of the investment strategy with the methodology of the index ensured on a continuous basis?**

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- **How does the designated index differ from a relevant broad market index?**

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- **Where can the methodology used for the calculation of the designated index be found?**

This question is not applicable for the Fund.



## Where can I find more product specific information online?

More product-specific information can be found on the webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>



Pre-contractual disclosure for the financial products referred to in Article 8, paragraphs 1, 2 and 2a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 6, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852

**Product name:** **Schroder International Selection Fund BIC (Brazil, India, China)**

**Legal entity identifier:** **LM0QRH514E4ICW7YYO70**

## Environmental and/or social characteristics

<p><b>Sustainable investment</b> means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good governance practices.</p>	<p><b>Does this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?</b></p> <p> <input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Yes</b> <input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>No</b> </p>		
<p>The <b>EU Taxonomy</b> is a classification system laid down in Regulation (EU) 2020/852, establishing a list of <b>environmentally sustainable economic activities</b>. That Regulation does not lay down a list of socially sustainable economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.</p>	<table border="1"> <tr> <td data-bbox="258 436 869 1052"> <p><input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with an environmental objective: __%</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with a social objective __%</b></p> </td><td data-bbox="869 436 1487 1052"> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> It <b>promotes Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics</b> and while it does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will have a minimum proportion of <b>25.00%</b> of sustainable investments</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> with a social objective</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> It promotes E/S characteristics, but <b>will not make any sustainable investments</b></p> </td></tr> </table>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with an environmental objective: __%</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with a social objective __%</b></p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> It <b>promotes Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics</b> and while it does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will have a minimum proportion of <b>25.00%</b> of sustainable investments</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> with a social objective</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> It promotes E/S characteristics, but <b>will not make any sustainable investments</b></p>
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## What environmental and/or social characteristics are promoted by this financial product?

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the MSCI BIC (Net TR) 10/40 index, based on the Investment Manager's rating system. This benchmark (which is a broad market index) does not take into account the environmental and social characteristics promoted by the Fund.

The sustainability score is measured by Schroders' proprietary tool that provides an estimate of the net "impact" that an issuer may create in terms of social and environmental "costs" or "benefits". It does this by using certain indicators with respect to that issuer, and quantifying them positively and negatively to produce an aggregate notional measure of the effect that the relevant underlying issuer may have on society and the environment. It does this using third party data as well as Schroders own estimates and assumptions and the outcome may differ from other sustainability tools and measures. Examples of such indicators are greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

The result is expressed as an aggregate score of the sustainability indicators for each issuer, specifically a notional percentage (positive or negative) of sales of the relevant underlying issuer. For example, a score of +2% would mean an issuer contributes \$2 of relative notional positive impact (i.e. benefits to society) per \$100 of sales. The sustainability score of the Fund is derived from the scores of all issuers in the Fund's portfolio measured by Schroders' proprietary tool.

The Fund invests at least 25% of its assets in sustainable investments, which are investments that the Investment Manager expects to contribute towards the advancement of one or more environmental and/or social objective (s).

### What sustainability indicators are used to measure the attainment of each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

The Investment Manager monitors compliance with the characteristic to maintain a higher overall sustainability score than the MSCI BIC (Net TR) 10/40 index by reference to the weighted average sustainability score of the Fund in Schroders' proprietary tool compared against the weighted average sustainability score of the MSCI BIC (Net TR) 10/40 index in Schroders' proprietary tool over the previous ~~six months~~**six-month** period, based on month-end data. The overall sustainability score aggregates the effect of sustainability indicators including but not limited to greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

**Sustainability indicators** measure how the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product are attained.



The Investment Manager monitors compliance with the characteristic to invest at least 25% of its assets in sustainable investments by reference to the sustainability score of each asset in Schroders' proprietary tool. Compliance with this is monitored daily via our automated compliance controls. The Fund also applies certain exclusions, with which the Investment Manager monitors compliance on an ongoing basis via its portfolio compliance framework.

● ***What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?***

In respect of the proportion of the Fund's portfolio that is invested in sustainable investments, each sustainable investment demonstrates a net positive effect across a range of environmental or social objectives, as scored by Schroders' proprietary tool. The environmental or social objectives of the sustainable investments that the Fund partially intends to make may include, but are not limited to, increasing environmental and/or social benefits such as greater water access or fair pay and reducing environmental, and/or social costs such as carbon emissions or food waste. For example, greater water access as measured by Schroders' proprietary tool are the estimated societal benefits of the provision of clean drinking water to human health.

● ***How do the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make, not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?***

The Investment Manager's approach to investing in issuers that do not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective includes the following:

- Firm-wide investment exclusions apply to Schroders funds. These relate to international conventions on cluster munitions, anti-personnel mines, and chemical and biological weapons and a list of those companies that are excluded is available at <https://www.schroders.com/en/sustainability/active-ownership/group-exclusions/>. Firm-wide exclusions also apply to companies generating more than 20% of their revenue from thermal coal mining.
- The Fund excludes companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to tobacco and thermal coal.
- The Fund excludes companies that are assessed by Schroders to have breached one or more 'global norms' thereby causing significant environmental or social harm; these companies comprise Schroders' 'global norms' breach list. Schroders' determination of whether a company has been involved in such a breach considers relevant principles such as those contained in the UN Global Compact (UNGC) principles, the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights. The 'global norms' breach list may be informed by assessments performed by third party providers and by proprietary research, where relevant to a particular situation. In exceptional circumstances a derogation may be applied in order to allow the Fund to continue to hold a company on Schroders' 'global norms' breach list, for example where the stated investment strategy of the Fund may otherwise be compromised. Any such company cannot be categorised as a sustainable investment.
- The Fund may also apply certain other exclusions in addition to those summarised above.

Further information on all of the Fund's investment exclusions is to be found under "Sustainability Related Disclosures" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

● ***How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?***

When seeking to identify significant harm, Schroders' approach to taking into account the Principal Adverse Impacts (PAI) indicators involves a quantitative and a qualitative assessment. Where it is not considered appropriate or feasible to set quantitative thresholds, the Investment Manager engages, where relevant. Investee companies deemed not to satisfy the quantitative thresholds would generally be excluded, unless on a case-by-case basis the data is deemed not representative of a company's performance in the relevant area.

This framework is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability and quality of the data evolves.

Our approach includes:

1. **Quantitative:** this includes indicators where specific thresholds have been established:

- Via the application of exclusions. This approach is relevant to **PAI 4** (Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector), **PAI 5** (Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production) and **PAI 14** (Exposure to controversial weapons). Further, the following PAIs are assessed as part of Schroders 'global norms' breach list exclusion (which seeks to exclude companies where significant harm is occurring):

- **PAI 7** (Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas)
  - **PAI 8** (Emissions to water)
  - **PAI 9** (Hazardous waste and radioactive waste ratio)
  - **PAI 10** (Violations of UN Global Compact principles and Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises)
  - **PAI 11** (Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and Voluntary)
  - **PAI 14** in Table 3 (Number of identified cases of severe human rights issues and incidents)
  - Via the application of an alert system flag if the relevant indicator(s) exceeds a threshold. These quantitative thresholds to assess significant harm are established centrally by our Sustainable Investment team and monitored systematically. This approach applies to indicators where we have segmented the population into harm groups to establish a threshold, such as carbon related PAI metrics, **PAI 1** (GHG emissions), **PAI 2** (Carbon footprint) and **Voluntary PAI 4 in Table 2** (Investing in companies without carbon emission reduction initiatives). **PAI 3** (GHG intensity of investee companies) operates in a similar way but the threshold is based on a revenue metric. A threshold for **PAI 6** (Energy consumption intensity per high impact climate sector) is established based on the ~~above-mentioned~~ carbon measures. A similar approach has been taken for **PAI 15** (GHG intensity). **PAI 16** (Investee countries subject to social violations) also operates in the same way but based on data availability regarding social violations. Through this process the relevant issuer(s) that is/are deemed not to satisfy the quantitative thresholds is/are flagged to the Investment Manager for consideration, whose response may involve selling the holdings(s) or maintaining the position if on a case-by-case basis the data is deemed not representative of a company's performance in the relevant area. Investee companies deemed to cause significant harm are excluded from the Fund.
2. **Qualitative:** This includes PAI indicators where Schroders' believes that the data available does not enable us to make a quantitative determination regarding whether significant harm is done so as to warrant excluding an investment. In such cases, the Investment Manager engages wherever possible with the company or companies held, in accordance with the priorities documented in Schroders' Engagement Blueprint and/or voting policy. This approach applies to indicators such as **PAI 12** (Unadjusted gender pay gap) and **PAI 13** (Board gender diversity), where we engage and may use our voting rights where we consider appropriate. Both board gender diversity and disclosure of gender pay gap information are captured in our Engagement Blueprint. **Principal adverse impacts** are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anticorruption and antibribery matters.

● **How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:**

Companies on Schroders' 'global norms' breach list cannot be categorised as sustainable investments. Schroders' determination of whether a company should be included on such list considers the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, among other relevant principles. The 'global norms' breach list is informed by third party providers and proprietary research, where relevant.

*The EU Taxonomy sets out a "do not significant harm" principle by which Taxonomy-aligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives and is accompanied by specific EU criteria.*

*The "do not significant harm" principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.*

*Any other sustainable investments must also not significantly harm any environmental or social objectives.*



## Does this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

☒ Yes, ~~the Investment Manager's approach to considering principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors involves classifying the indicators into three categories:~~

~~The Investment Manager's approach to considering principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors differs depending on the relevant indicator. Some indicators are considered via the application of exclusions, some are considered via the investment process (where data is available via Schroders PAI dashboard and via other external data sources) and some are considered via engagement. Further details are provided below. PAIs are considered as part of pre-investment through the application of exclusions. These include:~~  
~~- Controversial weapons: PAI 14 (Exposure to controversial weapons (anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions,~~

chemical weapons and biological weapons)

- Schroders' 'global norms' breach list, which covers: PAI 7 (Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas), PAI 8 (Emissions to water), PAI 9 (Hazardous waste and radioactive waste ratio), PAI 10 (Violations of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises), PAI 11 (Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises) and PAI 16 (Investee countries subject to social violations)

- Companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to thermal coal: PAI 4 (Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector) and PAI 5 (Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production)

- Compliance with these thresholds is monitored via the Investment Manager's portfolio compliance framework. PAIs are also considered through integration in the investment process through the bottom up stock analysis at a company level. The emerging markets investment team has a number of proprietary tools to aid ESG analysis. At the company level, Schroders proprietary tool is the main repository for the team's ESG analysis. Schroders proprietary tool provides a systematic framework for analysing a company's relationship with its stakeholders and the sustainability of its business model. It contains more than 250 metrics drawn from company reports and other sources that assess a company's performance in specific areas.

PAIs 1,2,3,9,13 are specifically considered as part of the Schroders proprietary tool analysis where appropriate and material to the business. In the case of PAI 8 and 12 the availability of data is very limited so it is not widely used within Schroders proprietary tool but monitored instead at the overall portfolio level.

All PAI indicators are monitored via Schroders PAI dashboard. We review the PAI data in the PAI dashboard regularly as part of the monthly ESG risk meeting which formally reviews portfolio level ESG characteristics. PAIs are also considered post-investment through engagement where the Investment Manager engages in line with the approach and expectations set out in Schroders Engagement Blueprint, which outlines our approach to active ownership.

The Investment Manager may engage with selected issuers held by the Fund on PAIs. For example, we aim to engage with several issuers on net zero carbon emissions targets (PAI 1,2,3), procuring renewable energy (PAI 5) and further topics of engagement may include board gender diversity which relates to PAI 13.

Where issuers are flagged on lack of data availability on PAIs, the Investment Manager may engage with issuers where the primary focus is to increase reporting, quality and availability of PAI data.

Our approach is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability, and quality, of PAI data evolves. The Management Company's statement on principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors is available at <https://mybrand.schroders.com/m/4ab13771bddd9d/original/Statement-on-principal-adverse-impacts-of-investment-decisions-on-sustainability-factors-2-1-new.pdf> <https://api.schroders.com/document-store/id/ffcb39bb-96cb-4e56-9461-deba9a493e85>. The Fund level information is disclosed or will be disclosed (as applicable) in the Fund's annual report.

1. Set thresholds: these involve very explicit thresholds for considering an investment to be a "sustainable investment". For example, PAI 10 on violations of UNGC principles:

2. Active ownership: these involve indicators on which we have a plan to engage with the underlying holding as set out in the Schroders Group document - <https://mybrand.schroders.com/m/3222ea4ed44a1f2c/original/schroders-engagement-blueprint.pdf>, outlining our approach to active ownership. For example, PAI 1, 2 and 3 covering GHG emissions and PAI 13 on board gender diversity:

3. Improve coverage: these involve indicators where we consider data coverage to be too sparse to properly consider them and our focus is primarily on engaging with the underlying holdings to increase reporting. For example, PAI 7 on biodiversity, PAI 9 on hazardous waste ratio and PAI 12 on the gender pay gap:

Our approach is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability, and quality, of PAI data evolves:

The Management Company's statement on principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors is available at <https://mybrand.schroders.com/m/467910ac8e6da45c/original/Statement-on-principal-adverse-impacts-of-investment-decisions-on-sustainability-factors.pdf>. The Fund level information is disclosed or will be (as applicable) in the Fund's annual report.

☐ No



**The investment strategy** guides investment decisions based on factors such as investment objectives and risk tolerance.

## What investment strategy does this financial product follow?

The sustainable investment strategy used by the Investment Manager is as follows:

The Fund is actively managed and invests at least two-thirds of its assets in a range of equity and equity related securities of Brazilian, Indian and Chinese companies.

The Fund may invest directly in China B-Shares and China H-Shares and may invest less than 20% of its assets (on a net basis) directly or indirectly (for example via participatory notes) in China A-Shares through Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect and Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect and shares listed on the STAR Board and the ChiNext.

The Fund may also invest up to one-third of its asset directly or indirectly in other securities (including other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies, Investment Funds, warrants and Money Market Investments, and hold cash.

The Fund may use derivatives with the aim of achieving investment gains, reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently.

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the MSCI BIC (Net TR) 10/40 index, based on the Investment Manager's rating criteria.

The Fund does not directly invest in certain activities, industries or groups of issuers above the limits listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

The Investment Manager applies governance and sustainability criteria when selecting investments for the Fund.

The Investment Manager performs due diligence on potential holdings, including meetings with management, and assesses the company's governance, environmental and social profile across a range of factors. This process is supported by quantitative analysis provided by Schroders' proprietary sustainability tools, which are key inputs to assess how existing and potential investments for the portfolio are meeting the Fund's sustainability criteria.

In some cases, companies which fall below the sustainability criteria may still be eligible for investment if, as a result of proprietary analysis and ongoing engagement with management, the Investment Manager believes the company will meet its sustainability criteria within a realistic time horizon.

For a company to be eligible to be held in the Fund, it is expected to show a commitment to its stakeholders, including customers, employees, suppliers, shareholders and regulators. The Fund selects companies whose businesses demonstrate good governance and aim to treat stakeholders equitably.

The sources of information used to perform the analysis include information provided by the companies, such as company sustainability reports and other relevant company material, as well as Schroders' proprietary sustainability tools and third-party data and reports.

More details on the Investment Manager's approach to sustainability and its engagement with companies are available on the webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/>

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than its investment universe, based on the Investment Manager's rating system.

The Investment Manager ensures that at least:

- 90% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in developed countries; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with an investment grade credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by developed countries; and
- 75% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in emerging countries; equities issued by small and medium companies; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with a high yield credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by emerging countries,

is rated against the sustainability criteria. For the purposes of this test, small companies are those with market capitalisation below €5 billion, medium companies are those between €5 billion and €10 billion and large companies are those above €10 billion.

### ● ***What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?***

The following binding elements are applied throughout the investment process:

- The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the MSCI BIC (Net TR) 10/40 index based on the Investment Manager's rating criteria.
- The Fund invests at least 25% of its assets in sustainable investments and such investments do not cause significant environmental or social harm.
- Exclusions are applied to direct investments in companies. The Fund applies certain exclusions relating to international conventions on cluster munitions, antipersonnel mines, and chemical and biological weapons. The Fund also excludes companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to tobacco and thermal coal, especially companies that generate at least 10% of their revenues from tobacco production, companies that generate at least 25% of their revenues from the tobacco value chain (such as suppliers, distributors, retailers and licensors), companies that generate at least 10% of their revenues from thermal coal mining and companies that generate at least 30% of their revenues from coal fired power generation. The Fund excludes companies that are assessed by Schroders to have breached one or more 'global norms' thereby causing significant environmental or social harm; these companies comprise Schroders' 'global norms' breach list. In exceptional circumstances a derogation may be applied in order to allow the Fund to continue to hold a company on Schroders' 'global norms' breach list, for example where the stated investment strategy of the Fund may otherwise be compromised. Any such company cannot be categorised as a sustainable investment. Further, the Fund may apply other exclusions as listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>
- The Fund invests in companies that have good governance practices, as determined by the Investment Manager's rating criteria.

The Investment Manager ensures that at least:

- 90% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in developed countries; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with an investment grade credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by developed countries; and

- 75% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in emerging countries; equities issued by small and medium companies; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with a high yield credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by emerging countries,

is rated against the sustainability criteria.

● **What is the committed minimum rate to reduce the scope of the investments considered prior to the application of that investment strategy?**

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

● **What is the policy to assess good governance practices of the investee companies?**

In order to assess good governance practices, a central Good Governance Test is applied. This test is based on a data-driven quantitative framework, which uses a scorecard to assess companies across the categories of sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff, and tax compliance. Schroders has defined a number of criteria across these pillars.

Compliance with the test is monitored centrally and companies which do not pass this test cannot be held by the Fund, unless the Investment Manager has agreed that the issuer demonstrates good governance based on additional insights beyond that quantitative analysis.

**Good governance** practices include sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff and tax compliance.



## What is the asset allocation planned for this financial product?

**Asset allocation** describes the share of investments in specific assets.

The planned composition of the Fund's investments that are used to meet its environmental or social characteristics are summarised below.

**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the minimum proportion of the Fund's assets used to attain the environmental or social characteristics, which is equal to 70%. The Fund commits to maintain a higher overall sustainability score than the MSCI BIC (Net TR) 10/40 index, and so the Fund's investments that are scored by Schroders' proprietary sustainability tool are included within the minimum proportion stated in #1 on the basis that they will contribute to the Fund's sustainability score (whether such individual investment has a positive or a negative score). Also included within #1 is the minimum proportion of assets that are invested in sustainable investments, as indicated in #1A. The minimum proportions stated apply in normal market conditions. The actual proportion stated in #1 is expected to be higher.

The sustainability score is measured by Schroders' proprietary tool that provides an estimate of the net "impact" that an issuer may create in terms of social and environmental "costs" or "benefits". It does this by using certain indicators with respect to that issuer, and quantifying them positively and negatively to produce an aggregate notional measure of the effect that the relevant underlying issuer may have on society and the environment. Examples of such indicators are greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

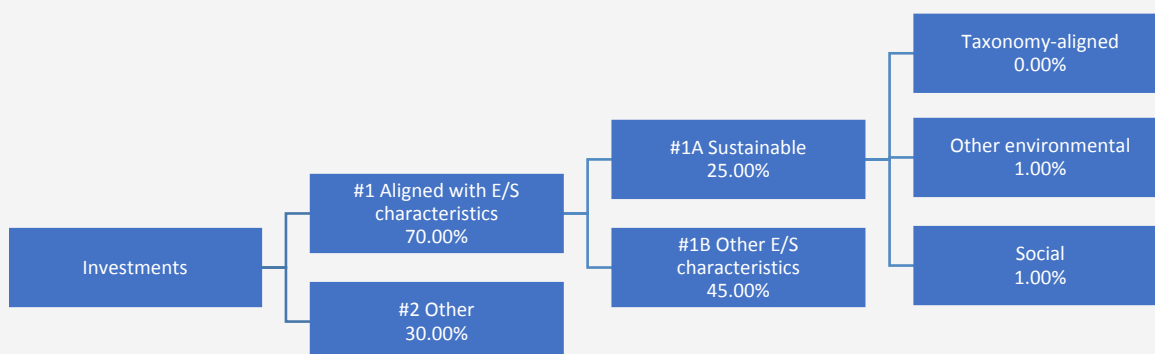
The Fund will invest at least 25% of its assets in sustainable investments. A sustainable investment is classified as having an environmental or social objective depending on whether the relevant issuer has a higher score in Schroders' proprietary tool relative to its applicable peer group for its environmental indicators or its social indicators. In each case, indicators are comprised of both "costs" and "benefits".

**#2 Other** includes cash which is treated as neutral for sustainability purposes. #2 also includes investments that are not scored by Schroders' proprietary sustainability tool and so do not contribute towards the Fund's sustainability score. As #1 states a minimum proportion that is in practice expected to be higher, the proportion stated in #2 is expected to be lower.

Minimum safeguards are applied where relevant to Money Market Investments and other investments by restricting (as appropriate) investments in counterparties where there are ownership links or exposure to higher risk countries (for the purpose of money laundering, terrorist financing, bribery, corruption, tax evasion and sanctions risks). A firm-wide risk assessment considers the risk rating of each jurisdiction; which includes reference to a number of public statements, indices and world governance indicators issued by the UN, the European Union, the UK Government, the Financial Action Task Force and several Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), such as Transparency International and the Basel Committee.

In addition, new counterparties are reviewed by Schroders' credit risk team and approval of a new counterparty is based on a holistic review of the various sources of information available, including, but not limited to, quality of management, ownership structure, location, regulatory and social environment to which each counterparty is subject, and the degree of development of the local banking system and its regulatory framework. Ongoing monitoring is performed through a Schroders' proprietary tool, which supports the analysis of a counterparty's management of environmental, social and governance trends and challenges. Any significant deterioration in the profile of the counterparty in Schroders' proprietary tool would lead to further analysis and potential exclusion by Schroders' credit risk team.





**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the investments of the financial product used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product.

**#2 Other** includes the remaining investments of the financial product which are neither aligned with the environmental or social characteristics, nor are qualified as sustainable investments.

The category **#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** covers:

- The sub-category **#1A Sustainable** covers sustainable investments with environmental or social objectives.
- The sub-category **#1B Other E/S characteristics** covers investments aligned with the environmental or social characteristics that do not qualify as sustainable investments.

#1 The minimum proportion stated applies in normal market conditions.

### ● **How does the use of derivatives attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?**

The Fund may use derivatives that are scored in Schroders' proprietary tool to meet the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted by the Fund, as such derivatives would contribute to the Fund's sustainability score (whether such individual investment has a positive or a negative score).



### **To what minimum extent are sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?**

There is no minimum extent to which the Fund's investments (including transitional and enabling activities) with an environmental objective are aligned with the Taxonomy. Taxonomy alignment of this Fund's investments has therefore not been calculated and has as a result been deemed to constitute 0% of the Fund's portfolio.

In future it is expected that the Fund will assess and report on the extent to which its underlying investments are in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the Taxonomy, along with information relating to the proportion of enabling and transitional activities. This Prospectus will be updated once it is possible in the Investment Manager's opinion to accurately disclose to what extent the Fund's investments are in Taxonomy-aligned environmentally sustainable activities, including the proportions of investments in enabling and transitional activities selected for the Fund.

### ● **Does the financial product invest in fossil gas and/or nuclear energy related activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy<sup>1</sup>?**

☐ Yes:

☐ In fossil gas ☐ In nuclear energy

☒ No

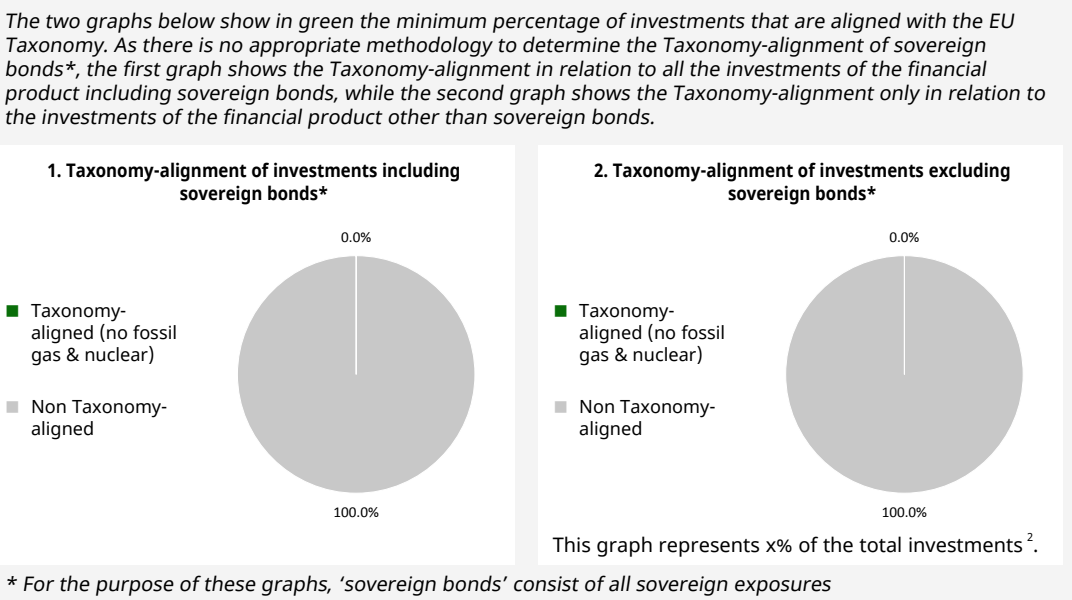
To comply with the EU Taxonomy, the criteria for **fossil gas** include limitations on emissions and switching to renewable power or low-carbon fuels by the end of 2035. For **nuclear energy**, the criteria include comprehensive safety and waste management rules.

<sup>1</sup> Fossil gas and/or nuclear related activities will only comply with the EU Taxonomy where they contribute to limiting climate change ("climate change mitigation") and do not significantly harm any EU Taxonomy objective – see explanatory note in the left-hand margin. The full criteria for fossil gas and nuclear energy economic activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy are laid down in Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1214.



Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

- **turnover** reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee companies
- **capital expenditure** (CapEx) showing the green investments made by investee companies, e.g. for a transition to a green economy.
- **operational expenditure** (OpEx) reflecting green operational activities of investee companies.



**Enabling activities** directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective.

**Transitional activities** are activities for which low-carbon alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.

- **What is the minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities?**  
As per the above, at the date of this Prospectus the share of investments by the Fund in transitional and enabling activities is currently deemed to constitute 0% of the Fund's portfolio.



**What is the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?**

The Fund commits to invest at least 1% of its assets in sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy.



are sustainable investments with an environmental objective that **do not take into account the criteria** for environmentally sustainable economic activities under the EU Taxonomy.

<sup>2</sup> As there is no Taxonomy-alignment, there is no impact on the graph if sovereign bonds are excluded (i.e. the percentage of Taxonomy-aligned investments remains 0%) and the Management Company therefore believes that there is no need to mention this information.



## What is the minimum share of socially sustainable investments?

The Fund commits to invest at least 1% of its assets in sustainable investments with a social objective.



## What investments are included under “#2 Other”, what is their purpose and are there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

**#2 Other** includes cash which is treated as neutral for sustainability purposes. #2 also includes investments that are not scored by Schroders’ proprietary sustainability tools and so do not contribute towards the Fund’s sustainability score.

Minimum safeguards are applied where relevant to Money Market Investments and other investments by restricting (as appropriate) investments in counterparties where there are ownership links or exposure to higher risk countries (for the purpose of money laundering, terrorist financing, bribery, corruption, tax evasion and sanctions risks). A firm-wide risk assessment considers the risk rating of each jurisdiction; which includes reference to a number of public statements, indices and world governance indicators issued by the UN, the European Union, the UK Government, the Financial Action Task Force and several Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), such as Transparency International and the Basel Committee.

In addition, new counterparties are reviewed by Schroders’ credit risk team and approval of a new counterparty is based on a holistic review of the various sources of information available, including, but not limited to, quality of management, ownership structure, location, regulatory and social environment to which each counterparty is subject, and the degree of development of the local banking system and its regulatory framework. Ongoing monitoring is performed through a Schroders’ proprietary tool, which supports the analysis of a counterparty’s management of environmental, social and governance trends and challenges. Any significant deterioration in the profile of the counterparty in Schroders’ proprietary tool would lead to further analysis and potential exclusion by Schroders’ credit risk team.



## Is a specific index designated as a reference benchmark to determine whether this financial product is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes?

**Reference benchmarks** are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the environmental or social characteristics that they promote.

- ***How is the reference benchmark continuously aligned with each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- ***How is the alignment of the investment strategy with the methodology of the index ensured on a continuous basis?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- ***How does the designated index differ from a relevant broad market index?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- ***Where can the methodology used for the calculation of the designated index be found?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.



## Where can I find more product specific information online?

More product-specific information can be found on the webpage: <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

Pre-contractual disclosure for the financial products referred to in Article 9, paragraphs 1 to 4a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 5, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852

**Product name:** **Schroder International Selection Fund BlueOrchard Emerging Markets Climate Bond**

**Legal entity identifier:** **5493007XCI1VSIJ1FK02**

## Sustainable investment objective

**Sustainable investment** means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good Governance practices.

The **EU Taxonomy** is a classification system laid down in Regulation (EU) 2020/852, establishing a list of **environmentally sustainable economic activities**. For the time being, it does not include a list of socially sustainable economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.

Does this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?	
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## What is the sustainable investment objective of this financial product?

The Fund's sustainable investment objective is to invest its assets in securities issued by governments and companies worldwide, including emerging market countries, that contribute towards the UN SDG of taking action to combat climate change. The Fund may also invest in investments that the Investment Manager deems to be neutral under its sustainability criteria, such as cash and Money Market Investments and derivatives used with the aim of reducing risk (hedging) or managing the Fund more efficiently.

The Investment Manager will select sustainable investments from a universe that have been determined as meeting the Investment Manager's impact criteria. The impact criteria include an assessment of the investment's contribution to the UN SDG of taking action to combat climate change alongside the Investment Manager's assessment of impact via its proprietary scorecard. The investment process is aligned with the Operating Principles for Impact Management.

No reference benchmark has been designated for the purpose of attaining the sustainable investment objective.

At the date of this Prospectus, it is not yet possible to commit to the Fund maintaining a minimum alignment with the Taxonomy, as the Investment Manager is currently not in a position to accurately determine to what extent the Fund's investments are in taxonomy-aligned environmentally sustainable activities. Taxonomy alignment of this Fund's investments has therefore not been calculated and has as a result been deemed to constitute 0% of the Fund's portfolio. However, it is expected that the Fund invests in companies and economic activities that contribute to the environmental objectives of climate change mitigation and climate change adaptation within the meaning of the Taxonomy.

In future it is therefore expected that the Fund will assess and report on the extent to which its underlying investments are in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the Taxonomy, along with information relating to the proportion of enabling and transitional activities. This Prospectus will be updated once it is possible in the Investment Manager's opinion to accurately disclose to what extent the Fund's investments are in Taxonomy-aligned environmentally sustainable activities, including the proportions of investments in enabling and transitional activities selected for the Fund.

**Sustainability indicators** measure how the sustainable objectives of this financial product are attained.

● ***What sustainability indicators are used to measure the attainment of the sustainable investment objective of this financial product?***

The Investment Manager is responsible for determining whether an investment meets the criteria of a sustainable investment. The Investment Manager considers the extent to which the issuer's revenues, business activities, or the use of proceeds of a purpose bond contribute to an environmental objective, and specific sustainability key performance indicators to assess the investment's contribution to an environmental objective. The output of the Investment Strategy outlined below is the production of the list of investments that meet the selection criteria, this represents the investment universe. Compliance with the minimum percentage in sustainable investments is monitored daily via our automated compliance controls. The Fund also applies certain exclusions, with which the Investment Manager monitors compliance on an ongoing basis via its portfolio compliance framework.

The Investment Manager uses different sustainability indicators to measure the impact contribution. In particular, the Investment Manager uses a proprietary sustainability tool to verify that every bond included in the investment universe has satisfactory ESG and impact scores and is aligned to the Fund's investment objective of combatting climate change. There is a detailed impact assessment of every company and/or bond (as applicable) via the completion of a proprietary scorecard. The impact scorecard focuses on the impact that a bond is expected to have. The Investment Manager considers different aspects of impact such as: what outcome and UN SDGs the bond or company is contributing to; who is served by the outcome (such as the relevant stakeholder or industry); an assessment of our expected contribution (including the Investment Manager's influence and engagement); and consideration of impact risks. The assessment includes tracking Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) that are used to measure and monitor the company's or the bond's positive contribution over time via an annual review. Examples of the indicators include, but are not limited to, CO2 emissions reduction, MW of renewable energy capacity or of energy saved, MWh of renewable energy generated, m3 of water savings, m2 of total floor area of buildings achieving green certification or km of clean transportation infrastructure built or improved.

Once these steps have been completed, the bond's or company's impact scorecard and the company's ESG scorecard (as applicable) are validated and approved by the BlueOrchard Sustainability & Impact (S&I) team, in order for the company or bond to be eligible for inclusion in the Fund's investible universe. The S&I team is independent from the investment teams, and is responsible for the consistent application of impact and ESG assessments and scorecards and that all investments meet minimum ESG and impact ratings, as set out in BlueOrchard's ESG & Impact Policy.

● ***How do sustainable investments not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?***

The Investment Manager's approach to investing in issuers that do not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective includes the following:

- Firm-wide investment exclusions apply to Schroders funds. These relate to international conventions on cluster munitions, anti-personnel mines, and chemical and biological weapons and a list of those companies that are excluded is available at <https://www.schroders.com/en/sustainability/active-ownership/group-exclusions/>.
- The Fund excludes companies that are assessed by Schroders to have breached one or more 'global norms' thereby causing significant environmental or social harm; these companies comprise Schroders' 'global norms' breach list. Schroders' determination of whether a company has been involved in such a breach considers relevant principles such as those contained in the UN Global Compact (UNGC) principles, the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights. The 'global norms' breach list may be informed by assessments performed by third party providers and by proprietary research, where relevant to a particular situation.
- The Fund does not directly invest in the sectors included in BlueOrchard's Public Asset Exclusion List: [https://www.blueorchard.com/wp-content/uploads/20220520-BlueOrchard-Exclusion-Policy\\_Public-Assets.pdf](https://www.blueorchard.com/wp-content/uploads/20220520-BlueOrchard-Exclusion-Policy_Public-Assets.pdf)

**Principal adverse impacts** are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anticorruption and antibribery matters.

● ***How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?***

When seeking to identify significant harm, Schroders' approach to taking into account the Principal Adverse Impacts (PAI) indicators involves a quantitative and a qualitative assessment. Where it is not considered appropriate or feasible to set quantitative thresholds, the Investment Manager engages, where relevant. Investee companies deemed not to satisfy the quantitative thresholds would generally be excluded, unless on a case-by-case basis the data is deemed not representative of a company's performance in the relevant area.

This framework is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability and quality of the data evolves.

Our approach includes:

1. **Quantitative:** this includes indicators where specific thresholds have been established:

- Via the application of exclusions. This approach is relevant to **PAI 4** (Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector), **PAI 5** (Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production) and **PAI 14** (Exposure to controversial weapons). Further, the following PAIs are assessed as part of Schroders' 'global norms' breach list exclusion (which seeks to exclude companies where significant harm is occurring):
  - **PAI 7** (Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas)
  - **PAI 8** (Emissions to water)
  - **PAI 9** (Hazardous waste and radioactive waste ratio)
  - **PAI 10** (Violations of UN Global Compact principles and Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises)
  - **PAI 11** (Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and Voluntary)
  - **PAI 14** in Table 3 (Number of identified cases of severe human rights issues and incidents)
- Via the application of an alert system flag if the relevant indicator(s) exceeds a threshold. These quantitative thresholds to assess significant harm are established centrally by our Sustainable Investment team and monitored systematically. This approach applies to indicators where we have segmented the population into harm groups to establish a threshold, such as carbon related PAI metrics, **PAI 1** (GHG emissions), **PAI 2** (Carbon footprint) and **Voluntary PAI 4 in Table 2** (Investing in companies without carbon emission reduction initiatives). **PAI 3** (GHG intensity of investee companies) operates in a similar way but the threshold is based on a revenue metric. A threshold for **PAI 6** (Energy consumption intensity per high impact climate sector) is established based on the above-mentioned carbon measures. A similar approach has been taken for **PAI 15** (GHG intensity). **PAI 16** (Investee countries subject to social violations) also operates in the same way but based on data availability regarding social violations. Through this process the relevant issuer(s) that is/are deemed not to satisfy the quantitative thresholds is/are flagged to the Investment Manager for consideration, whose response may involve selling the holdings(s) or maintaining the position if on a case-by-case basis the data is deemed not representative of a company's performance in the relevant area. Investee companies deemed to cause significant harm are excluded from the Fund.
- 2. **Qualitative:** This includes PAI indicators where Schroders' believes that the data available does not enable us to make a quantitative determination regarding whether significant harm is done so as to warrant excluding an investment. In such cases, the Investment Manager engages wherever possible with the company or companies held, in accordance with the priorities documented in Schroders' Engagement Blueprint and/or voting policy. This approach applies to indicators such as **PAI 12** (Unadjusted gender pay gap) and **PAI 13** (Board gender diversity), where we engage and may use our voting rights where we consider appropriate. Both board gender diversity and disclosure of gender pay gap information are captured in our Engagement Blueprint.

● ***How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights?***

Companies on Schroders' 'global norms' breach list cannot be categorised as sustainable investments. Schroders' determination of whether a company should be included on such list considers the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, among other relevant principles. The 'global norms' breach list is informed by third party providers and proprietary research, where relevant.



## Does this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

☒ **Yes, the Investment Manager's approach to considering principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors involves classifying the indicators into three categories:**

The Investment Manager's approach to considering principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors differs depending on the relevant indicator. Some indicators are considered via the application of exclusions, some are considered via the investment process (where data is available via Schroders PAI dashboard and via other external data sources) and some are considered via engagement. Further details are provided below.

PAIs are considered as part of pre-investment through the application of exclusions. These include:

- Controversial weapons: PAI 14 (Exposure to controversial weapons (anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, chemical weapons and biological weapons))
- Schroders' 'global norms' breach list, which covers: PAI 7 (Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas), PAI 8 (Emissions to water), PAI 9 (Hazardous waste and radioactive waste ratio), PAI 10 (Violations of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises), PAI 11 (Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises) and PAI 16 (Investee countries subject to social violations)

- Companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to thermal coal: PAI 4 (Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector) and PAI 5 (Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production)

- Compliance with these thresholds is monitored via the Investment Manager's portfolio compliance framework. PAIs are also considered through integration in the investment process. PAIs are included within the BlueOrchard proprietary ESG scorecard which is one of the necessary steps to assess and approve issuers for the strategy's sustainable investment universe. PAIs 1-14 are included in the BlueOrchard proprietary ESG scorecard within relevant ESG sections and will guide the ESG analysis along with other ESG factors such as good governance metrics to determine an overall ESG score.

All PAI indicators are monitored via Schroders PAI dashboard.

PAIs are also considered post-investment through engagement where the Investment Manager engages in line with the approach and expectations set out in Schroders Engagement Blueprint, which outlines our approach to active ownership.

The Investment Manager may engage with selected issuers held by the Fund on PAI 1, 2, 12, 13:

We aim to engage with several issuers on net zero carbon emissions targets (PAI 1,2) and board gender diversity or unadjusted gender pay gap, which relate to PAI 12 and 13.

Where issuers are flagged on lack of data availability on PAIs, the Investment Manager may engage with issuers where the primary focus is to increase reporting, quality and availability of PAI data.

Our approach is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability, and quality, of PAI data evolves. The Management Company's statement on principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors is available at <https://mybrand.schroders.com/m/4ab13771bddd9d/original/Statement-on-principal-adverse-impacts-of-investment-decisions-on-sustainability-factors-2-1-new.pdf> <https://api.schroders.com/document-store/id/ffcb39bb-96cb-4e56-9461-deba9a493e85>. The Fund level information is disclosed or will be (as applicable) in the Fund's annual report.

1. Set thresholds: these involve very explicit thresholds for considering an investment to be a "sustainable investment". For example, PAI 10 on violations of UNGC principles.
2. Active ownership: these involve indicators on which we have a plan to engage with the underlying holding. For example, PAI 1, 2 and 3 covering GHG emissions and PAI 13 on board gender diversity.
3. Improve coverage: these involve indicators where we consider data coverage to be too sparse to properly consider them and our focus is primarily on engaging with the underlying holdings to increase reporting. For example, PAI 7 on biodiversity, PAI 9 on hazardous waste ratio and PAI 12 on the gender pay gap.

Our approach is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability, and quality, of PAI data evolves.

The Management Company's statement on principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors is available at <https://mybrand.schroders.com/m/467910ac8e6da45c/original/Statement-on-principal-adverse-impacts-of-investment-decisions-on-sustainability-factors.pdf>. The Fund level information is disclosed or will be (as applicable) in the Fund's annual report.

☐ No



## What investment strategy does this financial product follow?

The sustainable investment strategy used by the Investment Manager is as follows:

The Fund is actively managed and invests its assets in (i) sustainable investments, which are investments that are expected to contribute towards combating climate change (please see the sustainability criteria for more details) ; and (ii) investments that the Investment Manager deems to be neutral under its sustainability criteria such as cash and Money Market Investments and derivatives used with the aim of reducing risk (hedging) or managing the Fund more efficiently.

The Investment Manager will select sustainable investments from a universe that have been determined as meeting the Investment Manager's impact criteria. The impact criteria include an assessment of an investment's contribution to the UN SDG of taking action to combat climate change alongside the Investment Manager's assessment of impact via its proprietary impact investment management framework and tools (including an impact scorecard).

The Fund is part of Schroders' Impact Driven strategies. As such, it applies highly selective investment criteria and its investment process is aligned with the Operating Principles for Impact Management which means that an assessment of impact is embedded in the steps of the investment process. All sustainable investments in the Fund are subject to this framework.

The Fund does not directly invest in the sectors included in BlueOrchard's Public Assets Exclusion List, [https://www.blueorchard.com/wp-content/uploads/20220520-BlueOrchard-Exclusion-Policy\\_Public-Assets.pdf](https://www.blueorchard.com/wp-content/uploads/20220520-BlueOrchard-Exclusion-Policy_Public-Assets.pdf).

The Fund invests in companies that do not cause significant environmental or social harm and have good governance practices, as determined by the Investment Manager's rating criteria.

The Investment Manager may also engage with companies held by the Fund to seek to improve sustainability practices and enhance social and environmental impacts generated by underlying investee companies. More details on the Investment Manager's approach to sustainability and its engagement with companies are available on the webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/>



The Fund invests at least two-thirds of its assets in fixed and floating rate securities denominated in various currencies and issued by governments, government agencies, supranationals and companies worldwide, including emerging market countries. The Fund will increase its exposure to emerging markets over time. At the Fund's launch, the exposure to emerging markets will be at least of 50% of its net assets and this exposure will increase progressively with the intention to reach at least 67% of its net assets after three years.

The Fund may invest up to 50% of its assets in securities that have a below investment grade credit rating (as measured by Standard & Poor's or any equivalent grade of other credit rating agencies for rated bonds and implied Schroders ratings for non-rated bonds).

The Fund may also invest up to one third of its assets directly or indirectly in other securities (including other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies, Investment Funds, warrants and Money Market Investments, and hold cash.

The Fund may use derivatives with the aim of achieving investment gains, reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently.

The Investment Manager applies sustainability criteria when selecting investments for the Fund.

Investments are composed of bonds where the issuer's products and services, business activities or use of proceeds for a purpose bond contribute positively to at least one of the UN SDGs taking action to combat climate change, including SDG 7, 11 and 13. In order to identify bonds with a direct link to a UN SDG, the Investment Manager applies a two step approach:

- The first considers the extent to which the issuer's revenues, business activities, or the use of proceeds of a purpose bond contribute to an environmental objective.
- The second is a detailed ESG and impact assessment of the company and/or bond (as applicable) via the completion of proprietary impact and ESG scorecards. The Investment Manager considers a range of ESG criteria and different aspects of impact such as: what outcome and UN SDGs the bond or company is contributing to; who is served by the outcome (such as the relevant stakeholder or industry); an assessment of our expected contribution (including the Investment Manager's influence and engagement); and consideration of impact risks. The assessment typically includes Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) that are used to track the company's or the bond's positive contribution over time

The impact and ESG scorecards are validated and approved by the BlueOrchard Sustainability & Impact (S&I) team, in order for the company or bond to be eligible for inclusion in the Fund's investible universe. The S&I team is independent from the investment teams, and is responsible for the consistent application of impact and ESG assessments and scorecards and that all investments meet minimum ESG and impact ratings, as set out in BlueOrchard's ESG & Impact Policy.

Due to the nature of its investments, and in particular the need for currency hedging, the Fund may also hold a portion of investments that the Investment Manager deems to be neutral under its sustainability criteria. These may include (but are not limited to) derivatives for hedging purposes, cash and Money Market Investments.

The Investment Manager ensures that at least 90% of the portion of the Fund's Net Asset Value composed of investments in companies is rated against the sustainability criteria. As a result of the application of sustainability criteria, at least 20% of the Fund's potential investment universe is excluded from the selection of investments.

For the purposes of this test, the potential investment universe is the core universe of issuers that the Investment Manager may select for the Fund prior to the application of sustainability criteria, in accordance with the other limitations of the Investment Objective and Policy. This universe is comprised of fixed and floating rate securities denominated in various currencies and issued by companies worldwide, including emerging market countries. The universe (for the purpose of this test only) does not include fixed or floating rate securities issued by public or quasi-public issuers.

### ● **What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain the sustainable investment objective?**

The following binding elements are applied throughout the investment process:

- The Fund is actively managed and invests at least **7580**% of its assets in sustainable investments, that contribute towards combatting climate change.
- Exclusions are applied to direct investments in companies. The Fund applies certain exclusions relating to international conventions on cluster munitions, anti-personnel mines, and chemical and biological weapons. The Fund also excludes companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to tobacco and thermal coal, especially companies that generate revenues from tobacco production or any other part of the tobacco value chain (suppliers, distributors, licensors), and companies that generate revenues from thermal coal mining and coal fired power generation. The Fund excludes companies that are assessed by Schroders to have breached one or more 'global norms' thereby causing significant environmental or social harm; these companies comprise Schroders' 'global norms' breach list. The Fund does not invest in the sectors included in BlueOrchard's Public Asset Exclusion List.

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**The investment strategy** guides investment decisions based on factors such as investment objectives and risk tolerance.

- The Fund invests in companies that do not cause significant environmental or social harm and have good governance practices, as determined by the Investment Manager's rating criteria.
- The Investment Manager ensures that at least 90% of the portion of the Fund's Net Asset Value composed of investments in companies is rated against the sustainability criteria.
- As a result of the application of sustainability criteria, at least 20% of the Fund's potential investment universe is excluded from the selection of investments.

**Good governance** practices include sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff and tax compliance.

### ● **What is the policy to assess good governance practices of the investee companies?**

The Investment Manager's proprietary framework includes an assessment of the good governance practices of each investment, including on factors such as a company's code of conduct and ESG incident screening. The good governance score represents at least 33% of the proprietary framework ESG scorecard's score and comprises topics such as business integrity, compliance with local regulation, corporate governance accountability or transparency and disclosure maturity.

Post-investment, changes to these factors will be monitored, assessed and where appropriate engaged with. Where potential issues arise, the performance of an issuer is below expected, or when the reported data is incomplete to reach a conclusion, the Investment Manager will engage with the issuer to evaluate the performance. The Investment Manager will encourage investee companies to improve their good governance practices and disclosure as well as their end contribution to the social and climate related transformation.



**Asset allocation** describes the share of investments in specific assets.

## **What is the asset allocation and the minimum share of sustainable investments?**

The planned composition of the Fund's investments that are used to meet its sustainable investment objective are summarised below.

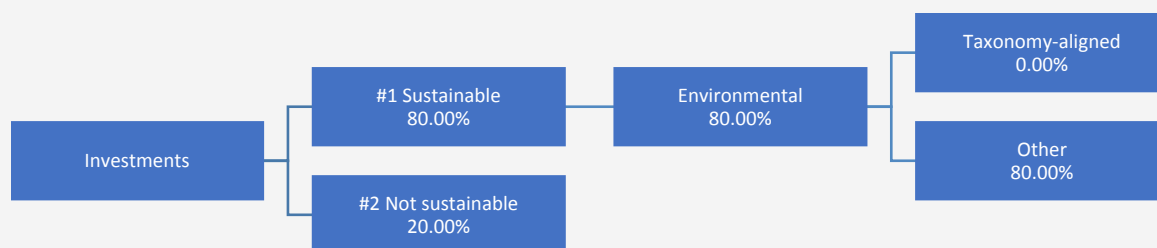
The Fund invests at least **7580%** of its assets in sustainable investments, which means included in **#1**

**Sustainable** are investments in securities issued by governments and companies worldwide, including emerging market countries, that contribute towards the UN SDG of taking action to combat climate change. The minimum proportion stated applies in normal market conditions.

**#2 Not sustainable** includes investments that are treated as neutral for sustainability purposes, such as cash and Money Market Investments and derivatives used with the aim of reducing risk (hedging) or managing the Fund more efficiently.

Minimum safeguards are applied where relevant to Money Market Investments and derivatives used with the aim of reducing risk (hedging) by restricting (as appropriate) investments in counterparties where there are ownership links or exposure to higher risk countries (for the purpose of money laundering, terrorist financing, bribery, corruption, tax evasion and sanctions risks). A firm-wide risk assessment considers the risk rating of each jurisdiction; which includes reference to a number of public statements, indices and world governance indicators issued by the UN, the European Union, the UK Government, the Financial Action Task Force and several Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), such as Transparency International and the Basel Committee.

In addition, new counterparties are reviewed by Schroders' credit risk team and approval of a new counterparty is based on a holistic review of the various sources of information available, including, but not limited to, quality of management, ownership structure, location, regulatory and social environment to which each counterparty is subject, and the degree of development of the local banking system and its regulatory framework. Ongoing monitoring is performed through a Schroders' proprietary tool, which supports the analysis of a counterparty's management of environmental, social and governance trends and challenges. Any significant deterioration in the profile of the counterparty in Schroders' proprietary tool would lead to further analysis and potential exclusion by Schroders' credit risk team.



**#1 Sustainable** covers sustainable investments with environmental or social objectives.

**#2 Not sustainable** includes investments which do not qualify as sustainable investments.

● **How does the use of derivatives attain the sustainable investment objective?**

This question is not applicable for the Fund.



**To what minimum extent are sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?**

There is no minimum extent to which the Fund's sustainable investments with an environmental objective are aligned with the Taxonomy. Consequently, taxonomy alignment of this Fund's investments has not been calculated and has as a result been deemed to constitute 0% of the Fund's portfolio.

At the date of this prospectus, it is not yet possible to commit to the Fund maintaining a minimum alignment with the Taxonomy, as the Investment Manager is currently not in a position to accurately determine to what extent the Fund's investments are in taxonomy-aligned environmentally sustainable activities. However, it is expected that the Fund invests in companies and economic activities that contribute to the environmental objectives of climate change mitigation and climate change adaptation within the meaning of the Taxonomy.

In future it is expected that the Fund will assess and report on the extent to which its underlying investments are in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the Taxonomy, along with information relating to the proportion of enabling and transitional activities. This Prospectus will be updated once it is possible in the Investment Manager's opinion to accurately disclose to what extent the Fund's investments are in Taxonomy-aligned environmentally sustainable activities, including the proportions of investments in enabling and transitional activities selected for the Fund.

● **Does the financial product invest in fossil gas and/or nuclear energy related activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy<sup>1</sup>?**

☐ Yes:

☐ In fossil gas ☐ In nuclear energy

☒ No

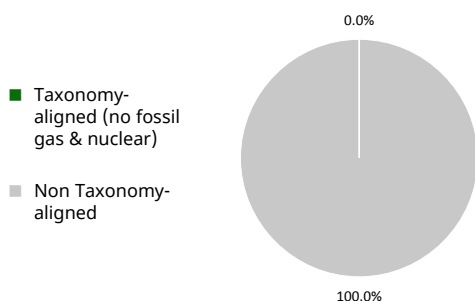
To comply with the EU Taxonomy, the criteria for **fossil gas** include limitations on emissions and switching to renewable power or low-carbon fuels by the end of 2035. For **nuclear energy**, the criteria include comprehensive safety and waste management rules.

Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

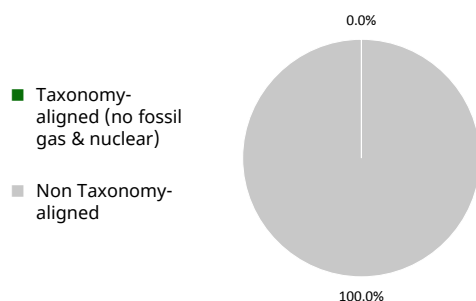
- **turnover** reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee companies
- **capital expenditure** (CapEx) showing the green investments made by investee companies, e.g. for a transition to a green economy.
- **operational expenditure** (OpEx) reflecting green operational activities of investee companies.

The two graphs below show in green the minimum percentage of investments that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the Taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy-alignment in relation to all the investments of the financial product including sovereign bonds, while the second graph shows the Taxonomy-alignment only in relation to the investments of the financial product other than sovereign bonds.

**1. Taxonomy-alignment of investments including sovereign bonds\***



**2. Taxonomy-alignment of investments excluding sovereign bonds\***



This graph represents x% of the total investments<sup>2</sup>.

\* For the purpose of these graphs, 'sovereign bonds' consist of all sovereign exposures

<sup>1</sup> Fossil gas and/or nuclear related activities will only comply with the EU Taxonomy where they contribute to limiting climate change ("climate change mitigation") and do not significantly harm any EU Taxonomy objective – see explanatory note in the left-hand margin. The full criteria for fossil gas and nuclear energy economic activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy are laid down in Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1214.

<sup>2</sup> As there is no Taxonomy-alignment, there is no impact on the graph if sovereign bonds are excluded (i.e. the percentage of Taxonomy-aligned investments remains 0%) and the Management Company therefore believes that there is no need to mention this information.

**Enabling activities** directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective.

**Transitional activities** are activities for which low-carbon alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.

● **What is the minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities?**

As per the above, at the date of this Prospectus the share of investments by the Fund in transitional and enabling activities is currently deemed to constitute 0% of the Fund’s portfolio.



**What is the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?**

The minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy is **7580%**, which is the same amount as the Fund’s minimum share of sustainable investments. As stated above this Prospectus will be updated once it is possible in the Investment Manager’s opinion to accurately disclose to what extent the Fund’s sustainable investments with an environmental objective are aligned with the EU Taxonomy.



are environmentally sustainable investments that **do not take into account the criteria** for environmentally sustainable economic activities under the EU Taxonomy.



**What is the minimum share of sustainable investments with a social objective?**

This question is not applicable for the Fund



**What investments are included under “#2 Not sustainable”, what is their purpose and are there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?**

**#2 Not Sustainable** includes investments that are treated as neutral for sustainability purposes, such as cash and Money Market Investments and derivatives used with the aim of reducing risk (hedging) or managing the Fund more efficiently.

Minimum safeguards are applied where relevant to Money Market Investments and derivatives used with the aim of reducing risk (hedging) by restricting (as appropriate) investments in counterparties where there are ownership links or exposure to higher risk countries (for the purpose of money laundering, terrorist financing, bribery, corruption, tax evasion and sanctions risks). A firm-wide risk assessment considers the risk rating of each jurisdiction; which includes reference to a number of public statements, indices and world governance indicators issued by the UN, the European Union, the UK Government, the Financial Action Task Force and several Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), such as Transparency International and the Basel Committee.

In addition, new counterparties are reviewed by Schroders’ credit risk team and approval of a new counterparty is based on a holistic review of the various sources of information available, including, but not limited to, quality of management, ownership structure, location, regulatory and social environment to which each counterparty is subject, and the degree of development of the local banking system and its regulatory framework. Ongoing monitoring is performed through a Schroders’ proprietary tool, which supports the analysis of a counterparty’s management of environmental, social and governance trends and challenges. Any significant deterioration in the profile of the counterparty in Schroders’ proprietary tool would lead to further analysis and potential exclusion by Schroders’ credit risk team.



## Is a specific index designated as a reference benchmark to meet the sustainable investment objective?

**Reference benchmarks** are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the sustainable investment objective.

- ***How does the reference benchmark take into account sustainability factors in a way that is continuously aligned with the sustainable investment objective?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- ***How is the alignment of the investment strategy with the methodology of the index ensured on a continuous basis?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- ***How does the designated index differ from a relevant broad market index?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- ***Where can the methodology used for the calculation of the designated index be found?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.



## Where can I find more product specific information online?

More product-specific information can be found on the webpage: <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

Pre-contractual disclosure for the financial products referred to in Article 9, paragraphs 1 to 4a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 5, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852

**Product name:** **Schroder International Selection Fund BlueOrchard Emerging Markets Impact Bond**

**Legal entity identifier:** **5493002UVX4QP1OMYB39**

## Sustainable investment objective

**Sustainable investment** means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good Governance practices.

The **EU Taxonomy** is a classification system laid down in Regulation (EU) 2020/852, establishing a list of **environmentally sustainable economic activities**. For the time being, it does not include a list of socially sustainable economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.

Does this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?	
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with an environmental objective: 5.00%</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> It <b>promotes Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics</b> and while it does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will have a minimum proportion of ___% of sustainable investments
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	<input type="checkbox"/> It promotes E/S characteristics, but <b>will not make any sustainable investments</b>

The Fund commits to invest at least **7580%** of its assets in sustainable investments. Within this overall commitment, there is a minimum commitment to invest at least 5% of its assets in sustainable investments with an environmental objective and at least 50% of its assets in sustainable investments with a social objective.



## What is the sustainable investment objective of this financial product?

The Fund's sustainable investment objective is to invest its assets in securities issued by governments, government agencies, supra-nationals and companies of emerging market countries that contribute towards the advancement of an environmental or social objective linked to one or more of the UN SDGs by contributing positively towards social development and environmental themes. The Fund may also invest in investments that the Investment Manager deems to be neutral under its sustainability criteria, such as cash and Money Market Investments and derivatives used with the aim of reducing risk (hedging) or managing the Fund more efficiently.

The Fund will invest in fixed and floating rate securities issued by governments, government agencies, supra-nationals and companies with the aim to foster financial inclusion and provide decisive funding to economically vulnerable communities globally as well as fixed and floating rate securities related to sustainable infrastructure projects and clean energy initiatives. Such issuers may be involved in activities such as micro, small, and medium enterprise (MSME) lending, affordable housing, affordable education, health, agriculture, clean energy, improvements in energy efficiency, renewable energy, green energy products and humanitarian relief activities, among others.

The Fund will help to advance one or more of the UN SDGs, including but not limited to: the end of poverty in all its forms; the provision of access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy; the provision of inclusive and sustainable economic growth, employment and decent work for all; the building of resilient infrastructure, promotion of sustainable infrastructure and fostering of innovation; and the reduction of inequality within and among countries.

The Investment Manager will select sustainable investments from a universe that have been determined as meeting the Investment Manager's impact criteria. The impact criteria include an assessment of the investment's contribution to the UN SDGs alongside the Investment Manager's assessment of impact via its proprietary scorecard. The investment process is aligned with the Operating Principles for Impact Management. No reference benchmark has been designated for the purpose of attaining the sustainable investment objective.



**Sustainability indicators** measure how the sustainable objectives of this financial product are attained.

● **What sustainability indicators are used to measure the attainment of the sustainable investment objective of this financial product?**

The Investment Manager is responsible for determining whether an investment meets the criteria of a sustainable investment. The Investment Manager considers the extent to which the issuer's revenues, business activities, or the use of proceeds of a purpose bond contribute to an environmental or social objective (as applicable), and specific sustainability key performance indicators to assess the investment's contribution to an environmental or social objective (as applicable). The output of the Investment Strategy outlined below is the production of the list of investments that meet the selection criteria, this represents the investment universe. Compliance with the minimum percentage in sustainable investments is monitored daily via our automated compliance controls. The Fund also applies certain exclusions, with which the Investment Manager monitors compliance on an ongoing basis via its portfolio compliance framework.

The Investment Manager uses different sustainability indicators to measure the impact contribution. In particular, the Investment Manager uses a proprietary sustainability tool to analyse how the use of proceeds of social and sustainability bonds are contributing to job creation and how many jobs are created or maintained as a result of the bond's proceeds. There is a detailed impact assessment of every company and/or bond (as applicable) via the completion of a proprietary scorecard. The impact scorecard focuses on the impact that a bond is expected to have. The Investment Manager considers different aspects of impact such as: what outcome and UN SDGs the bond or company is contributing to; who is served by the outcome (such as the relevant stakeholder or industry); an assessment of our expected contribution (including the Investment Manager's influence and engagement); and consideration of impact risks. The assessment includes tracking Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) that are used to measure and monitor the company's or the bond's positive contribution over time via an annual review. Examples of the indicators include, but are not limited to, number of job opportunities created and maintained, number of beneficiaries reached (students, hospital patients), number of households reached (new water and sanitation connection, access to telecommunication network, affordable housing loans), number of micro/small/medium enterprises supported, CO2 emissions reduction, MWh of renewable energy generated, m3 of water savings or km of clean transportation infrastructure built or improved.

Once these steps have been completed, the bond's or the company's impact scorecard and the company's ESG scorecard (as applicable) are validated and approved by the BlueOrchard Sustainability & Impact (S&I) team, in order for the company or bond to be eligible for inclusion in the Fund's investible universe. The S&I team is independent from the investment teams, and is responsible for the consistent application of impact and ESG assessments and scorecards and that all investments meet minimum ESG and impact ratings, as set out in BlueOrchard's ESG & Impact Policy.

● **How do sustainable investments not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?**

The Investment Manager's approach to investing in issuers that do not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective includes the following:

- Firm-wide investment exclusions apply to Schroders funds. These relate to international conventions on cluster munitions, anti-personnel mines, and chemical and biological weapons and a list of those companies that are excluded is available at <https://www.schroders.com/en/sustainability/active-ownership/group-exclusions/>
- The Fund excludes companies that are assessed by Schroders to have breached one or more 'global norms' thereby causing significant environmental or social harm; these companies comprise Schroders' 'global norms' breach list. Schroders' determination of whether a company has been involved in such a breach considers relevant principles such as those contained in the UN Global Compact (UNGC) principles, the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights. The 'global norms' breach list may be informed by assessments performed by third party providers and by proprietary research, where relevant to a particular situation.
- The Fund does not directly invest in the sectors included in BlueOrchard's Public Asset Exclusion List [https://www.blueorchard.com/wp-content/uploads/20220520-BlueOrchard-Exclusion-Policy\\_Public-Assets.pdf](https://www.blueorchard.com/wp-content/uploads/20220520-BlueOrchard-Exclusion-Policy_Public-Assets.pdf)

● **How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?**

When seeking to identify significant harm, Schroders' approach to taking into account the Principal Adverse Impacts (PAI) indicators involves a quantitative and a qualitative assessment. Where it is not considered appropriate or feasible to set quantitative thresholds, the Investment Manager engages, where relevant. Investee companies deemed not to satisfy the quantitative thresholds would generally be excluded, unless on a case-by-case basis the data is deemed not representative of a company's performance in the relevant area.

This framework is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability and quality of the data evolves.

**Principal adverse impacts** are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for

Our approach includes:

1. **Quantitative:** this includes indicators where specific thresholds have been established:
  - Via the application of exclusions. This approach is relevant to **PAI 4** (Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector), **PAI 5** (Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production) and **PAI 14** (Exposure to controversial weapons). Further, the following PAIs are assessed as part of Schroders' 'global norms' breach list exclusion (which seeks to exclude companies where significant harm is occurring):
    - **PAI 7** (Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas)
    - **PAI 8** (Emissions to water)
    - **PAI 9** (Hazardous waste and radioactive waste ratio)
    - **PAI 10** (Violations of UN Global Compact principles and Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises)
    - **PAI 11** (Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and Voluntary)
    - **PAI 14** in Table 3 (Number of identified cases of severe human rights issues and incidents)
  - Via the application of an alert system flag if the relevant indicator(s) exceeds a threshold. These quantitative thresholds to assess significant harm are established centrally by our Sustainable Investment team and monitored systematically. This approach applies to indicators where we have segmented the population into harm groups to establish a threshold, such as carbon related PAI metrics, **PAI 1** (GHG emissions), **PAI 2** (Carbon footprint) and **Voluntary PAI 4 in Table 2** (Investing in companies without carbon emission reduction initiatives). **PAI 3** (GHG intensity of investee companies) operates in a similar way but the threshold is based on a revenue metric. A threshold for **PAI 6** (Energy consumption intensity per high impact climate sector) is established based on the above mentioned carbon measures. A similar approach has been taken for **PAI 15** (GHG intensity). **PAI 16** (Investee countries subject to social violations) also operates in the same way but based on data availability regarding social violations. Through this process the relevant issuer(s) that is/are deemed not to satisfy the quantitative thresholds is/are flagged to the Investment Manager for consideration, whose response may involve selling the holdings(s) or maintaining the position if on a case-by-case basis the data is deemed not representative of a company's performance in the relevant area. Investee companies deemed to cause significant harm are excluded from the Fund.
2. **Qualitative:** This includes PAI indicators where Schroders' believes that the data available does not enable us to make a quantitative determination regarding whether significant harm is done so as to warrant excluding an investment. In such cases, the Investment Manager engages wherever possible with the company or companies held, in accordance with the priorities documented in Schroders' Engagement Blueprint and/or voting policy. This approach applies to indicators such as **PAI 12** (Unadjusted gender pay gap) and **PAI 13** (Board gender diversity), where we engage and may use our voting rights where we consider appropriate. Both board gender diversity and disclosure of gender pay gap information are captured in our Engagement Blueprint.

● ***How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights?***

Companies on Schroders' 'global norms' breach list cannot be categorised as sustainable investments. Schroders' determination of whether a company should be included on such list considers the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, among other relevant principles. The 'global norms' breach list is informed by third party providers and proprietary research, where relevant.



## Does this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

☒ Yes, the Investment Manager's approach to considering principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors involves classifying the indicators into three categories:

The Investment Manager's approach to considering principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors differs depending on the relevant indicator. Some indicators are considered via the application of exclusions, some are considered via the investment process (where data is available via Schroders PAI dashboard and via other external data sources) and some are considered via engagement. Further details are provided below.

PAIs are considered as part of pre-investment through the application of exclusions. These include:

- Controversial weapons: PAI 14 (Exposure to controversial weapons (anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, chemical weapons and biological weapons))
- Schroders' 'global norms' breach list, which covers: PAI 7 (Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas), PAI 8 (Emissions to water), PAI 9 (Hazardous waste and radioactive waste ratio), PAI 10 (Violations of UN

Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises), PAI 11 (Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises) and PAI 16 (Investee countries subject to social violations)

- Companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to thermal coal: PAI 4 (Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector) and PAI 5 (Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production)
- Compliance with these thresholds is monitored via the Investment Manager's portfolio compliance framework. PAIs are also considered through integration in the investment process. PAIs are included within the BlueOrchard proprietary ESG scorecard which is one of the necessary steps to assess and approve issuers and approve them for the strategy's sustainable investment universe. PAIs 1-14 are included in the BlueOrchard proprietary ESG scorecard within relevant ESG sections and will guide the ESG analysis along with other ESG factors such as good governance metrics to determine an overall ESG score.

All PAI indicators are monitored via Schroders PAI dashboard.

PAIs are also considered post-investment through engagement where the Investment Manager engages in line with the approach and expectations set out in Schroders Engagement Blueprint, which outlines our approach to active ownership.

The Investment Manager may engage with selected issuers held by the Fund on PAI 1, 2, 12, 13:

We aim to engage with several issuers on net zero carbon emissions targets (PAI 1,2) and board gender diversity or unadjusted gender pay gap, which relate to PAI 12 and 13.

Where issuers are flagged on lack of data availability on PAIs, the Investment Manager may engage with issuers where the primary focus is to increase reporting, quality and availability of PAI data.

Our approach is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability, and quality, of PAI data evolves. The Management Company's statement on principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors is available at <https://mybrand.schroders.com/m/4ab13771bddd9d/original/Statement-on-principal-adverse-impacts-of-investment-decisions-on-sustainability-factors-2-1-new.pdf> <https://api.schroders.com/document-store/id/ffcb39bb-96cb-4e56-9461-deba9a493e85>. The Fund level information is disclosed or will be (as applicable) in the Fund's annual report.

1. Set thresholds: these involve very explicit thresholds for considering an investment to be a "sustainable investment". For example, PAI 10 on violations of UNGC principles.
2. Active ownership: these involve indicators on which we have a plan to engage with the underlying holding. For example, PAI 1, 2 and 3 covering GHG emissions and PAI 13 on board gender diversity.
3. Improve coverage: these involve indicators where we consider data coverage to be too sparse to properly consider them and our focus is primarily on engaging with the underlying holdings to increase reporting. For example, PAI 7 on biodiversity, PAI 9 on hazardous waste ratio and PAI 12 on the gender pay gap.

Our approach is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability, and quality, of PAI data evolves.

The Management Company's statement on principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors is available at <https://mybrand.schroders.com/m/467910ac8e6da45c/original/Statement-on-principal-adverse-impacts-of-investment-decisions-on-sustainability-factors.pdf>. The Fund level information is disclosed or will be (as applicable) in the Fund's annual report.

☐ No



## What investment strategy does this financial product follow?

The sustainable investment strategy used by the Investment Manager is as follows:

The Fund is actively managed and invests its assets in (i) sustainable investments, which are investments that contribute towards the advancement of an environmental or social objective linked to one or more of the UN SDGs by contributing positively towards social development and environmental themes (please see the Fund Characteristics section for more details), and (ii) investments that the Investment Manager deems to be neutral under its sustainability criteria such as cash and Money Market Investments and derivatives used with the aim of reducing risk (hedging) or managing the Fund more efficiently.

The Investment Manager will select sustainable investments from a universe that have been determined as meeting the Investment Manager's impact criteria. The impact criteria include an assessment of an investment's contribution to the UN SDGs alongside the Investment Manager's assessment of impact via its proprietary impact investment management framework and tools (including an impact scorecard).

The Fund is part of Schroders' Impact Driven strategies. As such, it applies highly selective investment criteria and its investment process is aligned with the Operating Principles for Impact Management which means that an assessment of impact is embedded in the steps of the investment process. All sustainable investments in the Fund are subject to this framework.

The Fund will invest in fixed and floating rate securities issued by governments, government agencies, supranationals and companies with the aim to foster financial inclusion and provide decisive funding to economically vulnerable communities globally as well as fixed and floating rate securities related to sustainable infrastructure projects and clean energy initiatives. Such issuers may be involved in activities such as micro, small, and medium enterprise (MSME) lending, affordable housing, affordable education, health, agriculture, clean energy, improvements in energy efficiency, renewable energy, green energy products and humanitarian relief activities, among others.

The Fund will help to advance one or more of the UN SDGs, including but not limited to: the end of poverty in all its forms; the provision of access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy; the provision of inclusive and sustainable economic growth, employment and decent work for all; the building of resilient infrastructure, promotion of sustainable infrastructure and fostering of innovation; and the reduction of inequality within and among countries.

The Fund does not directly invest in the sectors included in the below BlueOrchard Public Asset Exclusion List. [https://www.blueorchard.com/wp-content/uploads/20220520-BlueOrchard-Exclusion-Policy\\_Public-Assets.pdf](https://www.blueorchard.com/wp-content/uploads/20220520-BlueOrchard-Exclusion-Policy_Public-Assets.pdf)

The Fund invests in companies that do not cause significant environmental or social harm and have good governance practices, as determined by the Investment Manager's rating criteria.

The Investment Manager may also engage with companies held by the Fund to seek to improve sustainability practices and enhance social and environmental impacts generated by underlying investee companies. More details on the Investment Manager's approach to sustainability and its engagement with companies are available on the webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/>

The Fund invests at least two-thirds of its assets in fixed and floating rate securities denominated in various currencies and issued by governments, government agencies, supnationals and companies of emerging market countries.

The Fund may invest up to 50% of its assets in securities that have a below investment grade credit rating (as measured by Standard & Poor's or any equivalent grade of other credit rating agencies for rated bonds and implied Schroders ratings for non-rated bonds).

The Fund may also invest up to one third of its assets directly or indirectly in other securities (including other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies, Investment Funds, warrants and Money Market Investments, and hold cash.

The investment strategy of the Fund and the use of derivatives may lead to situations where it is considered appropriate that prudent levels of cash and Money Market Investments will be maintained, which may be substantial or even represent (exceptionally) 100% of the Fund's assets. This will be limited to a maximum of six months (otherwise the Fund will be liquidated). During this period, the Fund will not fall within the scope of MMFR. The Fund may use derivatives with the aim of reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently.

The Investment Manager applies sustainability criteria when selecting investments for the Fund.

Investments are composed of bonds where the issuer's products and services, business activities or use of proceeds for a purpose bond contribute positively to at least one of the UN SDGs. In order to identify bond with a direct link to a UN SDG, the Investment Manager applies a two step approach:

- The first considers the extent to which the issuer's revenues, business activities, or the use of proceeds of a purpose bond contribute to an environmental or social objective (as applicable).
- The second is a detailed ESG and impact assessment of the company and/or bond (as applicable) via the completion of proprietary impact and ESG scorecards. The Investment Manager considers a range of ESG criteria and different aspects of impact such as: what outcome and UN SDGs the bond or company is contributing to; who is served by the outcome (such as the relevant stakeholder or industry); an assessment of our expected contribution (including the Investment Manager's influence and engagement); and consideration of impact risks. The assessment typically includes Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) that are used to track the company's or the bond's positive contribution over time.

The impact and ESG scorecards are validated and approved by the BlueOrchard Sustainability & Impact (S&I) team, in order for the company or bond to be eligible for inclusion in the Fund's investible universe. The S&I team is independent from the investment teams, and is responsible for the consistent application of impact and ESG assessments and scorecards and that all investments meet minimum ESG and impact ratings, as set out in BlueOrchard's ESG & Impact Policy.

Through this assessment, the Investment Manager selects bonds that it deems eligible in accordance with the Fund's investment objective and policy.

Due to the nature of its investments, and in particular the need for currency hedging, the Fund may also hold a portion of investments that the Investment Manager deems to be neutral under its sustainability criteria. These may include (but are not limited to) derivatives for hedging purposes, cash and Money Market Investments.

The Investment Manager ensures that at least 90% of the portion of the Fund's Net Asset Value composed of investments in companies is rated against the sustainability criteria. As a result of the application of sustainability criteria, at least 20% of the Fund's potential investment universe is excluded from the selection of investments.

For the purposes of this test, the potential investment universe is the core universe of issuers that the Investment Manager may select for the Fund prior to the application of sustainability criteria, in accordance with the other limitations of the Investment Objective and Policy. This universe is comprised of fixed and floating rate securities denominated in various currencies and issued by companies worldwide, including emerging market countries. The universe (for the purpose of this test only) does not include fixed or floating rate securities issued by public or quasi-public issuers.

**The investment strategy** guides investment decisions based on factors such as investment objectives and risk tolerance.

● **What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain the sustainable investment objective?**

The following binding elements are applied throughout the investment process:

- The Fund is actively managed and invests at least **7580%** of its assets in sustainable investments that contribute towards the advancement of an environmental or social objective linked to one or more of the UN SDGs by contributing positively towards social development and environmental themes.
- Exclusions are applied to direct investments in companies. The Fund applies certain exclusions relating to international conventions on cluster munitions, anti-personnel mines, and chemical and biological weapons. The Fund also excludes companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to tobacco and thermal coal, especially companies that generate revenues from tobacco production or any other part of the tobacco value chain (suppliers, distributors, licensors), and companies that generate revenues from thermal coal mining and coal fired power generation. The Fund excludes companies that are assessed by Schroders to have breached one or more 'global norms' thereby causing significant environmental or social harm; these companies comprise Schroders' 'global norms' breach list. Details of the revenue thresholds together with certain other exclusions the Fund applies are listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>. Further, the Fund does not directly invest in the sectors included in BlueOrchard Public Asset Exclusion List.

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- The Fund invests in companies that do not cause significant environmental or social harm and have good governance practices, as determined by the Investment Manager's rating criteria.
- The Investment Manager ensures that at least 90% of the portion of the Fund's Net Asset Value composed of investments in companies is rated against the sustainability criteria.
- As a result of the application of sustainability criteria, at least 20% of the Fund's potential investment universe is excluded from the selection of investments.

● **What is the policy to assess good governance practices of the investee companies?**

The Investment Manager's proprietary framework includes an assessment of the good governance practices of each investment, including on factors such as a company's code of conduct and ESG incident screening. The good governance score represents at least 33% of the proprietary framework ESG scorecard's score and comprises topics such as business integrity, compliance with local regulation, corporate governance accountability or transparency and disclosure maturity.

Post-investment, changes to these factors will be monitored, assessed and where appropriate engaged with. Where potential issues arise, the performance of an issuer is below expected, or when the reported data is incomplete to reach a conclusion, the Investment Manager will engage with the issuer to evaluate the performance. The Investment Manager will encourage investee companies to improve their good governance practices and disclosure as well as their end contribution to the social and climate related transformation.

**Good governance** practices include sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff and tax compliance.



## What is the asset allocation and the minimum share of sustainable investments?

**Asset allocation** describes the share of investments in specific assets.

The planned composition of the Fund's investments that are used to meet its sustainable investment objective are summarised below. The Fund invests at least **7580%** of its assets in sustainable investments, which means included in **#1 Sustainable** are investments in securities issued by governments, government agencies, supra-nationals and companies of emerging market countries that contribute towards the advancement of one or more of the UN SDGs by contributing positively towards social development and environmental themes. Within this overall commitment of **7580%**, there is a minimum commitment to invest at least 5% of its assets in sustainable investments with an environmental objective and at least 50% of its assets in sustainable investments with a social objective. The minimum proportions stated apply in normal market conditions.

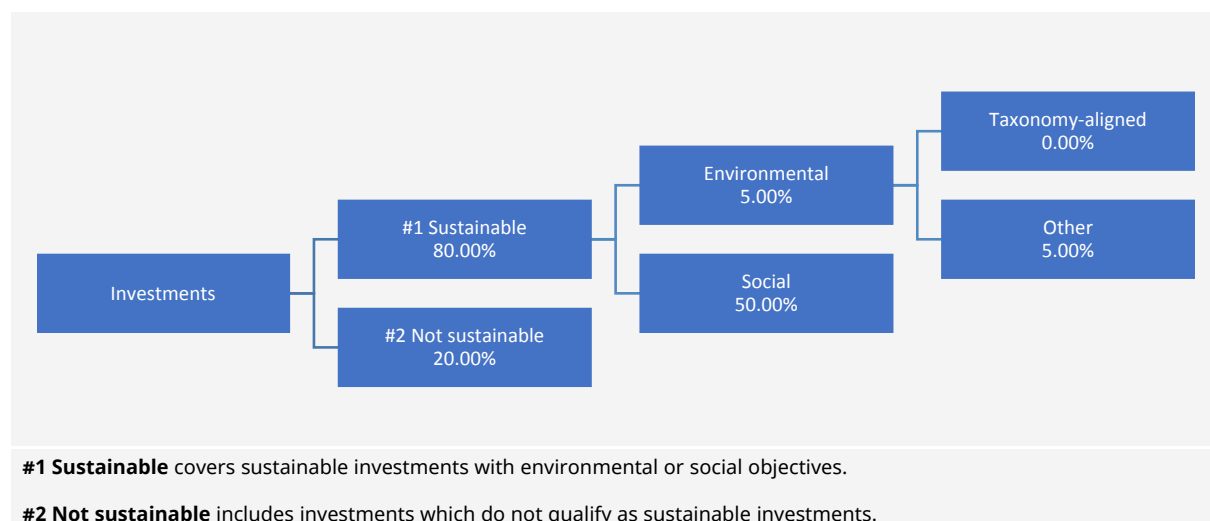
**#2 Not sustainable** includes investments that are treated as neutral for sustainability purposes, such as cash and Money Market Investments and derivatives used with the aim of reducing risk (hedging) or managing the Fund more efficiently.

Minimum safeguards are applied where relevant to Money Market Investments and derivatives used with the aim of reducing risk (hedging) by restricting (as appropriate) investments in counterparties where there are ownership links or exposure to higher risk countries (for the purpose of money laundering, terrorist financing, bribery, corruption, tax evasion and sanctions risks). A firm-wide risk assessment considers the risk rating of each jurisdiction; which includes reference to a number of public statements, indices and world governance indicators issued by the UN, the European Union, the UK Government, the Financial Action Task Force and several Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), such as Transparency International and the Basel Committee.

In addition, new counterparties are reviewed by Schroders' credit risk team and approval of a new counterparty is based on a holistic review of the various sources of information available, including, but not limited to, quality of management, ownership structure, location, regulatory and social environment to which each counterparty is subject, and the degree of development of the local banking system and its regulatory framework. Ongoing monitoring is performed through a Schroders' proprietary tool, which supports the analysis of a counterparty's



management of environmental, social and governance trends and challenges. Any significant deterioration in the profile of the counterparty in Schroders' proprietary tool would lead to further analysis and potential exclusion by Schroders' credit risk team.



● **How does the use of derivatives attain the sustainable investment objective?**

This question is not applicable for the Fund



**To what minimum extent are sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?**

There is no minimum extent to which the Fund's investments (including transitional and enabling activities) with an environmental objective are aligned with the Taxonomy. Taxonomy alignment of this Fund's investments has therefore not been calculated and has as a result been deemed to constitute 0% of the Fund's portfolio.

In future it is expected that the Fund will assess and report on the extent to which its underlying investments are in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy, along with information relating to the proportion of enabling and transitional activities. This Prospectus will be updated once it is possible in the Investment Manager's opinion to accurately disclose to what extent the Fund's investments are in Taxonomy-aligned environmentally sustainable activities, including the proportions of investments in enabling and transitional activities selected for the Fund.

● **Does the financial product invest in fossil gas and/or nuclear energy related activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy<sup>1</sup>?**

☐ Yes:

☐ In fossil gas ☐ In nuclear energy

☒ No

To comply with the EU Taxonomy, the criteria for **fossil gas** include limitations on emissions and switching to renewable power or low-carbon fuels by the end of 2035. For **nuclear energy**, the criteria include comprehensive safety and waste management rules.

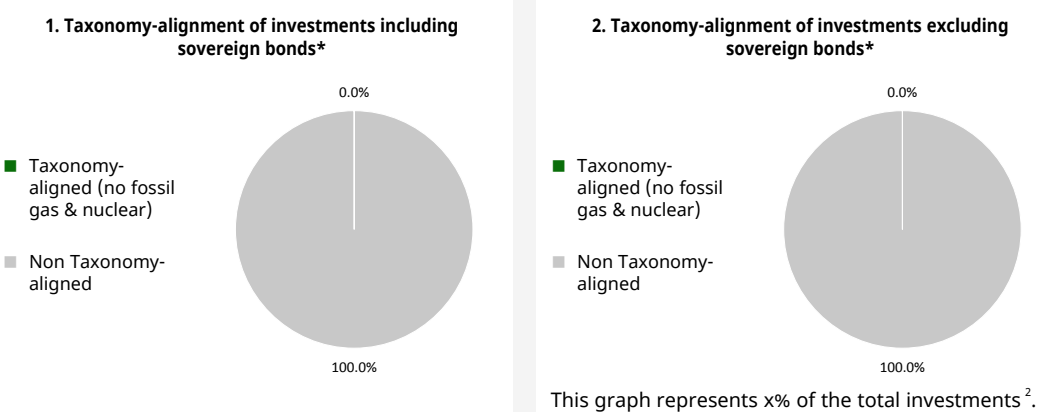
<sup>1</sup> Fossil gas and/or nuclear related activities will only comply with the EU Taxonomy where they contribute to limiting climate change ("climate change mitigation") and do not significantly harm any EU Taxonomy objective – see explanatory note in the left-hand margin. The full criteria for fossil gas and nuclear energy economic activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy are laid down in Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1214.



Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

- **turnover** reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee companies
- **capital expenditure** (CapEx) showing the green investments made by investee companies, e.g. for a transition to a green economy.
- **operational expenditure** (OpEx) reflecting green operational activities of investee companies.

The two graphs below show in green the minimum percentage of investments that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the Taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy-alignment in relation to all the investments of the financial product including sovereign bonds, while the second graph shows the Taxonomy-alignment only in relation to the investments of the financial product other than sovereign bonds.



\* For the purpose of these graphs, 'sovereign bonds' consist of all sovereign exposures

**Enabling activities** directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective.

**Transitional activities** are activities for which low-carbon alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.

● **What is the minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities?**

As per the above, at the date of this Prospectus the share of investments by the Fund in transitional and enabling activities is currently deemed to constitute 0% of the Fund's portfolio.



**What is the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?**

The Fund commits to invest at least 5% of its assets in sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy.



are environmentally sustainable investments that **do not take into account the criteria** for environmentally sustainable economic activities under the EU Taxonomy.

<sup>2</sup> As there is no Taxonomy-alignment, there is no impact on the graph if sovereign bonds are excluded (i.e. the percentage of Taxonomy-aligned investments remains 0%) and the Management Company therefore believes that there is no need to mention this information.



## What is the minimum share of sustainable investments with a social objective?

The Fund commits to invest at least 50% of its assets in sustainable investments with a social objective.



## What investments are included under “#2 Not sustainable”, what is their purpose and are there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

#2 Not Sustainable includes investments that are treated as neutral for sustainability purposes, such as cash and Money Market Investments and derivatives used with the aim of reducing risk (hedging) or managing the Fund more efficiently.

Minimum safeguards are applied where relevant to Money Market Investments and derivatives used with the aim of reducing risk (hedging) by restricting (as appropriate) investments in counterparties where there are ownership links or exposure to higher risk countries (for the purpose of money laundering, terrorist financing, bribery, corruption, tax evasion and sanctions risks). A firm-wide risk assessment considers the risk rating of each jurisdiction; which includes reference to a number of public statements, indices and world governance indicators issued by the UN, the European Union, the UK Government, the Financial Action Task Force and several Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), such as Transparency International and the Basel Committee.

In addition, new counterparties are reviewed by Schroders' credit risk team and approval of a new counterparty is based on a holistic review of the various sources of information available, including, but not limited to, quality of management, ownership structure, location, regulatory and social environment to which each counterparty is subject, and the degree of development of the local banking system and its regulatory framework. Ongoing monitoring is performed through a Schroders' proprietary tool, which supports the analysis of a counterparty's management of environmental, social and governance trends and challenges. Any significant deterioration in the profile of the counterparty in Schroders' proprietary tool would lead to further analysis and potential exclusion by Schroders' credit risk team.



## Is a specific index designated as a reference benchmark to meet the sustainable investment objective?

**Reference benchmarks** are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the sustainable investment objective.

- ***How does the reference benchmark take into account sustainability factors in a way that is continuously aligned with the sustainable investment objective?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- ***How is the alignment of the investment strategy with the methodology of the index ensured on a continuous basis?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- ***How does the designated index differ from a relevant broad market index?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- ***Where can the methodology used for the calculation of the designated index be found?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.



## Where can I find more product specific information online?

More product-specific information can be found on the webpage: <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

Pre-contractual disclosure for the financial products referred to in Article 9, paragraphs 1 to 4a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 5, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852

**Product name:** **Schroder International Selection Fund Carbon Neutral Credit**

**Legal entity identifier:** **54930083X6X1LLU8U819**

## Sustainable investment objective

**Sustainable investment** means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good Governance practices.

The **EU Taxonomy** is a classification system laid down in Regulation (EU) 2020/852, establishing a list of **environmentally sustainable economic activities**. For the time being, it does not include a list of socially sustainable economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.

Does this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?	
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## What is the sustainable investment objective of this financial product?

The Fund's sustainable investment objective is to aim to achieve aggregate carbon neutrality by the year 2025 within its investment portfolio by investing its assets in fixed and floating rate securities issued by governments, government agencies, supra-nationals and companies worldwide that in the Investment Manager's view will contribute towards the objective of carbon emission reduction by one or a combination of the following: (i) being carbon neutral; (ii) aiming for, and being on track to achieve, 80% emission reductions or equivalent by 2030; (iii) otherwise demonstrating a contribution to the reduction of carbon emissions (and companies within (iii) may include those that provide products or services which enable decarbonisation). The Fund may also invest in investments that the Investment Manager deems to be neutral under its sustainability criteria, such as cash and Money Market Investments and derivatives used with the aim of reducing risk (hedging) or managing the Fund more efficiently.

Aggregate carbon neutrality means achieving net zero carbon emissions intensity by balancing investments in (i) issuers that generate carbon emissions, but that have stated goals to reduce such emissions with (ii) issuers that contribute to reducing carbon emissions.

The Fund's objective includes a reduction in carbon emissions, which means that it aims for low carbon emissions, consistent with the long-term objectives of the Paris Agreement on limiting global warming. The Investment Manager seeks to ensure the objective of reducing carbon emissions is attained on an ongoing basis by investing in issuers as described in (i) – (iii) above. Companies from sectors with heavy scope 3 emissions are also required to have scope 3 emissions reduction targets or a commitment to reduce scope 3 emissions.

The Investment Manager periodically assesses whether an issuer's carbon reduction pathway is consistent with the criteria through which it earlier qualified for investment by the Fund and seeks to identify cases where it might deviate. The Investment Manager also seeks to identify situations where an issuer's emissions reduction targets did not keep pace with the emissions reduction trajectory for that sector and reviews any major changes in the emissions profile of an issuer, for example due to mergers or acquisitions. These considerations may lead to divestment by the Investment Manager.

No reference benchmark has been designated for the purpose of attaining the sustainable investment objective.

At the date of this Prospectus, it is not yet possible to commit to the Fund maintaining a minimum alignment with the Taxonomy, as the Investment Manager is currently not in a position to accurately determine to what extent the Fund's investments are in taxonomy-aligned environmentally sustainable activities. Taxonomy alignment of this Fund's investments has therefore not been calculated and has as a result been deemed to

constitute 0% of the Fund's portfolio. However it is expected that the Fund invests in companies and economic activities that contribute to the environmental objectives of climate change mitigation and climate change adaptation within the meaning of the Taxonomy.

In future it is therefore expected that the Fund will assess and report on the extent to which its underlying investments are in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the Taxonomy, along with information relating to the proportion of enabling and transitional activities. This Prospectus will be updated once it is possible in the Investment Manager's opinion to accurately disclose to what extent the Fund's investments are in Taxonomy-aligned environmentally sustainable activities, including the proportions of investments in enabling and transitional activities selected for the Fund.

**Sustainability indicators** measure how the sustainable objectives of this financial product are attained.

● ***What sustainability indicators are used to measure the attainment of the sustainable investment objective of this financial product?***

The Investment Manager is responsible for determining whether an investment meets the criteria of a sustainable investment. The Investment Manager uses specific sustainability key performance indicators to assess the investment's contribution to an environmental or social objective (as applicable). The output of the Investment Strategy outlined below is the production of the list of investments that meet the selection criteria, this represents the investment universe. Compliance with the minimum percentage in sustainable investments is monitored daily via our automated compliance controls. The Fund also applies certain exclusions, with which the Investment Manager monitors compliance on an ongoing basis via its portfolio compliance framework.

The Investment Manager uses different sustainability indicators to measure the impact contribution at an investee company level. Examples of the indicators include, but are not limited to, achieved carbon emission reductions (Scope 1 and Scope 2) and/or absolute level of carbon intensity, decarbonization plans, and avoided emissions per company achieved through climate solutions initiatives.

● ***How do sustainable investments not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?***

The Investment Manager's approach to investing in issuers that do not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective includes the following:

- Firm-wide investment exclusions apply to Schroders funds. These relate to international conventions on cluster munitions, anti-personnel mines, and chemical and biological weapons and a list of those companies that are excluded is available at <https://www.schroders.com/en/sustainability/active-ownership/group-exclusions/>. Firm-wide exclusions also apply to companies generating more than 20% of their revenue from thermal coal mining.
- The Fund excludes companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to tobacco and thermal coal.
- The Fund excludes companies that are assessed by Schroders to have breached one or more 'global norms' thereby causing significant environmental or social harm; these companies comprise Schroders' 'global norms' breach list. Schroders' determination of whether a company has been involved in such a breach considers relevant principles such as those contained in the UN Global Compact (UNGC) principles, the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights. The 'global norms' breach list may be informed by assessments performed by third party providers and by proprietary research, where relevant to a particular situation. - The Fund may also apply certain other exclusions in addition to those summarised above.

Further information on all of the Fund's investment exclusions is to be found under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

● ***How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?***

When seeking to identify significant harm, Schroders' approach to taking into account the Principal Adverse Impacts (PAI) indicators involves a quantitative and a qualitative assessment. Where it is not considered appropriate or feasible to set quantitative thresholds, the Investment Manager engages, where relevant. Investee companies deemed not to satisfy the quantitative thresholds would generally be excluded, unless on a case-by-case basis the data is deemed not representative of a company's performance in the relevant area.

This framework is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability and quality of the data evolves.

Our approach includes:

1. **Quantitative:** this includes indicators where specific thresholds have been established:

**Principal adverse impacts** are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anticorruption and antibribery matters.

- Via the application of exclusions. This approach is relevant to **PAI 4** (Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector), **PAI 5** (Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production) and **PAI 14** (Exposure to controversial weapons). Further, the following PAIs are assessed as part of Schroders' 'global norms' breach list exclusion (which seeks to exclude companies where significant harm is occurring):
  - **PAI 7** (Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas)
  - **PAI 8** (Emissions to water)
  - **PAI 9** (Hazardous waste and radioactive waste ratio)
  - **PAI 10** (Violations of UN Global Compact principles and Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises)
  - **PAI 11** (Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and Voluntary)
  - **PAI 14** in Table 3 (Number of identified cases of severe human rights issues and incidents)
- Via the application of an alert system flag if the relevant indicator(s) exceeds a threshold. These quantitative thresholds to assess significant harm are established centrally by our Sustainable Investment team and monitored systematically. This approach applies to indicators where we have segmented the population into harm groups to establish a threshold, such as carbon related PAI metrics, **PAI 1** (GHG emissions), **PAI 2** (Carbon footprint) and **Voluntary PAI 4 in Table 2** (Investing in companies without carbon emission reduction initiatives). **PAI 3** (GHG intensity of investee companies) operates in a similar way but the threshold is based on a revenue metric. A threshold for **PAI 6** (Energy consumption intensity per high impact climate sector) is established based on the above mentioned carbon measures. A similar approach has been taken for **PAI 15** (GHG intensity). **PAI 16** (Investee countries subject to social violations) also operates in the same way but based on data availability regarding social violations. Through this process the relevant issuer(s) that is/are deemed not to satisfy the quantitative thresholds is/are flagged to the Investment Manager for consideration, whose response may involve selling the holdings(s) or maintaining the position if on a case-by-case basis the data is deemed not representative of a company's performance in the relevant area. Investee companies deemed to cause significant harm are excluded from the Fund.
- 2. **Qualitative:** This includes PAI indicators where Schroders' believes that the data available does not enable us to make a quantitative determination regarding whether significant harm is done so as to warrant excluding an investment. In such cases, the Investment Manager engages wherever possible with the company or companies held, in accordance with the priorities documented in Schroders' Engagement Blueprint and/or voting policy. This approach applies to indicators such as **PAI 12** (Unadjusted gender pay gap) and **PAI 13** (Board gender diversity), where we engage and may use our voting rights where we consider appropriate. Both board gender diversity and disclosure of gender pay gap information are captured in our Engagement Blueprint.

● ***How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights?***

Companies on Schroders' 'global norms' breach list cannot be categorised as sustainable investments. Schroders' determination of whether a company should be included on such list considers the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, among other relevant principles. The 'global norms' breach list is informed by third party providers and proprietary research, where relevant.



## Does this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

☒ **Yes, the Investment Manager's approach to considering principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors involves classifying the indicators into three categories:**

The Investment Manager's approach to considering principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors differs depending on the relevant indicator. Some indicators are considered via the application of exclusions, some are considered via the investment process (where data is available via Schroders PAI dashboard and via other external data sources) and some are considered via engagement. Further details are provided below.

PAIs are considered as part of pre-investment through the application of exclusions. These include:

- Controversial weapons: PAI 14 (Exposure to controversial weapons (anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, chemical weapons and biological weapons))
- Schroders' 'global norms' breach list, which covers: PAI 7 (Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas), PAI 8 (Emissions to water), PAI 9 (Hazardous waste and radioactive waste ratio), PAI 10 (Violations of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises), PAI 11 (Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises) and PAI 16 (Investee countries subject to social violations)

- Companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to thermal coal: PAI 4 (Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector) and PAI 5 (Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production)

Compliance with these thresholds is monitored via the Investment Manager's portfolio compliance framework. PAIs are also considered through integration in the investment process as a Schroders' proprietary tool incorporates several PAIs as a component of its scoring methodology. In assessing an issuers' overall environmental score, one or more of PAIs 1, 2, 3, 5, and 6 are included. All PAI indicators are monitored via Schroders PAI dashboard.

PAIs are also considered post-investment through engagement where the Investment Manager engages in line with the approach and expectations set out in Schroders Engagement Blueprint. Issuers identified as laggards may be selected for engagement. Among others, the Investment Manager may engage with selected issuers on topics such as reducing direct and indirect carbon footprint (related to PAIs 1, 2 and 3 covering GHG emissions). Our approach is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability, and quality, of PAI data evolves. The Management Company's statement on principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors is available at <https://mybrand.schroders.com/m/4ab13771bdddde9d/original/Statement-on-principal-adverse-impacts-of-investment-decisions-on-sustainability-factors-2-1-new.pdf> <https://api.schroders.com/document-store/id/ffcb39bb-96cb-4e56-9461-deba9a493e85>. The Fund level information is disclosed or will be disclosed (as applicable) in the Fund's annual report.

1. Set thresholds: these involve very explicit thresholds for considering an investment to be a "sustainable investment". For example, PAI 10 on violations of UNGC principles.

2. Active ownership: these involve indicators on which we have a plan to engage with the underlying holding as set out in the Schroders Group document <https://mybrand.schroders.com/m/3222ea4ed44a1f2c/original/schroders-engagement-blueprint.pdf>, outlining our approach to active ownership. For example, PAI 1, 2 and 3 covering GHG emissions and PAI 13 on board gender diversity.

3. Improve coverage: these involve indicators where we consider data coverage to be too sparse to properly consider them and our focus is primarily on engaging with the underlying holdings to increase reporting. For example, PAI 7 on biodiversity, PAI 9 on hazardous waste ratio and PAI 12 on the gender pay gap.

Our approach is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability, and quality, of PAI data evolves.

The Management Company's statement on principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors is available at <https://mybrand.schroders.com/m/467910ac8e6da45c/original/Statement-on-principal-adverse-impacts-of-investment-decisions-on-sustainability-factors.pdf>. The Fund level information is disclosed or will be (as applicable) in the Fund's annual report.

☐ No



## What investment strategy does this financial product follow?

**The investment strategy** guides investment decisions based on factors such as investment objectives and risk tolerance.

The sustainable investment strategy used by the Investment Manager is as follows:

The Fund is actively managed and invests its assets in (a) sustainable investments which are investments that in the Investment Manager's view will contribute towards the objective of carbon emission reduction by one or a combination of the following: (i) being carbon neutral; (ii) aiming for, and being on track to achieve, 80% emission reductions by or equivalent 2030; (iii) otherwise demonstrating a contribution to the reduction of carbon emissions; and (b) investments that the Investment Manager deems to be neutral under its sustainability criteria such as cash and Money Market Investments and derivatives used with the aim of reducing risk (hedging) or managing the Fund more efficiently.

The Fund does not directly invest in certain activities, industries or groups of issuers above the limits listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

The Fund invests in companies that do not cause significant environmental or social harm and have good governance practices, as determined by the Investment Manager's rating criteria.

The Investment Manager may also engage with companies held by the Fund or from the investible universe to gain insights or request improvement on sustainability issues. More details on the Investment Manager's approach to sustainability and its engagement with companies are available on the webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/>

The Fund invests at least two-thirds of its assets in fixed and floating rate securities issued by governments, government agencies, supra-nationals and companies worldwide, including emerging market countries.

The Fund may invest:

- up to 60% of its assets in securities that have a below investment grade credit rating (as measured by Standard & Poor's or any equivalent grade of other credit rating agencies for rated bonds and implied Schroders ratings for non-rated bonds);
- up to 30% of its assets in convertible bonds including up to 10% of its assets in contingent convertible bonds; and
- up to 20% of its assets in asset-backed securities and mortgage-backed securities.



The Investment Manager believes that over the long term, companies that manage the risks and invest in the opportunities arising from climate change better than peers will not only experience fewer penalties, but capture financial and non-financial rewards by various stakeholders.

The Fund may also invest up to one-third of its assets directly or indirectly in other securities (including other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies, warrants and Money Market Investments, and hold cash.

The Fund may use derivatives with the aim of achieving investment gains, reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently.

The Fund's objective includes a reduction in carbon emissions, which means that it aims for low carbon emissions, consistent with the long-term objectives of the Paris Agreement on limiting global warming.

The Investment Manager applies sustainability criteria when selecting investments for the Fund.

Issuers are assessed using a methodology that identifies companies that in the Investment Manager's view will contribute towards the objective of carbon emission reduction.

This methodology is data-driven, sourced from established environmental initiatives and data sources such as the CDP and the Science Based Targets initiative (SBTi), MSCI and other credible external and proprietary data sources.

The Investment Manager then screens the resulting universe for issuers it deems to have harmful and controversial practices defined by a specific list of exclusion criteria. The Investment Manager also conducts its own due diligence to identify issuers that do no significant harm to environmental or social objectives.

Schroders' proprietary sustainability tools and external sustainability ratings are utilised to identify issuers with good governance.

The Investment Manager may also engage with companies to encourage carbon emission intensity reduction. This identifies new investment opportunities, and monitors whether a company's carbon intensity reduction plan is progressing.

Due to the nature of its investments, and in particular the need for currency hedging, the Fund may also hold a portion of investments that the Investment Manager deems to be neutral under its sustainability criteria. These may include (but are not limited to) derivatives for hedging purposes, cash and Money Market Investments.

The Investment Manager ensures that at least 90% of the portion of the Fund's Net Asset Value composed of investments in companies is rated against the sustainability criteria. As a result of the application of sustainability criteria, at least 20% of the Fund's potential investment universe is excluded from the selection of investments.

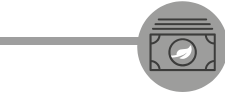
For the purposes of this test, the potential investment universe is the core universe of issuers that the Investment Manager may select for the Fund prior to the application of sustainability criteria, in accordance with the other limitations of the Investment Objective and Policy. This universe is comprised of fixed and floating rate securities denominated in various currencies and issued by companies worldwide, including emerging market countries. The universe (for the purpose of this test only) does not include fixed or floating rate securities issued by public or quasi-public issuers.

### ● **What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain the sustainable investment objective?**

The following binding elements are applied throughout the investment process:

- The Fund is actively managed and invests at least **7580%** of its assets in sustainable investments, which are investments that in the Investment Manager's view will contribute towards the objective of carbon emission reduction by one or a combination of the following: (i) being carbon neutral; (ii) aiming for, and being on track to achieve, 80% emission reductions or equivalent by 2030; (iii) otherwise demonstrating a contribution to the reduction of carbon emissions.
- Exclusions are applied to direct investments in companies. The Fund applies certain exclusions relating to international conventions on cluster munitions, antipersonnel mines, and chemical and biological weapons. The Fund also excludes companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to tobacco and thermal coal, especially companies that generate revenues from tobacco production or from the tobacco value chain (such as suppliers, distributors, retailers and licensors) and companies that generate revenues from thermal coal mining and coal fired power generation. The Fund excludes companies that are assessed by Schroders to have breached one or more 'global norms' thereby causing significant environmental or social harm; these companies comprise Schroders' 'global norms' breach list. Details of the revenue thresholds together with certain other exclusions the Fund applies are listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>
- The Fund invests in companies that do not cause significant environmental or social harm and have good governance practices, as determined by the Investment Manager's rating criteria.
- The Investment Manager ensures that at least 90% of the portion of the Fund's Net Asset Value composed of investments in companies is rated against the sustainability criteria.
- As a result of the application of sustainability criteria, at least 20% of the Fund's potential investment universe is excluded from the selection of investments.

**Good governance** practices include sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff and tax compliance.



**Asset allocation** describes the share of investments in specific assets.

● **What is the policy to assess good governance practices of the investee companies?**

In order to assess good governance practices, a central Good Governance Test is applied. This test is based on a data-driven quantitative framework, which uses a scorecard to assess companies across the categories of sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff, and tax compliance. Schroders has defined a number of criteria across these pillars.

Compliance with the test is monitored centrally and companies which do not pass this test cannot be held by the Fund, unless the Investment Manager has agreed that the issuer demonstrates good governance based on additional insights beyond that quantitative analysis.

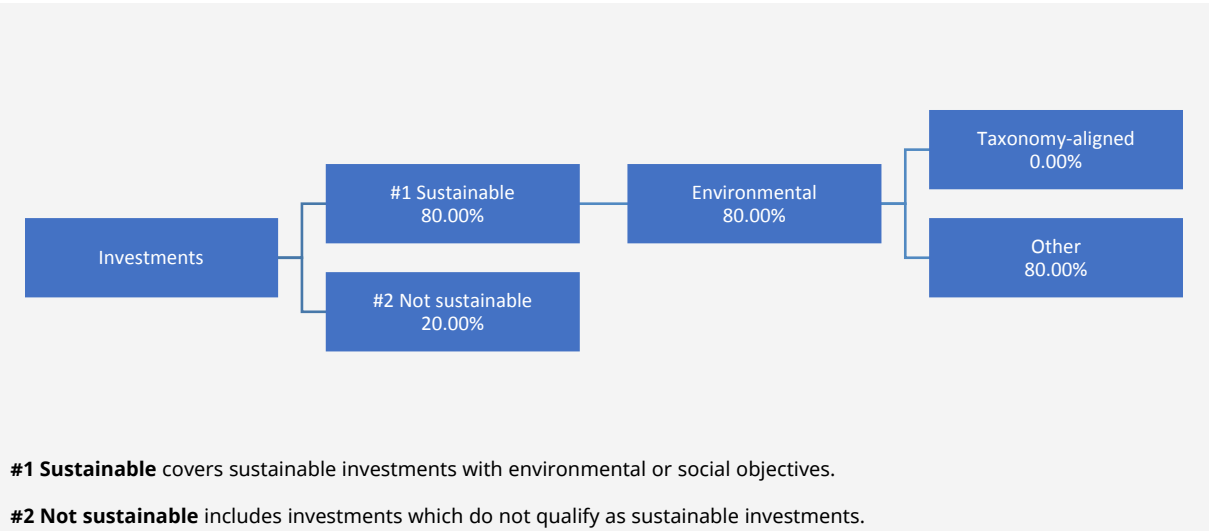
**What is the asset allocation and the minimum share of sustainable investments?**

The planned composition of the Fund’s investments that are used to meet its sustainable investment objective are summarised below. The Fund invests at least **7580%** of its assets in sustainable investments, which means included in **#1 Sustainable** are investments in fixed and floating rate securities issued by governments, government agencies, supra-nationals and companies worldwide that in the Investment Manager’s view will contribute towards the objective of carbon emission reduction by one or a combination of the following: (i) being carbon neutral; (ii) aiming for, and being on track to achieve, 80% emission reductions or equivalent by 2030; and/or (iii) otherwise demonstrating a contribution to the reduction of carbon emissions. The minimum proportion stated applies in normal market conditions.

**#2 Not sustainable** includes investments that are treated as neutral for sustainability purposes, such as cash and Money Market Investments and derivatives used with the aim of reducing risk (hedging) or managing the Fund more efficiently.

Minimum safeguards are applied where relevant to Money Market Investments and derivatives used with the aim of reducing risk (hedging) by restricting (as appropriate) investments in counterparties where there are ownership links or exposure to higher risk countries (for the purpose of money laundering, terrorist financing, bribery, corruption, tax evasion and sanctions risks). A firm-wide risk assessment considers the risk rating of each jurisdiction; which includes reference to a number of public statements, indices and world governance indicators issued by the UN, the European Union, the UK Government, the Financial Action Task Force and several Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), such as Transparency International and the Basel Committee.

In addition, new counterparties are reviewed by Schroders’ credit risk team and approval of a new counterparty is based on a holistic review of the various sources of information available, including, but not limited to, quality of management, ownership structure, location, regulatory and social environment to which each counterparty is subject, and the degree of development of the local banking system and its regulatory framework. Ongoing monitoring is performed through a Schroders’ proprietary tool, which supports the analysis of a counterparty’s management of environmental, social and governance trends and challenges. Any significant deterioration in the profile of the counterparty in Schroders’ proprietary tool would lead to further analysis and potential exclusion by Schroders’ credit risk team.



● **How does the use of derivatives attain the sustainable investment objective?**

Single name credit default swaps are used as a proxy for direct investments which would otherwise be held by the Fund in line with its sustainability criteria. Such derivatives are therefore used to attain the Fund’s sustainable investment objective.



## To what minimum extent are sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

There is no minimum extent to which the Fund's sustainable investments with an environmental objective are aligned with the Taxonomy. Consequently, taxonomy alignment of this Fund's investments has not been calculated and has as a result been deemed to constitute 0% of the Fund's portfolio.

At the date of this prospectus, it is not yet possible to commit to the Fund maintaining a minimum alignment with the Taxonomy, as the Investment Manager is currently not in a position to accurately determine to what extent the Fund's investments are in taxonomy-aligned environmentally sustainable activities. However it is expected that the Fund invests in companies and economic activities that contribute to the environmental objectives of climate change mitigation and climate change adaptation within the meaning of the Taxonomy.

In future it is expected that the Fund will assess and report on the extent to which its underlying investments are in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the Taxonomy, along with information relating to the proportion of enabling and transitional activities. This Prospectus will be updated once it is possible in the Investment Manager's opinion to accurately disclose to what extent the Fund's investments are in Taxonomy-aligned environmentally sustainable activities, including the proportions of investments in enabling and transitional activities selected for the Fund.

### ● Does the financial product invest in fossil gas and/or nuclear energy related activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy<sup>1</sup>?

☐ Yes:

☐ In fossil gas ☐ In nuclear energy

☒ No

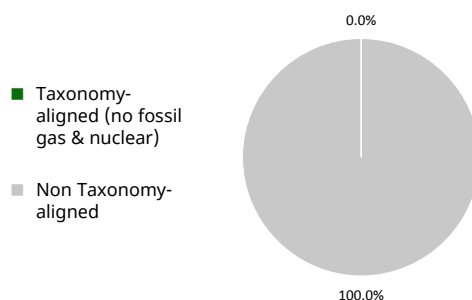
To comply with the EU Taxonomy, the criteria for **fossil gas** include limitations on emissions and switching to renewable power or low-carbon fuels by the end of 2035. For **nuclear energy**, the criteria include comprehensive safety and waste management rules.

Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

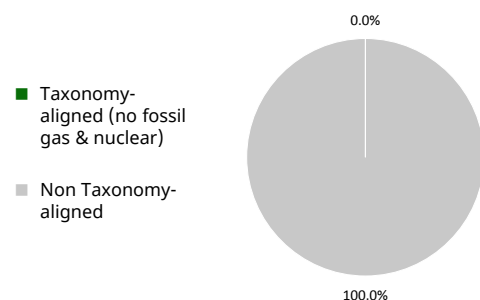
- **turnover** reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee companies
- **capital expenditure** (CapEx) showing the green investments made by investee companies, e.g. for a transition to a green economy.
- **operational expenditure** (OpEx) reflecting green operational activities of investee companies.

The two graphs below show in green the minimum percentage of investments that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the Taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy-alignment in relation to all the investments of the financial product including sovereign bonds, while the second graph shows the Taxonomy-alignment only in relation to the investments of the financial product other than sovereign bonds.

1. Taxonomy-alignment of investments including sovereign bonds\*



2. Taxonomy-alignment of investments excluding sovereign bonds\*



This graph represents x% of the total investments<sup>2</sup>.

\* For the purpose of these graphs, 'sovereign bonds' consist of all sovereign exposures

### ● What is the minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities?

As per the above, at the date of this Prospectus the share of investments by the Fund in transitional and enabling activities is currently deemed to constitute 0% of the Fund's portfolio.

<sup>1</sup> Fossil gas and/or nuclear related activities will only comply with the EU Taxonomy where they contribute to limiting climate change ("climate change mitigation") and do not significantly harm any EU Taxonomy objective – see explanatory note in the left-hand margin. The full criteria for fossil gas and nuclear energy economic activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy are laid down in Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1214.

<sup>2</sup> As there is no Taxonomy-alignment, there is no impact on the graph if sovereign bonds are excluded (i.e. the percentage of Taxonomy-aligned investments remains 0%) and the Management Company therefore believes that there is no need to mention this information.

contribution to an environmental objective.

**Transitional activities** are activities for which low-carbon alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.

 are environmentally sustainable investments that **do not take into account the criteria** for environmentally sustainable economic activities under the EU Taxonomy.



### What is the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

The minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy is **7580%**, which is the same amount as the Fund’s minimum share of sustainable investments. As stated above this Prospectus will be updated once it is possible in the Investment Manager’s opinion to accurately disclose to what extent the Fund’s sustainable investments with an environmental objective are aligned with the EU Taxonomy.



### What is the minimum share of sustainable investments with a social objective?

This question is not applicable for the Fund.



### What investments are included under “#2 Not sustainable”, what is their purpose and are there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

#2 Not Sustainable includes investments that are treated as neutral for sustainability purposes, such as cash and Money Market Investments and derivatives used with the aim of reducing risk (hedging) or managing the Fund more efficiently.

Minimum safeguards are applied where relevant to Money Market Investments and derivatives used with the aim of reducing risk (hedging) by restricting (as appropriate) investments in counterparties where there are ownership links or exposure to higher risk countries (for the purpose of money laundering, terrorist financing, bribery, corruption, tax evasion and sanctions risks). A firm-wide risk assessment considers the risk rating of each jurisdiction; which includes reference to a number of public statements, indices and world governance indicators issued by the UN, the European Union, the UK Government, the Financial Action Task Force and several Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), such as Transparency International and the Basel Committee.

In addition, new counterparties are reviewed by Schroders’ credit risk team and approval of a new counterparty is based on a holistic review of the various sources of information available, including, but not limited to, quality of management, ownership structure, location, regulatory and social environment to which each counterparty is subject, and the degree of development of the local banking system and its regulatory framework. Ongoing monitoring is performed through a Schroders’ proprietary tool, which supports the analysis of a counterparty’s management of environmental, social and governance trends and challenges. Any significant deterioration in the profile of the counterparty in Schroders’ proprietary tool would lead to further analysis and potential exclusion by Schroders’ credit risk team.



## Is a specific index designated as a reference benchmark to meet the sustainable investment objective?

**Reference benchmarks** are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the sustainable investment objective.

- ***How does the reference benchmark take into account sustainability factors in a way that is continuously aligned with the sustainable investment objective?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- ***How is the alignment of the investment strategy with the methodology of the index ensured on a continuous basis?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- ***How does the designated index differ from a relevant broad market index?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- ***Where can the methodology used for the calculation of the designated index be found?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.



## Where can I find more product specific information online?

More product-specific information can be found on the webpage: <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

Pre-contractual disclosure for the financial products referred to in Article 9, paragraphs 1 to 4a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 5, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852

**Product name:** **Schroder International Selection Fund Carbon Neutral Credit 2040**

**Legal entity identifier:** **5493007M7VXI36SNXJ14**

## Sustainable investment objective

**Sustainable investment** means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good Governance practices.

The **EU Taxonomy** is a classification system laid down in Regulation (EU) 2020/852, establishing a list of **environmentally sustainable economic activities**. For the time being, it does not include a list of socially sustainable economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.

Does this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?	
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with an environmental objective: 7580.00%</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> It <b>promotes Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics</b> and while it does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will have a minimum proportion of ___% of sustainable investments
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	<input type="checkbox"/> It promotes E/S characteristics, but <b>will not make any sustainable investments</b>



## What is the sustainable investment objective of this financial product?

The Fund's sustainable investment objective is to aim to achieve aggregate carbon neutrality by the year 2040 within its investment portfolio by investing its assets in fixed and floating rate securities issued by governments, government agencies, supra-nationals and companies worldwide that in the Investment Manager's view will contribute towards the objective of carbon emission reduction by one or a combination of the following: (i) being carbon neutral; (ii) aiming for, and being on track to achieve, 75% emission reductions or equivalent by 2040; (iii) committing to net zero by 2050; (iv) having SBTi decarbonisation targets; (v) otherwise demonstrating a contribution to the reduction of carbon emissions (and companies within (v) may include those that provide products or services which enable decarbonisation). The Fund may also invest in investments that the Investment Manager deems to be neutral under its sustainability criteria, such as cash and Money Market Investments and derivatives used with the aim of reducing risk (hedging) or managing the Fund more efficiently.

Aggregate carbon neutrality means achieving net zero carbon emissions intensity by balancing investments in (i) issuers that generate carbon emissions, but that have stated goals to reduce such emissions with (ii) issuers that contribute to reducing carbon emissions.

The Fund's objective includes a reduction in carbon emissions, which means that it aims for low carbon emissions, consistent with the long-term objectives of the Paris Agreement on limiting global warming. The Investment Manager seeks to ensure the objective of reducing carbon emissions is attained on an ongoing basis by investing in issuers as described in (i) – (v) above. Companies from sectors with heavy scope 3 emissions are also required to have scope 3 emissions reduction targets or a commitment to reduce scope 3 emissions. The Investment Manager periodically assesses whether an issuer's carbon reduction pathway is consistent with the criteria through which it earlier qualified for investment by the Fund and seeks to identify cases where it might deviate. The Investment Manager also seeks to identify situations where an issuer's emissions reduction targets did not keep pace with the emissions reduction trajectory for that sector and reviews any major changes in the emissions profile of an issuer, for example due to mergers or acquisitions. These considerations may lead to divestment by the Investment Manager.

No reference benchmark has been designated for the purpose of attaining the sustainable investment objective.

At the date of this Prospectus, it is not yet possible to commit to the Fund maintaining a minimum alignment with the Taxonomy, as the Investment Manager is currently not in a position to accurately determine to what extent the Fund's investments are in taxonomy-aligned environmentally sustainable activities. Taxonomy alignment of this Fund's investments has therefore not been calculated and has as a result been deemed to



constitute 0% of the Fund's portfolio. However it is expected that the Fund invests in companies and economic activities that contribute to the environmental objectives of climate change mitigation and climate change adaptation within the meaning of the Taxonomy.

In future it is therefore expected that the Fund will assess and report on the extent to which its underlying investments are in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the Taxonomy, along with information relating to the proportion of enabling and transitional activities. This Prospectus will be updated once it is possible in the Investment Manager's opinion to accurately disclose to what extent the Fund's investments are in Taxonomy-aligned environmentally sustainable activities, including the proportions of investments in enabling and transitional activities selected for the Fund.

**Sustainability indicators** measure how the sustainable objectives of this financial product are attained.

● ***What sustainability indicators are used to measure the attainment of the sustainable investment objective of this financial product?***

The Investment Manager is responsible for determining whether an investment meets the criteria of a sustainable investment. The Investment Manager uses specific sustainability key performance indicators to assess the investment's contribution to an environmental or social objective (as applicable). The output of the Investment Strategy outlined below is the production of the list of investments that meet the selection criteria, this represents the investment universe. Compliance with the minimum percentage in sustainable investments is monitored daily via our automated compliance controls. The Fund also applies certain exclusions, with which the Investment Manager monitors compliance on an ongoing basis via its portfolio compliance framework.

The Investment Manager uses different sustainability indicators to measure the impact contribution at an investee company level. Examples of the indicators include, but are not limited to, achieved carbon emission reductions (Scope 1 and Scope 2) and/or absolute level of carbon intensity, decarbonization plans, and avoided emissions per company achieved through climate solutions initiatives

● ***How do sustainable investments not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?***

The Investment Manager's approach to investing in issuers that do not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective includes the following:

- Firm-wide investment exclusions apply to Schroders funds. These relate to international conventions on cluster munitions, anti-personnel mines, and chemical and biological weapons and a list of those companies that are excluded is available at <https://www.schroders.com/en/sustainability/active-ownership/group-exclusions/>. Firm-wide exclusions also apply to companies generating more than 20% of their revenue from thermal coal mining.
- The Fund excludes companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to tobacco and thermal coal.
- The Fund excludes companies that are assessed by Schroders to have breached one or more 'global norms' thereby causing significant environmental or social harm; these companies comprise Schroders' 'global norms' breach list. Schroders' determination of whether a company has been involved in such a breach considers relevant principles such as those contained in the UN Global Compact (UNGC) principles, the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights. The 'global norms' breach list may be informed by assessments performed by third party providers and by proprietary research, where relevant to a particular situation.
- The Fund may also apply certain other exclusions in addition to those summarised above.

Further information on all of the Fund's investment exclusions is to be found under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

● ***How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?***

When seeking to identify significant harm, Schroders' approach to taking into account the Principal Adverse Impacts (PAI) indicators involves a quantitative and a qualitative assessment. Where it is not considered appropriate or feasible to set quantitative thresholds, the Investment Manager engages, where relevant. Investee companies deemed not to satisfy the quantitative thresholds would generally be excluded, unless on a case-by-case basis the data is deemed not representative of a company's performance in the relevant area.

This framework is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability and quality of the data evolves.

Our approach includes:

1. **Quantitative:** this includes indicators where specific thresholds have been established:

**Principal adverse impacts** are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anticorruption and antibribery matters.

- Via the application of exclusions. This approach is relevant to **PAI 4** (Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector), **PAI 5** (Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production) and **PAI 14** (Exposure to controversial weapons). Further, the following PAIs are assessed as part of Schroders' 'global norms' breach list exclusion (which seeks to exclude companies where significant harm is occurring):
  - **PAI 7** (Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas)
  - **PAI 8** (Emissions to water)
  - **PAI 9** (Hazardous waste and radioactive waste ratio)
  - **PAI 10** (Violations of UN Global Compact principles and Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises)
  - **PAI 11** (Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and Voluntary)
  - **PAI 14** in Table 3 (Number of identified cases of severe human rights issues and incidents)
- Via the application of an alert system flag if the relevant indicator(s) exceeds a threshold. These quantitative thresholds to assess significant harm are established centrally by our Sustainable Investment team and monitored systematically. This approach applies to indicators where we have segmented the population into harm groups to establish a threshold, such as carbon related PAI metrics, **PAI 1** (GHG emissions), **PAI 2** (Carbon footprint) and **Voluntary PAI 4 in Table 2** (Investing in companies without carbon emission reduction initiatives). **PAI 3** (GHG intensity of investee companies) operates in a similar way but the threshold is based on a revenue metric. A threshold for **PAI 6** (Energy consumption intensity per high impact climate sector) is established based on the above mentioned carbon measures. A similar approach has been taken for **PAI 15** (GHG intensity). **PAI 16** (Investee countries subject to social violations) also operates in the same way but based on data availability regarding social violations. Through this process the relevant issuer(s) that is/are deemed not to satisfy the quantitative thresholds is/are flagged to the Investment Manager for consideration, whose response may involve selling the holdings(s) or maintaining the position if on a case-by-case basis the data is deemed not representative of a company's performance in the relevant area. Investee companies deemed to cause significant harm are excluded from the Fund.
- 2. **Qualitative:** This includes PAI indicators where Schroders' believes that the data available does not enable us to make a quantitative determination regarding whether significant harm is done so as to warrant excluding an investment. In such cases, the Investment Manager engages wherever possible with the company or companies held, in accordance with the priorities documented in Schroders' Engagement Blueprint and/or voting policy. This approach applies to indicators such as **PAI 12** (Unadjusted gender pay gap) and **PAI 13** (Board gender diversity), where we engage and may use our voting rights where we consider appropriate. Both board gender diversity and disclosure of gender pay gap information are captured in our Engagement Blueprint.

● ***How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights?***

Companies on Schroders' 'global norms' breach list cannot be categorised as sustainable investments. Schroders' determination of whether a company should be included on such list considers the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, among other relevant principles. The 'global norms' breach list is informed by third party providers and proprietary research, where relevant.



## Does this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

☒ **Yes, the Investment Manager's approach to considering principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors involves classifying the indicators into three categories:**

The Investment Manager's approach to considering principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors differs depending on the relevant indicator. Some indicators are considered via the application of exclusions, some are considered via the investment process (where data is available via Schroders PAI dashboard and via other external data sources) and some are considered via engagement. Further details are provided below.

PAIs are considered as part of pre-investment through the application of exclusions. These include:

- Controversial weapons: PAI 14 (Exposure to controversial weapons (anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, chemical weapons, and biological weapons))
- Schroders' 'global norms' breach list, which covers: PAI 7 (Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas), PAI 8 (Emissions to water), PAI 9 (Hazardous waste and radioactive waste ratio), PAI 10 (Violations of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises), PAI 11 (Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises) and PAI 16 (Investee countries subject to social violations)

- Companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to thermal coal: PAI 4 (Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector) and PAI 5 (Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production)

Compliance with these thresholds is monitored via the Investment Manager's portfolio compliance framework. PAIs are also considered through integration in the investment process as a Schroders' proprietary tool incorporates several PAIs as a component of its scoring methodology. In assessing an issuers' overall environmental score, one or more of PAIs 1, 2, 3, 5, and 6 are considered. All PAI indicators are monitored via Schroders PAI dashboard.

PAIs are also considered post-investment through engagement where the Investment Manager engages in line with the approach and expectations set out in Schroders Engagement Blueprint, which outlines our approach to active ownership. Issuers identified as laggards may be selected for engagement. Among others, the Investment Manager may engage with selected issuers on topics such as consideration of circularity in product solutions aimed at reducing or avoiding product carbon footprint (related to PAIs 1, 2 and 3 covering GHG emissions). Our approach is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability, and quality, of PAI data evolves. The Management Company's statement on principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors is available at <https://mybrand.schroders.com/m/4ab13771bddd9d/original/Statement-on-principal-adverse-impacts-of-investment-decisions-on-sustainability-factors-2-1-new.pdf> <https://api.schroders.com/document-store/id/ffcb39bb-96cb-4e56-9461-deba9a493e85>. The Fund level information is disclosed or will be disclosed (as applicable) in the Fund's annual report.

1. Set thresholds: these involve very explicit thresholds for considering an investment to be a "sustainable investment". For example, PAI 10 on violations of UNGC principles.

2. Active ownership: these involve indicators on which we have a plan to engage with the underlying holding as set out in the Schroders Group document <https://mybrand.schroders.com/m/3222ea4ed44a1f2c/original/schroders-engagement-blueprint.pdf>, outlining our approach to active ownership. For example, PAI 1, 2 and 3 covering GHG emissions and PAI 13 on board gender diversity.

3. Improve coverage: these involve indicators where we consider data coverage to be too sparse to properly consider them and our focus is primarily on engaging with the underlying holdings to increase reporting. For example, PAI 7 on biodiversity, PAI 9 on hazardous waste ratio and PAI 12 on the gender pay gap.

Our approach is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability, and quality, of PAI data evolves.

The Management Company's statement on principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors is available at <https://mybrand.schroders.com/m/467910ac8e6da45c/original/Statement-on-principal-adverse-impacts-of-investment-decisions-on-sustainability-factors.pdf>. The Fund level information is disclosed or will be (as applicable) in the Fund's annual report.

☐ No



## What investment strategy does this financial product follow?

**The investment strategy** guides investment decisions based on factors such as investment objectives and risk tolerance.

The sustainable investment strategy used by the Investment Manager is as follows:

The Fund is actively managed and invests its assets in (a) sustainable investments which are investments that in the Investment Manager's view will contribute towards the objective of carbon emission reduction by one or a combination of the following: (i) being carbon neutral; (ii) aiming for, and being on track to achieve, 75% emission reductions or equivalent by 2040; (iii) committing to net zero by 2050; (iv) having SBTi decarbonisation targets; and/or (v) otherwise demonstrating a contribution to the reduction of carbon emissions, and (b) investments that the Investment Manager deems to be neutral under its sustainability criteria such as cash and Money Market Investments and derivatives used with the aim of reducing risk (hedging) or managing the Fund more efficiently.

The Fund does not directly invest in certain activities, industries or groups of issuers above the limits listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

The Fund invests in companies that do not cause significant environmental or social harm and have good governance practices, as determined by the Investment Manager's rating criteria.

The Investment Manager may also engage with companies held by the Fund or from the investible universe to gain insights or request improvement on sustainability issues. More details on the Investment Manager's approach to sustainability and its engagement with companies are available on the webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/>

The Fund invests at least two-thirds of its assets in fixed and floating rate securities issued by governments, government agencies, supra-nationals and companies worldwide, including emerging market countries.

The Fund may invest:

- up to 60% of its assets in securities that have a below investment grade credit rating (as measured by Standard & Poor's or any equivalent grade of other credit rating agencies for rated bonds and implied Schroders ratings for non-rated bonds);
- up to 30% of its assets in convertible bonds including up to 10% of its assets in contingent convertible bonds; and
- up to 20% of its assets in asset-backed securities and mortgage-backed securities.

The Investment Manager believes that over the long term, companies that manage the risks and invest in the opportunities arising from climate change better than peers will not only experience fewer penalties, but capture financial and non-financial rewards by various stakeholders.

The Fund may also invest up to one-third of its assets directly or indirectly in other securities (including other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies, warrants and Money Market Investments, and hold cash.

The Fund may use derivatives with the aim of achieving investment gains, reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently.

The Fund's objective includes a reduction in carbon emissions, which means that it aims for low carbon emissions, consistent with the long-term objectives of the Paris Agreement on limiting global warming.

The Investment Manager applies sustainability criteria when selecting investments for the Fund.

Issuers are assessed using a methodology that identifies companies that in the Investment Manager's view will contribute towards the objective of carbon emission reduction.

This methodology is data-driven, sourced from established environmental initiatives and data sources such as the CDP disclosure system and the Science Based Targets initiative (SBTi), MSCI and other chosen external and proprietary data sources.

The Investment Manager then screens the resulting universe of potential investments for issuers it deems to have harmful and controversial practices defined by a specific list of exclusion criteria.

The Investment Manager also conducts its own due diligence to identify issuers that do no significant harm to environmental or social objectives. Schroders' proprietary sustainability tools as well as external sustainability ratings are utilised to identify issuers with good governance.

The Investment Manager may also engage with companies to encourage carbon emission intensity reduction. This engagement may identify new investment opportunities, and is used to monitor how a company's carbon intensity reduction plan is progressing.

Due to the nature of its investments, and in particular the need for currency hedging, the Fund may also hold a portion of investments that the Investment Manager deems to be neutral under its sustainability criteria. These may include (but are not limited to) derivatives for hedging purposes, cash and Money Market Investments.

The Investment Manager ensures that at least 90% of the portion of the Fund's Net Asset Value composed of investments in companies is rated against the sustainability criteria. As a result of the application of sustainability criteria, at least 20% of the Fund's potential investment universe is excluded from the selection of investments.

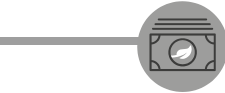
For the purposes of this test, the potential investment universe is the core universe of issuers that the Investment Manager may select for the Fund prior to the application of sustainability criteria, in accordance with the other limitations of the Investment Objective and Policy. This universe is comprised of fixed and floating rate securities denominated in various currencies and issued by companies worldwide, including emerging market countries. The universe (for the purpose of this test only) does not include fixed or floating rate securities issued by public or quasi-public issuers.

### ● **What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain the sustainable investment objective?**

The following binding elements are applied throughout the investment process:

- The Fund is actively managed and invests at least **7580**% of its assets in sustainable investments, which are investments that in the Investment Manager's view will contribute towards the objective of carbon emission reduction by one or a combination of the following: (i) being carbon neutral; (ii) aiming for, and being on track to achieve, 75% emission reductions or equivalent by 2040; (iii) committing to net zero by 2050; (iv) having SBTi decarbonisation targets; (v) otherwise demonstrating a contribution to the reduction of carbon emissions.
- Exclusions are applied to direct investments in companies. The Fund applies certain exclusions relating to international conventions on cluster munitions, antipersonnel mines, and chemical and biological weapons. The Fund also excludes companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to tobacco and thermal coal, especially companies that generate revenues from tobacco production or any other part of the tobacco value chain (suppliers, distributors, retailers, licensors), and companies that generate revenues from thermal coal mining and coal fired power generation. The Fund excludes companies that are assessed by Schroders to have breached one or more 'global norms' thereby causing significant environmental or social harm; these companies comprise Schroders' 'global norms' breach list. Details of the revenue thresholds together with certain other exclusions the Fund applies are listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>
- The Fund invests in companies that do not cause significant environmental or social harm and have good governance practices, as determined by the Investment Manager's rating criteria.
- The Investment Manager ensures that at least 90% of the portion of the Fund's Net Asset Value composed of investments in companies is rated against the sustainability criteria.
- As a result of the application of sustainability criteria, at least 20% of the Fund's potential investment universe is excluded from the selection of investments.

**Good governance** practices include sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff and tax compliance.



**Asset allocation** describes the share of investments in specific assets.

- What is the policy to assess good governance practices of the investee companies?**

In order to assess good governance practices, a central Good Governance Test is applied. This test is based on a data-driven quantitative framework, which uses a scorecard to assess companies across the categories of sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff, and tax compliance. Schroders has defined a number of criteria across these pillars.

Compliance with the test is monitored centrally and companies which do not pass this test cannot be held by the Fund, unless the Investment Manager has agreed that the issuer demonstrates good governance based on additional insights beyond that quantitative analysis.

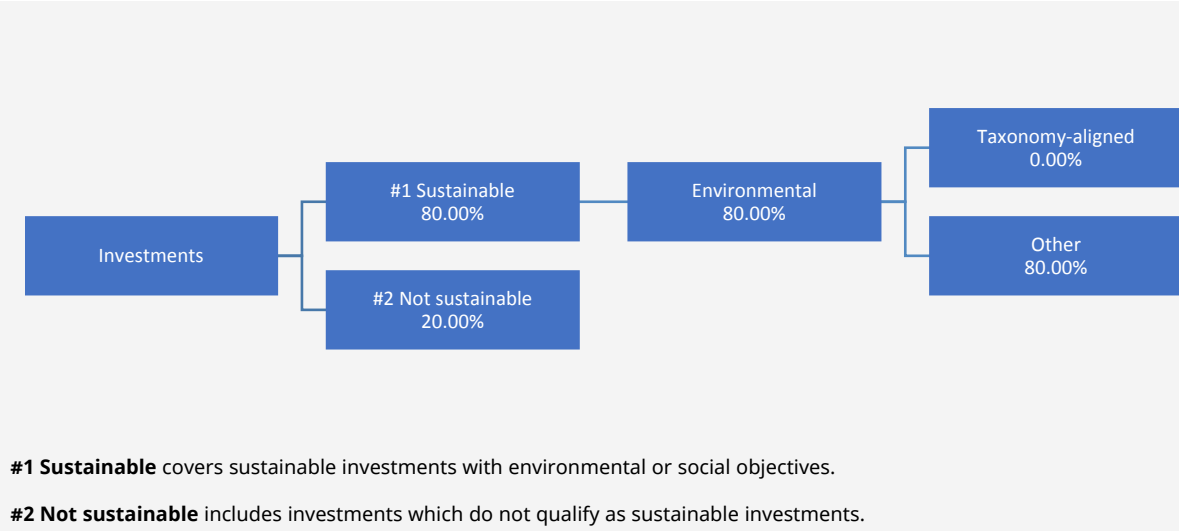
## What is the asset allocation and the minimum share of sustainable investments?

The planned composition of the Fund’s investments that are used to meet its sustainable investment objective are summarised below. The Fund invests at least **7580%** of its assets in sustainable investments, which means included in **#1 Sustainable** are investments in fixed and floating rate securities issued by governments, government agencies, supra-nationals and companies worldwide that in the Investment Manager’s view will contribute towards the objective of carbon emission reduction by one or a combination of the following: (i) being carbon neutral; (ii) aiming for, and being on track to achieve, 75% emission reductions or equivalent by 2040; (iii) committing to net zero by 2050; (iv) having SBTi decarbonisation targets; and/or (v) otherwise demonstrating a contribution to the reduction of carbon emissions. The minimum proportion stated applies in normal market conditions.

**#2 Not sustainable** includes investments that are treated as neutral for sustainability purposes, such as cash and Money Market Investments and derivatives used with the aim of reducing risk (hedging) or managing the Fund more efficiently.

Minimum safeguards are applied where relevant to Money Market Investments and derivatives used with the aim of reducing risk (hedging) by restricting (as appropriate) investments in counterparties where there are ownership links or exposure to higher risk countries (for the purpose of money laundering, terrorist financing, bribery, corruption, tax evasion and sanctions risks). A firm-wide risk assessment considers the risk rating of each jurisdiction; which includes reference to a number of public statements, indices and world governance indicators issued by the UN, the European Union, the UK Government, the Financial Action Task Force and several Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), such as Transparency International and the Basel Committee.

In addition, new counterparties are reviewed by Schroders’ credit risk team and approval of a new counterparty is based on a holistic review of the various sources of information available, including, but not limited to, quality of management, ownership structure, location, regulatory and social environment to which each counterparty is subject, and the degree of development of the local banking system and its regulatory framework. Ongoing monitoring is performed through a Schroders’ proprietary tool, which supports the analysis of a counterparty’s management of environmental, social and governance trends and challenges. Any significant deterioration in the profile of the counterparty in Schroders’ proprietary tool would lead to further analysis and potential exclusion by Schroders’ credit risk team.



- How does the use of derivatives attain the sustainable investment objective?**

Single name credit default swaps are used as a proxy for direct investments which would otherwise be held by the Fund in line with its sustainability criteria. Such derivatives are therefore used to attain the Fund’s sustainable investment objective.



## To what minimum extent are sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

There is no minimum extent to which the Fund's sustainable investments with an environmental objective are aligned with the Taxonomy. Consequently, taxonomy alignment of this Fund's investments has not been calculated and has as a result been deemed to constitute 0% of the Fund's portfolio .

At the date of this prospectus, it is not yet possible to commit to the Fund maintaining a minimum alignment with the Taxonomy, as the Investment Manager is currently not in a position to accurately determine to what extent the Fund's investments are in taxonomy-aligned environmentally sustainable activities. However it is expected that the Fund invests in companies and economic activities that contribute to the environmental objectives of climate change mitigation and climate change adaptation within the meaning of the Taxonomy.

In future it is expected that the Fund will assess and report on the extent to which its underlying investments are in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the Taxonomy, along with information relating to the proportion of enabling and transitional activities. This Prospectus will be updated once it is possible in the Investment Manager's opinion to accurately disclose to what extent the Fund's investments are in Taxonomy-aligned environmentally sustainable activities, including the proportions of investments in enabling and transitional activities selected for the Fund.



To comply with the EU Taxonomy, the criteria for **fossil gas** include limitations on emissions and switching to renewable power or low-carbon fuels by the end of 2035. For **nuclear energy**, the criteria include comprehensive safety and waste management rules.

Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

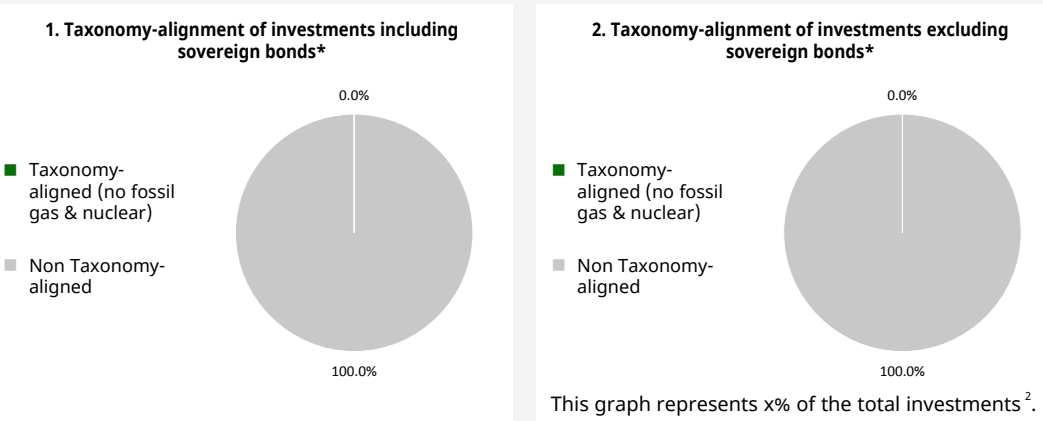
- **turnover** reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee companies
- **capital expenditure** (CapEx) showing the green investments made by investee companies, e.g. for a transition to a green economy.
- **operational expenditure** (OpEx) reflecting green operational activities of investee companies.

**Enabling activities** directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective.

**Transitional activities** are activities for which low-carbon alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.

- **Does the financial product invest in fossil gas and/or nuclear energy related activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy<sup>1</sup>?**
  - ☐ Yes:
    - ☐ In fossil gas ☐ In nuclear energy
  - ☒ No

The two graphs below show in green the minimum percentage of investments that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the Taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy-alignment in relation to all the investments of the financial product including sovereign bonds, while the second graph shows the Taxonomy-alignment only in relation to the investments of the financial product other than sovereign bonds.



\* For the purpose of these graphs, 'sovereign bonds' consist of all sovereign exposures

- **What is the minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities?**

As per the above, at the date of this Prospectus the share of investments by the Fund in transitional and enabling activities is currently deemed to constitute 0% of the Fund's portfolio.

<sup>1</sup> Fossil gas and/or nuclear related activities will only comply with the EU Taxonomy where they contribute to limiting climate change ("climate change mitigation") and do not significantly harm any EU Taxonomy objective – see explanatory note in the left-hand margin. The full criteria for fossil gas and nuclear energy economic activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy are laid down in Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1214.

<sup>2</sup> As there is no Taxonomy-alignment, there is no impact on the graph if sovereign bonds are excluded (i.e. the percentage of Taxonomy-aligned investments remains 0%) and the Management Company therefore believes that there is no need to mention this information.



## What is the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

The minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy is ~~75~~80%, which is the same amount as the Fund's minimum share of sustainable investments. As stated above this Prospectus will be updated once it is possible in the Investment Manager's opinion to accurately disclose to what extent the Fund's sustainable investments with an environmental objective are aligned with the EU Taxonomy.



are environmentally sustainable investments that **do not take into account the criteria** for environmentally sustainable economic activities under the EU Taxonomy.



## What is the minimum share of sustainable investments with a social objective?

This question is not applicable for the Fund.



## What investments are included under “#2 Not sustainable”, what is their purpose and are there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

#2 Not Sustainable includes investments that are treated as neutral for sustainability purposes, such as cash and Money Market Investments and derivatives used with the aim of reducing risk (hedging) or managing the Fund more efficiently.

Minimum safeguards are applied where relevant to Money Market Investments and derivatives used with the aim of reducing risk (hedging) by restricting (as appropriate) investments in counterparties where there are ownership links or exposure to higher risk countries (for the purpose of money laundering, terrorist financing, bribery, corruption, tax evasion and sanctions risks). A firm-wide risk assessment considers the risk rating of each jurisdiction; which includes reference to a number of public statements, indices and world governance indicators issued by the UN, the European Union, the UK Government, the Financial Action Task Force and several Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), such as Transparency International and the Basel Committee.

In addition, new counterparties are reviewed by Schroders' credit risk team and approval of a new counterparty is based on a holistic review of the various sources of information available, including, but not limited to, quality of management, ownership structure, location, regulatory and social environment to which each counterparty is subject, and the degree of development of the local banking system and its regulatory framework. Ongoing monitoring is performed through a Schroders' proprietary tool, which supports the analysis of a counterparty's management of environmental, social and governance trends and challenges. Any significant deterioration in the profile of the counterparty in Schroders' proprietary tool would lead to further analysis and potential exclusion by Schroders' credit risk team.



## Is a specific index designated as a reference benchmark to meet the sustainable investment objective?

**Reference benchmarks** are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the sustainable investment objective.

- **How does the reference benchmark take into account sustainability factors in a way that is continuously aligned with the sustainable investment objective?**

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- **How is the alignment of the investment strategy with the methodology of the index ensured on a continuous basis?**

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- **How does the designated index differ from a relevant broad market index?**

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- ***Where can the methodology used for the calculation of the designated index be found?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.



## **Where can I find more product specific information online?**

More product-specific information can be found on the webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

Pre-contractual disclosure for the financial products referred to in Article 8, paragraphs 1, 2 and 2a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 6, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852

**Product name:** **Schroder International Selection Fund Changing Lifestyles**

**Legal entity identifier:** **5493000OPXVHAW8N3B55**

## Environmental and/or social characteristics

<p><b>Sustainable investment</b> means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good governance practices.</p>	<p><b>Does this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?</b></p> <p> <input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Yes</b> <input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>No</b> </p>		
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## What environmental and/or social characteristics are promoted by this financial product?

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the MSCI All Country World (Net TR) index, based on the Investment Manager's rating system. This benchmark (which is a broad market index) does not take into account the environmental and social characteristics promoted by the Fund.

The sustainability score is measured by Schroders' proprietary tool that provides an estimate of the net "impact" that an issuer may create in terms of social and environmental "costs" or "benefits". It does this by using certain indicators with respect to that issuer, and quantifying them positively and negatively to produce an aggregate notional measure of the effect that the relevant underlying issuer may have on society and the environment. It does this using third party data as well as Schroders own estimates and assumptions and the outcome may differ from other sustainability tools and measures. Examples of such indicators are greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

The result is expressed as an aggregate score of the sustainability indicators for each issuer, specifically a notional percentage (positive or negative) of sales of the relevant underlying issuer. For example, a score of +2% would mean an issuer contributes \$2 of relative notional positive impact (i.e. benefits to society) per \$100 of sales. The sustainability score of the Fund is derived from the scores of all issuers in the Fund's portfolio measured by Schroders' proprietary tool.

The Fund invests at least 25% of its assets in sustainable investments, which are investments that the Investment Manager expects to contribute towards the advancement of one or more environmental and/or social objective (s).

### ● **What sustainability indicators are used to measure the attainment of each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?**

The Investment Manager monitors compliance with the characteristic to maintain a higher overall sustainability score than the MSCI All Country World (Net TR) index by reference to the weighted average sustainability score of the Fund in Schroders' proprietary tool compared against the weighted average sustainability score of the MSCI All Country World (Net TR) index in Schroders' proprietary tool over the previous six month period, based on month-end data. The overall sustainability score aggregates the effect of sustainability indicators including but not limited to greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

**Sustainability indicators** measure how the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product are attained.

The Investment Manager monitors compliance with the characteristic to invest at least 25% of its assets in sustainable investments by reference to the sustainability score of each asset in Schroders' proprietary tool. Compliance with this is monitored daily via our automated compliance controls. The Fund also applies certain exclusions, with which the Investment Manager monitors compliance on an ongoing basis via its portfolio compliance framework.

● ***What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?***

In respect of the proportion of the Fund's portfolio that is invested in sustainable investments, each sustainable investment demonstrates a net positive effect across a range of environmental or social objectives, as scored by Schroders' proprietary tool. The environmental or social objectives of the sustainable investments that the Fund partially intends to make may include, but are not limited to, increasing environmental and/or social benefits such as greater water access or fair pay and reducing environmental, and/or social costs such as carbon emissions or food waste. For example, greater water access as measured by Schroders' proprietary tool are the estimated societal benefits of the provision of clean drinking water to human health.

● ***How do the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make, not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?***

The Investment Manager's approach to investing in issuers that do not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective includes the following:

- Firm-wide investment exclusions apply to Schroders funds. These relate to international conventions on cluster munitions, anti-personnel mines, and chemical and biological weapons and a list of those companies that are excluded is available at <https://www.schroders.com/en/sustainability/active-ownership/group-exclusions/>. Firm-wide exclusions also apply to companies generating more than 20% of their revenue from thermal coal mining.
- The Fund excludes companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to tobacco and thermal coal.
- The Fund excludes companies that are assessed by Schroders to have breached one or more 'global norms' thereby causing significant environmental or social harm; these companies comprise Schroders' 'global norms' breach list. Schroders' determination of whether a company has been involved in such a breach considers relevant principles such as those contained in the UN Global Compact (UNGC) principles, the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights. The 'global norms' breach list may be informed by assessments performed by third party providers and by proprietary research, where relevant to a particular situation. In exceptional circumstances a derogation may be applied in order to allow the Fund to continue to hold a company on Schroders' 'global norms' breach list, for example where the stated investment strategy of the Fund may otherwise be compromised. Any such company cannot be categorised as a sustainable investment.
- The Fund may also apply certain other exclusions in addition to those summarised above.

Further information on all of the Fund's investment exclusions is to be found under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

● ***How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?***

When seeking to identify significant harm, Schroders' approach to taking into account the Principal Adverse Impacts (PAI) indicators involves a quantitative and a qualitative assessment. Where it is not considered appropriate or feasible to set quantitative thresholds, the Investment Manager engages, where relevant. Investee companies deemed not to satisfy the quantitative thresholds would generally be excluded, unless on a case-by-case basis the data is deemed not representative of a company's performance in the relevant area.

This framework is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability and quality of the data evolves.

Our approach includes:

1. **Quantitative:** this includes indicators where specific thresholds have been established:

- Via the application of exclusions. This approach is relevant to **PAI 4** (Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector), **PAI 5** (Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production) and **PAI 14** (Exposure to controversial weapons). Further, the following PAIs are assessed as part of Schroders 'global norms' breach list exclusion (which seeks to exclude companies where significant harm is occurring):

**Principal adverse impacts** are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anticorruption and antibribery matters.

- **PAI 7** (Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas)
- **PAI 8** (Emissions to water)
- **PAI 9** (Hazardous waste and radioactive waste ratio)
- **PAI 10** (Violations of UN Global Compact principles and Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises)
- **PAI 11** (Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and Voluntary)
- **PAI 14** in Table 3 (Number of identified cases of severe human rights issues and incidents)
- Via the application of an alert system flag if the relevant indicator(s) exceeds a threshold. These quantitative thresholds to assess significant harm are established centrally by our Sustainable Investment team and monitored systematically. This approach applies to indicators where we have segmented the population into harm groups to establish a threshold, such as carbon related PAI metrics, **PAI 1** (GHG emissions), **PAI 2** (Carbon footprint) and **Voluntary PAI 4 in Table 2** (Investing in companies without carbon emission reduction initiatives). **PAI 3** (GHG intensity of investee companies) operates in a similar way but the threshold is based on a revenue metric. A threshold for **PAI 6** (Energy consumption intensity per high impact climate sector) is established based on the above mentioned carbon measures. A similar approach has been taken for **PAI 15** (GHG intensity). **PAI 16** (Investee countries subject to social violations) also operates in the same way but based on data availability regarding social violations. Through this process the relevant issuer(s) that is/are deemed not to satisfy the quantitative thresholds is/are flagged to the Investment Manager for consideration, whose response may involve selling the holdings(s) or maintaining the position if on a case-by-case basis the data is deemed not representative of a company's performance in the relevant area. Investee companies deemed to cause significant harm are excluded from the Fund.
- 2. **Qualitative:** This includes PAI indicators where Schroders' believes that the data available does not enable us to make a quantitative determination regarding whether significant harm is done so as to warrant excluding an investment. In such cases, the Investment Manager engages wherever possible with the company or companies held, in accordance with the priorities documented in Schroders' Engagement Blueprint and/or voting policy. This approach applies to indicators such as **PAI 12** (Unadjusted gender pay gap) and **PAI 13** (Board gender diversity), where we engage and may use our voting rights where we consider appropriate. Both board gender diversity and disclosure of gender pay gap information are captured in our Engagement Blueprint.

● ***How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:***

Companies on Schroders' 'global norms' breach list cannot be categorised as sustainable investments. Schroders' determination of whether a company should be included on such list considers the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, among other relevant principles. The 'global norms' breach list is informed by third party providers and proprietary research, where relevant.

*The EU Taxonomy sets out a "do not significant harm" principle by which Taxonomy-aligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives and is accompanied by specific EU criteria.*

The "do not significant harm" principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.

*Any other sustainable investments must also not significantly harm any environmental or social objectives.*



## Does this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

☑ Yes, the Investment Manager's approach to considering principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors involves classifying the indicators into three categories:

The Investment Manager's approach to considering principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors differs depending on the relevant indicator. Some indicators are considered via the application of exclusions, some are considered via the investment process (where data is available via Schroders PAI dashboard and via other external data sources) and some are considered via engagement. Further details are provided below.



PAIs are considered as part of pre-investment through the application of exclusions. These include:

- Controversial weapons: PAI 14 (Exposure to controversial weapons (anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, chemical weapons and biological weapons)).
- Schrodgers' 'global norms' breach list, which covers: PAI 7 (Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas), PAI 8 (Emissions to water), PAI 9 (Hazardous waste and radioactive waste ratio), PAI 10 (Violations of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises), PAI 11 (Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises) and PAI 16 (Investee countries subject to social violations).
- Companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to thermal coal: PAI 4 (Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector) and PAI 5 (Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production)

Compliance with these thresholds is monitored via the Investment Manager's portfolio compliance framework. PAIs are also considered through integration in the investment process. Further details are provided below: Schrodgers' proprietary tools incorporate several PAIs as a component of their scoring methodology. In assessing an issuer's overall environmental score, PAIs 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 are included. In assessing an issuer's overall social score, PAIs 12 and 13 are included.

PAIs are considered using the proprietary tools as part of analyst coverage of companies. In addition, the issuers' scores and the aggregate impact on the portfolio are considered by the fund managers as part of portfolio construction.

All PAI indicators are monitored via Schrodgers' PAI dashboard.

PAIs are also considered post-investment through engagement where the Investment Manager engages in line with the approach and expectations set out in the Schrodgers Engagement Blueprint, which outlines our approach to active ownership.

Where issuers are flagged on lack of data availability for any PAIs, the Investment Manager may engage with issuers where the primary focus is to improve reporting.

Our approach is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability, and quality, of PAI data evolves. The Management Company's statement on principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors is available at <https://mybrand.schrodgers.com/m/4ab13771bdddcd9d/original/Statement-on-principal-adverse-impacts-of-investment-decisions-on-sustainability-factors-2-1-new.pdf> <https://api.schrodgers.com/document-store/id/ffcb39bb-96cb-4e56-9461-deba9a493e85>. The Fund level information is disclosed or will be disclosed (as applicable) in the Fund's annual report.

1. Set thresholds: these involve very explicit thresholds for considering an investment to be a "sustainable investment". For example, PAI 10 on violations of UNGC principles.

2. Active ownership: these involve indicators on which we have a plan to engage with the underlying holding as set out in the Schrodgers Group document - <https://mybrand.schrodgers.com/m/3222ea4ed44a1f2c/original/schrodgers-engagement-blueprint.pdf>, outlining our approach to active ownership. For example, PAI 1, 2 and 3 covering GHG emissions and PAI 13 on board gender diversity.

3. Improve coverage: these involve indicators where we consider data coverage to be too sparse to properly consider them and our focus is primarily on engaging with the underlying holdings to increase reporting. For example, PAI 7 on biodiversity, PAI 9 on hazardous waste ratio and PAI 12 on the gender pay gap.

Our approach is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability, and quality, of PAI data evolves.

The Management Company's statement on principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors is available at <https://mybrand.schrodgers.com/m/467910ac8e6da45c/original/Statement-on-principal-adverse-impacts-of-investment-decisions-on-sustainability-factors.pdf>. The Fund level information is disclosed or will be (as applicable) in the Fund's annual report.

☐ No



## What investment strategy does this financial product follow?

**The investment strategy** guides investment decisions based on factors such as investment objectives and risk tolerance.

The sustainable investment strategy used by the Investment Manager is as follows:

The Fund is actively managed and invests at least two-thirds of its assets in equity and equity related securities of companies worldwide.

The Fund aims to provide investors with exposure to companies participating in evolving consumption patterns across multiple areas of consumers' lives. The Investment Manager seeks to invest in companies that it believes will enjoy superior growth because they satisfy the tastes and expectations of consumers in a technologically enabled world.

The Fund may also invest up to one-third of its assets directly or indirectly in other securities (including other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies, Investment Funds, warrants and Money Market Investments, and hold cash. The Fund may use derivatives with the aim of reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently.

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the MSCI All Country World (net TR) index based on the Investment Manager's rating criteria.

The Fund does not directly invest in certain activities, industries or groups of issuers above the limits listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schrodgers.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

The Investment Manager applies governance and sustainability criteria when selecting investments for the Fund. The Investment Manager evaluates issuers against a range of environmental, social and governance factors in order to decide whether an issuer is eligible for the Fund's portfolio. This analysis is performed by global sector specialists and local analyst teams and is supported by Schroders' dedicated Sustainable Investment team. The Investment Manager uses Schroders' proprietary sustainability tools to provide a baseline assessment that contributes to the overall ESG appraisal of a company. Additionally, meetings with company management inform the Investment Manager's view, providing further insights on corporate culture and senior management commitment to corporate social responsibility, with third party ESG research used primarily as a benchmarking exercise to confirm proprietary analysis.

More details on the Investment Manager's approach to sustainability and its engagement with companies are available on the webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/>

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than its investment universe, based on the Investment Manager's rating system.

The Investment Manager ensures that at least:

- 90% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in developed countries; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with an investment grade credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by developed countries; and
- 75% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in emerging countries; equities issued by small and medium companies; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with a high yield credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by emerging countries, is rated against the sustainability criteria.

For the purposes of this test, small companies are those with market capitalisation below €5 billion, medium companies are those between €5 billion and €10 billion and large companies are those above €10 billion.

### ● **What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?**

The following binding elements are applied throughout the investment process:

- The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the MSCI All Country World (Net TR) index based on the Investment Manager's rating criteria.
- The Fund invests at least 25% of its assets in sustainable investments and such investments do not cause significant environmental or social harm.
- Exclusions are applied to direct investments in companies. The Fund applies certain exclusions relating to international conventions on cluster munitions, antipersonnel mines, and chemical and biological weapons. The Fund also excludes companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to tobacco and thermal coal, especially companies that generate at least 10% of their revenues from tobacco production, companies that generate at least 25% of their revenues from the tobacco value chain (such as suppliers, distributors, retailers and licensors), companies that generate at least 10% of their revenues from thermal coal mining and companies that generate at least 30% of their revenues from coal fired power generation. The Fund excludes companies that are assessed by Schroders to have breached one or more 'global norms' thereby causing significant environmental or social harm; these companies comprise Schroders' 'global norms' breach list. In exceptional circumstances a derogation may be applied in order to allow the Fund to continue to hold a company on Schroders' 'global norms' breach list, for example where the stated investment strategy of the Fund may otherwise be compromised. Any such company cannot be categorised as a sustainable investment. Further, the Fund may apply other exclusions as listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>. The Fund invests in companies that have good governance practices, as determined by the Investment Manager's rating criteria.

The Investment Manager ensures that at least:

- 90% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in developed countries; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with an investment grade credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by developed countries; and
- 75% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in emerging countries; equities issued by small and medium companies; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with a high yield credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by emerging countries, is rated against the sustainability criteria.

### ● **What is the committed minimum rate to reduce the scope of the investments considered prior to the application of that investment strategy?**

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

**Good governance** practices include sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff and tax compliance.

● **What is the policy to assess good governance practices of the investee companies?**

In order to assess good governance practices, a central Good Governance Test is applied. This test is based on a data-driven quantitative framework, which uses a scorecard to assess companies across the categories of sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff, and tax compliance. Schroders has defined a number of criteria across these pillars.

Compliance with the test is monitored centrally and companies which do not pass this test cannot be held by the Fund, unless the Investment Manager has agreed that the issuer demonstrates good governance based on additional insights beyond that quantitative analysis.



**Asset allocation** describes the share of investments in specific assets.

**What is the asset allocation planned for this financial product?**

The planned composition of the Fund’s investments that are used to meet its environmental or social characteristics are summarised below.

**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the minimum proportion of the Fund’s assets used to attain the environmental or social characteristics, which is equal to 70%. The Fund commits to maintain a higher overall sustainability score than the MSCI All Country World (Net TR) index, and so the Fund’s investments that are scored by Schroders’ proprietary sustainability tool are included within the minimum proportion stated in #1 on the basis that they will contribute to the Fund’s sustainability score (whether such individual investment has a positive or a negative score). Also included within #1 is the minimum proportion of assets that are invested in sustainable investments, as indicated in #1A. The minimum proportions stated apply in normal market conditions. The actual proportion stated in #1 is expected to be higher.

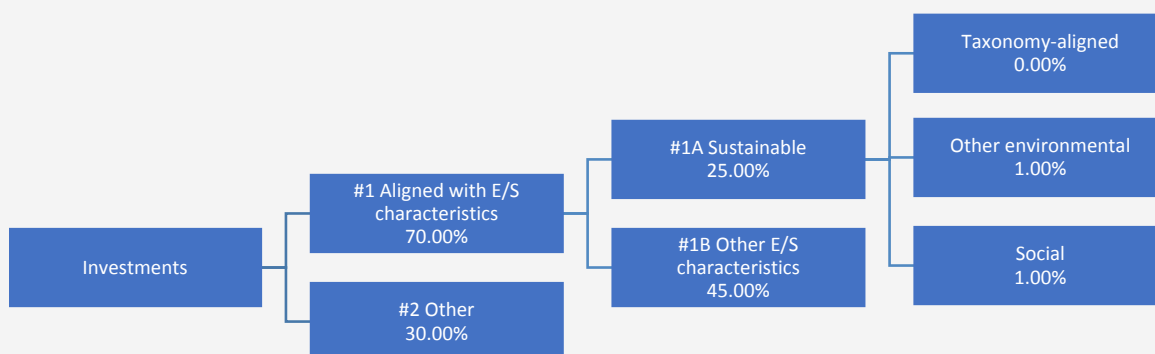
The sustainability score is measured by Schroders’ proprietary tool that provides an estimate of the net “impact” that an issuer may create in terms of social and environmental “costs” or “benefits”. It does this by using certain indicators with respect to that issuer, and quantifying them positively and negatively to produce an aggregate notional measure of the effect that the relevant underlying issuer may have on society and the environment. Examples of such indicators are greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

The Fund will invest at least 25% of its assets in sustainable investments. A sustainable investment is classified as having an environmental or social objective depending on whether the relevant issuer has a higher score in Schroders’ proprietary tool relative to its applicable peer group for its environmental indicators or its social indicators. In each case, indicators are comprised of both “costs” and “benefits”.

**#2 Other** includes cash which is treated as neutral for sustainability purposes. #2 also includes investments that are not scored by Schroders’ proprietary sustainability tool and so do not contribute towards the Fund’s sustainability score. As #1 states a minimum proportion that is in practice expected to be higher, the proportion stated in #2 is expected to be lower.

Minimum safeguards are applied where relevant to Money Market Investments and other investments by restricting (as appropriate) investments in counterparties where there are ownership links or exposure to higher risk countries (for the purpose of money laundering, terrorist financing, bribery, corruption, tax evasion and sanctions risks). A firm-wide risk assessment considers the risk rating of each jurisdiction; which includes reference to a number of public statements, indices and world governance indicators issued by the UN, the European Union, the UK Government, the Financial Action Task Force and several Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), such as Transparency International and the Basel Committee.

In addition, new counterparties are reviewed by Schroders’ credit risk team and approval of a new counterparty is based on a holistic review of the various sources of information available, including, but not limited to, quality of management, ownership structure, location, regulatory and social environment to which each counterparty is subject, and the degree of development of the local banking system and its regulatory framework. Ongoing monitoring is performed through a Schroders’ proprietary tool, which supports the analysis of a counterparty’s management of environmental, social and governance trends and challenges. Any significant deterioration in the profile of the counterparty in Schroders’ proprietary tool would lead to further analysis and potential exclusion by Schroders’ credit risk team.



**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the investments of the financial product used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product.

**#2 Other** includes the remaining investments of the financial product which are neither aligned with the environmental or social characteristics, nor are qualified as sustainable investments.

The category **#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** covers:

- The sub-category **#1A Sustainable** covers sustainable investments with environmental or social objectives.
- The sub-category **#1B Other E/S characteristics** covers investments aligned with the environmental or social characteristics that do not qualify as sustainable investments.

#1 The minimum proportion stated applies in normal market conditions.

### ● **How does the use of derivatives attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?**

The Fund may use derivatives that are scored in Schroders' proprietary tool to meet the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted by the Fund, as such derivatives would contribute to the Fund's sustainability score (whether such individual investment has a positive or a negative score).



### **To what minimum extent are sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?**

There is no minimum extent to which the Fund's investments (including transitional and enabling activities) with an environmental objective are aligned with the Taxonomy. Taxonomy alignment of this Fund's investments has therefore not been calculated and has as a result been deemed to constitute 0% of the Fund's portfolio.

In future it is expected that the Fund will assess and report on the extent to which its underlying investments are in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the Taxonomy, along with information relating to the proportion of enabling and transitional activities. This Prospectus will be updated once it is possible in the Investment Manager's opinion to accurately disclose to what extent the Fund's investments are in Taxonomy-aligned environmentally sustainable activities, including the proportions of investments in enabling and transitional activities selected for the Fund.

### ● **Does the financial product invest in fossil gas and/or nuclear energy related activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy<sup>1</sup>?**

☐ Yes:

☐ In fossil gas ☐ In nuclear energy

☒ No

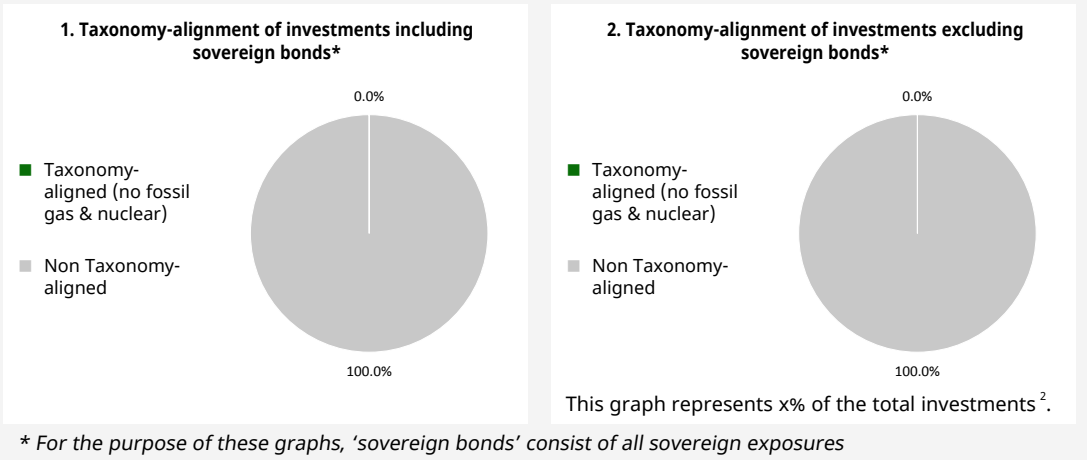
To comply with the EU Taxonomy, the criteria for **fossil gas** include limitations on emissions and switching to renewable power or low-carbon fuels by the end of 2035. For **nuclear energy**, the criteria include comprehensive safety and waste management rules.

<sup>1</sup> Fossil gas and/or nuclear related activities will only comply with the EU Taxonomy where they contribute to limiting climate change ("climate change mitigation") and do not significantly harm any EU Taxonomy objective – see explanatory note in the left-hand margin. The full criteria for fossil gas and nuclear energy economic activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy are laid down in Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1214.

Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

- **turnover** reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee companies
- **capital expenditure** (CapEx) showing the green investments made by investee companies, e.g. for a transition to a green economy.
- **operational expenditure** (OpEx) reflecting green operational activities of investee companies.

The two graphs below show in green the minimum percentage of investments that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the Taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy-alignment in relation to all the investments of the financial product including sovereign bonds, while the second graph shows the Taxonomy-alignment only in relation to the investments of the financial product other than sovereign bonds.



**Enabling activities** directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective.

**Transitional activities** are activities for which low-carbon alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.

- **What is the minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities?**  
As per the above, at the date of this Prospectus the share of investments by the Fund in transitional and enabling activities is currently deemed to constitute 0% of the Fund's portfolio.



### What is the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

The Fund commits to invest at least 25% of its assets in sustainable investments. Within this overall commitment, there is no minimum commitment to invest in sustainable investments with an environmental objective. This means that the proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy will vary.



are sustainable investments with an environmental objective that **do not take into account the criteria** for environmentally sustainable economic activities under the EU Taxonomy.

<sup>2</sup> As there is no Taxonomy-alignment, there is no impact on the graph if sovereign bonds are excluded (i.e. the percentage of Taxonomy-aligned investments remains 0%) and the Management Company therefore believes that there is no need to mention this information.



## What is the minimum share of socially sustainable investments?

The Fund commits to invest at least 25% of its assets in sustainable investments. Within this overall commitment, there is no minimum commitment to invest in sustainable investments with a social objective. This means that the proportion of sustainable investments with a social objective will vary.



## What investments are included under “#2 Other”, what is their purpose and are there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

#2 Other includes cash, which is treated as neutral for sustainability purposes. #2 also includes investments that are not scored by Schroders’ proprietary sustainability tools and so do not contribute towards the Fund’s sustainability score.

Minimum safeguards are applied where relevant to Money Market Investments and other investments by restricting (as appropriate) investments in counterparties where there are ownership links or exposure to higher risk countries (for the purpose of money laundering, terrorist financing, bribery, corruption, tax evasion and sanctions risks). A firm-wide risk assessment considers the risk rating of each jurisdiction; which includes reference to a number of public statements, indices and world governance indicators issued by the UN, the European Union, the UK Government, the Financial Action Task Force and several Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), such as Transparency International and the Basel Committee.

In addition, new counterparties are reviewed by Schroders’ credit risk team and approval of a new counterparty is based on a holistic review of the various sources of information available, including, but not limited to, quality of management, ownership structure, location, regulatory and social environment to which each counterparty is subject, and the degree of development of the local banking system and its regulatory framework. Ongoing monitoring is performed through a Schroders’ proprietary tool, which supports the analysis of a counterparty’s management of environmental, social and governance trends and challenges. Any significant deterioration in the profile of the counterparty in Schroders’ proprietary tool would lead to further analysis and potential exclusion by Schroders’ credit risk team.



## Is a specific index designated as a reference benchmark to determine whether this financial product is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes?

**Reference benchmarks** are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the environmental or social characteristics that they promote.

- ***How is the reference benchmark continuously aligned with each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- ***How is the alignment of the investment strategy with the methodology of the index ensured on a continuous basis?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- ***How does the designated index differ from a relevant broad market index?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- ***Where can the methodology used for the calculation of the designated index be found?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.



## Where can I find more product specific information online?

More product-specific information can be found on the webpage: <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>



Pre-contractual disclosure for the financial products referred to in Article 8, paragraphs 1, 2 and 2a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 6, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852

**Product name:** **Schroder International Selection Fund China A All Cap**

**Legal entity identifier:** **5493000BXUD89QYZ9M71**

## Environmental and/or social characteristics

**Sustainable investment** means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good governance practices.

The **EU Taxonomy** is a classification system laid down in Regulation (EU) 2020/852, establishing a list of **environmentally sustainable economic activities**. That Regulation does not lay down a list of socially sustainable economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.

**Does this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?**

●● <input type="checkbox"/> Yes	●○ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
<input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with an environmental objective: __%</b> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy <input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy </div>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> It <b>promotes Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics</b> and while it does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will have a minimum proportion of <b>25.00%</b> of sustainable investments <div> <input type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> with a social objective </div>
<input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with a social objective __%</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> It promotes E/S characteristics, but <b>will not make any sustainable investments</b>



## What environmental and/or social characteristics are promoted by this financial product?

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the MSCI China A Onshore (Net TR) index, based on the Investment Manager's rating system. This benchmark (which is a broad market index) does not take into account the environmental and social characteristics promoted by the Fund.

The sustainability score is measured by Schroders' proprietary tool that provides an estimate of the net "impact" that an issuer may create in terms of social and environmental "costs" or "benefits". It does this by using certain indicators with respect to that issuer, and quantifying them positively and negatively to produce an aggregate notional measure of the effect that the relevant underlying issuer may have on society and the environment. It does this using third party data as well as Schroders own estimates and assumptions and the outcome may differ from other sustainability tools and measures. Examples of such indicators are greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

The result is expressed as an aggregate score of the sustainability indicators for each issuer, specifically a notional percentage (positive or negative) of sales of the relevant underlying issuer. For example, a score of +2% would mean an issuer contributes \$2 of relative notional positive impact (i.e. benefits to society) per \$100 of sales. The sustainability score of the Fund is derived from the scores of all issuers in the Fund's portfolio measured by Schroders' proprietary tool.

The Fund invests at least 25% of its assets in sustainable investments, which are investments that the Investment Manager expects to contribute towards the advancement of one or more environmental and/or social objective (s).

### ● What sustainability indicators are used to measure the attainment of each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

The Investment Manager monitors compliance with the characteristic to maintain a higher overall sustainability score than the MSCI China A Onshore (Net TR) index by reference to the weighted average sustainability score of the Fund in Schroders' proprietary tool compared against the weighted average sustainability score of the MSCI China A Onshore (Net TR) index in Schroders' proprietary tool over the previous six month period, based on month-end data. The overall sustainability score aggregates the effect of sustainability indicators including but not limited to greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

**Sustainability indicators** measure how the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product are attained.

The Investment Manager monitors compliance with the characteristic to invest at least 25% of its assets in sustainable investments by reference to the sustainability score of each asset in Schroders' proprietary tool. Compliance with this is monitored daily via our automated compliance controls. The Fund also applies certain exclusions, with which the Investment Manager monitors compliance on an ongoing basis via its portfolio compliance framework.

● ***What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?***

In respect of the proportion of the Fund's portfolio that is invested in sustainable investments, each sustainable investment demonstrates a net positive effect across a range of environmental or social objectives, as scored by Schroders' proprietary tool. The environmental or social objectives of the sustainable investments that the Fund partially intends to make may include, but are not limited to, increasing environmental and/or social benefits such as greater water access or fair pay and reducing environmental, and/or social costs such as carbon emissions or food waste. For example, greater water access as measured by Schroders' proprietary tool are the estimated societal benefits of the provision of clean drinking water to human health.

● ***How do the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make, not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?***

The Investment Manager's approach to investing in issuers that do not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective includes the following:

- Firm-wide investment exclusions apply to Schroders funds. These relate to international conventions on cluster munitions, anti-personnel mines, and chemical and biological weapons and a list of those companies that are excluded is available at <https://www.schroders.com/en/sustainability/active-ownership/group-exclusions/>. Firm-wide exclusions also apply to companies generating more than 20% of their revenue from thermal coal mining.
- The Fund excludes companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to tobacco and thermal coal.
- The Fund excludes companies that are assessed by Schroders to have breached one or more 'global norms' thereby causing significant environmental or social harm; these companies comprise Schroders' 'global norms' breach list. Schroders' determination of whether a company has been involved in such a breach considers relevant principles such as those contained in the UN Global Compact (UNGC) principles, the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights. The 'global norms' breach list may be informed by assessments performed by third party providers and by proprietary research, where relevant to a particular situation. In exceptional circumstances a derogation may be applied in order to allow the Fund to continue to hold a company on Schroders' 'global norms' breach list, for example where the stated investment strategy of the Fund may otherwise be compromised. Any such company cannot be categorised as a sustainable investment.
- The Fund may also apply certain other exclusions in addition to those summarised above.

Further information on all of the Fund's investment exclusions is to be found under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

● ***How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?***

When seeking to identify significant harm, Schroders' approach to taking into account the Principal Adverse Impacts (PAI) indicators involves a quantitative and a qualitative assessment. Where it is not considered appropriate or feasible to set quantitative thresholds, the Investment Manager engages, where relevant. Investee companies deemed not to satisfy the quantitative thresholds would generally be excluded, unless on a case-by-case basis the data is deemed not representative of a company's performance in the relevant area.

This framework is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability and quality of the data evolves.

Our approach includes:

1. **Quantitative:** this includes indicators where specific thresholds have been established:

- Via the application of exclusions. This approach is relevant to **PAI 4** (Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector), **PAI 5** (Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production) and **PAI 14** (Exposure to controversial weapons). Further, the following PAIs are assessed as part of Schroders 'global norms' breach list exclusion (which seeks to exclude companies where significant harm is occurring):

**Principal adverse impacts** are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anticorruption and antibribery matters.

- **PAI 7** (Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas)
- **PAI 8** (Emissions to water)
- **PAI 9** (Hazardous waste and radioactive waste ratio)
- **PAI 10** (Violations of UN Global Compact principles and Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises)
- **PAI 11** (Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and Voluntary)
- **PAI 14** in Table 3 (Number of identified cases of severe human rights issues and incidents)
- Via the application of an alert system flag if the relevant indicator(s) exceeds a threshold. These quantitative thresholds to assess significant harm are established centrally by our Sustainable Investment team and monitored systematically. This approach applies to indicators where we have segmented the population into harm groups to establish a threshold, such as carbon related PAI metrics, **PAI 1** (GHG emissions), **PAI 2** (Carbon footprint) and **Voluntary PAI 4 in Table 2** (Investing in companies without carbon emission reduction initiatives). **PAI 3** (GHG intensity of investee companies) operates in a similar way but the threshold is based on a revenue metric. A threshold for **PAI 6** (Energy consumption intensity per high impact climate sector) is established based on the above mentioned carbon measures. A similar approach has been taken for **PAI 15** (GHG intensity). **PAI 16** (Investee countries subject to social violations) also operates in the same way but based on data availability regarding social violations. Through this process the relevant issuer(s) that is/are deemed not to satisfy the quantitative thresholds is/are flagged to the Investment Manager for consideration, whose response may involve selling the holdings(s) or maintaining the position if on a case-by-case basis the data is deemed not representative of a company's performance in the relevant area. Investee companies deemed to cause significant harm are excluded from the Fund.
- 2. **Qualitative:** This includes PAI indicators where Schroders' believes that the data available does not enable us to make a quantitative determination regarding whether significant harm is done so as to warrant excluding an investment. In such cases, the Investment Manager engages wherever possible with the company or companies held, in accordance with the priorities documented in Schroders' Engagement Blueprint and/or voting policy. This approach applies to indicators such as **PAI 12** (Unadjusted gender pay gap) and **PAI 13** (Board gender diversity), where we engage and may use our voting rights where we consider appropriate. Both board gender diversity and disclosure of gender pay gap information are captured in our Engagement Blueprint.

● ***How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:***

Companies on Schroders' 'global norms' breach list cannot be categorised as sustainable investments. Schroders' determination of whether a company should be included on such list considers the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, among other relevant principles. The 'global norms' breach list is informed by third party providers and proprietary research, where relevant.

*The EU Taxonomy sets out a "do not significant harm" principle by which Taxonomy-aligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives and is accompanied by specific EU criteria.*

*The "do not significant harm" principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.*

*Any other sustainable investments must also not significantly harm any environmental or social objectives.*



## Does this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

☒ Yes, the Investment Manager's approach to considering principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors involves classifying the indicators into three categories:

The Investment Manager's approach to considering principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors differs depending on the relevant indicator. Some indicators were considered via the application of exclusions, some were considered via the investment process (where data is available via Schroders PAI dashboard and via other external data sources) and some via engagement. Further details are provided below.

PAIs are considered as part of pre-investment through the application of exclusions. These include:

- Controversial weapons: PAI 14 (Exposure to controversial weapons (anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, chemical weapons and biological weapons)).

- Schroders' 'global norms' breach list, which covers: PAI 7 (Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas), PAI 8 (Emissions to water), PAI 9 (Hazardous waste and radioactive waste ratio), PAI 10 (Violations of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises), PAI 11 (Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises) and PAI 16 (Investee countries subject to social violations).

- Companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to thermal coal: PAI 4 (Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector) and PAI 5 (Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production).

Compliance with these thresholds is monitored via the Investment Manager's portfolio compliance framework. PAIs are also considered through integration in the investment process through the bottom-up stock analysis at a company level. The Asian Equities investment team uses a proprietary tool which provides a framework for analysing a company's relationship with its stakeholders and the sustainability of its business model and covers PAIs 1, 2, 3 and 6 (Greenhouse gas emissions). PAI indicators may be further reviewed via the Schroders PAI dashboard.

PAIs are also considered post-investment through engagement where the Investment Manager engages in line with the approach and expectations set out in Schroders Engagement Blueprint, which outlines our approach to active ownership.

The Investment Manager may engage with selected issuers held by the Fund on PAIs. For example, we aim to engage with several issuers on net zero carbon emissions targets (PAI 1,2,3), procuring renewable energy (PAI 5) and further topics of engagement may include board gender diversity which relates to PAI 13.

Where issuers are flagged on lack of data availability on PAIs, the Investment Manager may engage with issuers where the primary focus is to increase reporting, quality and availability of PAI data.

Our approach is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability, and quality, of PAI data evolves. The Management Company's statement on principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors is available at <https://mybrand.schroders.com/m/4ab13771bdddcd9d/original/Statement-on-principal-adverse-impacts-of-investment-decisions-on-sustainability-factors-2-1-new.pdf> <https://api.schroders.com/document-store/id/ffcb39bb-96cb-4e56-9461-deba9a493e85>. The Fund level information is disclosed or will be disclosed (as applicable) in the Fund's annual report.

1. Set thresholds: these involve very explicit thresholds for considering an investment to be a "sustainable investment". For example, PAI 10 on violations of UNGC principles.

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☐ No



**The investment strategy** guides investment decisions based on factors such as investment objectives and risk tolerance.

## What investment strategy does this financial product follow?

The sustainable investment strategy used by the Investment Manager is as follows:

The Fund is actively managed and invests at least two-thirds of its assets in a concentrated range of equity and equity related securities of Chinese companies listed and traded on Chinese stock exchanges such as Shenzhen or Shanghai Stock Exchanges (China A-Shares). The Fund typically holds 30 – 50 companies.

The Fund may invest in a broad range of companies regardless of market capitalisations.

The Fund may invest up to 100% of its assets (on a net basis) directly or indirectly (for example via participatory notes) in China A-Shares through:

- Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect and Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect;
- the Qualified Foreign Investor ("QFI") scheme;
- shares listed on the STAR Board and the ChiNext; and
- Regulated Markets.

The Fund may invest up to 10% of its assets in offshore listed Chinese companies and up to 10% of its assets in the offshore listing of dual-listed Chinese A-Share companies.

The Fund may also invest up to one-third of its assets directly or indirectly in other securities (including other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies, Investment Funds, warrants and Money Market Investments, and hold cash.

The Fund may use derivatives, long and short, with the aim of achieving investment gains, reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently.

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the MSCI China A Onshore (Net TR) index, based on the Investment Manager's rating system.

The Fund does not directly invest in certain activities, industries or groups of issuers above the limits listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

The Investment Manager applies governance and sustainability criteria when selecting investments for the Fund.

In the selection and assessment of potential investment opportunities and holdings, companies are assessed on a stakeholder-based approach against criteria including, but not limited to (1) good governance practices; (2) impact on the environment and local communities; and (3) fair and equitable treatment of employees, suppliers and customers. Information and insights derived from Schroders' proprietary sustainability tools are utilised in this assessment and due diligence process.

The Investment Manager's proprietary analysis and ongoing engagement with companies may also help it derive a reasonable level of conviction that concrete steps will be or are being taken to transition out of business segments or practices that have not met the sustainability criteria or to improve on their relevant areas of weakness. The Investment Manager may consider these companies eligible for investment ahead of seeing changes in the company's ratings and rankings across both internal and external evaluation metrics.

The primary sources of information used to perform the analysis include the Investment Manager's proprietary tools and research, third-party research, NGO reports and expert networks. The Investment Manager also performs its own analysis of publicly available information provided by the companies, including information provided in company sustainability reports and other relevant company material.

More details on the Investment Manager's approach to sustainability and its engagement with companies are available on the webpage

<https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/>

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than its investment universe, based on the Investment Manager's rating system.

The Investment Manager ensures that at least:

- 90% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in developed countries; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with an investment grade credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by developed countries; and

- 75% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in emerging countries; equities issued by small and medium companies; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with a high yield credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by emerging countries,

is rated against the sustainability criteria. For the purposes of this test, small companies are those with market capitalisation below €5 billion, medium companies are those between €5 billion and €10 billion and large companies are those above €10 billion.

### ● ***What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?***

The following binding elements are applied throughout the investment process:

- The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the MSCI China A Onshore (Net TR) index based on the Investment Manager's rating criteria.
- The Fund invests at least 25% of its assets in sustainable investments and such investments do not cause significant environmental or social harm.
- Exclusions are applied to direct investments in companies. The Fund applies certain exclusions relating to international conventions on cluster munitions, antipersonnel mines, and chemical and biological weapons. The Fund also excludes companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to tobacco and thermal coal, especially companies that generate at least 10% of their revenues from tobacco production, companies that generate at least 25% of their revenues from the tobacco value chain (such as suppliers, distributors, retailers and licensors), companies that generate at least 10% of their revenues from thermal coal mining and companies that generate at least 30% of their revenues from coal fired power generation. The Fund excludes companies that are assessed by Schroders to have breached one or more 'global norms' thereby causing significant environmental or social harm; these companies comprise Schroders' 'global norms' breach list. In exceptional circumstances a derogation may be applied in order to allow the Fund to continue to hold a company on Schroders' 'global norms' breach list, for example where the stated investment strategy of the Fund may otherwise be compromised. Any such company cannot be categorised as a sustainable investment. Further, the Fund may apply other exclusions as listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>
- The Fund invests in companies that have good governance practices, as determined by the Investment Manager's rating criteria.



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is rated against the sustainability criteria.

● ***What is the committed minimum rate to reduce the scope of the investments considered prior to the application of that investment strategy?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

● ***What is the policy to assess good governance practices of the investee companies?***

In order to assess good governance practices, a central Good Governance Test is applied. This test is based on a data-driven quantitative framework, which uses a scorecard to assess companies across the categories of sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff, and tax compliance. Schroders has defined a number of criteria across these pillars.

Compliance with the test is monitored centrally and companies which do not pass this test cannot be held by the Fund, unless the Investment Manager has agreed that the issuer demonstrates good governance based on additional insights beyond that quantitative analysis.

**Good governance** practices include sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff and tax compliance.



**Asset allocation** describes the share of investments in specific assets.

## **What is the asset allocation planned for this financial product?**

The planned composition of the Fund's investments that are used to meet its environmental or social characteristics are summarised below.

**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the minimum proportion of the Fund's assets used to attain the environmental or social characteristics, which is equal to 70%. The Fund commits to maintain a higher overall sustainability score than the MSCI China A Onshore (Net TR) index, and so the Fund's investments that are scored by Schroders' proprietary sustainability tool are included within the minimum proportion stated in #1 on the basis that they will contribute to the Fund's sustainability score (whether such individual investment has a positive or a negative score). Also included within #1 is the minimum proportion of assets that are invested in sustainable investments, as indicated in #1A. The minimum proportions stated apply in normal market conditions. The actual proportion stated in #1 is expected to be higher.

The sustainability score is measured by Schroders' proprietary tool that provides an estimate of the net "impact" that an issuer may create in terms of social and environmental "costs" or "benefits". It does this by using certain indicators with respect to that issuer, and quantifying them positively and negatively to produce an aggregate notional measure of the effect that the relevant underlying issuer may have on society and the environment. Examples of such indicators are greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

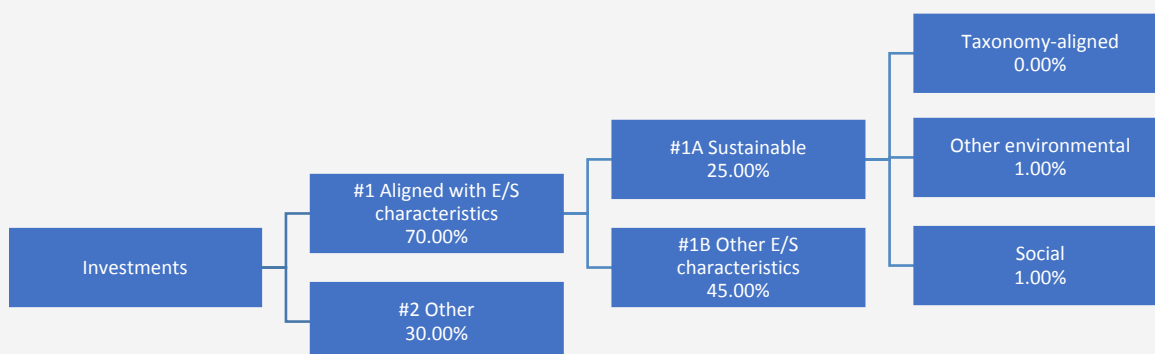
The Fund will invest at least 25% of its assets in sustainable investments. A sustainable investment is classified as having an environmental or social objective depending on whether the relevant issuer has a higher score in Schroders' proprietary tool relative to its applicable peer group for its environmental indicators or its social indicators. In each case, indicators are comprised of both "costs" and "benefits".

**#2 Other** includes cash which is treated as neutral for sustainability purposes. #2 also includes investments that are not scored by Schroders' proprietary sustainability tool and so do not contribute towards the Fund's sustainability score. As #1 states a minimum proportion that is in practice expected to be higher, the proportion stated in #2 is expected to be lower.

Minimum safeguards are applied where relevant to Money Market Investments and other investments by restricting (as appropriate) investments in counterparties where there are ownership links or exposure to higher risk countries (for the purpose of money laundering, terrorist financing, bribery, corruption, tax evasion and sanctions risks). A firm-wide risk assessment considers the risk rating of each jurisdiction; which includes reference to a number of public statements, indices and world governance indicators issued by the UN, the European Union, the UK Government, the Financial Action Task Force and several Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), such as Transparency International and the Basel Committee.

In addition, new counterparties are reviewed by Schroders' credit risk team and approval of a new counterparty is based on a holistic review of the various sources of information available, including, but not limited to, quality of management, ownership structure, location, regulatory and social environment to which each counterparty is subject, and the degree of development of the local banking system and its regulatory framework. Ongoing monitoring is performed through a Schroders' proprietary tool, which supports the analysis of a counterparty's management of environmental, social and governance trends and challenges. Any significant deterioration in the profile of the counterparty in Schroders' proprietary tool would lead to further analysis and potential exclusion by Schroders' credit risk team.





**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the investments of the financial product used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product.

**#2 Other** includes the remaining investments of the financial product which are neither aligned with the environmental or social characteristics, nor are qualified as sustainable investments.

The category **#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** covers:

- The sub-category **#1A Sustainable** covers sustainable investments with environmental or social objectives.
- The sub-category **#1B Other E/S characteristics** covers investments aligned with the environmental or social characteristics that do not qualify as sustainable investments.

#1 The minimum proportion stated applies in normal market conditions.

### ● **How does the use of derivatives attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?**

The Fund may use derivatives that are scored in Schrodgers' proprietary tool to meet the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted by the Fund, as such derivatives would contribute to the Fund's sustainability score (whether such individual investment has a positive or a negative score).



### **To what minimum extent are sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?**

There is no minimum extent to which the Fund's investments (including transitional and enabling activities) with an environmental objective are aligned with the Taxonomy. Taxonomy alignment of this Fund's investments has therefore not been calculated and has as a result been deemed to constitute 0% of the Fund's portfolio.

In future it is expected that the Fund will assess and report on the extent to which its underlying investments are in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the Taxonomy, along with information relating to the proportion of enabling and transitional activities. This Prospectus will be updated once it is possible in the Investment Manager's opinion to accurately disclose to what extent the Fund's investments are in Taxonomy-aligned environmentally sustainable activities, including the proportions of investments in enabling and transitional activities selected for the Fund.

### ● **Does the financial product invest in fossil gas and/or nuclear energy related activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy<sup>1</sup>?**

☐ Yes:

☐ In fossil gas ☐ In nuclear energy

☒ No

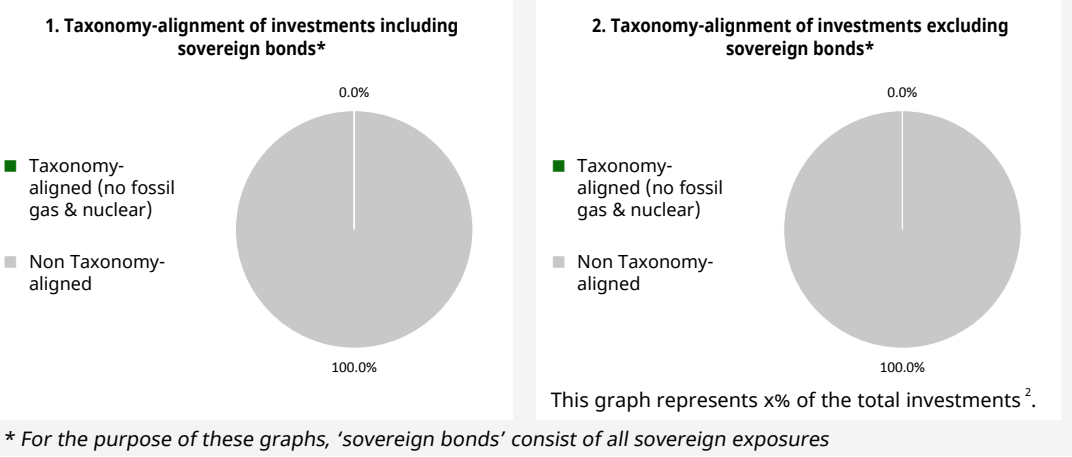
To comply with the EU Taxonomy, the criteria for **fossil gas** include limitations on emissions and switching to renewable power or low-carbon fuels by the end of 2035. For **nuclear energy**, the criteria include comprehensive safety and waste management rules.

<sup>1</sup> Fossil gas and/or nuclear related activities will only comply with the EU Taxonomy where they contribute to limiting climate change ("climate change mitigation") and do not significantly harm any EU Taxonomy objective – see explanatory note in the left-hand margin. The full criteria for fossil gas and nuclear energy economic activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy are laid down in Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1214.

Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

- **turnover** reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee companies
- **capital expenditure** (CapEx) showing the green investments made by investee companies, e.g. for a transition to a green economy.
- **operational expenditure** (OpEx) reflecting green operational activities of investee companies.

The two graphs below show in green the minimum percentage of investments that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the Taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy-alignment in relation to all the investments of the financial product including sovereign bonds, while the second graph shows the Taxonomy-alignment only in relation to the investments of the financial product other than sovereign bonds.



**Enabling activities** directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective.

**Transitional activities** are activities for which low-carbon alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.

- **What is the minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities?**  
As per the above, at the date of this Prospectus the share of investments by the Fund in transitional and enabling activities is currently deemed to constitute 0% of the Fund's portfolio.



**What is the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?**  
The Fund commits to invest at least 1% of its assets in sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy.



are sustainable investments with an environmental objective that **do not take into account the criteria** for environmentally sustainable economic activities under the EU Taxonomy.

<sup>2</sup> As there is no Taxonomy-alignment, there is no impact on the graph if sovereign bonds are excluded (i.e. the percentage of Taxonomy-aligned investments remains 0%) and the Management Company therefore believes that there is no need to mention this information.



## What is the minimum share of socially sustainable investments?

The Fund commits to invest at least 1% of its assets in sustainable investments with a social objective.



## What investments are included under “#2 Other”, what is their purpose and are there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

#2 Other includes cash which is treated as neutral for sustainability purposes. #2 also includes investments that are not scored by Schroders’ proprietary sustainability tools and so do not contribute towards the Fund’s sustainability score.

Minimum safeguards are applied where relevant to Money Market Investments and other investments by restricting (as appropriate) investments in counterparties where there are ownership links or exposure to higher risk countries (for the purpose of money laundering, terrorist financing, bribery, corruption, tax evasion and sanctions risks). A firm-wide risk assessment considers the risk rating of each jurisdiction; which includes reference to a number of public statements, indices and world governance indicators issued by the UN, the European Union, the UK Government, the Financial Action Task Force and several Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), such as Transparency International and the Basel Committee.

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## Is a specific index designated as a reference benchmark to determine whether this financial product is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes?

**Reference benchmarks** are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the environmental or social characteristics that they promote.

- ***How is the reference benchmark continuously aligned with each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- ***How is the alignment of the investment strategy with the methodology of the index ensured on a continuous basis?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- ***How does the designated index differ from a relevant broad market index?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- ***Where can the methodology used for the calculation of the designated index be found?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.



## Where can I find more product specific information online?

More product-specific information can be found on the webpage: <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

Pre-contractual disclosure for the financial products referred to in Article 8, paragraphs 1, 2 and 2a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 6, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852

**Product name:** **Schroder International Selection Fund China Local Currency Bond**

**Legal entity identifier:** **HPREJ5FHRTCLC11ND15**

## Environmental and/or social characteristics

**Sustainable investment** means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good governance practices.

The **EU Taxonomy** is a classification system laid down in Regulation (EU) 2020/852, establishing a list of **environmentally sustainable economic activities**. That Regulation does not lay down a list of socially sustainable economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.

### Does this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?

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## What environmental and/or social characteristics are promoted by this financial product?

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the iBoxx ALBI China Onshore index, based on the Investment Manager's rating system. This benchmark (which is a broad market index) does not take into account the environmental and social characteristics promoted by the Fund.

The sustainability score is measured by Schroders' proprietary tool that provides an estimate of the net "impact" that an issuer may create in terms of social and environmental "costs" or "benefits". It does this by using certain indicators with respect to that issuer, and quantifying them positively and negatively to produce an aggregate notional measure of the effect that the relevant underlying issuer may have on society and the environment. It does this using third party data as well as Schroders own estimates and assumptions and the outcome may differ from other sustainability tools and measures. Examples of such indicators are greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

The result is expressed as an aggregate score of the sustainability indicators for each issuer, specifically a notional percentage (positive or negative) of sales or GDP of the relevant underlying issuer. For example, a score of +2% would mean an issuer contributes \$2 of relative notional positive impact (i.e. benefits to society) per \$100 of sales or GDP. The sustainability score of the Fund is derived from the scores of all issuers in the Fund's portfolio measured by Schroders' proprietary tool.

### What sustainability indicators are used to measure the attainment of each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

The Investment Manager monitors compliance with the characteristic to maintain a higher overall sustainability score than the iBoxx ALBI China Onshore index by reference to the weighted average sustainability score of the Fund in Schroders' proprietary tool compared against the weighted average sustainability score of the iBoxx ALBI China Onshore index in Schroders' proprietary tool over the previous six month period, based on month-end data. The overall sustainability score aggregates the effect of sustainability indicators including but not limited to greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

**Sustainability indicators** measure how the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product are attained.

- **What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?**

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- **How do the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make, not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?**

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- **How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?**

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- **How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:**

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

The EU Taxonomy sets out a “do not significant harm” principle by which Taxonomy-aligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives and is accompanied by specific EU criteria.

The “do not significant harm” principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.

Any other sustainable investments must also not significantly harm any environmental or social objectives.



## Does this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

☒ **Yes, the Investment Manager’s approach to considering principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors involves classifying the indicators into two categories:**

The Investment Manager’s approach to considering principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors differs depending on the relevant indicator. Some indicators are considered via the application of exclusions, some are considered via the investment process (where data is available via Schroders PAI dashboard and via other external data sources) and some are considered via engagement. Further details are provided below.

PAIs are considered as part of pre-investment through the application of exclusions. These include:

- Controversial weapons: PAI 14 (Exposure to controversial weapons (anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, chemical weapons and biological weapons))

- Schroders’ ‘global norms’ breach list, which covers: PAI 7 (Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas), PAI 8 (Emissions to water), PAI 9 (Hazardous waste and radioactive waste ratio), PAI 10 (Violations of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises), PAI 11 (Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises) and PAI 16 (Investee countries subject to social violations)

- Companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to thermal coal: PAI 4 (Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector) and PAI 5 (Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production)

Compliance with these thresholds is monitored via the Investment Manager’s portfolio compliance framework. Integration in issuer analysis / investment process

PAIs are also considered through integration in the investment process as Schroders’ proprietary tools incorporate several PAIs as a component of its scoring methodology. For example, within a Schroders’ proprietary tool, PAIs related to carbon footprint and greenhouse gas emissions (PAIs 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 15) and PAI 7 (Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas) are included in assessing an issuer’s overall environmental score, while PAI 12 (Unadjusted gender pay gap) and PAI 13 (Board gender diversity) are included in assessing an issuer’s overall social score.

The combination of the Investment Manager’s fundamental and quantitative analysis helps to provide a

comprehensive view on ESG factors on a country, sector and issuer level. That said, due to a lower availability of PAI indicators for many issuers in Asia, some PAIs may be less meaningful in the context of an Asia focused strategy. Over time we anticipate that this data will improve which will allow us to further assess the consideration of PAIs. All PAI indicators are monitored via Schroders PAI dashboard. PAIs are also considered post-investment through engagement where the Investment Manager engages in line with the approach and expectations set out in Schroders Engagement Blueprint, which outlines our approach to active ownership.

The Investment Manager may engage with selected issuers held in the Fund, with a primary focus on corporate engagements relating to PAIs 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 12, 13 and 15. For each issuer, the Investment Manager assesses and identifies the most relevant topics for engagement based on Schroders' proprietary tools, data from external data providers, and in-house analysis.

We also aim to engage with several issuers on net zero carbon emissions targets (PAI 1,2, 15).

Our approach is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability, and quality, of PAI data evolves. The Management Company's statement on principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors is available at <https://mybrand.schroders.com/m/4ab13771bdddde9d/original/Statement-on-principal-adverse-impacts-of-investment-decisions-on-sustainability-factors-2-1-new.pdf> <https://api.schroders.com/document-store/id/ffcb39bb-96cb-4e56-9461-deba9a493e85>. The Fund level information is disclosed or will be disclosed (as applicable) in the Fund's annual report.

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## What investment strategy does this financial product follow?

**The investment strategy** guides investment decisions based on factors such as investment objectives and risk tolerance.

The sustainable investment strategy used by the Investment Manager is as follows:

The Fund is actively managed and invests at least two-thirds of its assets in fixed and floating rate securities, convertible bonds and Money Market Investments denominated or hedged back to onshore RMB (CNY).

These instruments may be issued outside or inside of mainland China by governments, government agencies, supra-nationals and companies which may or may not be established or incorporated in mainland China across sectors and credit quality. The Fund may also invest in fixed income securities denominated in offshore RMB (CNH).

The Fund may invest up to 30% of its assets in securities that have a below investment grade credit rating (as measured by Standard & Poor's or any equivalent grade of other credit rating agencies for rated bonds and implied Schroders ratings for non-rated bonds).

The Fund may invest in instruments traded on the RMB Bond market in Hong Kong and in instruments denominated in RMB traded on other Regulated Markets.

The Fund may invest up to 100% of its assets directly in mainland China through (i) QFI schemes or QFII related schemes supervised by the China Securities Regulatory Commission provided investment restriction is complied with and/or they qualify as Investment Funds and (ii) Regulated Markets (including the CIBM via Bond Connect or CIBM Direct).

Investments in mainland China Regulated Markets and interbank bond markets may also be performed indirectly through notes, certificates or other instruments (which qualify as transferable securities and do not embed a derivative element), open-ended Investment Funds and eligible financial derivative instruments.

The Fund may also invest up to one-third of its assets directly or indirectly in other securities (including other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies, Investment Funds, warrants and Money Market Investments, and hold cash.

The Fund may use derivatives, long and short, with the aim of achieving investment gains, reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently.

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the iBoxx ALBI China Onshore index, based on the Investment Manager's rating criteria.

The Fund does not directly invest in certain activities, industries or groups of issuers above the limits listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

The Investment Manager applies governance and sustainability criteria when selecting investments for the Fund.



The strategy aims to identify issuers demonstrating good or improving sustainability credentials, and those that impose a high cost on the environment and society. This involves:

- the exclusion of issuers with certain exposure to specific activities that the Investment Manager considers environmentally destructive or socially damaging, violate human rights and/ or have demonstrated gross misconduct that the Investment Manager deems to have businesses that are materially damaging to the climate and impose unjustifiable social costs.
- the inclusion of issuers that the Investment Manager considers are well placed to deliver demonstrate stable and improving sustainability trajectories relative to their industry peers, and issuers demonstrating good governance based on the Investment Manager's sustainability rating methodology.

The Investment Manager may also engage with companies to encourage transparency, the transition to a circular economy with lower carbon emissions intensity and responsible social behaviour that promotes sustainable growth and alpha generation.

The primary sources of information used to perform the analysis are the Investment Manager's proprietary tools and research, third-party research, NGO reports and expert networks. The Investment Manager also performs its own analysis of publicly available information provided by the companies, including information provided in company sustainability reports and other relevant company material.

More details on the Investment Manager's approach to sustainability and its engagement with companies are available on the webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/>

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than its investment universe, based on the Investment Manager's rating system.

The Investment Manager ensures that at least:

- 90% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in developed countries; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with an investment grade credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by developed countries; and
  - 75% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in emerging countries; equities issued by small and medium companies; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with a high yield credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by emerging countries,
- is rated against the sustainability criteria. For the purposes of this test, small companies are those with market capitalisation below €5 billion, medium companies are those between €5 billion and €10 billion and large companies are those above €10 billion.

### ● ***What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?***

The following binding elements are applied throughout the investment process:

- The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the iBoxx ALBI China Onshore index based on the Investment Manager's rating criteria.
- Exclusions are applied to direct investments in companies. The Fund applies certain exclusions relating to international conventions on cluster munitions, antipersonnel mines, and chemical and biological weapons. The Fund also excludes companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to tobacco and thermal coal, especially companies that generate at least 10% of their revenues from tobacco production, companies that generate at least 25% of their revenues from the tobacco value chain (such as suppliers, distributors, retailers and licensors), companies that generate at least 10% of their revenues from thermal coal mining and companies that generate at least 30% of their revenues from coal fired power generation. The Fund excludes companies that are assessed by Schroders to have breached one or more 'global norms' thereby causing significant environmental or social harm; these companies comprise Schroders' 'global norms' breach list. Further, the Fund may apply other exclusions as listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>
- The Fund invests in companies that have good governance practices, as determined by the Investment Manager's rating criteria.

The Investment Manager ensures that at least:

- 90% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in developed countries; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with an investment grade credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by developed countries; and
- 75% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in emerging countries; equities issued by small and medium companies; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with a high yield credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by emerging countries,

is rated against the sustainability criteria.

### ● ***What is the committed minimum rate to reduce the scope of the investments considered prior to the application of that investment strategy?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

**Good governance** practices include sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff and tax compliance.

● **What is the policy to assess good governance practices of the investee companies?**

In order to assess good governance practices, a central Good Governance Test is applied. This test is based on a data-driven quantitative framework, which uses a scorecard to assess companies across the categories of sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff, and tax compliance. Schroders has defined a number of criteria across these pillars.

Compliance with the test is monitored centrally and companies which do not pass this test cannot be held by the Fund, unless the Investment Manager has agreed that the issuer demonstrates good governance based on additional insights beyond that quantitative analysis.



**Asset allocation** describes the share of investments in specific assets.

**What is the asset allocation planned for this financial product?**

The planned composition of the Fund’s investments that are used to meet its environmental or social characteristics are summarised below.

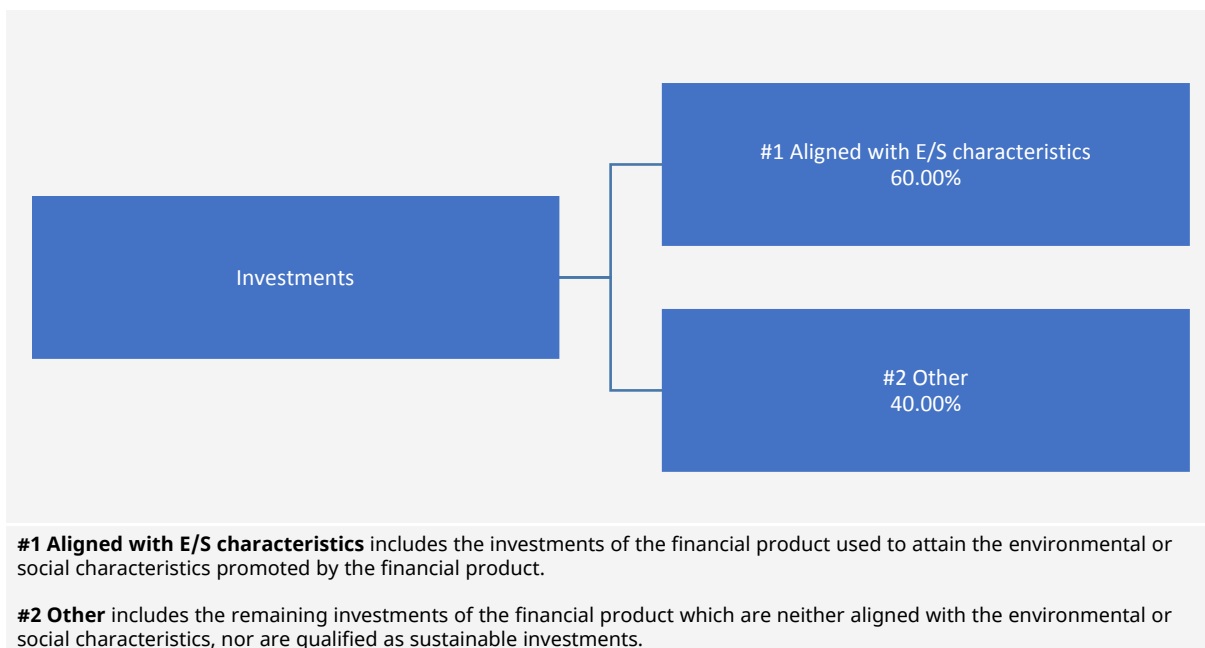
**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the minimum proportion of the Fund’s assets used to attain the environmental or social characteristics, which is equal to 60%. The Fund commits to maintain a higher overall sustainability score than the iBoxx ALBI China Onshore index, and so the Fund’s investments that are scored by Schroders’ proprietary sustainability tool are included within the minimum proportion stated in #1 on the basis that they will contribute to the Fund’s sustainability score (whether such individual investment has a positive or a negative score). The minimum proportion stated in #1 applies in normal market conditions. The actual proportion is expected to be higher.

The sustainability score is measured by Schroders’ proprietary tool that provides an estimate of the net “impact” that an issuer may create in terms of social and environmental “costs” or “benefits”. It does this by using certain indicators with respect to that issuer, and quantifying them positively and negatively to produce an aggregate notional measure of the effect that the relevant underlying issuer may have on society and the environment. Examples of such indicators are greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

**#2 Other** includes cash, which is treated as neutral for sustainability purposes. #2 also includes **other** investments that are not scored by Schroders’ proprietary sustainability tool and so do not contribute towards the Fund’s sustainability score. As #1 states a minimum proportion that is in practice expected to be higher, the proportion stated in #2 is expected to be lower.

Minimum safeguards are applied where relevant to Money Market Investments and other investments by restricting (as appropriate) investments in counterparties where there are ownership links or exposure to higher risk countries (for the purpose of money laundering, terrorist financing, bribery, corruption, tax evasion and sanctions risks). A firm-wide risk assessment considers the risk rating of each jurisdiction; which includes reference to a number of public statements, indices and world governance indicators issued by the UN, the European Union, the UK Government, the Financial Action Task Force and several Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), such as Transparency International and the Basel Committee.

In addition, new counterparties are reviewed by Schroders’ credit risk team and approval of a new counterparty is based on a holistic review of the various sources of information available, including, but not limited to, quality of management, ownership structure, location, regulatory and social environment to which each counterparty is subject, and the degree of development of the local banking system and its regulatory framework. Ongoing monitoring is performed through a Schroders’ proprietary tool, which supports the analysis of a counterparty’s management of environmental, social and governance trends and challenges. Any significant deterioration in the profile of the counterparty in Schroders’ proprietary tool would lead to further analysis and potential exclusion by Schroders’ credit risk team.



#1 The minimum proportion stated applies in normal market conditions.

● **How does the use of derivatives attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?**

Single name credit default swaps are used as a proxy for direct investments which would otherwise be held by the Fund in line with its sustainability criteria. Such derivatives are therefore used to attain the Fund's sustainability score in Schroders' proprietary tool which is one of the binding elements of the Fund. The Fund may use other derivatives that are scored in Schroders' proprietary tool to meet the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted by the Fund, as such derivatives would contribute to the Fund's sustainability score (whether such individual investment has a positive or a negative score).



**To what minimum extent are sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?**

There is no minimum extent to which the Fund's investments (including transitional and enabling activities) with an environmental objective are aligned with the Taxonomy. Taxonomy alignment of this Fund's investments has therefore not been calculated and has as a result been deemed to constitute 0% of the Fund's portfolio.

In future it is expected that the Fund will assess and report on the extent to which its underlying investments are in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the Taxonomy, along with information relating to the proportion of enabling and transitional activities. This Prospectus will be updated once it is possible in the Investment Manager's opinion to accurately disclose to what extent the Fund's investments are in Taxonomy-aligned environmentally sustainable activities, including the proportions of investments in enabling and transitional activities selected for the Fund.

● **Does the financial product invest in fossil gas and/or nuclear energy related activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy<sup>1</sup>?**

- ☐ Yes:
- ☐ In fossil gas ☐ In nuclear energy
- ☒ No

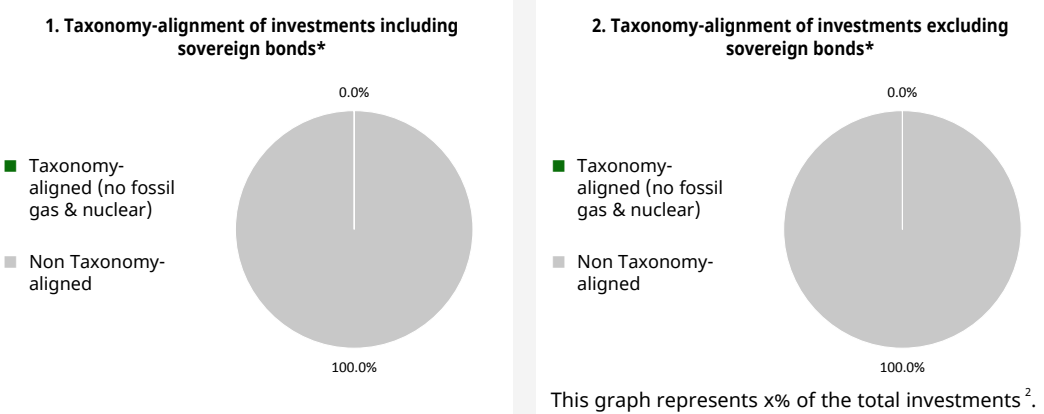
To comply with the EU Taxonomy, the criteria for **fossil gas** include limitations on emissions and switching to renewable power or low-carbon fuels by the end of 2035. For **nuclear energy**, the criteria include comprehensive safety and waste management rules.

<sup>1</sup> Fossil gas and/or nuclear related activities will only comply with the EU Taxonomy where they contribute to limiting climate change ("climate change mitigation") and do not significantly harm any EU Taxonomy objective – see explanatory note in the left-hand margin. The full criteria for fossil gas and nuclear energy economic activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy are laid down in Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1214.

Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

- **turnover** reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee companies
- **capital expenditure** (CapEx) showing the green investments made by investee companies, e.g. for a transition to a green economy.
- **operational expenditure** (OpEx) reflecting green operational activities of investee companies.

The two graphs below show in green the minimum percentage of investments that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the Taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy-alignment in relation to all the investments of the financial product including sovereign bonds, while the second graph shows the Taxonomy-alignment only in relation to the investments of the financial product other than sovereign bonds.



\* For the purpose of these graphs, 'sovereign bonds' consist of all sovereign exposures

**Enabling activities** directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective.

**Transitional activities** are activities for which low-carbon alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.

● **What is the minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities?**

As per the above, at the date of this Prospectus the share of investments by the Fund in transitional and enabling activities is currently deemed to constitute 0% of the Fund’s portfolio.



**What is the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?**

This question is not applicable for the Fund.



are sustainable investments with an environmental objective that **do not take into account the criteria** for environmentally sustainable economic activities under the EU Taxonomy.

<sup>2</sup> As there is no Taxonomy-alignment, there is no impact on the graph if sovereign bonds are excluded (i.e. the percentage of Taxonomy-aligned investments remains 0%) and the Management Company therefore believes that there is no need to mention this information.



## What is the minimum share of socially sustainable investments?

This question is not applicable for the Fund.



## What investments are included under “#2 Other”, what is their purpose and are there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

#2 Other includes cash, which is treated as neutral for sustainability purposes. #2 also includes other investments that are not scored by Schroders’ proprietary sustainability tools and so do not contribute towards the Fund’s sustainability score.

Minimum safeguards are applied where relevant to Money Market Investments and other investments by restricting (as appropriate) investments in counterparties where there are ownership links or exposure to higher risk countries (for the purpose of money laundering, terrorist financing, bribery, corruption, tax evasion and sanctions risks). A firm-wide risk assessment considers the risk rating of each jurisdiction; which includes reference to a number of public statements, indices and world governance indicators issued by the UN, the European Union, the UK Government, the Financial Action Task Force and several Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), such as Transparency International and the Basel Committee.

In addition, new counterparties are reviewed by Schroders’ credit risk team and approval of a new counterparty is based on a holistic review of the various sources of information available, including, but not limited to, quality of management, ownership structure, location, regulatory and social environment to which each counterparty is subject, and the degree of development of the local banking system and its regulatory framework. Ongoing monitoring is performed through a Schroders’ proprietary tool, which supports the analysis of a counterparty’s management of environmental, social and governance trends and challenges. Any significant deterioration in the profile of the counterparty in Schroders’ proprietary tool would lead to further analysis and potential exclusion by Schroders’ credit risk team.



## Is a specific index designated as a reference benchmark to determine whether this financial product is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes?

**Reference benchmarks** are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the environmental or social characteristics that they promote.

- ***How is the reference benchmark continuously aligned with each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- ***How is the alignment of the investment strategy with the methodology of the index ensured on a continuous basis?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- ***How does the designated index differ from a relevant broad market index?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- ***Where can the methodology used for the calculation of the designated index be found?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.



## Where can I find more product specific information online?

More product-specific information can be found on the webpage: <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

Pre-contractual disclosure for the financial products referred to in Article 8, paragraphs 1, 2 and 2a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 6, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852

**Product name:** **Schroder International Selection Fund China Opportunities**

**Legal entity identifier:** **CON8ADEN6LBWQO6J6710**

## Environmental and/or social characteristics

**Sustainable investment** means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good governance practices.

The **EU Taxonomy** is a classification system laid down in Regulation (EU) 2020/852, establishing a list of **environmentally sustainable economic activities**. That Regulation does not lay down a list of socially sustainable economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.

### Does this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?

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<input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with an environmental objective: __%</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> It <b>promotes Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics</b> and while it does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will have a minimum proportion of <b>25.00%</b> of sustainable investments
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	<input type="checkbox"/> It promotes E/S characteristics, but <b>will not make any sustainable investments</b>



## What environmental and/or social characteristics are promoted by this financial product?

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the MSCI China (Net TR) index, based on the Investment Manager's rating system. This benchmark (which is a broad market index) does not take into account the environmental and social characteristics promoted by the Fund.

The sustainability score is measured by Schroders' proprietary tool that provides an estimate of the net "impact" that an issuer may create in terms of social and environmental "costs" or "benefits". It does this by using certain indicators with respect to that issuer, and quantifying them positively and negatively to produce an aggregate notional measure of the effect that the relevant underlying issuer may have on society and the environment. It does this using third party data as well as Schroders own estimates and assumptions and the outcome may differ from other sustainability tools and measures. Examples of such indicators are greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

The result is expressed as an aggregate score of the sustainability indicators for each issuer, specifically a notional percentage (positive or negative) of sales of the relevant underlying issuer. For example, a score of +2% would mean an issuer contributes \$2 of relative notional positive impact (i.e. benefits to society) per \$100 of sales. The sustainability score of the Fund is derived from the scores of all issuers in the Fund's portfolio measured by Schroders' proprietary tool.

The Fund invests at least 25% of its assets in sustainable investments, which are investments that the Investment Manager expects to contribute towards the advancement of one or more environmental and/or social objective (s).

### What sustainability indicators are used to measure the attainment of each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

The Investment Manager monitors compliance with the characteristic to maintain a higher overall sustainability score than the MSCI China (Net TR) index by reference to the weighted average sustainability score of the Fund in Schroders' proprietary tool compared against the weighted average sustainability score of the MSCI China (Net TR) index in Schroders' proprietary tool over the previous six month period, based on month-end data. The overall sustainability score aggregates the effect of sustainability indicators including but not limited to greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

**Sustainability indicators** measure how the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product are attained.



The Investment Manager monitors compliance with the characteristic to invest at least 25% of its assets in sustainable investments by reference to the sustainability score of each asset in Schroders' proprietary tool. Compliance with this is monitored daily via our automated compliance controls. The Fund also applies certain exclusions, with which the Investment Manager monitors compliance on an ongoing basis via its portfolio compliance framework.

● ***What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?***

In respect of the proportion of the Fund's portfolio that is invested in sustainable investments, each sustainable investment demonstrates a net positive across a range of environmental or social objectives, as scored by Schroders' proprietary tool. The environmental or social objectives of the sustainable investments that the Fund partially intends to make may include, but are not limited to, increasing environmental and/or social benefits such as greater water access or fair pay and reducing environmental, and/or social costs such as carbon emissions or food waste. For example, greater water access as measured by Schroders' proprietary tool are the estimated societal benefits of the provision of clean drinking water to human health.

● ***How do the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make, not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?***

The Investment Manager's approach to investing in issuers that do not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective includes the following:

- Firm-wide investment exclusions apply to Schroders funds. These relate to international conventions on cluster munitions, anti-personnel mines, and chemical and biological weapons and a list of those companies that are excluded is available at <https://www.schroders.com/en/sustainability/active-ownership/group-exclusions/>. Firm-wide exclusions also apply to companies generating more than 20% of their revenue from thermal coal mining.
- The Fund excludes companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to tobacco and thermal coal.
- The Fund excludes companies that are assessed by Schroders to have breached one or more 'global norms' thereby causing significant environmental or social harm; these companies comprise Schroders' 'global norms' breach list. Schroders' determination of whether a company has been involved in such a breach considers relevant principles such as those contained in the UN Global Compact (UNGC) principles, the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights. The 'global norms' breach list may be informed by assessments performed by third party providers and by proprietary research, where relevant to a particular situation. In exceptional circumstances a derogation may be applied in order to allow the Fund to continue to hold a company on Schroders' 'global norms' breach list, for example where the stated investment strategy of the Fund may otherwise be compromised. Any such company cannot be categorised as a sustainable investment.
- The Fund may also apply certain other exclusions in addition to those summarised above.

Further information on all of the Fund's investment exclusions is to be found under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>.

● ***How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?***

When seeking to identify significant harm, Schroders' approach to taking into account the Principal Adverse Impacts (PAI) indicators involves a quantitative and a qualitative assessment. Where it is not considered appropriate or feasible to set quantitative thresholds, the Investment Manager engages, where relevant. Investee companies deemed not to satisfy the quantitative thresholds would generally be excluded, unless on a case-by-case basis the data is deemed not representative of a company's performance in the relevant area.

This framework is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability and quality of the data evolves.

Our approach includes:

1. **Quantitative:** this includes indicators where specific thresholds have been established:

- Via the application of exclusions. This approach is relevant to **PAI 4** (Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector), **PAI 5** (Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production) and **PAI 14** (Exposure to controversial weapons). Further, the following PAIs are assessed as part of Schroders 'global norms' breach list exclusion (which seeks to exclude companies where significant harm is occurring):

**Principal adverse impacts** are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anticorruption and antibribery matters.

- **PAI 7** (Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas)
- **PAI 8** (Emissions to water)
- **PAI 9** (Hazardous waste and radioactive waste ratio)
- **PAI 10** (Violations of UN Global Compact principles and Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises)
- **PAI 11** (Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and Voluntary)
- **PAI 14** in Table 3 (Number of identified cases of severe human rights issues and incidents)
- Via the application of an alert system flag if the relevant indicator(s) exceeds a threshold. These quantitative thresholds to assess significant harm are established centrally by our Sustainable Investment team and monitored systematically. This approach applies to indicators where we have segmented the population into harm groups to establish a threshold, such as carbon related PAI metrics, **PAI 1** (GHG emissions), **PAI 2** (Carbon footprint) and **Voluntary PAI 4 in Table 2** (Investing in companies without carbon emission reduction initiatives). **PAI 3** (GHG intensity of investee companies) operates in a similar way but the threshold is based on a revenue metric. A threshold for **PAI 6** (Energy consumption intensity per high impact climate sector) is established based on the above mentioned carbon measures. A similar approach has been taken for **PAI 15** (GHG intensity). **PAI 16** (Investee countries subject to social violations) also operates in the same way but based on data availability regarding social violations. Through this process the relevant issuer(s) that is/are deemed not to satisfy the quantitative thresholds is/are flagged to the Investment Manager for consideration, whose response may involve selling the holdings(s) or maintaining the position if on a case-by-case basis the data is deemed not representative of a company's performance in the relevant area. Investee companies deemed to cause significant harm are excluded from the Fund.
- 2. **Qualitative:** This includes PAI indicators where Schroders' believes that the data available does not enable us to make a quantitative determination regarding whether significant harm is done so as to warrant excluding an investment. In such cases, the Investment Manager engages wherever possible with the company or companies held, in accordance with the priorities documented in Schroders' Engagement Blueprint and/or voting policy. This approach applies to indicators such as **PAI 12** (Unadjusted gender pay gap) and **PAI 13** (Board gender diversity), where we engage and may use our voting rights where we consider appropriate. Both board gender diversity and disclosure of gender pay gap information are captured in our Engagement Blueprint.

● ***How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:***

Companies on Schroders' 'global norms' breach list cannot be categorised as sustainable investments. Schroders' determination of whether a company should be included on such list considers the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, among other relevant principles. The 'global norms' breach list is informed by third party providers and proprietary research, where relevant.

*The EU Taxonomy sets out a "do not significant harm" principle by which Taxonomy-aligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives and is accompanied by specific EU criteria.*

The "do not significant harm" principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.

*Any other sustainable investments must also not significantly harm any environmental or social objectives.*



## Does this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

✓ Yes, the Investment Manager's approach to considering principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors involves classifying the indicators into three categories:

The Investment Manager's approach to considering principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors differs depending on the relevant indicator. Some indicators are considered via the application of exclusions, some are considered via the investment process (where data is available via Schroders PAI dashboard and via other external data sources) and some via engagement. Further details are provided below.

PAIs are considered as part of pre-investment through the application of exclusions. These include:

- Controversial weapons: PAI 14 (Exposure to controversial weapons (anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, chemical weapons and biological weapons)).

- Schroders' 'global norms' breach list, which covers: PAI 7 (Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas), PAI 8 (Emissions to water), PAI 9 (Hazardous waste and radioactive waste ratio), PAI 10 (Violations of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises), PAI 11 (Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises) and PAI 16 (Investee countries subject to social violations)

- Companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to thermal coal: PAI 4 (Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector) and PAI 5 (Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production).

Compliance with these thresholds is monitored via the Investment Manager's portfolio compliance framework. PAIs are also considered through integration in the investment process through the bottom-up stock analysis at a company level. The Asian Equities investment team uses a proprietary tool which provides a framework for analysing a company's relationship with its stakeholders and the sustainability of its business model and covers PAIs 1, 2, 3 and 6 (Greenhouse gas emissions). PAI indicators may be further reviewed via the Schroders PAI dashboard.

PAIs are also considered post-investment through engagement where the Investment Manager engages in line with the approach and expectations set out in Schroders Engagement Blueprint, which outlines our approach to active ownership.

The Investment Manager may engage with selected issuers held by the Fund on PAIs. For example, we aim to engage with several issuers on net zero carbon emissions targets (PAI 1,2,3), procuring renewable energy (PAI 5) and further topics of engagement may include board gender diversity which relates to PAI 13.

Where issuers are flagged on lack of data availability on PAIs, the Investment Manager may engage with issuers where the primary focus is to increase reporting, quality and availability of PAI data.

Our approach is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability, and quality, of PAI data evolves. The Management Company's statement on principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors is available at <https://mybrand.schroders.com/m/4ab13771bdddcd9d/original/Statement-on-principal-adverse-impacts-of-investment-decisions-on-sustainability-factors-2-1-new.pdf> <https://api.schroders.com/document-store/id/ffcb39bb-96cb-4e56-9461-deba9a493e85>. The Fund level information is disclosed or will be disclosed (as applicable) in the Fund's annual report.

1. Set thresholds: these involve very explicit thresholds for considering an investment to be a "sustainable investment". For example, PAI 10 on violations of UNGC principles.

2. Active ownership: these involve indicators on which we have a plan to engage with the underlying holding as set out in the Schroders Group document - <https://mybrand.schroders.com/m/3222ea4ed44a1f2c/original/schroders-engagement-blueprint.pdf>, outlining our approach to active ownership. For example, PAI 1, 2 and 3 covering GHG emissions and PAI 13 on board gender diversity.

3. Improve coverage: these involve indicators where we consider data coverage to be too sparse to properly consider them and our focus is primarily on engaging with the underlying holdings to increase reporting. For example, PAI 7 on biodiversity, PAI 9 on hazardous waste ratio and PAI 12 on the gender pay gap.

Our approach is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability, and quality, of PAI data evolves.

The Management Company's statement on principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors is available at <https://mybrand.schroders.com/m/467910ac8e6da45c/original/Statement-on-principal-adverse-impacts-of-investment-decisions-on-sustainability-factors.pdf>. The Fund level information is disclosed or will be (as applicable) in the Fund's annual report.

☐ No



**The investment strategy** guides investment decisions based on factors such as investment objectives and risk tolerance.

## What investment strategy does this financial product follow?

The sustainable investment strategy used by the Investment Manager is as follows:

The Fund is actively managed and invests at least two thirds of its assets in equity and equity-related securities of Chinese companies.

The Fund may invest directly in China B-Shares and China H-Shares and may invest less than 50% of its assets (on a net basis) directly or indirectly (for example via participatory notes) in China A-Shares through:

- Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect and Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect;
- the Qualified Foreign Investor (QFI) Scheme;
- shares listed on the STAR Board and the ChiNext; and
- Regulated Markets.

The Fund may also invest up to one-third of its assets directly or indirectly in other securities (including other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies, Investment Funds, warrants and Money Market Investments, and hold cash.

The Fund may use derivatives with the aim of reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently.

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the MSCI China (Net TR) index, based on the Investment Manager's rating criteria.

The Fund does not directly invest in certain activities, industries or groups of issuers above the limits listed under “Sustainability-Related Disclosure” on the Fund’s webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

The Investment Manager applies governance and sustainability criteria when selecting investments for the Fund.

In the selection and assessment of potential investment opportunities and holdings, companies are assessed on a proprietary stakeholder-based approach against criteria including, but not limited to (1) good governance practices; (2) impact on the environment and local communities; and (3) fair and equitable treatment of employees, suppliers and customers. Information and insights derived from Schroders’ proprietary sustainability tools are utilised in this assessment and due diligence process.

The Investment Manager’s proprietary analysis and ongoing engagement with these companies may also help it derive a reasonable level of conviction that concrete steps will be or are being taken to transition out of business segments or practices that have not met the sustainability criteria or improve on their relevant areas of weakness. The Investment Manager may consider these companies eligible for investment ahead of seeing changes in the company’s ratings and rankings across both internal and external evaluation metrics.

The primary sources of information used to perform the analysis include the Investment Manager’s proprietary tools and research, third-party research, NGO reports and expert networks. The Investment Manager also performs its own analysis of publicly available information provided by the companies, including information provided in company sustainability reports and other relevant company material.

More details on the Investment Manager’s approach to sustainability and its engagement with companies are available on the webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/>

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than its investment universe, based on the Investment Manager’s rating system.

The Investment Manager ensures that at least:

- 90% of the portion of the Fund’s NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in developed countries; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with an investment grade credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by developed countries; and

- 75% of the portion of the Fund’s NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in emerging countries; equities issued by small and medium companies; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with a high yield credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by emerging countries,

is rated against the sustainability criteria. For the purposes of this test, small companies are those with market capitalisation below €5 billion, medium companies are those between €5 billion and €10 billion and large companies are those above €10 billion.

● ***What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?***

The following binding elements are applied throughout the investment process:

- The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the MSCI China (Net TR) index based on the Investment Manager’s rating criteria.
- The Fund invests at least 25% of its assets in sustainable investments and such investments do not cause significant environmental or social harm.
- Exclusions are applied to direct investments in companies. The Fund applies certain exclusions relating to international conventions on cluster munitions, antipersonnel mines, and chemical and biological weapons. The Fund also excludes companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to tobacco and thermal coal, especially companies that generate at least 10% of their revenues from tobacco production, companies that generate at least 25% of their revenues from the tobacco value chain (such as suppliers, distributors, retailers and licensors), companies that generate at least 10% of their revenues from thermal coal mining and companies that generate at least 30% of their revenues from coal fired power generation. The Fund excludes companies that are assessed by Schroders to have breached one or more ‘global norms’ thereby causing significant environmental or social harm; these companies comprise Schroders’ ‘global norms’ breach list. In exceptional circumstances a derogation may be applied in order to allow the Fund to continue to hold a company on Schroders’ ‘global norms’ breach list, for example where the stated investment strategy of the Fund may otherwise be compromised. Any such company cannot be categorised as a sustainable investment. Further, the Fund may apply other exclusions as listed under “Sustainability-Related Disclosure” on the Fund’s webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>
- The Fund invests in companies that have good governance practices, as determined by the Investment Manager’s rating criteria.

The Investment Manager ensures that at least:

- 90% of the portion of the Fund’s NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in developed countries; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with an investment grade credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by developed countries; and

- 75% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in emerging countries; equities issued by small and medium companies; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with a high yield credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by emerging countries,

is rated against the sustainability criteria.

● **What is the committed minimum rate to reduce the scope of the investments considered prior to the application of that investment strategy?**

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

● **What is the policy to assess good governance practices of the investee companies?**

In order to assess good governance practices, a central Good Governance Test is applied. This test is based on a data-driven quantitative framework, which uses a scorecard to assess companies across the categories of sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff, and tax compliance. Schroders has defined a number of criteria across these pillars.

Compliance with the test is monitored centrally and companies which do not pass this test cannot be held by the Fund, unless the Investment Manager has agreed that the issuer demonstrates good governance based on additional insights beyond that quantitative analysis.

**Good governance** practices include sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff and tax compliance.



## What is the asset allocation planned for this financial product?

**Asset allocation** describes the share of investments in specific assets.

The planned composition of the Fund's investments that are used to meet its environmental or social characteristics are summarised below.

**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the minimum proportion of the Fund's assets used to attain the environmental or social characteristics, which is equal to 70%. The Fund commits to maintain a higher overall sustainability score than the MSCI China (Net TR) index, and so the Fund's investments that are scored by Schroders' proprietary sustainability tool are included within the minimum proportion stated in #1 on the basis that they will contribute to the Fund's sustainability score (whether such individual investment has a positive or a negative score). Also included within #1 is the minimum proportion of assets that are invested in sustainable investments, as indicated in #1A. The minimum proportions stated apply in normal market conditions. The actual proportion stated in #1 is expected to be higher.

The sustainability score is measured by Schroders' proprietary tool that provides an estimate of the net "impact" that an issuer may create in terms of social and environmental "costs" or "benefits". It does this by using certain indicators with respect to that issuer, and quantifying them positively and negatively to produce an aggregate notional measure of the effect that the relevant underlying issuer may have on society and the environment. Examples of such indicators are greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

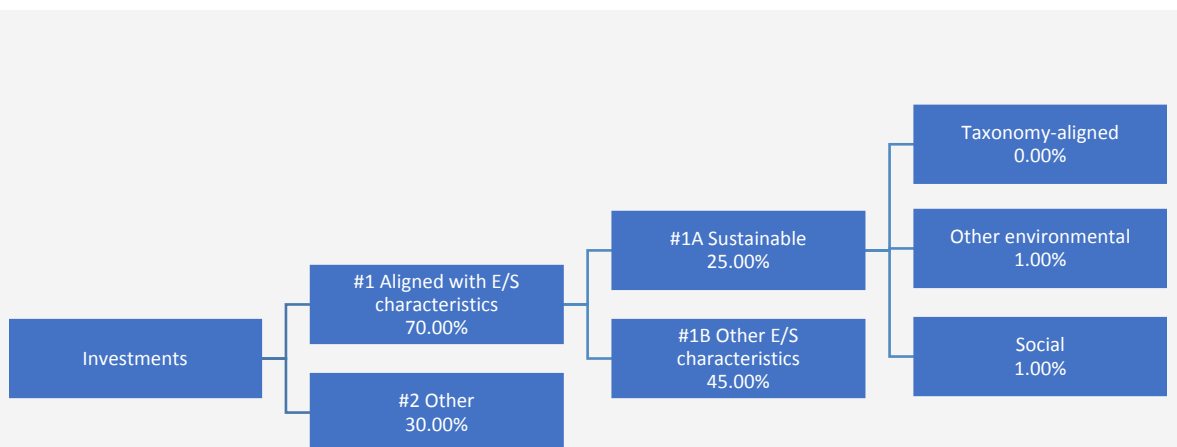
The Fund will invest at least 25% of its assets in sustainable investments. A sustainable investment is classified as having an environmental or social objective depending on whether the relevant issuer has a higher score in Schroders' proprietary tool relative to its applicable peer group for its environmental indicators or its social indicators. In each case, indicators are comprised of both "costs" and "benefits".

**#2 Other** includes cash which is treated as neutral for sustainability purposes. #2 also includes investments that are not scored by Schroders' proprietary sustainability tool and so do not contribute towards the Fund's sustainability score. As #1 states a minimum proportion that is in practice expected to be higher, the proportion stated in #2 is expected to be lower.

Minimum safeguards are applied where relevant to Money Market Investments and other investments by restricting (as appropriate) investments in counterparties where there are ownership links or exposure to higher risk countries (for the purpose of money laundering, terrorist financing, bribery, corruption, tax evasion and sanctions risks). A firm-wide risk assessment considers the risk rating of each jurisdiction; which includes reference to a number of public statements, indices and world governance indicators issued by the UN, the European Union, the UK Government, the Financial Action Task Force and several Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), such as Transparency International and the Basel Committee.

In addition, new counterparties are reviewed by Schroders' credit risk team and approval of a new counterparty is based on a holistic review of the various sources of information available, including, but not limited to, quality of management, ownership structure, location, regulatory and social environment to which each counterparty is subject, and the degree of development of the local banking system and its regulatory framework. Ongoing monitoring is performed through a Schroders' proprietary tool, which supports the analysis of a counterparty's management of environmental, social and governance trends and challenges. Any significant deterioration in the profile of the counterparty in Schroders' proprietary tool would lead to further analysis and potential exclusion by Schroders' credit risk team.





**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the investments of the financial product used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product.

**#2 Other** includes the remaining investments of the financial product which are neither aligned with the environmental or social characteristics, nor are qualified as sustainable investments.

The category **#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** covers:

- The sub-category **#1A Sustainable** covers sustainable investments with environmental or social objectives.
- The sub-category **#1B Other E/S characteristics** covers investments aligned with the environmental or social characteristics that do not qualify as sustainable investments.

#1 The minimum proportion stated applies in normal market conditions.

### ● **How does the use of derivatives attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?**

The Fund may use derivatives that are scored in Schroders' proprietary tool to meet the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted by the Fund, as such derivatives would contribute to the Fund's sustainability score (whether such individual investment has a positive or a negative score).



### **To what minimum extent are sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?**

There is no minimum extent to which the Fund's investments (including transitional and enabling activities) with an environmental objective are aligned with the Taxonomy. Taxonomy alignment of this Fund's investments has therefore not been calculated and has as a result been deemed to constitute 0% of the Fund's portfolio.

In future it is expected that the Fund will assess and report on the extent to which its underlying investments are in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the Taxonomy, along with information relating to the proportion of enabling and transitional activities. This Prospectus will be updated once it is possible in the Investment Manager's opinion to accurately disclose to what extent the Fund's investments are in Taxonomy-aligned environmentally sustainable activities, including the proportions of investments in enabling and transitional activities selected for the Fund.

### ● **Does the financial product invest in fossil gas and/or nuclear energy related activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy<sup>1</sup>?**

☐ Yes:

☐ In fossil gas ☐ In nuclear energy

☒ No

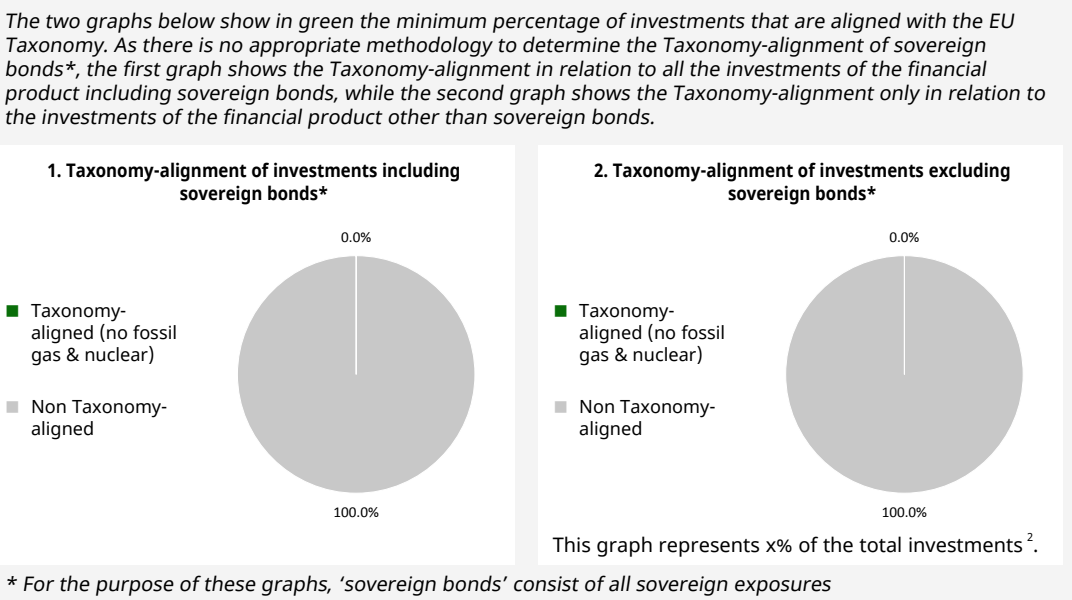
To comply with the EU Taxonomy, the criteria for **fossil gas** include limitations on emissions and switching to renewable power or low-carbon fuels by the end of 2035. For **nuclear energy**, the criteria include comprehensive safety and waste management rules.

<sup>1</sup> Fossil gas and/or nuclear related activities will only comply with the EU Taxonomy where they contribute to limiting climate change ("climate change mitigation") and do not significantly harm any EU Taxonomy objective – see explanatory note in the left-hand margin. The full criteria for fossil gas and nuclear energy economic activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy are laid down in Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1214.



Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

- **turnover** reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee companies
- **capital expenditure** (CapEx) showing the green investments made by investee companies, e.g. for a transition to a green economy.
- **operational expenditure** (OpEx) reflecting green operational activities of investee companies.



**Enabling activities** directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective.

**Transitional activities** are activities for which low-carbon alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.

- **What is the minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities?**  
As per the above, at the date of this Prospectus the share of investments by the Fund in transitional and enabling activities is currently deemed to constitute 0% of the Fund's portfolio.



**What is the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with The EU Taxonomy?**  
The Fund commits to invest at least 1% of its assets in sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy.



are sustainable investments with an environmental objective that **do not take into account the criteria** for environmentally sustainable economic activities under the EU Taxonomy.

<sup>2</sup> As there is no Taxonomy-alignment, there is no impact on the graph if sovereign bonds are excluded (i.e. the percentage of Taxonomy-aligned investments remains 0%) and the Management Company therefore believes that there is no need to mention this information.



## What is the minimum share of socially sustainable investments?

The Fund commits to invest at least 1% of its assets in sustainable investments with a social objective.



## What investments are included under “#2 Other”, what is their purpose and are there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

#2 Other includes cash which is treated as neutral for sustainability purposes. #2 also includes investments that are not scored by Schroders’ proprietary sustainability tools and so do not contribute towards the Fund’s sustainability score.

Minimum safeguards are applied where relevant to Money Market Investments and other investments by restricting (as appropriate) investments in counterparties where there are ownership links or exposure to higher risk countries (for the purpose of money laundering, terrorist financing, bribery, corruption, tax evasion and sanctions risks). A firm-wide risk assessment considers the risk rating of each jurisdiction; which includes reference to a number of public statements, indices and world governance indicators issued by the UN, the European Union, the UK Government, the Financial Action Task Force and several Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), such as Transparency International and the Basel Committee.

In addition, new counterparties are reviewed by Schroders’ credit risk team and approval of a new counterparty is based on a holistic review of the various sources of information available, including, but not limited to, quality of management, ownership structure, location, regulatory and social environment to which each counterparty is subject, and the degree of development of the local banking system and its regulatory framework. Ongoing monitoring is performed through a Schroders’ proprietary tool, which supports the analysis of a counterparty’s management of environmental, social and governance trends and challenges. Any significant deterioration in the profile of the counterparty in Schroders’ proprietary tool would lead to further analysis and potential exclusion by Schroders’ credit risk team.



## Is a specific index designated as a reference benchmark to determine whether this financial product is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes?

**Reference benchmarks** are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the environmental or social characteristics that they promote.

- ***How is the reference benchmark continuously aligned with each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- ***How is the alignment of the investment strategy with the methodology of the index ensured on a continuous basis?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- ***How does the designated index differ from a relevant broad market index?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- ***Where can the methodology used for the calculation of the designated index be found?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.



## Where can I find more product specific information online?

More product-specific information can be found on the webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

**Product name:** Schroder International Selection Fund Circular Economy

**Legal entity identifier:** 549300ZGH24FGKHE0C51

## Sustainable investment objective

<p><b>Sustainable investment</b> means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good governance practices.</p>	Does this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?	
<p>The <b>EU Taxonomy</b> is a classification system laid down in Regulation (EU) 2020/852, establishing a list of <b>environmentally sustainable economic activities</b>. That Regulation does not lay down a list of socially sustainable economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Yes</b></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with an environmental objective: 75.00%</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with a social objective 0.00%</b></p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>No</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> It <b>promotes Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics</b> and while it does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will have a minimum proportion of ___% of sustainable investments</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> with a social objective</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> It promotes E/S characteristics, but <b>will not make any sustainable investments</b></p>

The Fund commits to invest at least 90% of its assets in sustainable investments. Within this overall commitment, there is a minimum commitment to invest at least 75% of its assets in sustainable investments with an environmental objective.



## What is the sustainable investment objective of this financial product?

The Fund's sustainable investment objective is to invest its assets in companies worldwide that the Investment Manager expects to contribute towards the transition to a circular economy. Circular economy principles include, but are not limited to: reducing non-renewable raw material consumption, designing out waste and pollution, increasing levels of recycling, and keeping energy, labour and materials in more active use. The Fund may also invest in investments that the Investment Manager deems to be neutral under its sustainability criteria, such as cash and Money Market Investments and derivatives used with the aim of reducing risk (hedging) or managing the Fund more efficiently.

No reference benchmark has been designated for the purpose of attaining the sustainable investment objective

At the date of this Prospectus, it is not yet possible to commit to the Fund maintaining a minimum alignment with the Taxonomy, as the Investment Manager is currently not in a position to accurately determine to what extent the Fund's investments are in taxonomy-aligned environmentally sustainable activities. Taxonomy alignment of this Fund's investments has therefore not been calculated and has as a result been deemed to constitute 0% of the Fund's portfolio. However it is expected that the Fund invests in companies and economic activities that contribute to the environmental objective of the transition to a circular economy within the meaning of the Taxonomy.

In future it is therefore expected that the Fund will assess and report on the extent to which its underlying investments are in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the Taxonomy, along with information relating to the proportion of enabling and transitional activities. This Prospectus will be updated once it is possible in the Investment Manager's opinion to accurately disclose to what extent the Fund's investments are in Taxonomy-aligned environmentally sustainable activities, including the proportions of investments in enabling and transitional activities selected for the Fund.

### ● What sustainability indicators are used to measure the attainment of the sustainable investment objective of this financial product?

The Investment Manager is responsible for determining whether an investment meets the criteria of a sustainable investment. The Investment Manager uses a revenue based approach in this assessment by considering whether a certain percentage of the relevant issuer's revenues, capital expenditure or

**Sustainability indicators** measure how the sustainable objectives of this financial product are attained.

operating expenditure contributes to an environmental or social objective (as applicable). The output of the Investment Strategy outlined below is the production of the list of investments that meet the selection criteria, this represents the investment universe. Compliance with the minimum percentage in sustainable investments is monitored daily via our automated compliance controls. The Fund also applies certain exclusions, with which the Investment Manager monitors compliance on an ongoing basis via its portfolio compliance framework.

The Investment Manager uses different sustainability indicators to measure the impact contribution at an investee company level. In particular, the Investment Manager uses a revenue based approach to match an investee company to relevant UN SDGs. The Investment Manager also uses a proprietary sustainability tool which rates companies based on their treatment of key stakeholders, including communities and the environment. Examples of the indicators include, but are not limited to, Co2 emissions, recycling rates, wastewater treatment, R&D investment, raw materials from sustainable sources and other qualitative assessments.

### ● **How do sustainable investments not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?**

The Investment Manager's approach to investing in issuers that do not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective includes the following:

- Firm-wide exclusions apply to Schroders funds. These relate to international conventions on cluster munitions, anti-personnel mines, and chemical and biological weapons and a list of those companies that are excluded is available at <https://www.schroders.com/en/sustainability/active-ownership/group-exclusions/>. Firm-wide exclusions also apply to companies generating more than 20% of their revenue from thermal coal mining.
- The Fund excludes companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to tobacco and thermal coal.
- The Fund excludes companies that are assessed by Schroders to have breached one or more 'global norms' thereby causing significant environmental or social harm; these companies comprise Schroders' 'global norms' breach list. Schroders' determination of whether a company has been involved in such a breach considers relevant principles such as those contained in the UN Global Compact (UNGC) principles, the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights. The 'global norms' breach list may be informed by assessments performed by third party providers and by proprietary research, where relevant to a particular situation.
- The Fund may also apply certain other exclusions in addition to those summarised above.

Further information on all of the Fund's investment exclusions is to be found under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

### ● **How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?**

When seeking to identify significant harm, Schroders' approach to taking into account the Principal Adverse Impacts (PAI) indicators involves a quantitative and a qualitative assessment. Where it is not considered appropriate or feasible to set quantitative thresholds, the Investment Manager engages, where relevant. Investee companies deemed not to satisfy the quantitative thresholds would generally be excluded, unless on a case-by-case basis the data is deemed not representative of a company's performance in the relevant area.

This framework is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability and quality of the data evolves.

Our approach includes:

1. **Quantitative:** this includes indicators where specific thresholds have been established:

- Via the application of exclusions. This approach is relevant to **PAI 4** (Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector), **PAI 5** (Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production) and **PAI 14** (Exposure to controversial weapons). Further, the following PAIs are assessed as part of Schroders 'global norms' breach list exclusion (which seeks to exclude companies where significant harm is occurring):
  - **PAI 7** (Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas)
  - **PAI 8** (Emissions to water)
  - **PAI 9** (Hazardous waste and radioactive waste ratio)
  - **PAI 10** (Violations of UN Global Compact principles and Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises)

**Principal adverse impacts** are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anticorruption and antibribery matters.

- **PAI 11** (Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and Voluntary)
- **PAI 14** in Table 3 (Number of identified cases of severe human rights issues and incidents)
- Via the application of an alert system flag if the relevant indicator(s) exceeds a threshold. These quantitative thresholds to assess significant harm are established centrally by our Sustainable Investment team and monitored systematically. This approach applies to indicators where we have segmented the population into harm groups to establish a threshold, such as carbon related PAI metrics, **PAI 1** (GHG emissions), **PAI 2** (Carbon footprint) and **Voluntary PAI 4 in Table 2** (Investing in companies without carbon emission reduction initiatives). **PAI 3** (GHG intensity of investee companies) operates in a similar way but the threshold is based on a revenue metric. A threshold for **PAI 6** (Energy consumption intensity per high impact climate sector) is established based on the above mentioned carbon measures. A similar approach has been taken for **PAI 15** (GHG intensity). **PAI 16** (Investee countries subject to social violations) also operates in the same way but based on data availability regarding social violations. Through this process the relevant issuer(s) that is/are deemed not to satisfy the quantitative thresholds is/are flagged to the Investment Manager for consideration, whose response may involve selling the holdings(s) or maintaining the position if on a case-by-case basis the data is deemed not representative of a company's performance in the relevant area. Investee companies deemed to cause significant harm are excluded from the Fund.
- 2. **Qualitative:** This includes PAI indicators where Schroders' believes that the data available does not enable us to make a quantitative determination regarding whether significant harm is done so as to warrant excluding an investment. In such cases, the Investment Manager engages wherever possible with the company or companies held, in accordance with the priorities documented in Schroders' Engagement Blueprint and/or voting policy. This approach applies to indicators such as **PAI 12** (Unadjusted gender pay gap) and **PAI 13** (Board gender diversity), where we engage and may use our voting rights where we consider appropriate. Both board gender diversity and disclosure of gender pay gap information are captured in our Engagement Blueprint.

● ***How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:***

Companies on Schroders' 'global norms' breach list cannot be categorised as sustainable investments. Schroders' determination of whether a company should be included on such list considers the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, among other relevant principles. The 'global norms' breach list is informed by third party providers and proprietary research, where relevant.



## Does this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

☒ **Yes, the Investment Manager's approach to considering principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors involves classifying the indicators into three categories:**

The Investment Manager's approach to considering principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors differs depending on the relevant indicator. Some indicators are considered via the application of exclusions, some are considered via the investment process (where data is available via Schroders PAI dashboard and via other external data sources) and some are considered via engagement. Further details are provided below.

PAIs are considered as part of pre-investment through the application of exclusions. These include:

- Controversial weapons: PAI 14 (Exposure to controversial weapons, such as anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, chemical weapons and biological weapons).
- Schroders' 'global norms' breach list, which covers: PAI 7 (Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas), PAI 8 (Emissions to water), PAI 9 (Hazardous waste and radioactive waste ratio), PAI 10 (Violations of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises), PAI 11 (Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises) and PAI 16 (Investee countries subject to social violations).
- Companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to thermal coal: PAI 4 (Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector) and PAI 5 (Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production).

Compliance with these thresholds is monitored via the Investment Manager's portfolio compliance framework.

PAIs are also considered through integration within the investment process. Further details are provided below: Schroders' proprietary tools incorporate several PAIs as a component of their scoring methodology. In assessing an issuer's overall environmental score, PAIs 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 9 are included. In assessing an issuer's overall social score, PAI 13 is included.

PAIs are considered using the proprietary tools as part of analyst coverage of companies. In addition, the issuers' scores and the aggregate impact on the portfolio are considered by the fund manager as part of portfolio construction.

All PAI indicators are monitored via Schroders' PAI dashboard.

PAIs are also considered post-investment through engagement where the Investment Manager engages in line with the approach and expectations set out in the Schroders Engagement Blueprint, which outlines our approach to active ownership.

Where issuers are flagged owing to lack of data availability for any PAIs, the Investment Manager may engage with issuers where the primary focus is to improve reporting.

Our approach is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability, and quality, of PAI data evolves. The Management Company's statement on principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors is available at <https://mybrand.schroders.com/m/4ab13771bdddcd9d/original/Statement-on-principal-adverse-impacts-of-investment-decisions-on-sustainability-factors.pdf> <https://api.schroders.com/document-store/id/ffcb39bb-96cb-4e56-9461-deba9a493e85>. The Fund level information is disclosed or will be disclosed (as applicable) in the Fund's annual report.

1. Set thresholds: these involve very explicit thresholds for considering an investment to be a "sustainable investment". For example, PAI 10 on violations of UNGC principles.

2. Active ownership: these involve indicators on which we have a plan to engage with the underlying holding as set out in the Schroders Group document - <https://mybrand.schroders.com/m/3222ea4ed44a1f2c/original/schroders-engagement-blueprint.pdf>, outlining our approach to active ownership. For example, PAI 1, 2 and 3 covering GHG emissions and PAI 13 on board gender diversity.

3. Improve coverage: these involve indicators where we consider data coverage to be too sparse to properly consider them and our focus is primarily on engaging with the underlying holdings to increase reporting. For example, PAI 7 on biodiversity, PAI 9 on hazardous waste ratio and PAI 12 on the gender pay gap.

Our approach is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability, and quality, of PAI data evolves.

The Management Company's statement on principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors is available at <https://mybrand.schroders.com/m/467910ac8e6da45c/original/Statement-on-principal-adverse-impacts-of-investment-decisions-on-sustainability-factors.pdf>. The Fund level information is disclosed or will be (as applicable) in the Fund's annual report.

☐ No



## What investment strategy does this financial product follow?

**The investment strategy** guides investment decisions based on factors such as investment objectives and risk tolerance.

The Fund is actively managed and invests its assets in a concentrated range of (i) sustainable investments, which are investments that the Investment Manager expects to contribute towards the transition to a circular economy and (ii) investments that the Investment Manager deems to be neutral under its sustainability criteria such as cash and Money Market Investments and derivatives used with the aim of reducing risk (hedging) or managing the Fund more efficiently.

Circular economy principles include, but are not limited to: reducing non-renewable raw material consumption, designing out waste and pollution, increasing levels of recycling, and keeping energy, labour and materials in more active use. The Fund typically holds between 25 – 40 companies.

The Fund does not directly invest in certain activities, industries or groups of issuers above the limits listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

The Fund invests in companies that do not cause significant environmental or social harm and have good governance practices, as determined by the Investment Manager's rating criteria (please see the Fund Characteristics section for more details).

The Investment Manager may also engage with companies held by the Fund to challenge identified areas of weakness on sustainability issues. More details on the Investment Manager's approach to sustainability and its engagement with companies are available on the website <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/>

The Fund invests at least two-thirds of its assets in equity and equity related securities of companies worldwide.

The Fund may also invest up to one-third of its assets directly or indirectly in other securities (including other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies, Investment Funds, warrants and Money Market Investments, and hold cash.

The Fund may use derivatives with the aim of reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently.

The Investment Manager applies sustainability criteria when selecting investments for the Fund.

The Investment Manager carries out analysis to assess to what extent companies contribute to the circular economy transition.

The Investment Manager's sustainability analysis is supported by in-house fundamental research and the use of Schroders' range of proprietary sustainability tools. Third party research is also used as a secondary consideration and generally provides a source of challenge or endorsement for the Investment Manager's views.

The Investment Manager may also engage with companies in the portfolio with respect to their commitment to sustainability and their relationships with their key stakeholders.

The Investment Manager ensures that at least 90% of the portion of the Fund's Net Asset Value composed of investments in companies is rated against the sustainability criteria.



As a result of the application of sustainability criteria, at least 20% of the Fund's potential investment universe is excluded from the selection of investments.

For the purposes of this test, the potential investment universe is the core universe of issuers that the Investment Manager may select for the Fund prior to the application of sustainability criteria, in accordance with the other limitations of the Investment Objective and Policy. This universe is comprised of equity and equity related securities of companies worldwide.

### ● **What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain the sustainable investment objective?**

The following binding elements are applied throughout the investment process:

- The Fund is actively managed and invests at least 90% of its assets in sustainable investments, which are investments that the Investment Manager expects to contribute towards the transition to a circular economy.
- Exclusions are applied to direct investments in companies. The Fund applies certain exclusions relating to international conventions on cluster munitions, antipersonnel mines, and chemical and biological weapons. The Fund also excludes companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to tobacco and thermal coal, especially companies that generate revenues from tobacco production or any other part of the tobacco value chain (suppliers, distributors, retailers, licensors), and companies that generate revenues from thermal coal mining and coal fired power generation. The Fund excludes companies that are assessed by Schroders to have breached one or more "global norms" thereby causing significant environmental or social harm; these companies comprise Schroders' 'global norms' breach list. Details of the revenue thresholds together with certain other exclusions the Fund applies are listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>
- The Fund invests in companies that do not cause significant environmental or social harm and have good governance practices, as determined by the Investment Manager's rating criteria.
- The Investment Manager ensures that at least 90% of the portion of the Fund's Net Asset Value composed of investments in companies is rated against the sustainability criteria.
- As a result of the application of sustainability criteria, at least 20% of the Fund's potential investment universe is excluded from the selection of investments.

### ● **What is the policy to assess good governance practices of the investee companies?**

In order to assess good governance practices, a central Good Governance Test is applied. This test is based on a data-driven quantitative framework, which uses a scorecard to assess companies across the categories of sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff, and tax compliance. Schroders has defined a number of criteria across these pillars.

Compliance with the test is monitored centrally and companies which do not pass this test cannot be held by the Fund, unless the Investment Manager has agreed that the issuer demonstrates good governance based on additional insights beyond that quantitative analysis.

**Good governance** practices include sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff and tax compliance.



## **What is the asset allocation and the minimum share of sustainable investments?**

**Asset allocation** describes the share of investments in specific assets.

The planned composition of the Fund's investments that are used to meet its sustainable investment objective are summarised below. The Fund invests at least 90% of its assets in sustainable investments, which means included in #1 Sustainable are investments in companies worldwide that the Investment Manager expects to contribute towards the transition to a circular economy. The Fund invests at least 75% of its assets in sustainable investments with an environmental objective. The minimum proportions stated apply in normal market conditions.

#2 Not sustainable includes investments that are treated as neutral for sustainability purposes, such as cash and Money Market Investments and derivatives used with the aim of reducing risk (hedging) or managing the Fund more efficiently.

Minimum safeguards are applied where relevant to Money Market Investments and derivatives used with the aim of reducing risk (hedging) by restricting (as appropriate) investments in counterparties where there are ownership links or exposure to higher risk countries (for the purpose of money laundering, terrorist financing, bribery, corruption, tax evasion and sanctions risks). A firm-wide risk assessment considers the risk rating of each jurisdiction; which includes reference to a number of public statements, indices and world governance indicators issued by the UN, the European Union, the UK Government, the Financial Action Task Force and several Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), such as Transparency International and the Basel Committee.

In addition, new counterparties are reviewed by Schroders' credit risk team and approval of a new counterparty is based on a holistic review of the various sources of information available, including, but not limited to, quality of management, ownership structure, location, regulatory and social environment to which each counterparty is subject, and the degree of development of the local banking system and its regulatory framework. Ongoing monitoring is performed through a Schroders' proprietary tool, which supports the analysis of a counterparty's

management of environmental, social and governance trends and challenges. Any significant deterioration in the profile of the counterparty in Schroders' proprietary tool would lead to further analysis and potential exclusion by Schroders' credit risk team.



● **How does the use of derivatives attain the sustainable investment objective?**

This question is not applicable for the Fund.



**To what minimum extent are sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?**

There is no minimum extent to which the Fund's sustainable investments with an environmental objective are aligned with the Taxonomy. Consequently, taxonomy alignment of this Fund's investments has not been calculated and has as a result been deemed to constitute 0% of the Fund's portfolio.

At the date of this prospectus, it is not yet possible to commit to the Fund maintaining a minimum alignment with the Taxonomy, as the Investment Manager is currently not in a position to accurately determine to what extent the Fund's investments are in taxonomy-aligned environmentally sustainable activities. However it is expected that the Fund invests in companies and economic activities that contribute to the environmental objective of the transition to a circular economy within the meaning of the Taxonomy.

In future it is expected that the Fund will assess and report on the extent to which its underlying investments are in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the Taxonomy, along with information relating to the proportion of enabling and transitional activities. This Prospectus will be updated once it is possible in the Investment Manager's opinion to accurately disclose to what extent the Fund's investments are in Taxonomy-aligned environmentally sustainable activities, including the proportions of investments in enabling and transitional activities selected for the Fund.

● **Does the financial product invest in fossil gas and/or nuclear energy related activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy<sup>1</sup>?**

☐ Yes:

☐ In fossil gas ☐ In nuclear energy

☒ No

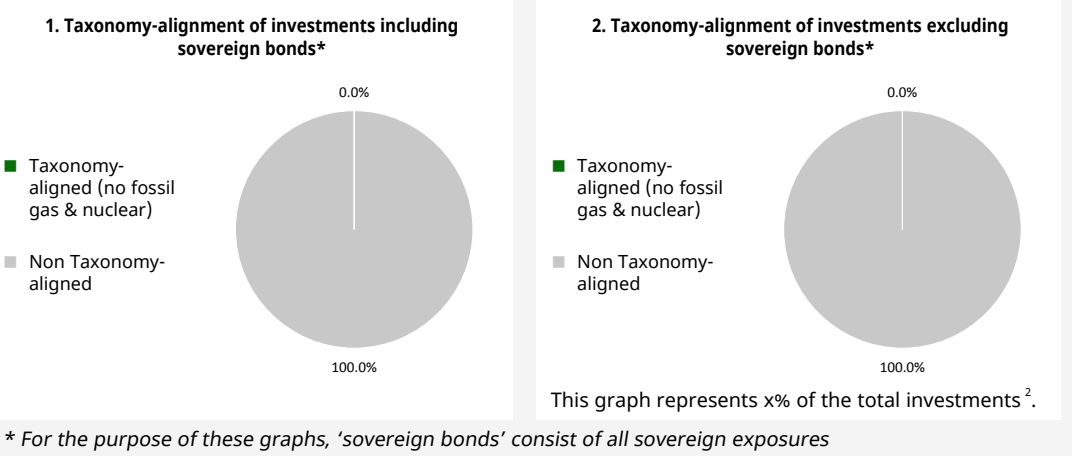
To comply with the EU Taxonomy, the criteria for **fossil gas** include limitations on emissions and switching to renewable power or low-carbon fuels by the end of 2035. For **nuclear energy**, the criteria include comprehensive safety and waste management rules.

<sup>1</sup> Fossil gas and/or nuclear related activities will only comply with the EU Taxonomy where they contribute to limiting climate change ("climate change mitigation") and do not significantly harm any EU Taxonomy objective – see explanatory note in the left-hand margin. The full criteria for fossil gas and nuclear energy economic activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy are laid down in Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1214.

Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

- **turnover** reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee companies
- **capital expenditure** (CapEx) showing the green investments made by investee companies, e.g. for a transition to a green economy.
- **operational expenditure** (OpEx) reflecting green operational activities of investee companies.

The two graphs below show in green the minimum percentage of investments that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the Taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy-alignment in relation to all the investments of the financial product including sovereign bonds, while the second graph shows the Taxonomy-alignment only in relation to the investments of the financial product other than sovereign bonds.



**Enabling activities** directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective.

**Transitional activities** are activities for which low-carbon alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.

- **What is the minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities?**  
As per the above, at the date of this Prospectus the share of investments by the Fund in transitional and enabling activities is currently deemed to constitute 0% of the Fund's portfolio.

are environmentally sustainable investments that **do not take into account the criteria** for environmentally sustainable economic activities under the EU Taxonomy.



**What is the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?**

The minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy is 75%. As stated above this Prospectus will be updated once it is possible in The Investment Manager's opinion to accurately disclose to what extent the Fund's sustainable investments with an environmental objective are aligned with the EU Taxonomy.



**What is the minimum share of sustainable investments with a social objective?**

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

<sup>2</sup> As there is no Taxonomy-alignment, there is no impact on the graph if sovereign bonds are excluded (i.e. the percentage of Taxonomy-aligned investments remains 0%) and the Management Company therefore believes that there is no need to mention this information.



## What investments are included under “#2 Not sustainable”, what is their purpose and are there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

#2 Not Sustainable includes investments that are treated as neutral for sustainability purposes, such as cash and Money Market Investments and derivatives used with the aim of reducing risk (hedging) or managing the Fund more efficiently.

Minimum safeguards are applied where relevant to Money Market Investments and derivatives used with the aim of reducing risk (hedging) by restricting (as appropriate) investments in counterparties where there are ownership links or exposure to higher risk countries (for the purpose of money laundering, terrorist financing, bribery, corruption, tax evasion and sanctions risks). A firm-wide risk assessment considers the risk rating of each jurisdiction; which includes reference to a number of public statements, indices and world governance indicators issued by the UN, the European Union, the UK Government, the Financial Action Task Force and several Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), such as Transparency International and the Basel Committee.

In addition, new counterparties are reviewed by Schroders’ credit risk team and approval of a new counterparty is based on a holistic review of the various sources of information available, including, but not limited to, quality of management, ownership structure, location, regulatory and social environment to which each counterparty is subject, and the degree of development of the local banking system and its regulatory framework. Ongoing monitoring is performed through a Schroders’ proprietary tool, which supports the analysis of a counterparty’s management of environmental, social and governance trends and challenges. Any significant deterioration in the profile of the counterparty in Schroders’ proprietary tool would lead to further analysis and potential exclusion by Schroders’ credit risk team.



## Is a specific index designated as a reference benchmark to meet the sustainable investment objective?

**Reference benchmarks** are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the sustainable investment objective.

- ***How does the reference benchmark take into account sustainability factors in a way that is continuously aligned with the sustainable investment objective?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- ***How is the alignment of the investment strategy with the methodology of the index ensured on a continuous basis?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- ***How does the designated index differ from a relevant broad market index?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- ***Where can the methodology used for the calculation of the designated index be found?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.



## Where can I find more product specific information online?

More product-specific information can be found on the website: <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

Pre-contractual disclosure for the financial products referred to in Article 8, paragraphs 1, 2 and 2a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 6, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852

**Product name:** **Schroder International Selection Fund Dynamic Income**

**Legal entity identifier:** **6367003LO6P8ZSCB6R06**

## Environmental and/or social characteristics

<p><b>Sustainable investment</b> means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good governance practices.</p>	Does this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?	
<p>The <b>EU Taxonomy</b> is a classification system laid down in Regulation (EU) 2020/852, establishing a list of <b>environmentally sustainable economic activities</b>. That Regulation does not lay down a list of socially sustainable economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> No
	<input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with an environmental objective: ___%</b>  <input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy  <input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy  <input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with a social objective ___%</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> It <b>promotes Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics</b> and while it does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will have a minimum proportion of <b>10.00%</b> of sustainable investments  <input type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> with a social objective  <input type="checkbox"/> It promotes E/S characteristics, but <b>will not make any sustainable investments</b>



## What environmental and/or social characteristics are promoted by this financial product?

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than a bespoke asset-weighted blend of MSCI World Index (USD), MSCI Emerging Market Index (USD), Bloomberg Global Aggregate Corporate Bond Index (USD), Bloomberg Global High Yield excl CMBS & EMD 2% Index (USD), ICE BofA US Treasury Index (USD), JPM GBI Emerging Market Index - EM Local (USD), JPM EMBI Index EM Hard Currency (USD), **Thomson-Reuters-FTSE** Global Convertible Bonds Index (USD), based on the Investment Manager's rating system. The component benchmarks (which are each respectively a broad market index) do not take into account the environmental and social characteristics promoted by the Fund. The blend will evolve over time in line with the actual asset allocation of the Fund.

The sustainability score is measured by Schroders' proprietary tool that provides an estimate of the net "impact" that an issuer may create in terms of social and environmental "costs" or "benefits". It does this by using certain indicators with respect to that issuer, and quantifying them positively and negatively to produce an aggregate notional measure of the effect that the relevant underlying issuer may have on society and the environment. It does this using third party data as well as Schroders own estimates and assumptions and the outcome may differ from other sustainability tools and measures. Examples of such indicators are greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

The result is expressed as an aggregate score of the sustainability indicators for each issuer, specifically a notional percentage (positive or negative) of sales or GDP of the relevant underlying issuer. For example, a score of +2% would mean an issuer contributes \$2 of relative notional positive impact (i.e. benefits to society) per \$100 of sales or GDP. The sustainability score of the Fund is derived from the scores of all issuers in the Fund's portfolio measured by Schroders' proprietary tool.

The Fund invests at least 10% of its assets in sustainable investments, which are investments that the Investment Manager expects to contribute towards the advancement of one or more environmental and/or social objective (s).

### ● **What sustainability indicators are used to measure the attainment of each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?**

The Investment Manager monitors compliance with the characteristic to maintain a higher overall sustainability score than the blend of the named benchmarks by reference to the weighted average sustainability score of the Fund in Schroders' proprietary tool compared against the weighted average

**Sustainability indicators** measure how the environmental or social characteristics

promoted by the financial product are attained.

sustainability score of the blend of the named benchmarks that reflects the Fund's asset allocation. Both scores are based on month-end data over the previous six month period. The overall sustainability score aggregates the effect of sustainability indicators including but not limited to greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

The Investment Manager monitors compliance with the characteristic to invest at least 10% of its assets in sustainable investments by reference to (i) the sustainability score of each asset in Schroders' proprietary tool and/ or (ii) whether the asset is classified as a green, social and/ or sustainable bond. Compliance with this is monitored daily via our automated compliance controls.

The Fund also applies certain exclusions, with which the Investment Manager monitors compliance on an ongoing basis via its portfolio compliance framework.

● ***What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?***

In respect of the proportion of the Fund's portfolio that is invested in sustainable investments, each sustainable investment either (i) demonstrates a net positive effect across a range of environmental or social objectives, as scored by Schroders' proprietary tool and/ or (ii) is classified as a green, social and/ or sustainable bond using a third-party data source. The environmental or social objectives of the sustainable investments that the Fund partially intends to make may include, but are not limited to, increasing environmental and/or social benefits such as greater water access or fair pay and reducing environmental, and/or social costs such as carbon emissions or food waste. For example, greater water access as measured by Schroders' proprietary tool are the estimated societal benefits of the provision of clean drinking water to human health. The environmental or social objectives of green, social and/or sustainable bonds may include, but are not limited to, climate change mitigation, renewable energy initiatives, natural resource conservation, access to finance and affordable housing projects.

● ***How do the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make, not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?***

The Investment Manager's approach to investing in issuers that do not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective includes the following:

- Firm-wide investment exclusions apply to Schroders funds. These relate to international conventions on cluster munitions, anti-personnel mines, and chemical and biological weapons and a list of those companies that are excluded is available at <https://www.schroders.com/en/sustainability/active-ownership/group-exclusions/>. Firm-wide exclusions also apply to companies generating more than 20% of their revenue from thermal coal mining.
- The Fund excludes companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to tobacco and thermal coal.
- The Fund excludes companies that are assessed by Schroders to have breached one or more 'global norms' thereby causing significant environmental or social harm; these companies comprise Schroders' 'global norms' breach list. Schroders' determination of whether a company has been involved in such a breach considers relevant principles such as those contained in the UN Global Compact (UNGC) principles, the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights. The 'global norms' breach list may be informed by assessments performed by third party providers and by proprietary research, where relevant to a particular situation. In exceptional circumstances a derogation may be applied in order to allow the Fund to continue to hold a company on Schroders' 'global norms' breach list, for example where the stated investment strategy of the Fund may otherwise be compromised. Any such company cannot be categorised as a sustainable investment.
- The Fund may also apply certain other exclusions in addition to those summarised above.

Further information on all of the Fund's investment exclusions is to be found under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>.

● ***How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?***

When seeking to identify significant harm, Schroders' approach to taking into account the Principal Adverse Impacts (PAI) indicators involves a quantitative and a qualitative assessment. Where it is not considered appropriate or feasible to set quantitative thresholds, the Investment Manager engages, where relevant. Investee companies deemed not to satisfy the quantitative thresholds would generally be excluded, unless on a case-by-case basis the data is deemed not representative of a company's performance in the relevant area.

This framework is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability and quality of the data evolves.

**Principal adverse impacts** are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anticorruption and antibribery matters.



Our approach includes:

1. **Quantitative:** this includes indicators where specific thresholds have been established:
  - Via the application of exclusions. This approach is relevant to PAI 4 (Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector), PAI 5 (Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production) and PAI 14 (Exposure to controversial weapons). Further, the following PAIs are assessed as part of Schroders' 'global norms' breach list exclusion (which seeks to exclude companies where significant harm is occurring):
    - **PAI 7** (Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas)
    - **PAI 8** (Emissions to water)
    - **PAI 9** (Hazardous waste and radioactive waste ratio)
    - **PAI 10** (Violations of UN Global Compact principles and Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises)
    - **PAI 11** (Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and Voluntary)
    - **PAI 14** in Table 3 (Number of identified cases of severe human rights issues and incidents)
  - Via the application of an alert system flag if the relevant indicator(s) exceeds a threshold. These quantitative thresholds to assess significant harm are established centrally by our Sustainable Investment team and monitored systematically. This approach applies to indicators where we have segmented the population into harm groups to establish a threshold, such as carbon related PAI metrics, PAI 1 (GHG emissions), PAI 2 (Carbon footprint) and Voluntary PAI 4 in Table 2 (Investing in companies without carbon emission reduction initiatives). PAI 3 (GHG intensity of investee companies) operates in a similar way but the threshold is based on a revenue metric. A threshold for PAI 6 (Energy consumption intensity per high impact climate sector) is established based on the above mentioned carbon measures. A similar approach has been taken for PAI 15 (GHG intensity). PAI 16 (Investee countries subject to social violations) also operates in the same way but based on data availability regarding social violations. Through this process the relevant issuer(s) that is/are deemed not to satisfy the quantitative thresholds is/are flagged to the Investment Manager for consideration, whose response may involve selling the holdings(s) or maintaining the position if on a case-by-case basis the data is deemed not representative of a company's performance in the relevant area. Investee companies deemed to cause significant harm are excluded from the Fund.
2. **Qualitative:** This includes PAI indicators where Schroders' believes that the data available does not enable us to make a quantitative determination regarding whether significant harm is done so as to warrant excluding an investment. In such cases, the Investment Manager engages wherever possible with the company or companies held, in accordance with the priorities documented in Schroders' Engagement Blueprint and/or voting policy. This approach applies to indicators such as **PAI 12** (Unadjusted gender pay gap) and **PAI 13** (Board gender diversity), where we engage and may use our voting rights where we consider appropriate. Both board gender diversity and disclosure of gender pay gap information are captured in our Engagement Blueprint.

● ***How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:***

Companies on Schroders' 'global norms' breach list cannot be categorised as sustainable investments. Schroders' determination of whether a company should be included on such list considers the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, among other relevant principles. The 'global norms' breach list is informed by third party providers and proprietary research, where relevant.

*The EU Taxonomy sets out a "do not significant harm" principle by which Taxonomy-aligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives and is accompanied by specific EU criteria.*

The "do not significant harm" principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.

*Any other sustainable investments must also not significantly harm any environmental or social objectives.*



## Does this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

☒ Yes, the Investment Manager's approach to considering principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors involves classifying the indicators into three categories:

The Fund allocates its assets across multiple underlying strategies. Some PAIs are considered at the Fund level, whilst other PAIs are considered at the level of the underlying strategies by the relevant investment manager where applicable.

Some PAIs are considered as part of pre-investment through the application of exclusions applied at the Fund level. These include:

- Controversial weapons (PAI 14 - Exposure to controversial weapons (anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, chemical weapons and biological weapons)).

- Schroders' 'global norms' breach list, which covers: PAI 7 (Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas), PAI 8 (Emissions to water), PAI 9 (Hazardous waste and radioactive waste ratio), PAI 10 (Violations of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises), PAI 11 (Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises) and PAI 16 (Investee countries subject to social violations).

- Companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to thermal coal: (PAI 4 (Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector), PAI 5 (Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production) – applied to relevant underlying strategies.

Compliance with these thresholds is monitored via the Investment Manager's portfolio compliance framework.

Where appropriate PAIs are also considered through integration in the investment process, specifically the stock selection process in underlying strategies. For example the global equity strategy considers PAIs in the following way:

- Schroders' proprietary tool, which is used as part of screening the investment universe and for providing a maximum that can be invested in each company, incorporates several PAIs as a component of its scoring methodology. In assessing an issuer's overall environmental score, PAIs 1, 2 and 3 (Greenhouse gas emissions) are included. In assessing an issuer's overall social score, PAIs 12 (Unadjusted gender pay gap) and 13 (Board gender diversity) are included.

The investment team monitors all PAI indicators via Schroders' PAI dashboard.

Other PAIs are considered via active ownership, which where relevant is performed indirectly via the underlying investment managers. Where applicable, based on the underlying strategies and the relevant investment manager's own investment process, PAIs are considered post-investment through engagement in line with the approach and expectations set out in Schroders Engagement Blueprint.

Examples of PAIs captured via this approach included PAI 1 (GHG emissions, PAI 2 (Carbon footprint), PAI 3 (GHG intensity of investee companies) and PAI 13 (Board gender diversity).

Our approach is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability, and quality, of PAI data evolves. The Management Company's statement on principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors is available at <https://api.schroders.com/document-store/id/ffcb39bb-96cb-4e56-9461-deba9a493e85>. The Fund level information is disclosed or will be disclosed (as applicable) in the Fund's annual report.

1. Set thresholds: these involve very explicit thresholds for considering an investment to be a "sustainable investment". For example, PAI 10 on violations of UNGC principles.

2. Active ownership: these involve indicators on which we have a plan to engage with the underlying holding as set out in the Schroders Group document <https://mybrand.schroders.com/m/3222ea4ed44a1f2c/original/schroders-engagement-blueprint.pdf>, outlining our approach to active ownership. For example, PAI 1, 2 and 3 covering GHG emissions and PAI 13 on board gender diversity.

3. Improve coverage: these involve indicators where we consider data coverage to be too sparse to properly consider them and our focus is primarily on engaging with the underlying holdings to increase reporting. For example, PAI 7 on biodiversity, PAI 9 on hazardous waste ratio and PAI 12 on the gender pay gap.

Our approach is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability, and quality, of PAI data evolves.

The Management Company's statement on principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors is available at <https://mybrand.schroders.com/m/467910ac8e6da45c/original/Statement-on-principal-adverse-impacts-of-investment-decisions-on-sustainability-factors.pdf>. The Fund level information is disclosed or will be (as applicable) in the Fund's annual report.

☐ No



## What investment strategy does this financial product follow?

The sustainable investment strategy used by the Investment Manager is as follows:

The Fund is actively managed and invests directly or indirectly through derivatives in equity and equity-related securities, fixed and floating rate securities issued by governments, government agencies, supra-nationals and companies worldwide including emerging markets in various currencies and Alternative Asset Classes.

The Fund may invest:

- up to 40% of its assets in sub-investment grade securities (being securities with a credit rating below investment grade as measured by Standard & Poor's or any equivalent grade of other credit rating agencies) and unrated securities.
- up to 30% of its assets in emerging markets.
- up to 20% of its assets in asset-backed securities, commercial mortgage-backed securities, and/or residential mortgage-backed securities issued worldwide with an investment grade or sub-investment grade credit rating (as measured by Standard & Poor's or any equivalent grade of other credit rating agencies).
- Up to 15% of its assets in Alternative Asset Classes

**The investment strategy** guides investment decisions based on factors such as investment objectives and risk tolerance.

Underlying assets may include credit card receivables, personal loans, auto loans, small business loans, leases, commercial mortgages and residential mortgages.

The Fund may invest directly in China B-Shares and China H-Shares and may invest less than 15% of its assets (on a net basis) directly or indirectly (for example via participatory notes) in China A-Shares through Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect and Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect and shares listed on the STAR Board and the ChiNext. The Fund may also invest up to 10% of its assets in mainland China through Regulated Markets (including the CIBM via Bond Connect or CIBM Direct).

The exposure to Alternative Asset Classes is taken through eligible assets as described in Appendix III of this Prospectus.

The Fund intends to use derivatives (including total return swaps), long and short, with the aim of achieving investment gains, reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently.

Where the Fund uses total return swaps and contracts for difference, the underlying consists of instruments in which the Fund may invest according to its Investment Objective and Investment Policy. In particular, the aim is to use total return swaps and contracts for difference on a temporary basis in market conditions including but not limited to during periods of expanding global economic growth and rising inflation or elevated geopolitical risk, or when credit spreads are expected to widen such during periods of falling economic growth, rising interest rates or elevated geopolitical risk. Contracts for difference and total return swaps are intended to be used to gain long and short exposure on equity and equity related securities, fixed and floating rate securities and commodity indices. The gross exposure of total return swaps and contracts for difference will not exceed 30% and is expected to remain within the range of 0% to 20% of the Net Asset Value. In certain circumstances this proportion may be higher.

The Fund may invest in Money Market Investments and hold cash. The Fund may invest up to 10% of its assets in open-ended Investment Funds.

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than a bespoke asset-weighted blend\* of MSCI World Index (USD), MSCI Emerging Market Index (USD), Bloomberg Global Aggregate Corporate Bond Index (USD), Bloomberg Global High Yield excl CMBS & EMD 2% Index (USD), ICE BofA US Treasury Index (USD), JPM GBI Emerging Market Index - EM Local (USD), JPM EMBI Index EM Hard Currency (USD), **Thomson-Reuters-FTSE** Global Convertible Bonds Index (USD), based on the Investment Manager's rating system.

\*The blend will evolve over time in line with the actual asset allocation of the Fund.

The Fund does not directly invest in certain activities, industries or groups of issuers above the limits listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <http://www.schroders.com/en/lu/private-investor/gfc>

The Investment Manager applies governance and sustainability criteria when selecting investments for the Fund. The investable universe is assessed using a number of proprietary tools, as well as external rating services.

The Investment Manager will assess companies against a variety of environmental, social and governance metrics, taking into account issues such as climate change, environmental performance, labour standards and board composition. The Investment Manager will decide whether an investment is eligible for inclusion taking into account the overall ESG score. The multi-asset nature of the Fund means that the Investment Manager will analyse the ESG scores across asset classes as an input into the asset allocation of the Fund. The Investment Manager may select investments, which it deems to contribute to one or more environmental or social objectives, provided that they do no significant harm to any other environmental or social objectives.

The sources of information used to perform the analysis include information provided by the companies, such as company sustainability reports and other relevant company material, as well as Schroders' proprietary sustainability tools and third-party data.

More details on the Investment Manager's approach to sustainability and its engagement with companies are available on the webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en/lu/private-investor/strategic-capabilities/sustainability/disclosures>

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than its investment universe, based on the Investment Manager's rating system.

The Investment Manager ensures that at least:

- 90% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in developed countries; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with an investment grade credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by developed countries; and
- 75% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in emerging countries; equities issued by small and medium companies; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with a high yield credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by emerging countries,

is rated against the sustainability criteria. For the purposes of this test, small companies are those with market capitalisation below €5 billion, medium companies are those between €5 billion and €10 billion and large companies are those above €10 billion.

● **What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?**

The following binding elements are applied throughout the investment process:

- The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than a bespoke asset-weighted blend\* of MSCI World Index (USD), MSCI Emerging Market Index (USD), Bloomberg Global Aggregate Corporate Bond Index (USD), Bloomberg Global High Yield excl CMBS & EMD 2% Index (USD), ICE BofA US Treasury Index (USD), JPM GBI Emerging Market Index - EM Local (USD), JPM EMBI Index EM Hard Currency (USD), ~~Thomson Reuters~~ **FTSE** Global Convertible Bonds Index (USD), based on the Investment Manager's rating system.
- The Fund invests at least 10% of its assets in sustainable investments and such investments do not cause significant environmental or social harm.
- Exclusions are applied to direct investments in companies. The Fund applies certain exclusions relating to international conventions on cluster munitions, antipersonnel mines, and chemical and biological weapons. The Fund also excludes companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to tobacco and thermal coal, especially companies that generate at least 10% of their revenues from tobacco production, companies that generate at least 25% of their revenues from the tobacco value chain (such as suppliers, distributors, retailers and licensors), companies that generate at least 10% of their revenues from thermal coal mining and companies that generate at least 30% of their revenues from coal fired power generation. The Fund excludes companies that are assessed by Schroders to have breached one or more 'global norms' thereby causing significant environmental or social harm; these companies comprise Schroders' 'global norms' breach list. In exceptional circumstances a derogation may be applied in order to allow the Fund to continue to hold a company on Schroders' 'global norms' breach list, for example where the stated investment strategy of the Fund may otherwise be compromised. Any such company cannot be categorised as a sustainable investment. Further, the Fund may apply other exclusions as listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>
- The Fund invests in companies that have good governance practices, as determined by the Investment Manager's rating criteria.

The Investment Manager ensures that at least:

- 90% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in developed countries; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with an investment grade credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by developed countries; and
- 75% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in emerging countries; equities issued by small and medium companies; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with a high yield credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by emerging countries,

is rated against the sustainability criteria.

● **What is the committed minimum rate to reduce the scope of the investments considered prior to the application of that investment strategy?**

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

● **What is the policy to assess good governance practices of the investee companies?**

In order to assess good governance practices, a central Good Governance Test is applied. This test is based on a data-driven quantitative framework, which uses a scorecard to assess companies across the categories of sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff, and tax compliance. Schroders has defined a number of criteria across these pillars.

Compliance with the test is monitored centrally and companies which do not pass this test cannot be held by the Fund, unless the Investment Manager has agreed that the issuer demonstrates good governance based on additional insights beyond that quantitative analysis.

**Good governance** practices include sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff and tax compliance.



## What is the asset allocation planned for this financial product?

The planned composition of the Fund's investments that are used to meet its environmental or social characteristics are summarised below.

**Asset allocation** describes the share of investments in specific assets.

**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the minimum proportion of the Fund's assets used to attain the environmental or social characteristics, which is equal to 60%. The Fund commits to maintain a higher overall sustainability score than a bespoke asset-weighted blend of MSCI World Index (USD), MSCI Emerging Market Index (USD), Bloomberg Global Aggregate Corporate Bond Index (USD), Bloomberg Global High Yield excl CMBS & EMD 2% Index (USD), ICE BofA US Treasury Index (USD), JPM GBI Emerging Market Index - EM Local (USD), JPM EMBI Index EM Hard Currency (USD), ~~Thomson Reuters FTSE~~ Global Convertible Bonds Index (USD), and so the Fund's investments that are scored by Schroders' proprietary sustainability tool are included within the minimum proportion stated in #1 on the basis that they will contribute to the Fund's sustainability score (whether such individual investment has a positive or a negative score). Also included within #1 are any green, social or sustainable bonds that are not scored by Schroders' proprietary sustainability tool. ~~is not~~ The minimum proportion of assets that are invested in sustainable investments, ~~as~~ indicated in #1A. The minimum proportions stated apply in normal market conditions. The actual proportion stated in #1 is expected to be higher.

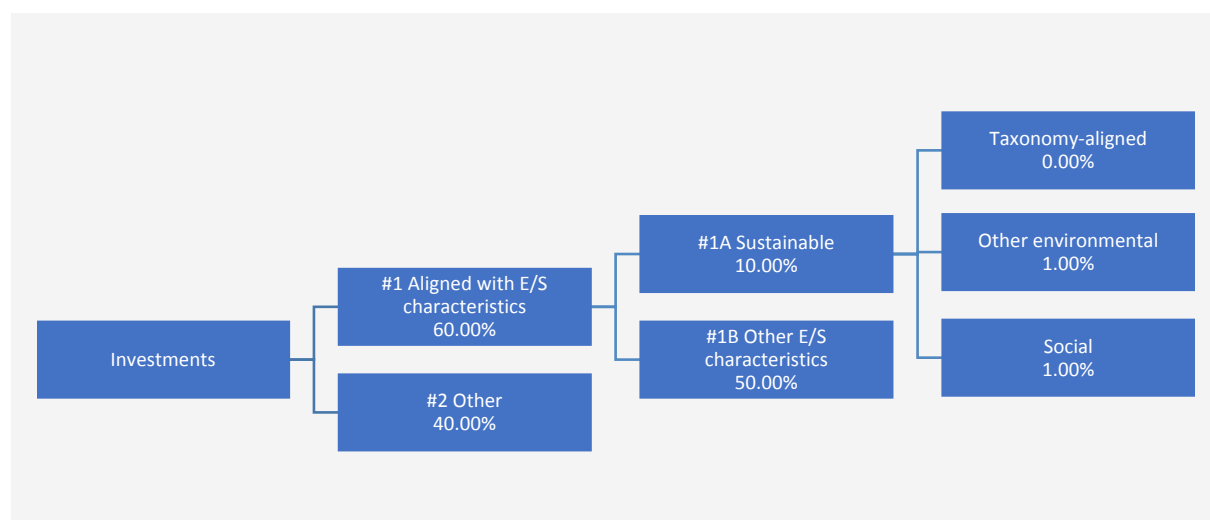
The sustainability score is measured by Schroders' proprietary tool that provides an estimate of the net "impact" that an issuer may create in terms of social and environmental "costs" or "benefits". It does this by using certain indicators with respect to that issuer, and quantifying them positively and negatively to produce an aggregate notional measure of the effect that the relevant underlying issuer may have on society and the environment. Examples of such indicators are greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

The Fund will invest at least 10% of its assets in sustainable investments. Each sustainable investment (i) demonstrates a net positive effect across a range of environmental or social objectives, as scored by Schroders' proprietary tool or (ii) is classified as a green, social and/ or sustainable bond using a third-party data source. With the exception of any green or social bonds, which will be classified as having an environmental or social objective respectively, a sustainable investment is classified as having an environmental or social objective depending on whether the relevant issuer has a higher score in Schroders' proprietary tool relative to its applicable peer group for its environmental indicators or its social indicators. In each case, indicators are comprised of both "costs" and "benefits".

**#2 Other** includes cash which is treated as neutral for sustainability purposes. #2 also includes **other** investments that are not scored by Schroders' proprietary sustainability tool and so do not contribute towards the Fund's sustainability score. As #1 states a minimum proportion that is in practice expected to be higher, the proportion stated in #2 is expected to be lower.

Minimum safeguards are applied where relevant to Money Market Investments and other investments by restricting (as appropriate) investments in counterparties where there are ownership links or exposure to higher risk countries (for the purpose of money laundering, terrorist financing, bribery, corruption, tax evasion and sanctions risks). A firm-wide risk assessment considers the risk rating of each jurisdiction; which includes reference to a number of public statements, indices and world governance indicators issued by the UN, the European Union, the UK Government, the Financial Action Task Force and several Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), such as Transparency International and the Basel Committee.

In addition, new counterparties are reviewed by Schroders' credit risk team and approval of a new counterparty is based on a holistic review of the various sources of information available, including, but not limited to, quality of management, ownership structure, location, regulatory and social environment to which each counterparty is subject, and the degree of development of the local banking system and its regulatory framework. Ongoing monitoring is performed through a Schroders' proprietary tool, which supports the analysis of a counterparty's management of environmental, social and governance trends and challenges. Any significant deterioration in the profile of the counterparty in Schroders' proprietary tool would lead to further analysis and potential exclusion by Schroders' credit risk team.



**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the investments of the financial product used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product.

**#2 Other** includes the remaining investments of the financial product which are neither aligned with the environmental or social characteristics, nor are qualified as sustainable investments.

The category **#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** covers:

- The sub-category **#1A Sustainable** covers sustainable investments with environmental or social objectives.
- The sub-category **#1B Other E/S characteristics** covers investments aligned with the environmental or social characteristics that do not qualify as sustainable investments.

#1 The minimum proportion stated applies in normal market conditions.

● **How does the use of derivatives attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?**

Derivatives such as equity index futures may be used as a proxy for direct investments which would otherwise be held by the Fund in line with its sustainability criteria. Such derivatives may therefore be used to attain the Fund's sustainability score in Schroders' proprietary tool which is one of the binding elements of the Fund. The Fund may use other derivatives that are scored in Schroders' proprietary tool to meet the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted by the Fund, as such derivatives would contribute to the Fund's sustainability score (whether such individual investment has a positive or a negative score).



**To what minimum extent are sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?**

There is no minimum extent to which the Fund's investments (including transitional and enabling activities) with an environmental objective are aligned with the Taxonomy. Taxonomy alignment of this Fund's investments has therefore not been calculated and has as a result been deemed to constitute 0% of the Fund's portfolio.

In future it is expected that the Fund will assess and report on the extent to which its underlying investments are in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the Taxonomy, along with information relating to the proportion of enabling and transitional activities. This Prospectus will be updated once it is possible in the Investment Manager's opinion to accurately disclose to what extent the Fund's investments are in Taxonomy-aligned environmentally sustainable activities, including the proportions of investments in enabling and transitional activities selected for the Fund.

● **Does the financial product invest in fossil gas and/or nuclear energy related activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy<sup>2</sup>?**

☐ Yes:

☐ In fossil gas ☐ In nuclear energy

☒ No

To comply with the EU Taxonomy, the criteria for **fossil gas** include limitations on emissions and switching to renewable power or low-carbon fuels by the end of 2035. For **nuclear energy**, the criteria include comprehensive safety and waste management rules.

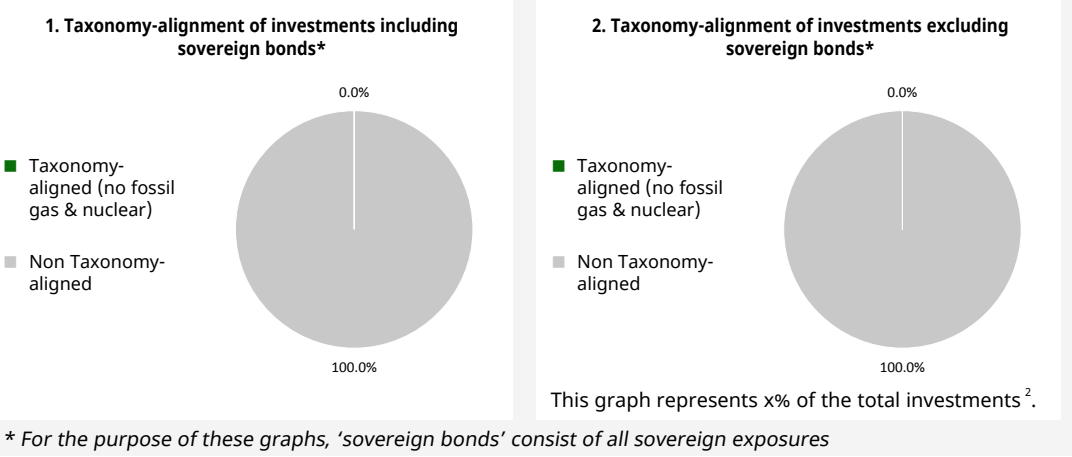
<sup>2</sup> Fossil gas and/or nuclear related activities will only comply with the EU Taxonomy where they contribute to limiting climate change ("climate change mitigation") and do not significantly harm any EU Taxonomy objective – see explanatory note in the left-hand margin. The full criteria for fossil gas and nuclear energy economic activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy are laid down in Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1214.



Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

- **turnover** reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee companies
- **capital expenditure** (CapEx) showing the green investments made by investee companies, e.g. for a transition to a green economy.
- **operational expenditure** (OpEx) reflecting green operational activities of investee companies.

The two graphs below show in green the minimum percentage of investments that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the Taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy-alignment in relation to all the investments of the financial product including sovereign bonds, while the second graph shows the Taxonomy-alignment only in relation to the investments of the financial product other than sovereign bonds.



**Enabling activities** directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective.

**Transitional activities** are activities for which low-carbon alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.

- **What is the minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities?**  
As per the above, at the date of this Prospectus the share of investments by the Fund in transitional and enabling activities is currently deemed to constitute 0% of the Fund's portfolio.



**What is the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with The EU Taxonomy?**  
The Fund commits to invest at least 1% of its assets in sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy.



are sustainable investments with an environmental objective that **do not take into account the criteria** for environmentally sustainable economic activities under the EU Taxonomy.

<sup>2</sup> As there is no Taxonomy-alignment, there is no impact on the graph if sovereign bonds are excluded (i.e. the percentage of Taxonomy-aligned investments remains 0%) and the Management Company therefore believes that there is no need to mention this information.



## What is the minimum share of socially sustainable investments?

The Fund commits to invest at least 1% of its assets in sustainable investments with a social objective.



## What investments are included under “#2 Other”, what is their purpose and are there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

#2 Other includes cash which is treated as neutral for sustainability purposes. #2 also includes other investments that are not scored by Schroders’ proprietary sustainability tools and so do not contribute towards the Fund’s sustainability score.

Minimum safeguards are applied where relevant to Money Market Investments and other investments by restricting (as appropriate) investments in counterparties where there are ownership links or exposure to higher risk countries (for the purpose of money laundering, terrorist financing, bribery, corruption, tax evasion and sanctions risks). A firm-wide risk assessment considers the risk rating of each jurisdiction; which includes reference to a number of public statements, indices and world governance indicators issued by the UN, the European Union, the UK Government, the Financial Action Task Force and several Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), such as Transparency International and the Basel Committee.

In addition, new counterparties are reviewed by Schroders’ credit risk team and approval of a new counterparty is based on a holistic review of the various sources of information available, including, but not limited to, quality of management, ownership structure, location, regulatory and social environment to which each counterparty is subject, and the degree of development of the local banking system and its regulatory framework. Ongoing monitoring is performed through a Schroders’ proprietary tool, which supports the analysis of a counterparty’s management of environmental, social and governance trends and challenges. Any significant deterioration in the profile of the counterparty in Schroders’ proprietary tool would lead to further analysis and potential exclusion by Schroders’ credit risk team.



## Is a specific index designated as a reference benchmark to determine whether this financial product is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes?

**Reference benchmarks** are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the environmental or social characteristics that they promote.

- ***How is the reference benchmark continuously aligned with each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- ***How is the alignment of the investment strategy with the methodology of the index ensured on a continuous basis?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- ***How does the designated index differ from a relevant broad market index?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- ***Where can the methodology used for the calculation of the designated index be found?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.



## Where can I find more product specific information online?

More product-specific information can be found on the webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

Pre-contractual disclosure for the financial products referred to in Article 8, paragraphs 1, 2 and 2a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 6, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852

**Product name:** Schroder International Selection Fund Emerging Europe

**Legal entity identifier:** 84NPEABGB2F20908EG57

## Environmental and/or social characteristics

**Sustainable investment** means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good governance practices.

The **EU Taxonomy** is a classification system laid down in Regulation (EU) 2020/852, establishing a list of **environmentally sustainable economic activities**. That Regulation does not lay down a list of socially sustainable economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.

### Does this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?

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<input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with an environmental objective: %</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> It <b>promotes Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics</b> and while it does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will have a minimum proportion of <b>25.00%</b> of sustainable investments*
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	<p>* The Fund will not include or consider the Russian equities and equity related securities within the X9 and Y9 share classes in relation to the promotion of its environmental and/or social characteristics (within the meaning of Article 8 SFDR).</p>



### What environmental and/or social characteristics are promoted by this financial product?

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the MSCI EFM Europe + CIS (E+C) Index (Net TR), based on the Investment Manager's rating system. This benchmark (which is a broad market index) does not take into account the environmental and social characteristics promoted by the Fund.

The sustainability score is measured by Schroders' proprietary tool that provides an estimate of the net "impact" that an issuer may create in terms of social and environmental "costs" or "benefits". It does this by using certain indicators with respect to that issuer, and quantifying them positively and negatively to produce an aggregate notional measure of the effect that the relevant underlying issuer may have on society and the environment. It does this using third party data as well as Schroders own estimates and assumptions and the outcome may differ from other sustainability tools and measures. Examples of such indicators are greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

The result is expressed as an aggregate score of the sustainability indicators for each issuer, specifically a notional percentage (positive or negative) of sales of the relevant underlying issuer. For example, a score of +2% would mean an issuer contributes \$2 of relative notional positive impact (i.e. benefits to society) per \$100 of sales. The sustainability score of the Fund is derived from the scores of all issuers in the Fund's portfolio measured by Schroders' proprietary tool.

The Fund invests at least 25% of its assets in sustainable investments, which are investments that the Investment Manager expects to contribute towards the advancement of one or more environmental and/or social objective (s).

#### What sustainability indicators are used to measure the attainment of each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

The Investment Manager monitors compliance with the characteristic to maintain a higher overall sustainability score than the MSCI EFM Europe + CIS (E+C) Index (Net TR) by reference to the weighted average sustainability score of the Fund in Schroders' proprietary tool compared against the weighted average sustainability score of the MSCI EFM Europe + CIS (E+C) Index (Net TR) in Schroders' proprietary tool over the previous six month period, based on month-end data. The overall sustainability score aggregates the effect of sustainability indicators including but not limited to greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

**Sustainability indicators** measure how the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product are attained.

The Investment Manager monitors compliance with the characteristic to invest at least 25% of its assets in sustainable investments by reference to the sustainability score of each asset in Schroders' proprietary tool. Compliance with this is monitored daily via our automated compliance controls.

The Fund also applies certain exclusions, with which the Investment Manager monitors compliance on an ongoing basis via its portfolio compliance framework.

● **What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?**

In respect of the proportion of the Fund's portfolio that is invested in sustainable investments, each sustainable investment demonstrates a net positive effect across a range of environmental or social objectives, as scored by Schroders' proprietary tool. The environmental or social objectives of the sustainable investments that the Fund partially intends to make may include, but are not limited to, increasing environmental and/or social benefits such as greater water access or fair pay and reducing environmental, and/or social costs such as carbon emissions or food waste. For example, greater water access as measured by Schroders' proprietary tool are the estimated societal benefits of the provision of clean drinking water to human health.

● **How do the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make, not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?**

The Investment Manager's approach to investing in issuers that do not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective includes the following:

- Firm-wide investment exclusions apply to Schroders funds. These relate to international conventions on cluster munitions, anti-personnel mines, and chemical and biological weapons and a list of those companies that are excluded is available at <https://www.schroders.com/en/sustainability/active-ownership/group-exclusions/>. Firm-wide exclusions also apply to companies generating more than 20% of their revenue from thermal coal mining.
- The Fund excludes companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to tobacco and thermal coal.
- The Fund excludes companies that are assessed by Schroders to have breached one or more 'global norms' thereby causing significant environmental or social harm; these companies comprise Schroders' 'global norms' breach list. Schroders' determination of whether a company has been involved in such a breach considers relevant principles such as those contained in the UN Global Compact (UNGC) principles, the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights. The 'global norms' breach list may be informed by assessments performed by third party providers and by proprietary research, where relevant to a particular situation. In exceptional circumstances a derogation may be applied in order to allow the Fund to continue to hold a company on Schroders' 'global norms' breach list, for example where the stated investment strategy of the Fund may otherwise be compromised. Any such company cannot be categorised as a sustainable investment.
- The Fund may also apply certain other exclusions in addition to those summarised above.

Further information on all of the Fund's investment exclusions is to be found under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

● **How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?**

When seeking to identify significant harm, Schroders' approach to taking into account the Principal Adverse Impacts (PAI) indicators involves a quantitative and a qualitative assessment. Where it is not considered appropriate or feasible to set quantitative thresholds, the Investment Manager engages, where relevant. Investee companies deemed not to satisfy the quantitative thresholds would generally be excluded, unless on a case-by-case basis the data is deemed not representative of a company's performance in the relevant area.

This framework is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability and quality of the data evolves.

Our approach includes:

1. **Quantitative:** this includes indicators where specific thresholds have been established:

- Via the application of exclusions. This approach is relevant to PAI 4 (Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector), PAI 5 (Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production) and PAI 14 (Exposure to controversial weapons). Further, the following PAIs are assessed as part of Schroders 'global norms' breach list exclusion (which seeks to exclude companies where significant harm is occurring):

**Principal adverse impacts** are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anticorruption and antibribery matters.

- PAI 7 (Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas)
- PAI 8 (Emissions to water)
- PAI 9 (Hazardous waste and radioactive waste ratio)
- PAI 10 (Violations of UN Global Compact principles and Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises)
- PAI 11 (Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and Voluntary)
- PAI 14 in Table 3 (Number of identified cases of severe human rights issues and incidents)
- Via the application of an alert system flag if the relevant indicator(s) exceeds a threshold. These quantitative thresholds to assess significant harm are established centrally by our Sustainable Investment team and monitored systematically. This approach applies to indicators where we have segmented the population into harm groups to establish a threshold, such as carbon related PAI metrics, **PAI 1** (GHG emissions), **PAI 2** (Carbon footprint) and **Voluntary PAI 4 in Table 2** (Investing in companies without carbon emission reduction initiatives). **PAI 3** (GHG intensity of investee companies) operates in a similar way but the threshold is based on a revenue metric. A threshold for **PAI 6** (Energy consumption intensity per high impact climate sector) is established based on the above mentioned carbon measures. A similar approach has been taken for **PAI 15** (GHG intensity). **PAI 16** (Investee countries subject to social violations) also operates in the same way but based on data availability regarding social violations. Through this process the relevant issuer(s) that is/are deemed not to satisfy the quantitative thresholds is/are flagged to the Investment Manager for consideration, whose response may involve selling the holdings(s) or maintaining the position if on a case-by-case basis the data is deemed not representative of a company's performance in the relevant area. Investee companies deemed to cause significant harm are excluded from the Fund.
- 2. **Qualitative:** This includes PAI indicators where Schroders' believes that the data available does not enable us to make a quantitative determination regarding whether significant harm is done so as to warrant excluding an investment. In such cases, the Investment Manager engages wherever possible with the company or companies held, in accordance with the priorities documented in Schroders' Engagement Blueprint and/or voting policy. This approach applies to indicators such as **PAI 12** (Unadjusted gender pay gap) and **PAI 13** (Board gender diversity), where we engage and may use our voting rights where we consider appropriate. Both board gender diversity and disclosure of gender pay gap information are captured in our Engagement Blueprint.

● **How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:**

Companies on Schrodgers' 'global norms' breach list cannot be categorised as sustainable investments. Schrodgers' determination of whether a company should be included on such list considers the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, among other relevant principles. The 'global norms' breach list is informed by third party providers and proprietary research, where relevant.

The EU Taxonomy sets out a "do not significant harm" principle by which Taxonomy-aligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives and is accompanied by specific EU criteria.

The "do not significant harm" principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.

Any other sustainable investments must also not significantly harm any environmental or social objectives.



## **Does this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?**

☒ Yes

The Investment Manager's approach to considering principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors differs depending on the relevant indicator. Some indicators are considered via the application of exclusions, some are considered via the investment process (where data is available via Schrodgers PAI dashboard and via other external data sources) and some are considered via engagement. Further details are provided below.

PAIs are considered as part of pre-investment through the application of exclusions. These include:

- Controversial weapons: PAI 14 (Exposure to controversial weapons (anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions,

chemical weapons and biological weapons).

- Schroders' 'global norms' breach list, which covers: PAI 7 (Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas), PAI 8 (Emissions to water), PAI 9 (Hazardous waste and radioactive waste ratio), PAI 10 (Violations of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises), PAI 11 (Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises) and PAI 16 (Investee countries subject to social violations).

- Companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to thermal coal: PAI 4 (Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector) and PAI 5 (Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production).

Compliance with these thresholds is monitored via the Investment Manager's portfolio compliance framework.

PAIs are also considered through integration in the investment process through the bottom up stock analysis at a company level. The emerging markets investment team has a number of proprietary tools to aid ESG analysis. At the company level, one of Schroders proprietary tools is the main repository for the team's ESG analysis. The tool provides a systematic framework for analysing a company's relationship with its stakeholders and the sustainability of its business model. It contains more than 250 metrics drawn from traditional and alternative data sources that assess a company's performance in specific areas.

PAIs 1,2,3 (Greenhouse gas emissions), 9 (Hazardous waste and radioactive waste ratio) and 13 (Board gender diversity) are specifically considered as part of the Schroders proprietary tool analysis where appropriate and material to the business. In the case of PAI 8 (Emissions to water) and 12 (Unadjusted gender pay gap) the availability of data is very limited, so this is monitored at the overall portfolio level.

All PAI indicators are monitored via Schroders PAI dashboard. We review the PAI data in the PAI dashboard regularly as part of the monthly ESG risk meeting which formally reviews portfolio level ESG characteristics.

PAIs are also considered post-investment through engagement where the Investment Manager engages in line with the approach and expectations set out in Schroders Engagement Blueprint, which outlines our approach to active ownership.

The Investment Manager may engage with selected issuers held by the Fund on PAIs. For example, we aim to engage with several issuers on net zero carbon emissions targets (PAI 1,2,3) and procuring renewable energy (PAI 5). Further topics of engagement may include board gender diversity, which relates to PAI 13.

Where issuers are flagged on lack of data availability on PAIs, the Investment Manager may engage with issuers where the primary focus is to increase reporting, quality and availability of PAI data.

Our approach is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability, and quality, of PAI data evolves. The Management Company's statement on principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors is available at <https://api.schroders.com/document-store/id/ffc39bb-96cb-4e56-9461-deba9a493e85>. The Fund level information is disclosed or will be disclosed (as applicable) in the Fund's annual report.

☐ No



## **What investment strategy does this financial product follow?**

**The investment strategy** guides investment decisions based on factors such as investment objectives and risk tolerance.

The sustainable investment strategy used by the Investment Manager is as follows:

The Fund is actively managed and invests at least two-thirds of its assets in equity and equity related securities of companies in emerging markets.

The Fund is actively managed and invests at least two-thirds of its assets in a concentrated portfolio of equity and equity related securities of Central and Eastern European companies, including the markets of the former Soviet Union and the Mediterranean emerging markets. The Fund may also invest in equity and equity related securities of North African and Middle Eastern companies.

The Fund typically holds 30-50 companies.

The Fund may also invest up to one-third of its assets directly or indirectly in other securities (including other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies, Investment Funds, warrants and Money Market Investments, and hold cash (subject to the restrictions provided in Appendix I).

The Fund may use derivatives with the aim of achieving investment gains, reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently.

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the MSCI EFM Europe + CIS (E+C) Index (Net TR), based on the Investment Manager's rating criteria. More details on the investment process used to achieve this can be found in the Fund Characteristics section.

The Fund does not directly invest in certain activities, industries or groups of issuers above the limits listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

The Investment Manager applies governance and sustainability criteria when selecting investments for the Fund.



The Investment Manager performs due diligence on potential holdings, including meetings with management, and assesses the company's governance, environmental and social profile across a range of factors. This process is supported by quantitative analysis provided by Schroders' proprietary sustainability tools, which are key inputs to assess how existing and potential investments for the portfolio are meeting the Fund's sustainability criteria. In some cases, companies which fall below the sustainability criteria may still be eligible for investment if, as a result of proprietary analysis and ongoing engagement with management, the Investment Manager believes the company will meet its sustainability criteria within a realistic time horizon.

For a company to be eligible to be held in the Fund, it is expected to show a commitment to its stakeholders, including customers, employees, suppliers, shareholders and regulators. The Fund selects companies whose businesses demonstrate good governance and aim to treat stakeholders equitably.

The sources of information used to perform the analysis include information provided by the companies, such as company sustainability reports and other relevant company material, as well as Schroders' proprietary sustainability tools and third-party data and reports.

More details on the Investment Manager's approach to sustainability and its engagement with companies are available on the webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/>

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than its investment universe, based on the Investment Manager's rating system.

The Investment Manager ensures that at least:

90% of the portion of the NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in developed countries; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with an investment grade credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by developed countries; and

75% of the portion of the NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in emerging countries; equities issued by small and medium companies; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with a high yield credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by emerging countries,

is rated against the sustainability criteria. For the purposes of this test, small companies are those with market capitalisation below €5 billion, medium companies are those between €5 billion and €10 billion and large companies are those above €10 billion.

● **What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?**

The following binding elements are applied throughout the investment process:

- The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the MSCI EFM Europe + CIS (E+C) (Net TR) index based on the Investment Manager's rating criteria.
- The Fund invests at least 25% of its assets in sustainable investments and such investments do not cause significant environmental or social harm.
- Exclusions are applied to direct investments in companies. The Fund applies certain exclusions relating to international conventions on cluster munitions, antipersonnel mines, and chemical and biological weapons. The Fund also excludes companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to tobacco and thermal coal, especially companies that generate at least 10% of their revenues from tobacco production, companies that generate at least 25% of their revenues from the tobacco value chain (such as suppliers, distributors, retailers and licensors), companies that generate at least 10% of their revenues from thermal coal mining and companies that generate at least 30% of their revenues from coal fired power generation. The Fund excludes companies that are assessed by Schroders to have breached one or more 'global norms' thereby causing significant environmental or social harm; these companies comprise Schroders' 'global norms' breach list. In exceptional circumstances a derogation may be applied in order to allow the Fund to continue to hold a company on Schroders' 'global norms' breach list, for example where the stated investment strategy of the Fund may otherwise be compromised. Any such company cannot be categorised as a sustainable investment. Further, the Fund may apply other exclusions as listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>
- The Fund invests in companies that have good governance practices, as determined by the Investment Manager's rating criteria.

The Investment Manager ensures that at least:

- 90% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in developed countries; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with an investment grade credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by developed countries; and
- 75% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in emerging countries; equities issued by small and medium companies; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with a high yield credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by emerging countries,

is rated against the sustainability criteria.

● **What is the committed minimum rate to reduce the scope of the investments considered prior to the application of that investment strategy?**

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

● **What is the policy to assess good governance practices of the investee companies?**

In order to assess good governance practices, a central Good Governance Test is applied. This test is based on a data-driven quantitative framework, which uses a scorecard to assess companies across the categories of sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff, and tax compliance. Schroders has defined a number of criteria across these pillars.

Compliance with the test is monitored centrally and companies which do not pass this test cannot be held by the Fund, unless the Investment Manager has agreed that the issuer demonstrates good governance based on additional insights beyond that quantitative analysis.

**Good governance** practices include sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff and tax compliance.



**What is the asset allocation planned for this financial product?**

**Asset allocation** describes the share of investments in specific assets.

The planned composition of the Fund's investments that are used to meet its environmental or social characteristics are summarised below. The Fund will not include or consider the Russian equities and equity related securities within the X9 and Y9 share classes in relation to the promotion of its environmental and/or social characteristics.

**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the minimum proportion of the Fund's assets used to attain the environmental or social characteristics, which is equal to 70%. The Fund commits to maintain a higher overall sustainability score than the MSCI EFM Europe + CIS (E+C) Index (Net TR), and so the Fund's investments that are scored by Schroders' proprietary sustainability tool are included within the minimum proportion stated in #1 on the basis that they will contribute to the Fund's sustainability score (whether such individual investment has a positive or a negative score). Also included within #1 is the minimum proportion of assets that are invested in sustainable investments, as indicated in #1A. The minimum proportions stated apply in normal market conditions. The actual proportion stated in #1 is expected to be higher.

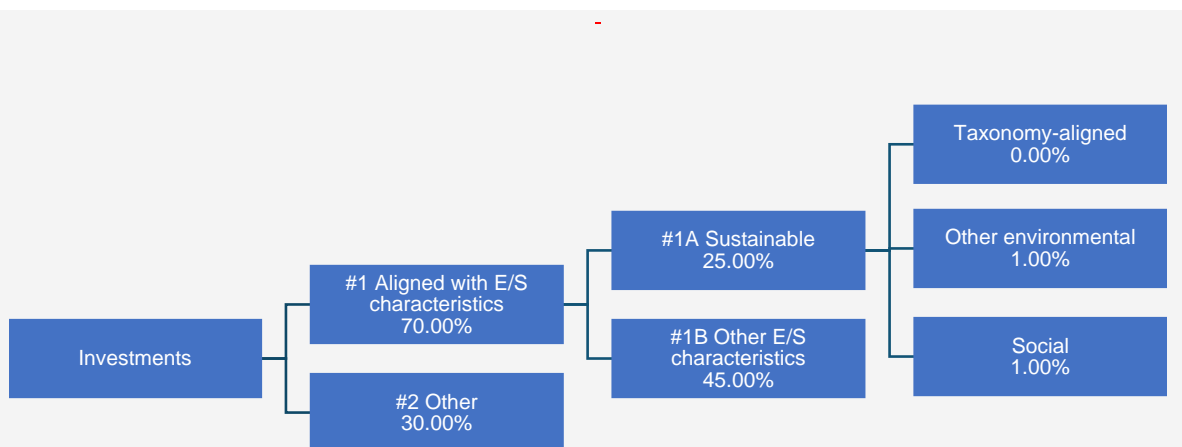
The sustainability score is measured by Schroders' proprietary tool that provides an estimate of the net "impact" that an issuer may create in terms of social and environmental "costs" or "benefits". It does this by using certain indicators with respect to that issuer, and quantifying them positively and negatively to produce an aggregate notional measure of the effect that the relevant underlying issuer may have on society and the environment. Examples of such indicators are greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

The Fund will invest at least 25% of its assets in sustainable investments. A sustainable investment is classified as having an environmental or social objective depending on whether the relevant issuer has a higher score in Schroders' proprietary tool relative to its applicable peer group for its environmental indicators or its social indicators. In each case, indicators are comprised of both "costs" and "benefits".

**#2 Other** includes cash which is treated as neutral for sustainability purposes. #2 also includes investments that are not scored by Schroders' proprietary sustainability tool and so do not contribute towards the Fund's sustainability score. As #1 states a minimum proportion that is in practice expected to be higher, the proportion stated in #2 is expected to be lower.

Minimum safeguards are applied where relevant to Money Market Investments and other investments by restricting (as appropriate) investments in counterparties where there are ownership links or exposure to higher risk countries (for the purpose of money laundering, terrorist financing, bribery, corruption, tax evasion and sanctions risks). A firm-wide risk assessment considers the risk rating of each jurisdiction; which includes reference to a number of public statements, indices and world governance indicators issued by the UN, the European Union, the UK Government, the Financial Action Task Force and several Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), such as Transparency International and the Basel Committee.

In addition, new counterparties are reviewed by Schroders' credit risk team and approval of a new counterparty is based on a holistic review of the various sources of information available, including, but not limited to, quality of management, ownership structure, location, regulatory and social environment to which each counterparty is subject, and the degree of development of the local banking system and its regulatory framework. Ongoing monitoring is performed through a Schroders' proprietary tool, which supports the analysis of a counterparty's management of environmental, social and governance trends and challenges. Any significant deterioration in the profile of the counterparty in Schroders' proprietary tool would lead to further analysis and potential exclusion by Schroders' credit risk team.



**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the investments of the financial product used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product.

**#2 Other** includes the remaining investments of the financial product which are neither aligned with the environmental or social characteristics, nor are qualified as sustainable investments.

The category **#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** covers:

- The sub-category **#1A Sustainable** covers sustainable investments with environmental or social objectives.
- The sub-category **#1B Other E/S characteristics** covers investments aligned with the environmental or social characteristics that do not qualify as sustainable investments.

**#1** The minimum proportion stated applies in normal market conditions.

● **How does the use of derivatives attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?**

The Fund may use derivatives that are scored in Schroders' proprietary tool to meet the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted by the Fund, as such derivatives would contribute to the Fund's sustainability score (whether such individual investment has a positive or a negative score).



**To what minimum extent are sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?**

There is no minimum extent to which the Fund's investments (including transitional and enabling activities) with an environmental objective are aligned with the Taxonomy. Taxonomy alignment of this Fund's investments has therefore not been calculated and has as a result been deemed to constitute 0% of the Fund's portfolio.

In future it is expected that the Fund will assess and report on the extent to which its underlying investments are in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the Taxonomy, along with information relating to the proportion of enabling and transitional activities. This Prospectus will be updated once it is possible in the Investment Manager's opinion to accurately disclose to what extent the Fund's investments are in Taxonomy-aligned environmentally sustainable activities, including the proportions of investments in enabling and transitional activities selected for the Fund.

● **Does the financial product invest in fossil gas and/or nuclear energy related activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy<sup>1</sup>?**

☐ Yes:

☐ In fossil gas ☐ In nuclear energy

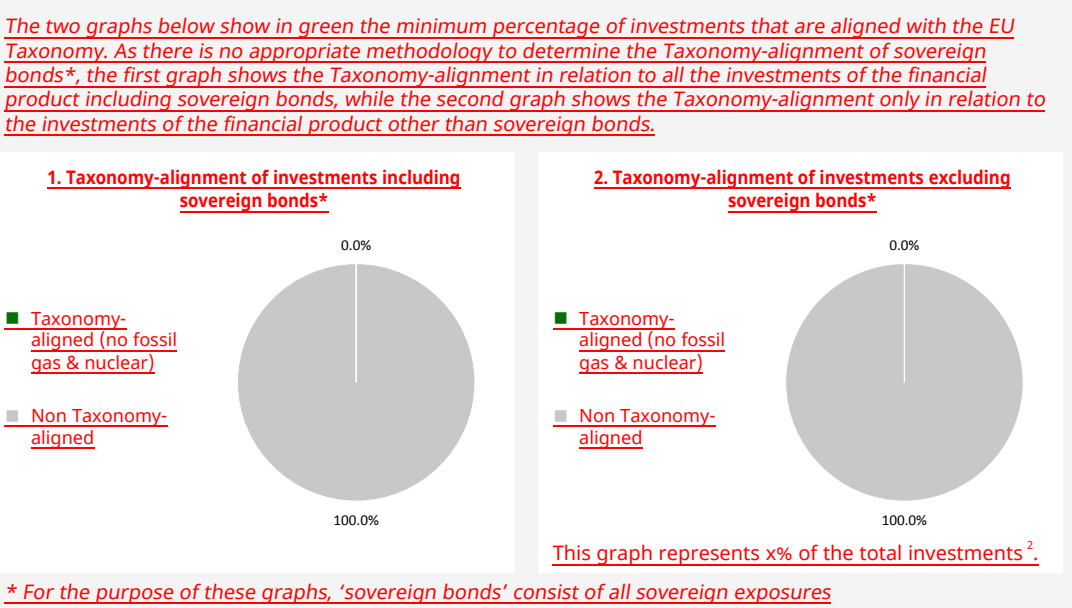
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To comply with the EU Taxonomy, the criteria for **fossil gas** include limitations on emissions and switching to renewable power or low-carbon fuels by the end of 2035. For **nuclear energy**, the criteria include comprehensive safety and waste management rules.

<sup>1</sup> Fossil gas and/or nuclear related activities will only comply with the EU Taxonomy where they contribute to limiting climate change ("climate change mitigation") and do not significantly harm any EU Taxonomy objective – see explanatory note in the left-hand margin. The full criteria for fossil gas and nuclear energy economic activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy are laid down in Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1214.

Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

- **turnover** reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee companies
- **capital expenditure** (CapEx) showing the green investments made by investee companies, e.g. for a transition to a green economy.
- **operational expenditure** (OpEx) reflecting green operational activities of investee companies.




**Enabling activities** directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective.

**Transitional activities** are activities for which low-carbon alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.

- **What is the minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities?**  
As per the above, at the date of this Prospectus the share of investments by the Fund in transitional and enabling activities is currently deemed to constitute 0% of the Fund's portfolio.



**What is the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?**  
The Fund commits to invest at least 1% of its assets in sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

 are sustainable investments with an environmental objective that **do not take into account the criteria** for environmentally sustainable economic activities under the EU Taxonomy.

<sup>2</sup> As there is no Taxonomy-alignment, there is no impact on the graph if sovereign bonds are excluded (i.e. the percentage of Taxonomy-aligned investments remains 0%) and the Management Company therefore believes that there is no need to mention this information.



## **What is the minimum share of socially sustainable investments?**

The Fund commits to invest at least 1% of its assets in sustainable investments with a social objective.



## **What investments are included under “#2 Other”, what is their purpose and are there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?**

#2 Other includes cash which is treated as neutral for sustainability purposes. #2 also includes investments that are not scored by Schroders’ proprietary sustainability tools and so do not contribute towards the Fund’s sustainability score.

Minimum safeguards are applied where relevant to Money Market Investments and other investments by restricting (as appropriate) investments in counterparties where there are ownership links or exposure to higher risk countries (for the purpose of money laundering, terrorist financing, bribery, corruption, tax evasion and sanctions risks). A firm-wide risk assessment considers the risk rating of each jurisdiction; which includes reference to a number of public statements, indices and world governance indicators issued by the UN, the European Union, the UK Government, the Financial Action Task Force and several Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), such as Transparency International and the Basel Committee.

In addition, new counterparties are reviewed by Schroders’ credit risk team and approval of a new counterparty is based on a holistic review of the various sources of information available, including, but not limited to, quality of management, ownership structure, location, regulatory and social environment to which each counterparty is subject, and the degree of development of the local banking system and its regulatory framework. Ongoing monitoring is performed through a Schroders’ proprietary tool, which supports the analysis of a counterparty’s management of environmental, social and governance trends and challenges. Any significant deterioration in the profile of the counterparty in Schroders’ proprietary tool would lead to further analysis and potential exclusion by Schroders’ credit risk team.



## **Is a specific index designated as a reference benchmark to determine whether this financial product is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes?**

**Reference benchmarks** are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the environmental or social characteristics that they promote.

- **How is the reference benchmark continuously aligned with each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?**

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- **How is the alignment of the investment strategy with the methodology of the index ensured on a continuous basis?**

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- **How does the designated index differ from a relevant broad market index?**

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- **Where can the methodology used for the calculation of the designated index be found?**

This question is not applicable for the Fund.



## **Where can I find more product specific information online?**

More product-specific information can be found on the webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

Pre-contractual disclosure for the financial products referred to in Article 8, paragraphs 1, 2 and 2a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 6, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852

**Product name:** **Schroder International Selection Fund Emerging Markets**

**Legal entity identifier:** **BDU06UKEHWLI0JDDWF68**

## Environmental and/or social characteristics

**Sustainable investment** means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good governance practices.

The **EU Taxonomy** is a classification system laid down in Regulation (EU) 2020/852, establishing a list of **environmentally sustainable economic activities**. That Regulation does not lay down a list of socially sustainable economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.

**Does this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?**

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<input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with an environmental objective: __%</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> It <b>promotes Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics</b> and while it does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will have a minimum proportion of <b>25.00%</b> of sustainable investments	<input type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy
<input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with a social objective __%</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> with a social objective
		<input type="checkbox"/> It promotes E/S characteristics, but <b>will not make any sustainable investments</b>	



## What environmental and/or social characteristics are promoted by this financial product?

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the MSCI Emerging Markets (Net TR) index, based on the Investment Manager's rating system. This benchmark (which is a broad market index) does not take into account the environmental and social characteristics promoted by the Fund.

The sustainability score is measured by Schroders' proprietary tool that provides an estimate of the net "impact" that an issuer may create in terms of social and environmental "costs" or "benefits". It does this by using certain indicators with respect to that issuer, and quantifying them positively and negatively to produce an aggregate notional measure of the effect that the relevant underlying issuer may have on society and the environment. It does this using third party data as well as Schroders own estimates and assumptions and the outcome may differ from other sustainability tools and measures. Examples of such indicators are greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

The result is expressed as an aggregate score of the sustainability indicators for each issuer, specifically a notional percentage (positive or negative) of sales of the relevant underlying issuer. For example, a score of +2% would mean an issuer contributes \$2 of relative notional positive impact (i.e. benefits to society) per \$100 of sales. The sustainability score of the Fund is derived from the scores of all issuers in the Fund's portfolio measured by Schroders' proprietary tool.

The Fund invests at least 25% of its assets in sustainable investments, which are investments that the Investment Manager expects to contribute towards the advancement of one or more environmental and/or social objective (s).

### What sustainability indicators are used to measure the attainment of each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

The Investment Manager monitors compliance with the characteristic to maintain a higher overall sustainability score than the MSCI Emerging Markets (Net TR) index by reference to the weighted average sustainability score of the Fund in Schroders' proprietary tool compared against the weighted average sustainability score of the MSCI Emerging Markets (Net TR) index in Schroders' proprietary tool over the previous ~~six months~~**six-month** period, based on month-end data. The overall sustainability score aggregates the effect of sustainability indicators including but not limited to greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

**Sustainability indicators** measure how the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product are attained.



The Investment Manager monitors compliance with the characteristic to invest at least 25% of its assets in sustainable investments by reference to the sustainability score of each asset in Schroders' proprietary tool. Compliance with this is monitored daily via our automated compliance controls. The Fund also applies certain exclusions, with which the Investment Manager monitors compliance on an ongoing basis via its portfolio compliance framework.

● ***What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?***

In respect of the proportion of the Fund's portfolio that is invested in sustainable investments, each sustainable investment demonstrates a net positive effect across a range of environmental or social objectives, as scored by Schroders' proprietary tool. The environmental or social objectives of the sustainable investments that the Fund partially intends to make may include, but are not limited to, increasing environmental and/or social benefits such as greater water access or fair pay and reducing environmental, and/or social costs such as carbon emissions or food waste. For example, greater water access as measured by Schroders' proprietary tool are the estimated societal benefits of the provision of clean drinking water to human health.

● ***How do the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make, not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?***

The Investment Manager's approach to investing in issuers that do not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective includes the following:

- Firm-wide investment exclusions apply to Schroders funds. These relate to international conventions on cluster munitions, anti-personnel mines, and chemical and biological weapons and a list of those companies that are excluded is available at <https://www.schroders.com/en/sustainability/active-ownership/group-exclusions/>. Firm-wide exclusions also apply to companies generating more than 20% of their revenue from thermal coal mining.
- The Fund excludes companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to tobacco and thermal coal.
- The Fund excludes companies that are assessed by Schroders to have breached one or more 'global norms' thereby causing significant environmental or social harm; these companies comprise Schroders' 'global norms' breach list. Schroders' determination of whether a company has been involved in such a breach considers relevant principles such as those contained in the UN Global Compact (UNGC) principles, the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights. The 'global norms' breach list may be informed by assessments performed by third party providers and by proprietary research, where relevant to a particular situation. In exceptional circumstances a derogation may be applied in order to allow the Fund to continue to hold a company on Schroders' 'global norms' breach list, for example where the stated investment strategy of the Fund may otherwise be compromised. Any such company cannot be categorised as a sustainable investment.
- The Fund may also apply certain other exclusions in addition to those summarised above.

Further information on all of the Fund's investment exclusions is to be found under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

● ***How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?***

When seeking to identify significant harm, Schroders' approach to taking into account the Principal Adverse Impacts (PAI) indicators involves a quantitative and a qualitative assessment. Where it is not considered appropriate or feasible to set quantitative thresholds, the Investment Manager engages, where relevant. Investee companies deemed not to satisfy the quantitative thresholds would generally be excluded, unless on a case-by-case basis the data is deemed not representative of a company's performance in the relevant area.

This framework is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability and quality of the data evolves.

Our approach includes:

1. **Quantitative:** this includes indicators where specific thresholds have been established:

- Via the application of exclusions. This approach is relevant to **PAI 4** (Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector), **PAI 5** (Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production) and **PAI 14** (Exposure to controversial weapons). Further, the following PAIs are assessed as part of Schroders 'global norms' breach list exclusion (which seeks to exclude companies where significant harm is occurring):

**Principal adverse impacts** are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anticorruption and antibribery matters.

- **PAI 7** (Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas)
- **PAI 8** (Emissions to water)
- **PAI 9** (Hazardous waste and radioactive waste ratio)
- **PAI 10** (Violations of UN Global Compact principles and Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises)
- **PAI 11** (Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and Voluntary)
- **PAI 14** in Table 3 (Number of identified cases of severe human rights issues and incidents)
- Via the application of an alert system flag if the relevant indicator(s) exceeds a threshold. These quantitative thresholds to assess significant harm are established centrally by our Sustainable Investment team and monitored systematically. This approach applies to indicators where we have segmented the population into harm groups to establish a threshold, such as carbon related PAI metrics, **PAI 1** (GHG emissions), **PAI 2** (Carbon footprint) and **Voluntary PAI 4 in Table 2** (Investing in companies without carbon emission reduction initiatives). **PAI 3** (GHG intensity of investee companies) operates in a similar way but the threshold is based on a revenue metric. A threshold for **PAI 6** (Energy consumption intensity per high impact climate sector) is established based on the ~~above-mentioned~~ carbon measures. A similar approach has been taken for **PAI 15** (GHG intensity). **PAI 16** (Investee countries subject to social violations) also operates in the same way but based on data availability regarding social violations. Through this process the relevant issuer(s) that is/are deemed not to satisfy the quantitative thresholds is/are flagged to the Investment Manager for consideration, whose response may involve selling the holdings(s) or maintaining the position if on a case-by-case basis the data is deemed not representative of a company's performance in the relevant area. Investee companies deemed to cause significant harm are excluded from the Fund.
- 2. **Qualitative:** This includes PAI indicators where Schroders' believes that the data available does not enable us to make a quantitative determination regarding whether significant harm is done so as to warrant excluding an investment. In such cases, the Investment Manager engages wherever possible with the company or companies held, in accordance with the priorities documented in Schroders' Engagement Blueprint and/or voting policy. This approach applies to indicators such as **PAI 12** (Unadjusted gender pay gap) and **PAI 13** (Board gender diversity), where we engage and may use our voting rights where we consider appropriate. Both board gender diversity and disclosure of gender pay gap information are captured in our Engagement Blueprint.

● ***How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:***

Companies on Schroders' 'global norms' breach list cannot be categorised as sustainable investments. Schroders' determination of whether a company should be included on such list considers the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, among other relevant principles. The 'global norms' breach list is informed by third party providers and proprietary research, where relevant.

*The EU Taxonomy sets out a "do not significant harm" principle by which Taxonomy-aligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives and is accompanied by specific EU criteria.*

The "do not significant harm" principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.

*Any other sustainable investments must also not significantly harm any environmental or social objectives.*



## Does this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

✓ Yes, ~~the Investment Manager's approach to considering principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors involves classifying the indicators into three categories:~~

~~The Investment Manager's approach to considering principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors differs depending on the relevant indicator. Some indicators are considered via the application of exclusions, some are considered via the investment process (where data is available via Schroders PAI dashboard and via other external data sources) and some are considered via engagement. Further details are provided below. PAIs are considered as part of pre-investment through the application of exclusions. These include:~~  
~~- Controversial weapons: PAI 14 (Exposure to controversial weapons (anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, chemical weapons and biological weapons)).~~

- Schrodgers' 'global norms' breach list, which covers: PAI 7 (Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas), PAI 8 (Emissions to water), PAI 9 (Hazardous waste and radioactive waste ratio), PAI 10 (Violations of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises), PAI 11 (Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises) and PAI 16 (Investee countries subject to social violations).

- Companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to thermal coal: PAI 4 (Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector) and PAI 5 (Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production).

Compliance with these thresholds is monitored via the Investment Manager's portfolio compliance framework. PAIs are also considered through integration in the investment process through the bottom up stock analysis at a company level. The emerging markets investment team has a number of proprietary tools to aid ESG analysis. At the company level, Schrodgers proprietary tool is the main repository for the team's ESG analysis. Schrodgers proprietary tool provides a systematic framework for analysing a company's relationship with its stakeholders and the sustainability of its business model. It contains more than 250 metrics drawn from company reports and other sources that assess a company's performance in specific areas.

PAIs 1,2,3,9,13 are specifically considered as part of the Schrodgers proprietary tool analysis where appropriate and material to the business. In the case of PAI 8 and 12 the availability of data is very limited so it is not widely used within Schrodgers proprietary tool but monitored instead at the overall portfolio level.

All PAI indicators are monitored via Schrodgers PAI dashboard. We review the PAI data in the PAI dashboard regularly as part of the monthly ESG risk meeting which formally reviews portfolio level ESG characteristics.

PAIs are also considered post-investment through engagement where the Investment Manager engages in line with the approach and expectations set out in Schrodgers Engagement Blueprint, which outlines our approach to active ownership.

The Investment Manager may engage with selected issuers held by the Fund on PAIs. For example, we aim to engage with several issuers on net zero carbon emissions targets (PAI 1,2,3), procuring renewable energy (PAI 5) and further topics of engagement may include board gender diversity which relates to PAI 13.

Where issuers are flagged on lack of data availability on PAIs, the Investment Manager may engage with issuers where the primary focus is to increase reporting, quality and availability of PAI data.

Our approach is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability, and quality, of PAI data evolves. The Management Company's statement on principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors is available at <https://api.schrodgers.com/document-store/id/ffcb39bb-96cb-4e56-9461-deba9a493e85>. The Fund level information is disclosed or will be disclosed (as applicable) in the Fund's annual report.

1. Set thresholds: these involve very explicit thresholds for considering an investment to be a "sustainable investment". For example, PAI 10 on violations of UNGC principles.

2. Active ownership: these involve indicators on which we have a plan to engage with the underlying holding as set out in the Schrodgers Group document - <https://mybrand.schrodgers.com/m/3222ea4ed44a1f2c/original/schrodgers-engagement-blueprint.pdf>, outlining our approach to active ownership. For example, PAI 1, 2 and 3 covering GHG emissions and PAI 13 on board gender diversity.

3. Improve coverage: these involve indicators where we consider data coverage to be too sparse to properly consider them and our focus is primarily on engaging with the underlying holdings to increase reporting. For example, PAI 7 on biodiversity, PAI 9 on hazardous waste ratio and PAI 12 on the gender pay gap.

Our approach is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability, and quality, of PAI data evolves.

The Management Company's statement on principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors is available at <https://mybrand.schrodgers.com/m/467910ac8e6da45c/original/Statement-on-principal-adverse-impacts-of-investment-decisions-on-sustainability-factors.pdf>. The Fund level information is disclosed or will be (as applicable) in the Fund's annual report.

☐ No



## What investment strategy does this financial product follow?

**The investment strategy** guides investment decisions based on factors such as investment objectives and risk tolerance.

The sustainable investment strategy used by the Investment Manager is as follows:

The Fund is actively managed and invests at least two-thirds of its assets in equity and equity related securities of companies in emerging markets.

The Fund may invest directly in China B-Shares and China H-Shares and may invest less than 20% of its assets (on a net basis) directly or indirectly (for example via participatory notes) in China A-Shares through Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect and Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect and shares listed on the STAR Board and the ChiNext.

The Fund may also invest up to one-third of its assets directly or indirectly in other securities (including other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies, Investment Funds, warrants and Money Market Investments, and hold cash.

The Fund may use derivatives with the aim of achieving investment gains, reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently.

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the MSCI Emerging Markets (Net TR) index, based on the Investment Manager's rating criteria.

The Fund does not directly invest in certain activities, industries or groups of issuers above the limits listed under “Sustainability-Related Disclosure” on the Fund’s webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

The Investment Manager applies governance and sustainability criteria when selecting investments for the Fund.

The Investment Manager performs due diligence on potential holdings, including meetings with management, and assesses the company’s governance, environmental and social profile across a range of factors. This process is supported by quantitative analysis provided by Schroders’ proprietary sustainability tools, which are key inputs to assess how existing and potential investments for the portfolio are meeting the Fund’s sustainability criteria.

In some cases, companies which fall below the sustainability criteria may still be eligible for investment if, as a result of proprietary analysis and ongoing engagement with management, the Investment Manager believes the company will meet its sustainability criteria within a realistic time horizon.

For a company to be eligible to be held in the Fund, it is expected to show a commitment to its stakeholders, including customers, employees, suppliers, shareholders and regulators. The Fund selects companies whose businesses demonstrate good governance and aim to treat stakeholders equitably.

The sources of information used to perform the analysis include information provided by the companies, such as company sustainability reports and other relevant company material, as well as Schroders’ proprietary sustainability tools and third-party data and reports.

More details on the Investment Manager’s approach to sustainability and its engagement with companies are available on the webpage

<https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/>

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than its investment universe, based on the Investment Manager’s rating system.

The Investment Manager ensures that at least:

- 90% of the portion of the Fund’s NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in developed countries; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with an investment grade credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by developed countries; and

- 75% of the portion of the Fund’s NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in emerging countries; equities issued by small and medium companies; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with a high yield credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by emerging countries,

is rated against the sustainability criteria. For the purposes of this test, small companies are those with market capitalisation below €5 billion, medium companies are those between €5 billion and €10 billion and large companies are those above €10 billion.

### ● ***What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?***

The following binding elements are applied throughout the investment process:

- The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the MSCI Emerging Markets (Net TR) index based on the Investment Manager’s rating criteria.
- The Fund invests at least 25% of its assets in sustainable investments and such investments do not cause significant environmental or social harm.
- Exclusions are applied to direct investments in companies. The Fund applies certain exclusions relating to international conventions on cluster munitions, antipersonnel mines, and chemical and biological weapons. The Fund also excludes companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to tobacco and thermal coal, especially companies that generate at least 10% of their revenues from tobacco production, companies that generate at least 25% of their revenues from the tobacco value chain (such as suppliers, distributors, retailers and licensors), companies that generate at least 10% of their revenues from thermal coal mining and companies that generate at least 30% of their revenues from coal fired power generation. The Fund excludes companies that are assessed by Schroders to have breached one or more ‘global norms’ thereby causing significant environmental or social harm; these companies comprise Schroders’ ‘global norms’ breach list. In exceptional circumstances a derogation may be applied in order to allow the Fund to continue to hold a company on Schroders’ ‘global norms’ breach list, for example where the stated investment strategy of the Fund may otherwise be compromised. Any such company cannot be categorised as a sustainable investment. Further, the Fund may apply other exclusions as listed under “Sustainability-Related Disclosure” on the Fund’s webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>
- The Fund invests in companies that have good governance practices, as determined by the Investment Manager’s rating criteria.

The Investment Manager ensures that at least:

- 90% of the portion of the Fund’s NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in developed countries; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with an investment grade credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by developed countries; and

- 75% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in emerging countries; equities issued by small and medium companies; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with a high yield credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by emerging countries,

is rated against the sustainability criteria.

● **What is the committed minimum rate to reduce the scope of the investments considered prior to the application of that investment strategy?**

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

● **What is the policy to assess good governance practices of the investee companies?**

In order to assess good governance practices, a central Good Governance Test is applied. This test is based on a data-driven quantitative framework, which uses a scorecard to assess companies across the categories of sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff, and tax compliance. Schroders has defined a number of criteria across these pillars.

Compliance with the test is monitored centrally and companies which do not pass this test cannot be held by the Fund, unless the Investment Manager has agreed that the issuer demonstrates good governance based on additional insights beyond that quantitative analysis.

**Good governance** practices include sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff and tax compliance.



## What is the asset allocation planned for this financial product?

**Asset allocation** describes the share of investments in specific assets.

The planned composition of the Fund's investments that are used to meet its environmental or social characteristics are summarised below.

**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the minimum proportion of the Fund's assets used to attain the environmental or social characteristics, which is equal to 70%. The Fund commits to maintain a higher overall sustainability score than the MSCI Emerging Markets (Net TR) index, and so the Fund's investments that are scored by Schroders' proprietary sustainability tool are included within the minimum proportion stated in #1 on the basis that they will contribute to the Fund's sustainability score (whether such individual investment has a positive or a negative score). Also included within #1 is the minimum proportion of assets that are invested in sustainable investments, as indicated in #1A. The minimum proportions stated apply in normal market conditions. The actual proportion stated in #1 is expected to be higher.

The sustainability score is measured by Schroders' proprietary tool that provides an estimate of the net "impact" that an issuer may create in terms of social and environmental "costs" or "benefits". It does this by using certain indicators with respect to that issuer, and quantifying them positively and negatively to produce an aggregate notional measure of the effect that the relevant underlying issuer may have on society and the environment. Examples of such indicators are greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

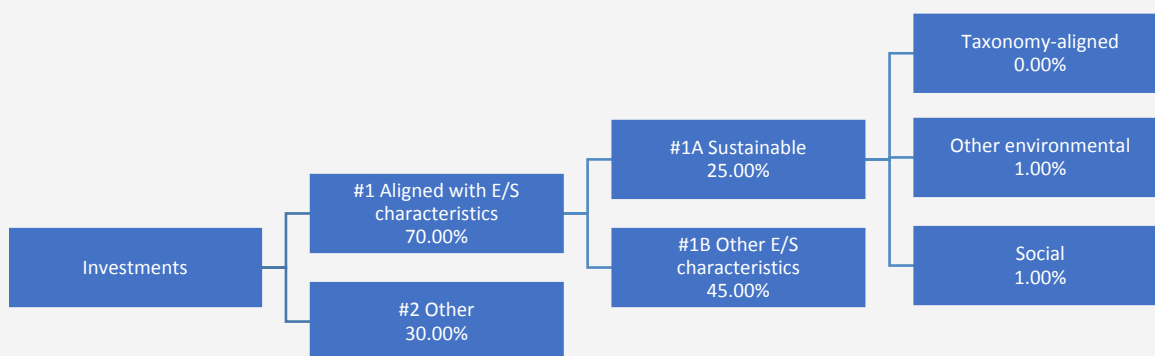
The Fund will invest at least 25% of its assets in sustainable investments. A sustainable investment is classified as having an environmental or social objective depending on whether the relevant issuer has a higher score in Schroders' proprietary tool relative to its applicable peer group for its environmental indicators or its social indicators. In each case, indicators are comprised of both "costs" and "benefits".

**#2 Other** includes cash which is treated as neutral for sustainability purposes. #2 also includes investments that are not scored by Schroders' proprietary sustainability tool and so do not contribute towards the Fund's sustainability score. As #1 states a minimum proportion that is in practice expected to be higher, the proportion stated in #2 is expected to be lower.

Minimum safeguards are applied where relevant to Money Market Investments and other investments by restricting (as appropriate) investments in counterparties where there are ownership links or exposure to higher risk countries (for the purpose of money laundering, terrorist financing, bribery, corruption, tax evasion and sanctions risks). A firm-wide risk assessment considers the risk rating of each jurisdiction; which includes reference to a number of public statements, indices and world governance indicators issued by the UN, the European Union, the UK Government, the Financial Action Task Force and several Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), such as Transparency International and the Basel Committee.

In addition, new counterparties are reviewed by Schroders' credit risk team and approval of a new counterparty is based on a holistic review of the various sources of information available, including, but not limited to, quality of management, ownership structure, location, regulatory and social environment to which each counterparty is subject, and the degree of development of the local banking system and its regulatory framework. Ongoing monitoring is performed through a Schroders' proprietary tool, which supports the analysis of a counterparty's management of environmental, social and governance trends and challenges. Any significant deterioration in the profile of the counterparty in Schroders' proprietary tool would lead to further analysis and potential exclusion by Schroders' credit risk team.





**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the investments of the financial product used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product.

**#2 Other** includes the remaining investments of the financial product which are neither aligned with the environmental or social characteristics, nor are qualified as sustainable investments.

The category **#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** covers:

- The sub-category **#1A Sustainable** covers sustainable investments with environmental or social objectives.
- The sub-category **#1B Other E/S characteristics** covers investments aligned with the environmental or social characteristics that do not qualify as sustainable investments.

#1 The minimum proportion stated applies in normal market conditions.

### ● **How does the use of derivatives attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?**

The Fund may use derivatives that are scored in Schroders' proprietary tool to meet the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted by the Fund, as such derivatives would contribute to the Fund's sustainability score (whether such individual investment has a positive or a negative score).



### **To what minimum extent are sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?**

There is no minimum extent to which the Fund's investments (including transitional and enabling activities) with an environmental objective are aligned with the Taxonomy. Taxonomy alignment of this Fund's investments has therefore not been calculated and has as a result been deemed to constitute 0% of the Fund's portfolio.

In future it is expected that the Fund will assess and report on the extent to which its underlying investments are in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the Taxonomy, along with information relating to the proportion of enabling and transitional activities. This Prospectus will be updated once it is possible in the Investment Manager's opinion to accurately disclose to what extent the Fund's investments are in Taxonomy-aligned environmentally sustainable activities, including the proportions of investments in enabling and transitional activities selected for the Fund.

### ● **Does the financial product invest in fossil gas and/or nuclear energy related activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy<sup>1</sup>?**

☐ Yes:

☐ In fossil gas ☐ In nuclear energy

☒ No

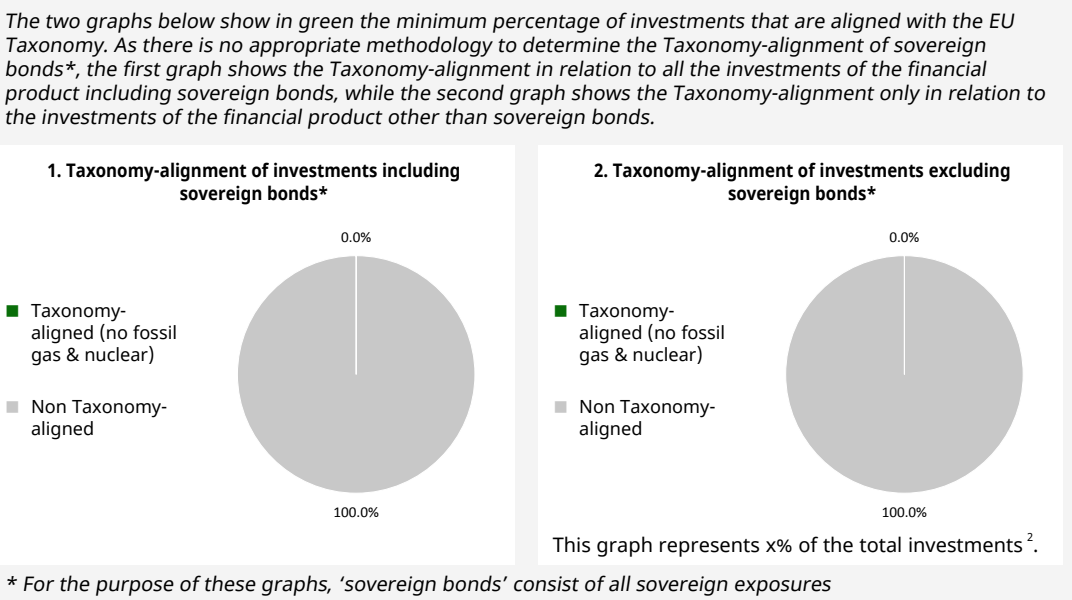
To comply with the EU Taxonomy, the criteria for **fossil gas** include limitations on emissions and switching to renewable power or low-carbon fuels by the end of 2035. For **nuclear energy**, the criteria include comprehensive safety and waste management rules.

<sup>1</sup> Fossil gas and/or nuclear related activities will only comply with the EU Taxonomy where they contribute to limiting climate change ("climate change mitigation") and do not significantly harm any EU Taxonomy objective – see explanatory note in the left-hand margin. The full criteria for fossil gas and nuclear energy economic activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy are laid down in Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1214.



Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

- **turnover** reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee companies
- **capital expenditure** (CapEx) showing the green investments made by investee companies, e.g. for a transition to a green economy.
- **operational expenditure** (OpEx) reflecting green operational activities of investee companies.



**Enabling activities** directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective.

**Transitional activities** are activities for which low-carbon alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.

- **What is the minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities?**  
As per the above, at the date of this Prospectus the share of investments by the Fund in transitional and enabling activities is currently deemed to constitute 0% of the Fund's portfolio.



**What is the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?**

The Fund commits to invest at least 1% of its assets in sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy.



are sustainable investments with an environmental objective that **do not take into account the criteria** for environmentally sustainable economic activities under the EU Taxonomy.

<sup>2</sup> As there is no Taxonomy-alignment, there is no impact on the graph if sovereign bonds are excluded (i.e. the percentage of Taxonomy-aligned investments remains 0%) and the Management Company therefore believes that there is no need to mention this information.



## What is the minimum share of socially sustainable investments?

The Fund commits to invest at least 1% of its assets in sustainable investments with a social objective.



## What investments are included under “#2 Other”, what is their purpose and are there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

**#2 Other** includes cash which is treated as neutral for sustainability purposes. #2 also includes investments that are not scored by Schroders’ proprietary sustainability tools and so do not contribute towards the Fund’s sustainability score.

Minimum safeguards are applied where relevant to Money Market Investments and other investments by restricting (as appropriate) investments in counterparties where there are ownership links or exposure to higher risk countries (for the purpose of money laundering, terrorist financing, bribery, corruption, tax evasion and sanctions risks). A firm-wide risk assessment considers the risk rating of each jurisdiction; which includes reference to a number of public statements, indices and world governance indicators issued by the UN, the European Union, the UK Government, the Financial Action Task Force and several Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), such as Transparency International and the Basel Committee.

In addition, new counterparties are reviewed by Schroders’ credit risk team and approval of a new counterparty is based on a holistic review of the various sources of information available, including, but not limited to, quality of management, ownership structure, location, regulatory and social environment to which each counterparty is subject, and the degree of development of the local banking system and its regulatory framework. Ongoing monitoring is performed through a Schroders’ proprietary tool, which supports the analysis of a counterparty’s management of environmental, social and governance trends and challenges. Any significant deterioration in the profile of the counterparty in Schroders’ proprietary tool would lead to further analysis and potential exclusion by Schroders’ credit risk team.



## Is a specific index designated as a reference benchmark to determine whether this financial product is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes?

**Reference benchmarks** are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the environmental or social characteristics that they promote.

- ***How is the reference benchmark continuously aligned with each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- ***How is the alignment of the investment strategy with the methodology of the index ensured on a continuous basis?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- ***How does the designated index differ from a relevant broad market index?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- ***Where can the methodology used for the calculation of the designated index be found?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.



## Where can I find more product specific information online?

More product-specific information can be found on the webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

Pre-contractual disclosure for the financial products referred to in Article 8, paragraphs 1, 2 and 2a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 6, first paragraph of Regulation (EU) 2020/852

**Product name:** **Schroder International Selection Fund Emerging Markets ex China**

**Legal entity identifier:** **636700J6JW0DW2LOUW56**

## Environmental and/or social characteristics

<p><b>Sustainable investment</b> means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good governance practices.</p>	<p><b>Does this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?</b></p> <p> <input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Yes</b> <input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>No</b> </p>		
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## What environmental and/or social characteristics are promoted by this financial product?

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the MSCI Emerging Markets ex China **10/40** (Net TR) index, based on the Investment Manager's rating system. This benchmark (which is a broad market index) does not take into account the environmental and social characteristics promoted by the Fund.

The sustainability score is measured by Schroders' proprietary tool that provides an estimate of the net "impact" that an issuer may create in terms of social and environmental "costs" or "benefits". It does this by using certain indicators with respect to that issuer, and quantifying them positively and negatively to produce an aggregate notional measure of the effect that the relevant underlying issuer may have on society and the environment. It does this using third party data as well as Schroders own estimates and assumptions and the outcome may differ from other sustainability tools and measures. Examples of such indicators are greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

The result is expressed as an aggregate score of the sustainability indicators for each issuer, specifically a notional percentage (positive or negative) of sales of the relevant underlying issuer. For example, a score of +2% would mean an issuer contributes \$2 of relative notional positive impact (i.e. benefits to society) per \$100 of sales. The sustainability score of the Fund is derived from the scores of all issuers in the Fund's portfolio measured by Schroders' proprietary tool.

The Fund invests at least 25% of its assets in sustainable investments, which are investments that the Investment Manager expects to contribute towards the advancement of one or more environmental and/or social objective (s).

### What sustainability indicators are used to measure the attainment of each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

The Investment Manager monitors compliance with the characteristic to maintain a higher overall sustainability score than the MSCI Emerging Markets ex China **10/40** (Net TR) index by reference to the weighted average sustainability score of the Fund in Schroders' proprietary tool compared against the weighted average sustainability score of the MSCI Emerging Markets ex China **10/40** (Net TR) index in Schroders' proprietary tool over the previous six-month period, based on month-end data. The overall sustainability score aggregates the effect of sustainability indicators including but not limited to greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

**Sustainability indicators** measure how the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product are attained.

The Investment Manager monitors compliance with the characteristic to invest at least 25% of its assets in sustainable investments by reference to the sustainability score of each asset in Schroders' proprietary tool. Compliance with this is monitored daily via our automated compliance controls. The Fund also applies certain exclusions, with which the Investment Manager monitors compliance on an ongoing basis via its portfolio compliance framework.

● ***What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?***

In respect of the proportion of the Fund's portfolio that is invested in sustainable investments, each sustainable investment demonstrates a net positive effect across a range of environmental or social objectives, as scored by Schroders' proprietary tool. The environmental or social objectives of the sustainable investments that the Fund partially intends to make may include, but are not limited to, increasing environmental and/or social benefits such as greater water access or fair pay and reducing environmental, and/or social costs such as carbon emissions or food waste. For example, greater water access as measured by Schroders' proprietary tool are the estimated societal benefits of the provision of clean drinking water to human health.

● ***How do the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make, not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?***

The Investment Manager's approach to investing in issuers that do not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective includes the following:

Firm-wide investment exclusions apply to Schroders funds. These relate to international conventions on cluster munitions, anti-personnel mines, and chemical and biological weapons and a list of those companies that are excluded is available at <https://www.schroders.com/en/sustainability/active-ownership/group-exclusions/>

Firm-wide exclusions also apply to companies generating more than 20% of their revenue from thermal coal mining.

The Fund excludes companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to tobacco and thermal coal.

The Fund excludes companies that are assessed by Schroders to have breached one or more 'global norms' thereby causing significant environmental or social harm; these companies comprise Schroders' 'global norms' breach list. Schroders' determination of whether a company has been involved in such a breach considers relevant principles such as those contained in the UN Global Compact (UNGC) principles, the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights. The 'global norms' breach list may be informed by assessments performed by third party providers and by proprietary research, where relevant to a particular situation. In exceptional circumstances a derogation may be applied in order to allow the Fund to continue to hold a company on Schroders' 'global norms' breach list, for example where the stated investment strategy of the Fund may otherwise be compromised. Any such company cannot be categorised as a sustainable investment.

The Fund may also apply certain other exclusions in addition to those summarised above.

Further information on all of the Fund's investment exclusions is to be found under "Sustainability-Related Disclosures" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

● ***How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?***

When seeking to identify significant harm, Schroders' approach to taking into account the Principal Adverse Impacts (PAI) indicators involves a quantitative and a qualitative assessment. Where it is not considered appropriate or feasible to set quantitative thresholds, the Investment Manager engages, where relevant. Investee companies deemed not to satisfy the quantitative thresholds would generally be excluded, unless on a case-by-case basis the data is deemed not representative of a company's performance in the relevant area.

This framework is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability and quality of the data evolves.

Our approach includes:

1. **Quantitative:** this includes indicators where specific thresholds have been established:
  - Via the application of exclusions. This approach is relevant to **PAI 4** (Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector), **PAI 5** (Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production) and **PAI 14** (Exposure to controversial weapons). Further, the following PAIs are assessed as part of Schroders 'global norms' breach list exclusion (which seeks to exclude companies where significant harm is occurring):
    - **PAI 7** (Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas)

**Principal adverse impacts** are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anticorruption and antibribery matters.

- **PAI 8** (Emissions to water)
- **PAI 9** (Hazardous waste and radioactive waste ratio)
- **PAI 10** (Violations of UN Global Compact principles and Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises)
- **PAI 11** (Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and Voluntary)
- **PAI 14** in Table 3 (Number of identified cases of severe human rights issues and incidents)
- Via the application of an alert system flag if the relevant indicator(s) exceeds a threshold. These quantitative thresholds to assess significant harm are established centrally by our Sustainable Investment team and monitored systematically. This approach applies to indicators where we have segmented the population into harm groups to establish a threshold, such as carbon related PAI metrics, **PAI 1** (GHG emissions), **PAI 2** (Carbon footprint) and **Voluntary PAI 4 in Table 2** (Investing in companies without carbon emission reduction initiatives). **PAI 3** (GHG intensity of investee companies) operates in a similar way but the threshold is based on a revenue metric. A threshold for **PAI 6** (Energy consumption intensity per high impact climate sector) is established based on the above mentioned carbon measures. A similar approach has been taken for **PAI 15** (GHG intensity). **PAI 16** (Investee countries subject to social violations) also operates in the same way but based on data availability regarding social violations. Through this process the relevant issuer(s) that is/are deemed not to satisfy the quantitative thresholds is/are flagged to the Investment Manager for consideration, whose response may involve selling the holdings(s) or maintaining the position if on a case-by-case basis the data is deemed not representative of a company's performance in the relevant area. Investee companies deemed to cause significant harm are excluded from the Fund.
- 2. **Qualitative:** This includes PAI indicators where Schroders' believes that the data available does not enable us to make a quantitative determination regarding whether significant harm is done so as to warrant excluding an investment. In such cases, the Investment Manager engages wherever possible with the company or companies held, in accordance with the priorities documented in Schroders' Engagement Blueprint and/or voting policy. This approach applies to indicators such as **PAI 12** (Unadjusted gender pay gap) and **PAI 13** (Board gender diversity), where we engage and may use our voting rights where we consider appropriate. Both board gender diversity and disclosure of gender pay gap information are captured in our Engagement Blueprint.

● ***How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:***

Companies on Schroders' 'global norms' breach list cannot be categorised as sustainable investments. Schroders' determination of whether a company should be included on such list considers the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, among other relevant principles. The 'global norms' breach list is informed by third party providers and proprietary research, where relevant.

*The EU Taxonomy sets out a "do not significant harm" principle by which Taxonomy-aligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives and is accompanied by specific EU criteria.*

*The "do not significant harm" principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.*

*Any other sustainable investments must also not significantly harm any environmental or social objectives.*



## Does this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

☒ Yes, ~~the Investment Manager's approach to considering principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors involves classifying the indicators into three categories:~~

The Investment Manager's approach to considering principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors differs depending on the relevant indicator. Some indicators are considered via the application of exclusions, some are considered via the investment process (where data is available via Schroders PAI dashboard and via other external data sources) and some are considered via engagement. Further details are provided below.

PAIs are considered as part of pre-investment through the application of exclusions. These include:

- Controversial weapons: PAI 14 (Exposure to controversial weapons (anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, chemical weapons and biological weapons)).

- Schrodgers' 'global norms' breach list, which covers: PAI 7 (Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas), PAI 8 (Emissions to water), PAI 9 (Hazardous waste and radioactive waste ratio), PAI 10 (Violations of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises), PAI 11 (Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises) and PAI 16 (Investee countries subject to social violations).

- Companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to thermal coal: PAI 4 (Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector) and PAI 5 (Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production).

Compliance with these thresholds is monitored via the Investment Manager's portfolio compliance framework. PAIs are also considered through integration in the investment process through the bottom up stock analysis at a company level. The emerging markets investment team has a number of proprietary tools to aid ESG analysis. At the company level, Schrodgers proprietary tool is the main repository for the team's ESG analysis. Schrodgers proprietary tool provides a systematic framework for analysing a company's relationship with its stakeholders and the sustainability of its business model. It contains more than 250 metrics drawn from company reports and other sources that assess a company's performance in specific areas.

PAIs 1,2,3,9,13 are specifically considered as part of the Schrodgers proprietary tool analysis where appropriate and material to the business. In the case of PAI 8 and 12 the availability of data is very limited so it is not widely used within Schrodgers proprietary tool but monitored instead at the overall portfolio level.

All PAI indicators are monitored via Schrodgers PAI dashboard. We review the PAI data in the PAI dashboard regularly as part of the monthly ESG risk meeting which formally reviews portfolio level ESG characteristics.

PAIs are also considered post-investment through engagement where the Investment Manager engages in line with the approach and expectations set out in Schrodgers Engagement Blueprint, which outlines our approach to active ownership.

The Investment Manager may engage with selected issuers held by the Fund on PAIs. For example, we aim to engage with several issuers on net zero carbon emissions targets (PAI 1,2,3), procuring renewable energy (PAI 5) and further topics of engagement may include board gender diversity which relates to PAI 13.

Where issuers are flagged on lack of data availability on PAIs, the Investment Manager may engage with issuers where the primary focus is to increase reporting, quality and availability of PAI data.

Our approach is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability, and quality, of PAI data evolves. The Management Company's statement on principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors is available at <https://api.schrodgers.com/document-store/id/ffcb39bb-96cb-4e56-9461-deba9a493e85>. The Fund level information is disclosed or will be disclosed (as applicable) in the Fund's annual report.

1. Set thresholds: these involve very explicit thresholds for considering an investment to be a "sustainable investment". For example, PAI 10 on violations of UNGC principles.

2. Active ownership: these involve indicators on which we have a plan to engage with the underlying holding as set out in the Schrodgers Group document, accessed via <https://mybrand.schrodgers.com/m/3222ea4ed44a1f2c/original/schrodgers-engagement-blueprint.pdf>,

outlining our approach to active ownership. For example, PAI 1, 2 and 3 covering GHG emissions and PAI 13 on board gender diversity.

3. Improve coverage: these involve indicators where we consider data coverage to be too sparse to properly consider them and our focus is primarily on engaging with the underlying holdings to increase reporting. For example, PAI 7 on biodiversity, PAI 9 on hazardous waste ratio and PAI 12 on the gender pay gap.

Our approach is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability, and quality, of PAI data evolves.

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☐ No



## What investment strategy does this financial product follow?

**The investment strategy** guides investment decisions based on factors such as investment objectives and risk tolerance.

The sustainable investment strategy used by the Investment Manager is as follows:

The Fund is actively managed and invests at least two-thirds of its assets in equity and equity related securities of companies in emerging markets.

The Fund may also invest up to one-third of its assets directly or indirectly in other securities (including other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies, Investment Funds, warrants and Money Market Investments, and hold cash.

The Fund may use derivatives with the aim of achieving investment gains, reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently.

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the MSCI Emerging Markets ex China **10/40** (Net TR) index, based on the Investment Manager's rating criteria.



The Fund does not directly invest in certain activities, industries or groups of issuers above the limits listed under “Sustainability-Related Disclosure” on the Fund’s webpage, accessed via <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

The Investment Manager applies governance and sustainability criteria when selecting investments for the Fund.

The Investment Manager performs due diligence on potential holdings, including meetings with management, and assesses the company’s governance, environmental and social profile across a range of factors. This process is supported by quantitative analysis provided by Schroders’ proprietary sustainability tools, which are key inputs to assess how existing and potential investments for the portfolio are meeting the Fund’s sustainability criteria. In some cases, companies which fall below the sustainability criteria may still be eligible for investment if, as a result of proprietary analysis and ongoing engagement with management, the Investment Manager believes the company will meet its sustainability criteria within a realistic time horizon.

For a company to be eligible to be held in the Fund, it is expected to show a commitment to its stakeholders, including customers, employees, suppliers, shareholders and regulators. The Fund selects companies whose businesses demonstrate good governance and aim to treat stakeholders equitably.

The sources of information used to perform the analysis include information provided by the companies, such as company sustainability reports and other relevant company material, as well as Schroders’ proprietary sustainability tools and third-party data and reports.

More details on the Investment Manager’s approach to sustainability and its engagement with companies are available on the webpage:

<https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/>

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than its investment universe, based on the Investment Manager’s rating system.

The Investment Manager ensures that at least:

- 90% of the portion of the Fund’s NAV composed of investments in equities issued by large companies domiciled in developed countries; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with an investment grade credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by developed countries; and
- 75% of the portion of the Fund’s NAV composed of investments in equities issued by large companies domiciled in emerging countries; equities issued by small and medium companies; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with a high yield credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by emerging countries,

is rated against the sustainability criteria. For the purposes of this test, small companies are those with market capitalisation below €5 billion, medium companies are those between €5 billion and €10 billion and large companies are those above €10 billion.

### ● ***What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?***

The following binding elements are applied throughout the investment process:

- The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the MSCI Emerging Markets ex China [10/40](#) (Net TR) index based on the Investment Manager’s rating criteria.
- The Fund invests at least 25% of its assets in sustainable investments and such investments do not cause significant environmental or social harm.
- Exclusions are applied to direct investments in companies. The Fund applies certain exclusions relating to international conventions on cluster munitions, antipersonnel mines, and chemical and biological weapons. The Fund also excludes companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to tobacco and thermal coal, especially companies that generate at least 10% of their revenues from tobacco production, companies that generate at least 25% of their revenues from the tobacco value chain (such as suppliers, distributors, retailers and licensors), companies that generate at least 10% of their revenues from thermal coal mining and companies that generate at least 30% of their revenues from coal fired power generation. The Fund excludes companies that are assessed by Schroders to have breached one or more ‘global norms’ thereby causing significant environmental or social harm; these companies comprise Schroders’ ‘global norms’ breach list. In exceptional circumstances a derogation may be applied in order to allow the Fund to continue to hold a company on Schroders’ ‘global norms’ breach list, for example where the stated investment strategy of the Fund may otherwise be compromised. Any such company cannot be categorised as a sustainable investment. Further, the Fund may apply other exclusions as listed under “Sustainability-Related Disclosures” on the Fund’s webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>
- The Fund invests in companies that have good governance practices, as determined by the Investment Manager’s rating criteria.
- The Investment Manager ensures that at least:
- 90% of the portion of the Fund’s NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in developed countries; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with an investment grade credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by developed countries; and

- 75% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in emerging countries; equities issued by small and medium companies; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with a high yield credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by emerging countries, is rated against the sustainability criteria.

● **What is the committed minimum rate to reduce the scope of the investments considered prior to the application of that investment strategy?**

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

● **What is the policy to assess good governance practices of the investee companies?**

In order to assess good governance practices, a central Good Governance Test is applied. This test is based on a data-driven quantitative framework, which uses a scorecard to assess companies across the categories of sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff, and tax compliance. Schroders has defined a number of criteria across these pillars.

Compliance with the test is monitored centrally and companies which do not pass this test cannot be held by the Fund, unless the Investment Manager has agreed that the issuer demonstrates good governance based on additional insights beyond that quantitative analysis.

**Good governance** practices include sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff and tax compliance.



**Asset allocation** describes the share of investments in specific assets.

## What is the asset allocation planned for this financial product?

The planned composition of the Fund's investments that are used to meet its environmental or social characteristics are summarised below.

**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the minimum proportion of the Fund's assets used to attain the environmental or social characteristics, which is equal to 70%. The Fund commits to maintain a higher overall sustainability score than the MSCI Emerging Markets ex China [10/40](#) (Net TR) index, and so the Fund's investments that are scored by Schroders' proprietary sustainability tool are included within the minimum proportion stated in #1 on the basis that they will contribute to the Fund's sustainability score (whether such individual investment has a positive or a negative score). Also included within #1 is the minimum proportion of assets that are invested in sustainable investments, as indicated in #1A. The minimum proportions stated apply in normal market conditions. The actual proportion stated in #1 is expected to be higher.

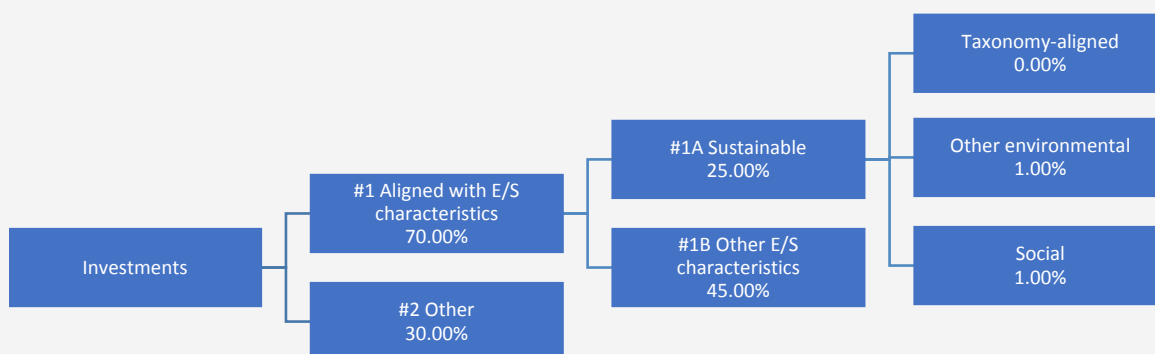
The sustainability score is measured by Schroders' proprietary tool that provides an estimate of the net "impact" that an issuer may create in terms of social and environmental "costs" or "benefits". It does this by using certain indicators with respect to that issuer, and quantifying them positively and negatively to produce an aggregate notional measure of the effect that the relevant underlying issuer may have on society and the environment. Examples of such indicators are greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

The Fund will invest at least 25% of its assets in sustainable investments. A sustainable investment is classified as having an environmental or social objective depending on whether the relevant issuer has a higher score in Schroders' proprietary tool relative to its applicable peer group for its environmental indicators or its social indicators. In each case, indicators are comprised of both "costs" and "benefits".

**#2 Other** includes cash which is treated as neutral for sustainability purposes. #2 also includes investments that are not scored by Schroders' proprietary sustainability tool and so do not contribute towards the Fund's sustainability score. As #1 states a minimum proportion that is in practice expected to be higher, the proportion stated in #2 is expected to be lower.

Minimum safeguards are applied where relevant to Money Market Investments and other investments by restricting (as appropriate) investments in counterparties where there are ownership links or exposure to higher risk countries (for the purpose of money laundering, terrorist financing, bribery, corruption, tax evasion and sanctions risks). A firm-wide risk assessment considers the risk rating of each jurisdiction; which includes reference to a number of public statements, indices and world governance indicators issued by the UN, the European Union, the UK Government, the Financial Action Task Force and several Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), such as Transparency International and the Basel Committee.

In addition, new counterparties are reviewed by Schroders' credit risk team and approval of a new counterparty is based on a holistic review of the various sources of information available, including, but not limited to, quality of management, ownership structure, location, regulatory and social environment to which each counterparty is subject, and the degree of development of the local banking system and its regulatory framework. Ongoing monitoring is performed through a Schroders' proprietary tool, which supports the analysis of a counterparty's management of environmental, social and governance trends and challenges. Any significant deterioration in the profile of the counterparty in Schroders' proprietary tool would lead to further analysis and potential exclusion by Schroders' credit risk team.



**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the investments of the financial product used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product.

**#2 Other** includes the remaining investments of the financial product which are neither aligned with the environmental or social characteristics, nor are qualified as sustainable investments.

The category **#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** covers:

- The sub-category **#1A Sustainable** covers sustainable investments with environmental or social objectives.
- The sub-category **#1B Other E/S characteristics** covers investments aligned with the environmental or social characteristics that do not qualify as sustainable investments.

#1 The minimum proportion stated applies in normal market conditions.

### ● **How does the use of derivatives attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?**

The Fund may use derivatives that are scored in Schroders' proprietary tool to meet the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted by the Fund, as such derivatives would contribute to the Fund's sustainability score (whether such individual investment has a positive or a negative score).



### **To what minimum extent are sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?**

There is no minimum extent to which the Fund's investments (including transitional and enabling activities) with an environmental objective are aligned with the Taxonomy. Taxonomy alignment of this Fund's investments has therefore not been calculated and has as a result been deemed to constitute 0% of the Fund's portfolio.

In future it is expected that the Fund will assess and report on the extent to which its underlying investments are in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the Taxonomy, along with information relating to the proportion of enabling and transitional activities. This Prospectus will be updated once it is possible in the Investment Manager's opinion to accurately disclose to what extent the Fund's investments are in Taxonomy-aligned environmentally sustainable activities, including the proportions of investments in enabling and transitional activities selected for the Fund.

### ● **Does the financial product invest in fossil gas and/or nuclear energy related activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy<sup>1</sup>?**

☐ Yes:

☐ In fossil gas ☐ In nuclear energy

☒ No

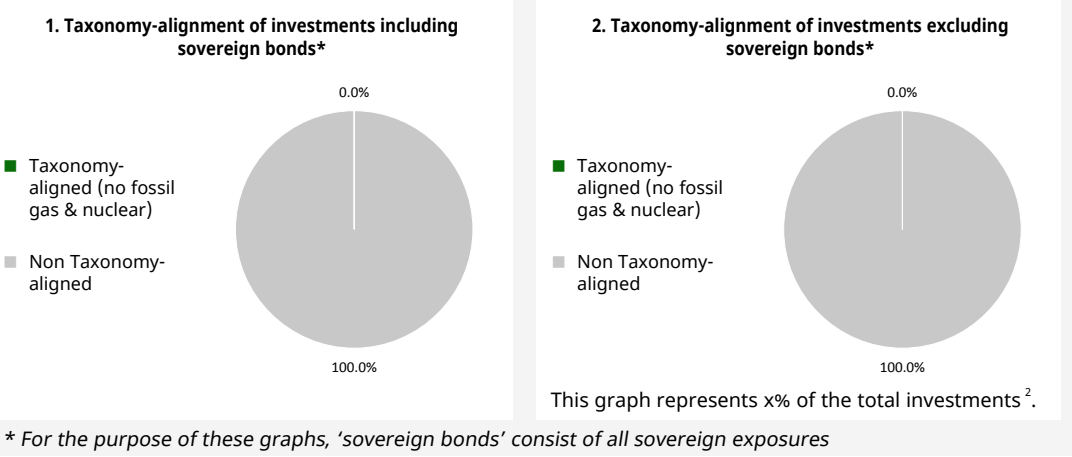
To comply with the EU Taxonomy, the criteria for **fossil gas** include limitations on emissions and switching to renewable power or low-carbon fuels by the end of 2035. For **nuclear energy**, the criteria include comprehensive safety and waste management rules.

<sup>1</sup> Fossil gas and/or nuclear related activities will only comply with the EU Taxonomy where they contribute to limiting climate change ("climate change mitigation") and do not significantly harm any EU Taxonomy objective – see explanatory note in the left-hand margin. The full criteria for fossil gas and nuclear energy economic activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy are laid down in Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1214.

Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

- **turnover** reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee companies
- **capital expenditure** (CapEx) showing the green investments made by investee companies, e.g. for a transition to a green economy.
- **operational expenditure** (OpEx) reflecting green operational activities of investee companies.

The two graphs below show in green the minimum percentage of investments that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the Taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy-alignment in relation to all the investments of the financial product including sovereign bonds, while the second graph shows the Taxonomy-alignment only in relation to the investments of the financial product other than sovereign bonds.



**Enabling activities** directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective.

**Transitional activities** are activities for which low-carbon alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.

- **What is the minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities?**  
As per the above, at the date of this Prospectus the share of investments by the Fund in transitional and enabling activities is currently deemed to constitute 0% of the Fund's portfolio.



- **What is the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?**  
The Fund commits to invest at least 1% of its assets in sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy.



are sustainable investments with an environmental objective that **do not take into account the criteria** for environmentally sustainable economic activities under the EU Taxonomy.

<sup>2</sup> As there is no Taxonomy-alignment, there is no impact on the graph if sovereign bonds are excluded (i.e. the percentage of Taxonomy-aligned investments remains 0%) and the Management Company therefore believes that there is no need to mention this information.



## What is the minimum share of socially sustainable investments?

The Fund commits to invest at least 1% of its assets in sustainable investments with a social objective.



## What investments are included under “#2 Other”, what is their purpose and are there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

#2 Other includes cash which is treated as neutral for sustainability purposes. #2 also includes investments that are not scored by Schroders’ proprietary sustainability tools and so do not contribute towards the Fund’s sustainability score.

Minimum safeguards are applied where relevant to Money Market Investments and other investments by restricting (as appropriate) investments in counterparties where there are ownership links or exposure to higher risk countries (for the purpose of money laundering, terrorist financing, bribery, corruption, tax evasion and sanctions risks). A firm-wide risk assessment considers the risk rating of each jurisdiction; which includes reference to a number of public statements, indices and world governance indicators issued by the UN, the European Union, the UK Government, the Financial Action Task Force and several Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), such as Transparency International and the Basel Committee.

In addition, new counterparties are reviewed by Schroders’ credit risk team and approval of a new counterparty is based on a holistic review of the various sources of information available, including, but not limited to, quality of management, ownership structure, location, regulatory and social environment to which each counterparty is subject, and the degree of development of the local banking system and its regulatory framework. Ongoing monitoring is performed through a Schroders’ proprietary tool, which supports the analysis of a counterparty’s management of environmental, social and governance trends and challenges. Any significant deterioration in the profile of the counterparty in Schroders’ proprietary tool would lead to further analysis and potential exclusion by Schroders’ credit risk team.



## Is a specific index designated as a reference benchmark to determine whether this financial product is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes?

**Reference benchmarks** are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the environmental or social characteristics that they promote.

- ***How is the reference benchmark continuously aligned with each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- ***How is the alignment of the investment strategy with the methodology of the index ensured on a continuous basis?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- ***How does the designated index differ from a relevant broad market index?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- ***Where can the methodology used for the calculation of the designated index be found?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.



## Where can I find more product specific information online?

More product-specific information can be found on the webpage  
<https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

Pre-contractual disclosure for the financial products referred to in Article 8, paragraphs 1, 2 and 2a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 6, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852

**Product name:** **Schroder International Selection Fund Emerging Markets Debt Total Return**

**Legal entity identifier:** **TLC5LFN105XXSK6FZ338**

## Environmental and/or social characteristics

**Sustainable investment** means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good governance practices.

The **EU Taxonomy** is a classification system laid down in Regulation (EU) 2020/852, establishing a list of **environmentally sustainable economic activities**. That Regulation does not lay down a list of socially sustainable economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.

Does this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?	
●● <input type="checkbox"/> Yes	●○ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
<input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with an environmental objective: __%</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> It <b>promotes Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics</b> and while it does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will have a minimum proportion of <b>0.00%</b> of sustainable investments
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<input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with a social objective __%</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> with a social objective
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> It promotes E/S characteristics, but <b>will not make any sustainable investments</b>



## What environmental and/or social characteristics are promoted by this financial product?

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the 50% JPM GBI-EM Diversified Index and 50% JPM EMBI Diversified Index, based on the Investment Manager's rating system. This benchmark (which is a broad market index) does not take into account the environmental and social characteristics promoted by the Fund.

The sustainability score is measured by Schroders' proprietary tool that provides an estimate of the net "impact" that an issuer may create in terms of social and environmental "costs" or "benefits". It does this by using certain indicators with respect to that issuer, and quantifying them positively and negatively to produce an aggregate notional measure of the effect that the relevant underlying issuer may have on society and the environment. It does this using third party data as well as Schroders own estimates and assumptions and the outcome may differ from other sustainability tools and measures. Examples of such indicators are greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

The result is expressed as an aggregate score of the sustainability indicators for each issuer, specifically a notional percentage (positive or negative) of sales or GDP of the relevant underlying issuer. For example, a score of +2% would mean an issuer contributes \$2 of relative notional positive impact (i.e. benefits to society) per \$100 of sales or GDP. The sustainability score of the Fund is derived from the scores of all issuers in the Fund's portfolio measured by Schroders' proprietary tool.

### ● What sustainability indicators are used to measure the attainment of each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

The Investment Manager monitors compliance with the characteristic to maintain a higher overall sustainability score than the 50% JPM GBI-EM Diversified Index and 50% JPM EMBI Diversified Index by reference to the weighted average sustainability score of the Fund in Schroders' proprietary tool compared against the weighted average sustainability score of the 50% JPM GBI-EM Diversified Index and 50% JPM EMBI Diversified Index in Schroders' proprietary tool over the previous six month period, based on month-end data. The overall sustainability score aggregates the effect of sustainability indicators including but not limited to greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

**Sustainability indicators** measure how the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product are attained.



- **What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?**

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- **How do the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make, not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?**

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- **How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?**

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- **How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:**

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

The EU Taxonomy sets out a “do not significant harm” principle by which Taxonomy-aligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives and is accompanied by specific EU criteria.

The “do not significant harm” principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.

Any other sustainable investments must also not significantly harm any environmental or social objectives.



## Does this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

☒ Yes, the Investment Manager’s approach to considering principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors involves classifying the indicators into two categories:

The Investment Manager’s approach to considering principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors differs depending on the relevant indicator. Some indicators are considered via the application of exclusions, some are considered via the investment process (where data is available via Schroders PAI dashboard and via other external data sources) and some are considered via engagement.

PAIs are considered as part of pre-investment through the application of exclusions. These include: Schroders firmwide exclusions regarding:

- Controversial weapons: PAI 14 Exposure to controversial weapons (anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, chemical weapons and biological weapons)

- Schroders’ ‘global norms’ breach list, which covers: PAI 7 (Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas), PAI 8 (Emissions to water), PAI 9 (Hazardous waste and radioactive waste ratio), PAI 10 (Violations of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises), PAI 11 (Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises) and PAI 16 (Investee countries subject to social violations)

- Companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to thermal coal: PAI 4 (Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector) and PAI 5 (Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production)

Compliance with these thresholds is monitored via the Investment Manager’s portfolio compliance framework. PAI data is less meaningful in the context of an emerging markets sovereign focused strategy, as currently there is limited PAI data available. Over time we anticipate that this data will improve which will allow us to further assess the consideration of PAIs.

However, as part of the investment process, a Schroders’ proprietary tool is used which incorporates some of the PAIs as part of its scoring methodology. The combination of the Investment Manager’s fundamental and quantitative analysis helps to provide a comprehensive view on ESG factors at a regional and country level. This pertains to PAIs related to greenhouse gas emissions (PAIs 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 15), PAI 7 (Activities negatively

affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas), PAI 8 (Emissions to water) and PAI 9 (Hazardous waste and radioactive waste ratio).

PAIs are also considered post-investment through engagement. The Investment Manager may engage with selected issuers held in the Fund, with a primary focus on sovereign engagements relating to PAIs 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9 and 15. The Investment Manager uses a Schroders' proprietary tool and data from external data providers in order to identify, assess and monitor environmental topics for engagement. Further topics for engagement may include a government's social agenda, social inequality and education spending which relate to PAI 12 (Unadjusted gender pay gap), PAI 13 (Board gender diversity) and PAI 16 (Investee countries subject to social violations).

Our approach is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability, and quality, of PAI data evolves. The Management Company's statement on principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors is available at <https://api.schroders.com/document-store/id/ffcb39bb-96cb-4e56-9461-deba9a493e85>. The Fund level information is disclosed or will be (as applicable) in the Fund's annual report. 1- Active ownership: these involve indicators on which we have a plan to engage with the underlying holding as set out in the Schroders Group document -<https://mybrand.schroders.com/m/3222ea4ed44a1f2c/original/schroders-engagement-blueprint.pdf>, outlining our approach to active ownership. For example, PAI 1, 2 and 3 covering GHG emissions and PAI 13 on board gender diversity.

2- Improve coverage: these involve indicators where we consider data coverage to be too sparse to properly consider them and our focus is primarily on engaging with the underlying holdings to increase reporting. For example, PAI 7 on biodiversity, PAI 9 on hazardous waste ratio and PAI 12 on the gender pay gap.

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☐ No



## What investment strategy does this financial product follow?

The sustainable investment strategy used by the Investment Manager is as follows:

The Fund is actively managed and invests at least two-thirds of its assets in fixed and floating rate securities, currencies and Money Market Investments in emerging markets. The fixed and floating rate securities are issued by governments, government agencies, supra-nationals and companies. The Fund may also hold cash.

In exceptional circumstances during periods of high market volatility, the Fund may hold up to 40% of its assets in deposits and Money Market Investments in developed markets. In such instances, the two-thirds referenced above will be measured against the Fund's assets excluding deposits and Money Market Investments in developed markets.

The Fund may invest in excess of 50% of its assets in fixed and floating rate securities that have a below investment grade credit rating (as measured by Standard & Poor's or any equivalent grade of other credit rating agencies).

The Fund may invest up to 15% of its assets in mainland China through Regulated Markets (including the CIBM via Bond Connect or CIBM Direct).

The Fund may also invest up to one-third of its assets directly or indirectly in other securities (including other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies, Investment Funds and warrants.

The Fund may use derivatives with the aim of achieving investment gains, reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently.

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than 50% JPM GBI-EM Diversified Index and 50% JPM EMBI Diversified Index based on the Investment Manager's rating criteria.

The Fund does not directly invest in certain activities, industries or groups of issuers above the limits listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

The Investment Manager applies governance and sustainability criteria when selecting investments for the Fund. Sustainability factors are assessed across both sovereign markets and credit allocation decisions.

The Investment Manager assesses sovereign issuers across a range of environmental, social and governance factors, via the use of Schroders' proprietary sustainability tools which ranks countries by measuring their performance against multiple sustainability-related indicators. In addition, the Investment Manager conducts qualitative analysis, which includes the use of information published by sovereigns and third party data, on ESG factors at a regional and country level to further enhance oversight and understanding. Countries that score below a predetermined threshold, determined by Schroders' proprietary sustainability tools and the analysis undertaken by the Investment Manager, will generally be excluded.

Corporate issuers are also assessed across a range of environmental, social and governance factors. The primary sources of information used to perform corporate analysis are the Investment Manager's proprietary tools and research, third-party research, NGO reports and expert networks. The Investment Manager also performs its own analysis of publicly available information provided by the issuers, including information provided in company sustainability reports and other relevant company material.

**The investment strategy** guides investment decisions based on factors such as investment objectives and risk tolerance.

More details on the Investment Manager's approach to sustainability and its engagement with companies are available on the webpage

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The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than its investment universe, based on the Investment Manager's rating system.

The Investment Manager ensures that at least:

- 90% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in developed countries; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with an investment grade credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by developed countries; and

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is rated against the sustainability criteria.

For the purposes of this test, small companies are those with market capitalisation below €5 billion, medium companies are those between €5 billion and €10 billion and large companies are those above €10 billion.

● ***What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?***

The following binding elements are applied throughout the investment process:

- The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the 50% JPM GBI-EM Diversified Index and 50% JPM EMBI Diversified Index based on the Investment Manager's rating criteria.
- Exclusions are applied to direct investments in companies. The Fund applies certain exclusions relating to international conventions on cluster munitions, antipersonnel mines, and chemical and biological weapons. The Fund also excludes companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to tobacco and thermal coal, especially companies that generate at least 10% of their revenues from tobacco production, companies that generate at least 25% of their revenues from the tobacco value chain (such as suppliers, distributors, retailers and licensors), companies that generate at least 10% of their revenues from thermal coal mining and companies that generate at least 30% of their revenues from coal fired power generation. The Fund excludes companies that are assessed by Schroders to have breached one or more 'global norms' thereby causing significant environmental or social harm; these companies comprise Schroders' 'global norms' breach list. In exceptional circumstances a derogation may be applied in order to allow the Fund to continue to hold a company on Schroders' 'global norms' breach list, for example where the stated investment strategy of the Fund may otherwise be compromised. Further, the Fund may apply other exclusions as listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>
- The Fund invests in companies that have good governance practices, as determined by the Investment Manager's rating criteria.

The Investment Manager ensures that at least:

- 90% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in developed countries; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with an investment grade credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by developed countries; and
- 75% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in emerging countries; equities issued by small and medium companies; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with a high yield credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by emerging countries,

is rated against the sustainability criteria.

● ***What is the committed minimum rate to reduce the scope of the investments considered prior to the application of that investment strategy?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

● ***What is the policy to assess good governance practices of the investee companies?***

In order to assess good governance practices, a central Good Governance Test is applied. This test is based on a data-driven quantitative framework, which uses a scorecard to assess companies across the categories of sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff, and tax compliance. Schroders has defined a number of criteria across these pillars.

Compliance with the test is monitored centrally and companies which do not pass this test cannot be held by the Fund, unless the Investment Manager has agreed that the issuer demonstrates good governance based on additional insights beyond that quantitative analysis.

**Good governance** practices include sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff and tax compliance.



## What is the asset allocation planned for this financial product?

**Asset allocation** describes the share of investments in specific assets.

The planned composition of the Fund's investments that are used to meet its environmental or social characteristics are summarised below.

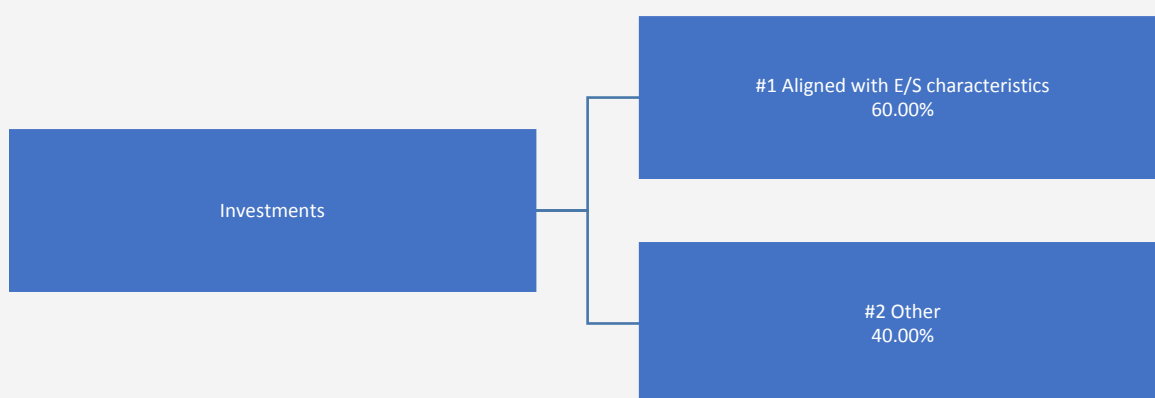
**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the minimum proportion of the Fund's assets used to attain the environmental or social characteristics, which is equal to 60%. The Fund commits to maintain a higher overall sustainability score than the 50% JPM GBI-EM Diversified Index and 50% JPM EMBI Diversified Index, and so the Fund's investments that are scored by Schroders' proprietary sustainability tool are included within the minimum proportion stated in #1 on the basis that they will contribute to the Fund's sustainability score (whether such individual investment has a positive or a negative score). The minimum proportions stated apply in normal market conditions. The actual proportion stated in #1 is expected to be higher.

The sustainability score is measured by Schroders' proprietary tool that provides an estimate of the net "impact" that an issuer may create in terms of social and environmental "costs" or "benefits". It does this by using certain indicators with respect to that issuer, and quantifying them positively and negatively to produce an aggregate notional measure of the effect that the relevant underlying issuer may have on society and the environment. Examples of such indicators are greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

**#2 Other** includes cash which is treated as neutral for sustainability purposes. #2 also includes other investments that are not scored by Schroders' proprietary sustainability tool and so do not contribute towards the Fund's sustainability score. As #1 states a minimum proportion that is in practice expected to be higher, the proportion stated in #2 is expected to be lower.

Minimum safeguards are applied where relevant to investments by restricting (as appropriate) investments in counterparties where there are ownership links or exposure to higher risk countries (for the purpose of money laundering, terrorist financing, bribery, corruption, tax evasion and sanctions risks). A firm-wide risk assessment considers the risk rating of each jurisdiction; which includes reference to a number of public statements, indices and world governance indicators issued by the UN, the European Union, the UK Government, the Financial Action Task Force and several Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), such as Transparency International and the Basel Committee.

In addition, new counterparties are reviewed by Schroders' credit risk team and approval of a new counterparty is based on a holistic review of the various sources of information available, including, but not limited to, quality of management, ownership structure, location, regulatory and social environment to which each counterparty is subject, and the degree of development of the local banking system and its regulatory framework. Ongoing monitoring is performed through a Schroders' proprietary tool, which supports the analysis of a counterparty's management of environmental, social and governance trends and challenges. Any significant deterioration in the profile of the counterparty in Schroders' proprietary tool would lead to further analysis and potential exclusion by Schroders' credit risk team.



**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the investments of the financial product used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product.

**#2 Other** includes the remaining investments of the financial product which are neither aligned with the environmental or social characteristics, nor are qualified as sustainable investments.

#1 The minimum proportion stated applies in normal market conditions.

● **How does the use of derivatives attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?**

Single name credit default swaps are used as a proxy for direct investments which would otherwise be held by the Fund in line with its sustainability criteria. Such derivatives are therefore used to attain the Fund's sustainability score in Schroders' proprietary tool which is one of the binding elements of the Fund. The Fund may use other derivatives that are scored in Schroders' proprietary tool to meet the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted by the Fund, as such derivatives would contribute to the Fund's sustainability score (whether such individual investment has a positive or a negative score).



**To what minimum extent are sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?**

There is no minimum extent to which the Fund's investments (including transitional and enabling activities) with an environmental objective are aligned with the Taxonomy. Taxonomy alignment of this Fund's investments has therefore not been calculated and has as a result been deemed to constitute 0% of the Fund's portfolio.

In future it is expected that the Fund will assess and report on the extent to which its underlying investments are in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the Taxonomy, along with information relating to the proportion of enabling and transitional activities. This Prospectus will be updated once it is possible in the Investment Manager's opinion to accurately disclose to what extent the Fund's investments are in Taxonomy-aligned environmentally sustainable activities, including the proportions of investments in enabling and transitional activities selected for the Fund.

● **Does the financial product invest in fossil gas and/or nuclear energy related activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy<sup>1</sup>?**

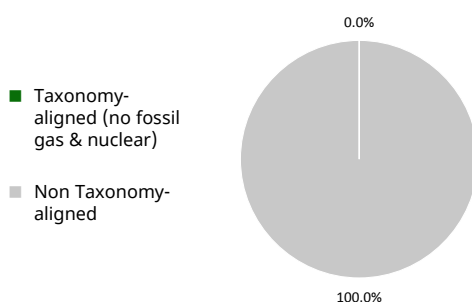
- ☐ Yes:  
☐ In fossil gas ☐ In nuclear energy  
☒ No

To comply with the EU Taxonomy, the criteria for **fossil gas** include limitations on emissions and switching to renewable power or low-carbon fuels by the end of 2035. For **nuclear energy**, the criteria include comprehensive safety and waste management rules.

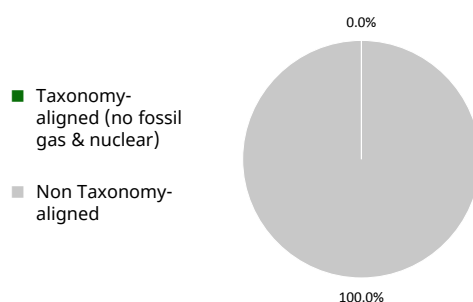
Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:  
- **turnover** reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee companies  
- **capital expenditure** (CapEx) showing the green investments made by investee companies, e.g. for a transition to a green economy.  
- **operational expenditure** (OpEx) reflecting green operational activities of investee companies.

The two graphs below show in green the minimum percentage of investments that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the Taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy-alignment in relation to all the investments of the financial product including sovereign bonds, while the second graph shows the Taxonomy-alignment only in relation to the investments of the financial product other than sovereign bonds.

**1. Taxonomy-alignment of investments including sovereign bonds\***



**2. Taxonomy-alignment of investments excluding sovereign bonds\***



This graph represents x% of the total investments<sup>2</sup>.

\* For the purpose of these graphs, 'sovereign bonds' consist of all sovereign exposures

<sup>1</sup> Fossil gas and/or nuclear related activities will only comply with the EU Taxonomy where they contribute to limiting climate change ("climate change mitigation") and do not significantly harm any EU Taxonomy objective – see explanatory note in the left-hand margin. The full criteria for fossil gas and nuclear energy economic activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy are laid down in Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1214.

<sup>2</sup> As there is no Taxonomy-alignment, there is no impact on the graph if sovereign bonds are excluded (i.e. the percentage of Taxonomy-aligned investments remains 0%) and the Management Company therefore believes that there is no need to mention this information.

**Enabling activities** directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective.

**Transitional activities** are activities for which low-carbon alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.

● **What is the minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities?**

As per the above, at the date of this Prospectus the share of investments by the Fund in transitional and enabling activities is currently deemed to constitute 0% of the Fund’s portfolio.



**What is the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?**

This question is not applicable for the Fund.



are sustainable investments with an environmental objective that **do not take into account the criteria** for environmentally sustainable economic activities under the EU Taxonomy.



**What is the minimum share of socially sustainable investments?**

This question is not applicable for the Fund.



**What investments are included under “#2 Other”, what is their purpose and are there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?**

**#2 Other** includes cash which is treated as neutral for sustainability purposes. #2 also includes other investments that are not scored by Schroders’ proprietary sustainability tools and so do not contribute towards the Fund’s sustainability score.

Minimum safeguards are applied where relevant to investments by restricting (as appropriate) investments in counterparties where there are ownership links or exposure to higher risk countries (for the purpose of money laundering, terrorist financing, bribery, corruption, tax evasion and sanctions risks). A firm-wide risk assessment considers the risk rating of each jurisdiction; which includes reference to a number of public statements, indices and world governance indicators issued by the UN, the European Union, the UK Government, the Financial Action Task Force and several Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), such as Transparency International and the Basel Committee.

In addition, new counterparties are reviewed by Schroders’ credit risk team and approval of a new counterparty is based on a holistic review of the various sources of information available, including, but not limited to, quality of management, ownership structure, location, regulatory and social environment to which each counterparty is subject, and the degree of development of the local banking system and its regulatory framework. Ongoing monitoring is performed through a Schroders’ proprietary tool, which supports the analysis of a counterparty’s management of environmental, social and governance trends and challenges. Any significant deterioration in the profile of the counterparty in Schroders’ proprietary tool would lead to further analysis and potential exclusion by Schroders’ credit risk team.





## Is a specific index designated as a reference benchmark to determine whether this financial product is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes?

**Reference benchmarks** are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the environmental or social characteristics that they promote.

- ***How is the reference benchmark continuously aligned with each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- ***How is the alignment of the investment strategy with the methodology of the index ensured on a continuous basis?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- ***How does the designated index differ from a relevant broad market index?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- ***Where can the methodology used for the calculation of the designated index be found?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.



## Where can I find more product specific information online?

More product-specific information can be found on the webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

Pre-contractual disclosure for the financial products referred to in Article 9, paragraphs 1 to 4a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 5, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852

**Product name:** **Schroder International Selection Fund Emerging Markets Equity Impact**

**Legal entity identifier:** **5493000PBF2B6FI3QM81**

## Sustainable investment objective

**Sustainable investment** means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good Governance practices.

The **EU Taxonomy** is a classification system laid down in Regulation (EU) 2020/852, establishing a list of **environmentally sustainable economic activities**. For the time being, it does not include a list of socially sustainable economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.

### Does this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with an environmental objective: 5.00%</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> It <b>promotes Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics</b> and while it does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will have a minimum proportion of ___% of sustainable investments
<input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy	<input type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with a social objective 5.00%</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> with a social objective
	<input type="checkbox"/> It promotes E/S characteristics, but <b>will not make any sustainable investments</b>

The Fund commits to invest at least 90% of its assets in sustainable investments. Within this overall commitment, there is a minimum commitment to invest at least 5% of its assets in sustainable investments with an environmental objective and at least 5% of its assets in sustainable investments with a social objective.



## What is the sustainable investment objective of this financial product?

The Fund's sustainable investment objective is to invest its assets in companies that the Investment Manager expects to contribute positive impact by advancing an environmental or social objective linked to one or more of the UN SDGs, and to deliver returns to shareholders over the long term. The Fund may also invest in investments that the Investment Manager deems to be neutral under its sustainability criteria, such as cash and Money Market Investments and derivatives used with the aim of reducing risk (hedging) or managing the Fund more efficiently.

The Investment Manager will select companies from a universe of eligible companies that have been determined as meeting the Investment Manager's impact criteria. The impact criteria include an assessment of the company's contribution to the UN SDGs alongside the Investment Manager's assessment of the company via its proprietary scorecard. The investment process is aligned with the Operating Principles for Impact Management. No reference benchmark has been designated for the purpose of attaining the sustainable investment objective.

**Sustainability indicators** measure how the sustainable objectives of this financial product are attained.

### What sustainability indicators are used to measure the attainment of the sustainable investment objective of this financial product?

The Investment Manager is responsible for determining whether an investment meets the criteria of a sustainable investment. The Investment Manager uses a combination of a revenue based approach in this assessment, by considering whether a certain percentage of the relevant issuer's revenues, capital expenditure or operating expenditure contributes to an environmental or social objective (as applicable), and specific sustainability key performance indicators to assess the investment's contribution to an environmental or social objective (as applicable). The output of the Investment Strategy outlined below is the production of the list of investments that meet the selection criteria, this represents the investment universe. Compliance with the minimum percentage in sustainable investments is monitored daily via our automated compliance controls. The Fund also applies certain exclusions, with which the Investment Manager monitors compliance on an ongoing basis via its portfolio compliance framework.

The Investment Manager uses different sustainability indicators to measure the impact contribution at an investee company level. In particular, the Investment Manager uses a quantitative screening tool to identify companies that derive a certain minimum percentage of their revenues from whose main activity

is contributing to an environmental or social objective. In addition, there is a detailed impact assessment of every company via the completion of a proprietary scorecard. The impact scorecard focuses on the impact that a company's products and services are expected to have. The Investment Manager considers different aspects of impact such as: what outcome and UN SDGs the company is contributing to; who is served by the outcome (such as the relevant stakeholder or industry); an assessment of our expected contribution (including Schroders influence and engagement); and consideration of impact risks. The assessment includes tracking Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) that are used to measure and monitor the company's impact over time via an annual review.

Once these steps have been completed, the company and scorecard are then validated and approved by Schroders' Impact Assessment Group (IAG), in order for the company to be eligible for inclusion in the Fund's investible universe. The IAG consists of members from Schroders' impact and sustainable investment teams and members of the investment team.

### ● **How do sustainable investments not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?**

The Investment Manager's approach to investing in issuers that do not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective includes the following:

- Firm-wide investment exclusions apply to Schroders funds. These relate to international conventions on cluster munitions, anti-personnel mines, and chemical and biological weapons and a list of those companies that are excluded is available at <https://www.schroders.com/en/sustainability/active-ownership/group-exclusions/>. Firm-wide exclusions also apply to companies generating more than 20% of their revenue from thermal coal mining.
- The Fund excludes companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to tobacco and thermal coal.
- The Fund excludes companies that are assessed by Schroders to have breached one or more 'global norms' thereby causing significant environmental or social harm; these companies comprise Schroders' 'global norms' breach list. Schroders' determination of whether a company has been involved in such a breach considers relevant principles such as those contained in the UN Global Compact (UNGC) principles, the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights. The 'global norms' breach list may be informed by assessments performed by third party providers and by proprietary research, where relevant to a particular situation.
- The Fund may also apply certain other exclusions in addition to those summarised above.

Further information on all of the Fund's investment exclusions is to be found under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

### ● **How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?**

When seeking to identify significant harm, Schroders' approach to taking into account the Principal Adverse Impacts (PAI) indicators involves a quantitative and a qualitative assessment. Where it is not considered appropriate or feasible to set quantitative thresholds, the Investment Manager engages, where relevant. Investee companies deemed not to satisfy the quantitative thresholds would generally be excluded, unless on a case-by-case basis the data is deemed not representative of a company's performance in the relevant area.

This framework is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability and quality of the data evolves.

Our approach includes:

1. **Quantitative:** this includes indicators where specific thresholds have been established:
  - Via the application of exclusions. This approach is relevant to **PAI 4** (Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector), **PAI 5** (Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production) and **PAI 14** (Exposure to controversial weapons). Further, the following PAIs are assessed as part of Schroders 'global norms' breach list exclusion (which seeks to exclude companies where significant harm is occurring):
    - **PAI 7** (Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas)
    - **PAI 8** (Emissions to water)
    - **PAI 9** (Hazardous waste and radioactive waste ratio)
    - **PAI 10** (Violations of UN Global Compact principles and Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises)
    - **PAI 11** (Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and Voluntary)

**Principal adverse impacts** are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anticorruption and antibribery matters.

- **PAI 14** in Table 3 (Number of identified cases of severe human rights issues and incidents)
  - Via the application of an alert system flag if the relevant indicator(s) exceeds a threshold. These quantitative thresholds to assess significant harm are established centrally by our Sustainable Investment team and monitored systematically. This approach applies to indicators where we have segmented the population into harm groups to establish a threshold, such as carbon related PAI metrics, **PAI 1** (GHG emissions), **PAI 2** (Carbon footprint) and **Voluntary PAI 4 in Table 2** (Investing in companies without carbon emission reduction initiatives). **PAI 3** (GHG intensity of investee companies) operates in a similar way but the threshold is based on a revenue metric. A threshold for **PAI 6** (Energy consumption intensity per high impact climate sector) is established based on the ~~above mentioned~~ carbon measures. A similar approach has been taken for **PAI 15** (GHG intensity). **PAI 16** (Investee countries subject to social violations) also operates in the same way but based on data availability regarding social violations. Through this process the relevant issuer(s) that is/are deemed not to satisfy the quantitative thresholds is/are flagged to the Investment Manager for consideration, whose response may involve selling the holdings(s) or maintaining the position if on a case-by-case basis the data is deemed not representative of a company's performance in the relevant area. Investee companies deemed to cause significant harm are excluded from the Fund.
2. **Qualitative:** This includes PAI indicators where Schroders' believes that the data available does not enable us to make a quantitative determination regarding whether significant harm is done so as to warrant excluding an investment. In such cases, the Investment Manager engages wherever possible with the company or companies held, in accordance with the priorities documented in Schroders' Engagement Blueprint and/or voting policy. This approach applies to indicators such as **PAI 12** (Unadjusted gender pay gap) and **PAI 13** (Board gender diversity), where we engage and may use our voting rights where we consider appropriate. Both board gender diversity and disclosure of gender pay gap information are captured in our Engagement Blueprint.

● ***How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights?***

Companies on Schroders' 'global norms' breach list cannot be categorised as sustainable investments. Schroders' determination of whether a company should be included on such list considers the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, among other relevant principles. The 'global norms' breach list is informed by third party providers and proprietary research, where relevant.



## Does this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

☒ Yes, the Investment Manager's approach to considering principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors involves classifying the indicators into three categories:

The Investment Manager's approach to considering principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors differs depending on the relevant indicator. Some indicators are considered via the application of exclusions, some are considered via the investment process (where data is available via Schroders PAI dashboard and via other external data sources) and some are considered via engagement. Further details are provided below.

- PAIs are considered as part of pre-investment through the application of exclusions. These include:
- Controversial weapons: PAI 14 (Exposure to controversial weapons (anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, chemical weapons and biological weapons))
  - Schroders' 'global norms' breach list, which covers: PAI 7 (Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas), PAI 8 (Emissions to water), PAI 9 (Hazardous waste and radioactive waste ratio), PAI 10 (Violations of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises), PAI 11 (Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises) and PAI 16 (Investee countries subject to social violations)
  - Companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to thermal coal: PAI 4 (Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector) and PAI 5 (Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production)

Compliance with these thresholds is monitored via the Investment Manager's portfolio compliance framework. PAIs are also considered through integration in the investment process through the bottom up stock analysis at a company level. The emerging markets investment team has a number of proprietary tools to aid ESG analysis. At the company level, Schroders proprietary tool is the main repository for the team's ESG analysis. Schroders proprietary tool provides a systematic framework for analysing a company's relationship with its stakeholders and the sustainability of its business model. It contains more than 250 metrics drawn from company reports and other sources that assess a company's performance in specific areas.

PAIs 1,2,3,9,13 are specifically considered as part of the Schroders proprietary tool analysis where appropriate and material to the business. In the case of PAI 8 and 12 the availability of data is very limited so it is not widely used within Schroders proprietary tool but monitored instead at the overall portfolio level.

All PAI indicators are monitored via Schroders PAI dashboard. We review the PAI data in the PAI dashboard regularly as part of the monthly ESG risk meeting which formally reviews portfolio level ESG characteristics. PAIs are also considered post-investment through engagement where the Investment Manager engages in line

with the approach and expectations set out in Schrodgers Engagement Blueprint, which outlines our approach to active ownership.

The Investment Manager may engage with selected issuers held by the Fund on PAIs. For example, we aim to engage with several issuers on net zero carbon emissions targets (PAI 1,2,3), procuring renewable energy (PAI 5) and further topics of engagement may include board gender diversity which relates to PAI 13.

Where issuers are flagged on lack of data availability on PAIs, the Investment Manager may engage with issuers where the primary focus is to increase reporting, quality and availability of PAI data.

Our approach is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability, and quality, of PAI data evolves. The Management Company's statement on principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors is available at <https://api.schroders.com/document-store/id/ffcb39bb-96cb-4e56-9461-deba9a493e85>. The Fund level information is disclosed or will be disclosed (as applicable) in the Fund's annual report.

1. Set thresholds: these involve very explicit thresholds for considering an investment to be a "sustainable investment". For example, PAI 10 on violations of UNGC principles.

2. Active ownership: these involve indicators on which we have a plan to engage with the underlying holding as set out in the Schrodgers Group document <https://mybrand.schroders.com/m/3222ea4ed44a1f2c/original/schroders-engagement-blueprint.pdf>, outlining our approach to active ownership. For example, PAI 1, 2 and 3 covering GHG emissions and PAI 13 on board gender diversity.

3. Improve coverage: these involve indicators where we consider data coverage to be too sparse to properly consider them and our focus is primarily on engaging with the underlying holdings to increase reporting. For example, PAI 7 on biodiversity, PAI 9 on hazardous waste ratio and PAI 12 on the gender pay gap.

Our approach is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability, and quality, of PAI data evolves.

The Management Company's statement on principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors is available at <https://mybrand.schroders.com/m/467910ac8e6da45c/original/Statement-on-principal-adverse-impacts-of-investment-decisions-on-sustainability-factors.pdf>. The Fund level information is disclosed or will be (as applicable) in the Fund's annual report.

☐ No



## What investment strategy does this financial product follow?

The sustainable investment strategy used by the Investment Manager is as follows:

The Fund is actively managed and invests its assets in (i) sustainable investments, which are investments that are expected to contribute towards the advancement of an environmental or social objective linked to one or more of the UN SDGs, and to deliver returns to shareholders over the long term, and (ii) investments that the Investment Manager deems to be neutral under its sustainability criteria.

The Investment Manager will select companies from a universe of eligible companies that have been determined as meeting the Investment Manager's impact criteria. The impact criteria include an assessment of the company's contribution to the UN SDGs alongside the Investment Manager's assessment of the company's impact via its proprietary impact investment management framework and tools (including an impact scorecard).

The Fund is part of Schrodgers' Impact Driven strategies. As such, it applies highly selective investment criteria and its investment process is aligned with the Operating Principles for Impact Management which means that an assessment of impact is embedded in the steps of the investment process. All sustainable investments in the Fund are subject to this framework.

The Fund does not directly invest in certain activities, industries or groups of issuers above the limits listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

The Fund invests in companies that do not cause significant environmental or social harm and have good governance practices, as determined by the Investment Manager's rating criteria.

The Investment Manager may also engage with companies held by the Fund to seek to improve sustainability practices and enhance social and environmental impacts generated by underlying investee companies. More details on the Investment Manager's approach to sustainability and its engagement with companies are available on the webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/>

The Fund invests at least two-thirds of its assets in a concentrated range of equity and equity related securities of emerging and frontier markets companies or companies which derive a significant proportion of their revenues or profits from emerging markets or frontier markets countries. This means typically holding fewer than 50 companies.

Companies held by the Fund are subject to a financial assessment by the Investment Manager to help identify the potential for long term shareholder returns.

The Fund may invest directly in China B-Shares and China H-Shares and may invest up to 30% of its assets (on a net basis) directly or indirectly (for example via participatory notes) in China A-Shares through Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect and Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect and shares listed on the STAR Board and the ChiNext.

The Fund may also invest up to one-third of its assets directly or indirectly in other securities (including other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies, Investment Funds, warrants and Money Market Investments, and hold cash.



The Fund may use derivatives with the aim of achieving investment gains, reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently. The Fund may buy or sell equity index futures and buy and sell index options on indices or individual stocks. To obtain exposure to equity indices and individual stocks, the Fund may also enter into contracts for difference where the underlying investments are not delivered and settlement is made in cash. Contracts for difference may be used to gain long and short exposure or to hedge exposure on equity and equity related securities. The gross exposure of contracts for difference will not exceed 20% and is expected to remain within the range of 0% to 20% of the Net Asset Value.

The Investment Manager applies sustainability criteria when selecting investments for the Fund.

Investments are composed of companies whose products and services contribute positively to at least one of the UN SDGs. In order to identify companies with a direct link to a UN SDG, the Investment Manager applies a two step approach:

- The first is a revenue based approach that considers whether a certain percentage of the relevant company's revenues, capital expenditure or operating expenditure contributes to an environmental or social objective (as applicable).
- The second is a detailed impact assessment of the company via the completion of a proprietary impact scorecard. The Investment Manager considers different aspects of impact such as: what outcome and UN SDGs the company is contributing to; who is served by the outcome (such as the relevant stakeholder or industry); an assessment of our expected contribution (including Schroders influence and engagement); and consideration of impact risks. The assessment typically includes Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) that are used to track the company's impact over time.

**The investment strategy** guides investment decisions based on factors such as investment objectives and risk tolerance.

The company and impact scorecard are then validated and approved by Schroders' Impact Assessment Group (IAG), in order for the company to be eligible for inclusion in the Fund's investible universe. The IAG consists of members from Schroders' impact and sustainable investment teams and members of the investment team. There may be some limited instances where step 2 and the IAG approval may follow subsequently (such as a particularly time sensitive investment).

The Investment Manager ensures that at least 90% of the portion of the Fund's Net Asset Value composed of investments in companies is rated against the sustainability criteria. As a result of the application of sustainability criteria, at least 20% of the Fund's potential investment universe is excluded from the selection of investments.

For the purposes of this test, the potential investment universe is the core universe of issuers that the Investment Manager may select for the Fund prior to the application of sustainability criteria, in accordance with the other limitations of the Investment Objective and Policy. This universe is comprised of equity and equity related securities of emerging and frontier markets companies or companies which derive a significant proportion of their revenues or profits from emerging markets or frontier markets countries.

### ● **What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain the sustainable investment objective?**

The following binding elements are applied throughout the investment process:

- The Fund is actively managed and invests at least 90% of its assets in sustainable investments, which are investments that are expected to contribute towards the advancement of an environmental or social objective linked to one or more of the UN SDGs and to deliver returns to shareholders over the long term.
- Exclusions are applied to direct investments in companies. The Fund applies certain exclusions relating to international conventions on cluster munitions, antipersonnel mines, and chemical and biological weapons. The Fund also excludes companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to tobacco and thermal coal, especially companies that generate revenues from tobacco production or any other part of the tobacco value chain (suppliers, distributors, retailers, licensors), and companies that generate revenues from thermal coal mining and coal fired power generation. The Fund excludes companies that are assessed by Schroders to have breached one or more 'global norms' thereby causing significant environmental or social harm; these companies comprise Schroders' 'global norms' breach list. Details of the revenue thresholds together with certain other exclusions the Fund applies are listed under "Sustainability -Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>
- The Fund invests in companies that do not cause significant environmental or social harm and have good governance practices, as determined by the Investment Manager's rating criteria.
- The Investment Manager ensures that at least 90% of the portion of the Fund's Net Asset Value composed of investments in companies is rated against the sustainability criteria.
- As a result of the application of sustainability criteria, at least 20% of the Fund's potential investment universe is excluded from the selection of investments.



**Good governance** practices include sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff and tax compliance.

- **What is the policy to assess good governance practices of the investee companies?**  
In order to assess good governance practices, a central Good Governance Test is applied. This test is based on a data-driven quantitative framework, which uses a scorecard to assess companies across the categories of sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff, and tax compliance. Schroders has defined a number of criteria across these pillars.  
Compliance with the test is monitored centrally and companies which do not pass this test cannot be held by the Fund, unless the Investment Manager has agreed that the issuer demonstrates good governance based on additional insights beyond that quantitative analysis.

**Asset allocation** describes the share of investments in specific assets.

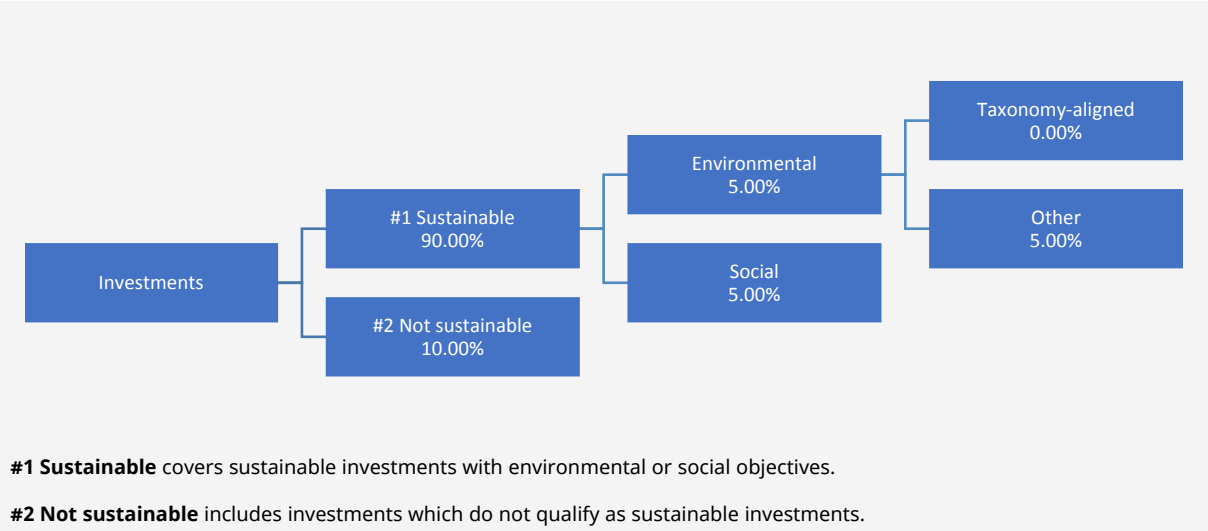
## What is the asset allocation and the minimum share of sustainable investments?

The planned composition of the Fund’s investments that are used to meet its sustainable investment objective are summarised below. The Fund invests at least 90% of its assets in sustainable investments, which means included in **#1 Sustainable** are investments in companies which are expected to contribute towards the advancement of one or more of the UN SDGs, to be managed in the interests of all stakeholders, and to deliver returns to shareholders over the long term. Within this overall commitment of 90%, there is a minimum commitment to invest at least 5% of its assets in sustainable investments with an environmental objective and at least 5% of its assets in sustainable investments with a social objective. The minimum proportions stated apply in normal market conditions.

**#2 Not sustainable** includes investments that are treated as neutral for sustainability purposes, such as cash and Money Market Investments and derivatives used with the aim of reducing risk (hedging) or managing the Fund more efficiently.

Minimum safeguards are applied where relevant to Money Market Investments and derivatives used with the aim of reducing risk (hedging) by restricting (as appropriate) investments in counterparties where there are ownership links or exposure to higher risk countries (for the purpose of money laundering, terrorist financing, bribery, corruption, tax evasion and sanctions risks). A firm-wide risk assessment considers the risk rating of each jurisdiction; which includes reference to a number of public statements, indices and world governance indicators issued by the UN, the European Union, the UK Government, the Financial Action Task Force and several Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), such as Transparency International and the Basel Committee

In addition, new counterparties are reviewed by Schroders’ credit risk team and approval of a new counterparty is based on a holistic review of the various sources of information available, including, but not limited to, quality of management, ownership structure, location, regulatory and social environment to which each counterparty is subject, and the degree of development of the local banking system and its regulatory framework. Ongoing monitoring is performed through a Schroders’ proprietary tool, which supports the analysis of a counterparty’s management of environmental, social and governance trends and challenges. Any significant deterioration in the profile of the counterparty in Schroders’ proprietary tool would lead to further analysis and potential exclusion by Schroders’ credit risk team.



- **How does the use of derivatives attain the sustainable investment objective?**  
This question is not applicable for the Fund.



## To what minimum extent are sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

There is no minimum extent to which the Fund's investments (including transitional and enabling activities) with an environmental objective are aligned with the Taxonomy. Taxonomy alignment of this Fund's investments has therefore not been calculated and has as a result been deemed to constitute 0% of the Fund's portfolio.

In future it is expected that the Fund will assess and report on the extent to which its underlying investments are in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the Taxonomy, along with information relating to the proportion of enabling and transitional activities. This Prospectus will be updated once it is possible in the Investment Manager's opinion to accurately disclose to what extent the Fund's investments are in Taxonomy-aligned environmentally sustainable activities, including the proportions of investments in enabling and transitional activities selected for the Fund.

### ● Does the financial product invest in fossil gas and/or nuclear energy related activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy<sup>1</sup>?

☐ Yes:

☐ In fossil gas ☐ In nuclear energy

☒ No

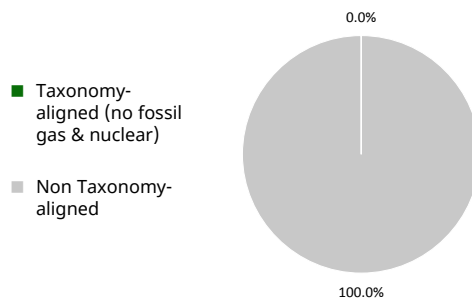
To comply with the EU Taxonomy, the criteria for **fossil gas** include limitations on emissions and switching to renewable power or low-carbon fuels by the end of 2035. For **nuclear energy**, the criteria include comprehensive safety and waste management rules.

Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

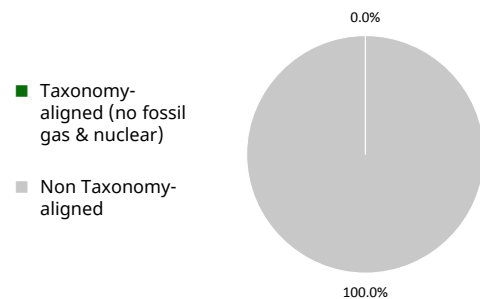
- **turnover** reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee companies
- **capital expenditure** (CapEx) showing the green investments made by investee companies, e.g. for a transition to a green economy.
- **operational expenditure** (OpEx) reflecting green operational activities of investee companies.

The two graphs below show in green the minimum percentage of investments that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the Taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy-alignment in relation to all the investments of the financial product including sovereign bonds, while the second graph shows the Taxonomy-alignment only in relation to the investments of the financial product other than sovereign bonds.

1. Taxonomy-alignment of investments including sovereign bonds\*



2. Taxonomy-alignment of investments excluding sovereign bonds\*



This graph represents x% of the total investments<sup>2</sup>.

\* For the purpose of these graphs, 'sovereign bonds' consist of all sovereign exposures

### ● What is the minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities?

As per the above, at the date of this Prospectus the share of investments by the Fund in transitional and enabling activities is currently deemed to constitute 0% of the Fund's portfolio.

**Enabling activities** directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective.

**Transitional activities** are activities for which low-carbon

<sup>1</sup> Fossil gas and/or nuclear related activities will only comply with the EU Taxonomy where they contribute to limiting climate change ("climate change mitigation") and do not significantly harm any EU Taxonomy objective – see explanatory note in the left-hand margin. The full criteria for fossil gas and nuclear energy economic activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy are laid down in Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1214.

<sup>2</sup> As there is no Taxonomy-alignment, there is no impact on the graph if sovereign bonds are excluded (i.e. the percentage of Taxonomy-aligned investments remains 0%) and the Management Company therefore believes that there is no need to mention this information.

alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.



### What is the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

The Fund commits to invest at least 5% of its assets in sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy.



are environmentally sustainable investments that **do not take into account the criteria** for environmentally sustainable economic activities under the EU Taxonomy.



### What is the minimum share of sustainable investments with a social objective?

The Fund commits to invest at least 5% of its assets in sustainable investments with a social objective.



### What investments are included under “#2 Not sustainable”, what is their purpose and are there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

**#2 Not Sustainable** includes investments that are treated as neutral for sustainability purposes, such as cash and Money Market Investments and derivatives used with the aim of reducing risk (hedging) or managing the Fund more efficiently.

Minimum safeguards are applied where relevant to Money Market Investments and derivatives used with the aim of reducing risk (hedging) by restricting (as appropriate) investments in counterparties where there are ownership links or exposure to higher risk countries (for the purpose of money laundering, terrorist financing, bribery, corruption, tax evasion and sanctions risks). A firm-wide risk assessment considers the risk rating of each jurisdiction; which includes reference to a number of public statements, indices and world governance indicators issued by the UN, the European Union, the UK Government, the Financial Action Task Force and several Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), such as Transparency International and the Basel Committee.

In addition, new counterparties are reviewed by Schroders’ credit risk team and approval of a new counterparty is based on a holistic review of the various sources of information available, including, but not limited to, quality of management, ownership structure, location, regulatory and social environment to which each counterparty is subject, and the degree of development of the local banking system and its regulatory framework. Ongoing monitoring is performed through a Schroders’ proprietary tool, which supports the analysis of a counterparty’s management of environmental, social and governance trends and challenges. Any significant deterioration in the profile of the counterparty in Schroders’ proprietary tool would lead to further analysis and potential exclusion by Schroders’ credit risk team.



### Is a specific index designated as a reference benchmark to meet the sustainable investment objective?

**Reference benchmarks** are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the sustainable investment objective.

- *How does the reference benchmark take into account sustainability factors in a way that is continuously aligned with the sustainable investment objective?*

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- ***How is the alignment of the investment strategy with the methodology of the index ensured on a continuous basis?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- ***How does the designated index differ from a relevant broad market index?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- ***Where can the methodology used for the calculation of the designated index be found?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.



## **Where can I find more product specific information online?**

More product-specific information can be found on the webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

Pre-contractual disclosure for the financial products referred to in Article 8, paragraphs 1, 2 and 2a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 6, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852

**Product name:** **Schroder International Selection Fund Emerging Markets Local Currency Bond**

**Legal entity identifier:** **549300V3X0D0HRKP2Z47**

## Environmental and/or social characteristics

**Sustainable investment** means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good governance practices.

The **EU Taxonomy** is a classification system laid down in Regulation (EU) 2020/852, establishing a list of **environmentally sustainable economic activities**. That Regulation does not lay down a list of socially sustainable economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.

### Does this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?

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<input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with an environmental objective: ___%</b>  <input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy  <input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy  <input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with a social objective ___%</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> It <b>promotes Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics</b> and while it does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will have a minimum proportion of <b>0.00%*</b> of sustainable investments  <input type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy  <input type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy  <input type="checkbox"/> with a social objective  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> It promotes E/S characteristics, but <b>will not make any sustainable investments</b>



## What environmental and/or social characteristics are promoted by this financial product?

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the JP Morgan GBI-EM Global Diversified index, based on the Investment Manager's rating system. This benchmark (which is a broad market index) does not take into account the environmental and social characteristics promoted by the Fund.

The sustainability score is measured by Schroders' proprietary tool that provides an estimate of the net "impact" that an issuer may create in terms of social and environmental "costs" or "benefits". It does this by using certain indicators with respect to that issuer, and quantifying them positively and negatively to produce an aggregate notional measure of the effect that the relevant underlying issuer may have on society and the environment. It does this using third party data as well as Schroders own estimates and assumptions and the outcome may differ from other sustainability tools and measures. Examples of such indicators are greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

The result is expressed as an aggregate score of the sustainability indicators for each issuer, specifically a notional percentage (positive or negative) of sales or GDP of the relevant underlying issuer. For example, a score of +2% would mean an issuer contributes \$2 of relative notional positive impact (i.e. benefits to society) per \$100 of sales or GDP. The sustainability score of the Fund is derived from the scores of all issuers in the Fund's portfolio measured by Schroders' proprietary tool.

### What sustainability indicators are used to measure the attainment of each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

The Investment Manager monitors compliance with the characteristic to maintain a higher overall sustainability score than the JP Morgan GBI-EM Global Diversified index by reference to the weighted average sustainability score of the Fund in Schroders' proprietary tool compared against the weighted average sustainability score of the JP Morgan GBI-EM Global Diversified index in Schroders' proprietary tool over the previous six month period, based on month-end data. The overall sustainability score aggregates the effect of sustainability indicators including but not limited to greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

**Sustainability indicators** measure how the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product are attained.

- **What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?**

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- **How do the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make, not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?**

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- **How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?**

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- **How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:**

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

The EU Taxonomy sets out a “do not significant harm” principle by which Taxonomy-aligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives and is accompanied by specific EU criteria.

The “do not significant harm” principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.

Any other sustainable investments must also not significantly harm any environmental or social objectives.



## Does this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

☒ Yes, the Investment Manager’s approach to considering principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors involves classifying the indicators into two categories:

The Investment Manager’s approach to considering principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors differs depending on the relevant indicator. Some indicators are considered via the application of exclusions, some are considered via the investment process (where data is available via Schroders PAI dashboard and via other external data sources) and some are considered via engagement.

PAIs are considered as part of pre-investment through the application of exclusions. These include: Schroders firmwide exclusions regarding:

- Controversial weapons: PAI 14 Exposure to controversial weapons (anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, chemical weapons and biological weapons)

- Schroders’ ‘global norms’ breach list, which covers: PAI 7 (Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas), PAI 8 (Emissions to water), PAI 9 (Hazardous waste and radioactive waste ratio), PAI 10 (Violations of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises), PAI 11 (Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises) and PAI 16 (Investee countries subject to social violations)

- Companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to thermal coal: PAI 4 (Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector) and PAI 5 (Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production)

Compliance with these thresholds is monitored via the Investment Manager’s portfolio compliance framework. PAI data is less meaningful in the context of an emerging markets sovereign focused strategy, as currently there is limited PAI data available. Over time we anticipate that this data will improve which will allow us to further assess the consideration of PAIs.

However, as part of the investment process, a Schroders’ proprietary tool is used which incorporates some of the PAIs as part of its scoring methodology. The combination of the Investment Manager’s fundamental and quantitative analysis helps to provide a comprehensive view on ESG factors at a regional and country level. This pertains to PAIs related to greenhouse gas emissions (PAIs 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 15), PAI 7 (Activities negatively



affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas), PAI 8 (Emissions to water) and PAI 9 (Hazardous waste and radioactive waste ratio).

PAIs are also considered post-investment through engagement. The Investment Manager may engage with selected issuers held in the Fund, with a primary focus on sovereign engagements relating to PAIs 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9 and 15. The Investment Manager uses a Schroders' proprietary tool and data from external data providers in order to identify, assess and monitor environmental topics for engagement. Further topics for engagement may include a government's social agenda, social inequality and education spending which relate to PAI 12 (Unadjusted gender pay gap), PAI 13 (Board gender diversity) and PAI 16 (Investee countries subject to social violations).

Our approach is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability, and quality, of PAI data evolves. The Management Company's statement on principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors is available at <https://api.schroders.com/document-store/id/ffcb39bb-96cb-4e56-9461-deba9a493e85>. The Fund level information is disclosed or will be (as applicable) in the Fund's annual report.

Active ownership: these involve indicators on which we have a plan to engage with the underlying holding as set out in the Schroders Group document

-<https://mybrand.schroders.com/m/3222ea4ed44a1f2c/original/schroders-engagement-blueprint.pdf>, outlining our approach to active ownership. For example, PAI 1, 2 and 3 covering GHG emissions and PAI 13 on-board gender diversity.

Improve coverage: these involve indicators where we consider data coverage to be too sparse to properly consider them and our focus is primarily on engaging with the underlying holdings to increase reporting. For example, PAI 7 on biodiversity, PAI 9 on hazardous waste ratio and PAI 12 on the gender pay gap.

Our approach is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability, and quality, of PAI data evolves.

The Management Company's statement on principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors is available at <https://mybrand.schroders.com/m/467910ac8e6da45c/original/Statement-on-principal-adverse-impacts-of-investment-decisions-on-sustainability-factors.pdf>. The Fund level information is disclosed or will be (as applicable) in the Fund's annual report.

☐ No



## What investment strategy does this financial product follow?

**The investment strategy** guides investment decisions based on factors such as investment objectives and risk tolerance.

The sustainable investment strategy used by the Investment Manager is as follows:

The Fund is actively managed and invests at least two-thirds of its assets in fixed and floating rate securities denominated in local currencies issued by governments, government agencies, supra-nationals and companies in emerging markets.

The Fund may invest in excess of 50% of its assets in fixed and floating rate securities that have a below investment grade credit rating (as measured by Standard & Poor's or any equivalent grade of other credit rating agencies for rated bonds and implied Schroders ratings for nonrated bonds).

The Fund may invest up to 15% of its assets in mainland China through Regulated Markets (including the CIBM via Bond Connect or CIBM Direct).

The Fund may also invest up to one-third of its assets directly or indirectly in other securities (including other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies, Investment Funds, warrants and Money Market Investments.

The Fund may use derivatives with the aim of achieving investment gains, reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently.

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the JP Morgan GBI-EM Global Diversified index, based on the Investment Manager's rating system.

The Fund does not directly invest in certain activities, industries or groups of issuers above the limits listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

The Investment Manager applies governance and sustainability criteria when selecting investments for the Fund. Sustainability factors are assessed across both sovereign markets and credit allocation decisions.

The Investment Manager assesses sovereign issuers across a range of environmental, social and governance factors, via the use of Schroders' proprietary sustainability tools which rank countries by measuring their performance against multiple sustainability-related indicators. In addition, the

Investment Manager conducts qualitative analysis, which includes the use of information published by sovereigns and third party data, on ESG factors at a regional and country level to further enhance oversight and understanding. Countries that score below a predetermined threshold, determined by Schroders' proprietary sustainability tools and the analysis undertaken by the Investment Manager, will generally be excluded.

Corporate issuers are also assessed across a range of environmental, social and governance factors. The primary sources of information used to perform corporate analysis are Schroders' proprietary sustainability tools, the Investment Manager's research, third-party analysis, NGO reports and expert networks. The Investment Manager also performs its own analysis of publicly available information provided by the issuers, including information provided in company sustainability reports and other relevant company material.

More details on the Investment Manager's approach to sustainability and its engagement with companies are available on the webpage

<https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/>

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than its investment universe, based on the Investment Manager's rating system.

The Investment Manager ensures that at least:

– 90% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in developed countries; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with an investment grade credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by developed countries; and

– 75% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in emerging countries; equities issued by small and medium companies; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with a high yield credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by emerging countries, is rated against the sustainability criteria.

For the purposes of this test, small companies are those with market capitalisation below €5 billion, medium companies are those between €5 billion and €10 billion and large companies are those above €10 billion.

● ***What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?***

The following binding elements are applied throughout the investment process:

- The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the JP Morgan GBI-EM Global Diversified index based on the Investment Manager's rating criteria.
- Exclusions are applied to direct investments in companies. The Fund applies certain exclusions relating to international conventions on cluster munitions, antipersonnel mines, and chemical and biological weapons. The Fund also excludes companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to tobacco and thermal coal, especially companies that generate at least 10% of their revenues from tobacco production, companies that generate at least 25% of their revenues from the tobacco value chain (such as suppliers, distributors, retailers and licensors), companies that generate at least 10% of their revenues from thermal coal mining and companies that generate at least 30% of their revenues from coal fired power generation. The Fund excludes companies that are assessed by Schroders to have breached one or more 'global norms' thereby causing significant environmental or social harm; these companies comprise Schroders' 'global norms' breach list. In exceptional circumstances a derogation may be applied in order to allow the Fund to continue to hold a company on Schroders' 'global norms' breach list, for example where the stated investment strategy of the Fund may otherwise be compromised. Any such company cannot be categorised as a sustainable investment. Further, the Fund may apply other exclusions as listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>
- The Fund invests in companies that have good governance practices, as determined by the Investment Manager's rating criteria.

The Investment Manager ensures that at least:

- 90% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in developed countries; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with an investment grade credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by developed countries; and
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is rated against the sustainability criteria.

● ***What is the committed minimum rate to reduce the scope of the investments considered prior to the application of that investment strategy?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

● ***What is the policy to assess good governance practices of the investee companies?***

In order to assess good governance practices, a central Good Governance Test is applied. This test is based on a data-driven quantitative framework, which uses a scorecard to assess companies across the categories of sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff, and tax compliance. Schroders has defined a number of criteria across these pillars.

Compliance with the test is monitored centrally and companies which do not pass this test cannot be held by the Fund, unless the Investment Manager has agreed that the issuer demonstrates good governance based on additional insights beyond that quantitative analysis.

**Good governance** practices include sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff and tax compliance.



## What is the asset allocation planned for this financial product?

**Asset allocation** describes the share of investments in specific assets.

The planned composition of the Fund's investments that are used to meet its environmental or social characteristics are summarised below.

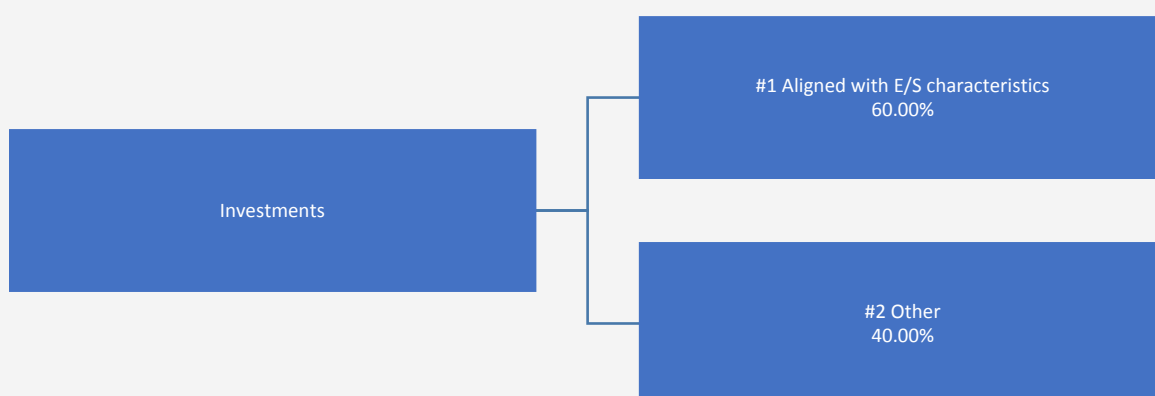
**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the minimum proportion of the Fund's assets used to attain the environmental or social characteristics, which is equal to 60%. The Fund commits to maintain a higher overall sustainability score than the JP Morgan GBI-EM Global Diversified index, and so the Fund's investments that are scored by Schroders' proprietary sustainability tool are included within the minimum proportion stated in #1 on the basis that they will contribute to the Fund's sustainability score (whether such individual investment has a positive or a negative score). The minimum proportions stated apply in normal market conditions. The actual proportion stated in #1 is expected to be higher.

The sustainability score is measured by Schroders' proprietary tool that provides an estimate of the net "impact" that an issuer may create in terms of social and environmental "costs" or "benefits". It does this by using certain indicators with respect to that issuer, and quantifying them positively and negatively to produce an aggregate notional measure of the effect that the relevant underlying issuer may have on society and the environment. Examples of such indicators are greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

**#2 Other** includes cash which is treated as neutral for sustainability purposes. #2 also includes other investments that are not scored by Schroders' proprietary sustainability tool and so do not contribute towards the Fund's sustainability score. As #1 states a minimum proportion that is in practice expected to be higher, the proportion stated in #2 is expected to be lower.

Minimum safeguards are applied where relevant to investments by restricting (as appropriate) investments in counterparties where there are ownership links or exposure to higher risk countries (for the purpose of money laundering, terrorist financing, bribery, corruption, tax evasion and sanctions risks). A firm-wide risk assessment considers the risk rating of each jurisdiction; which includes reference to a number of public statements, indices and world governance indicators issued by the UN, the European Union, the UK Government, the Financial Action Task Force and several Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), such as Transparency International and the Basel Committee.

In addition, new counterparties are reviewed by Schroders' credit risk team and approval of a new counterparty is based on a holistic review of the various sources of information available, including, but not limited to, quality of management, ownership structure, location, regulatory and social environment to which each counterparty is subject, and the degree of development of the local banking system and its regulatory framework. Ongoing monitoring is performed through a Schroders' proprietary tool, which supports the analysis of a counterparty's management of environmental, social and governance trends and challenges. Any significant deterioration in the profile of the counterparty in Schroders' proprietary tool would lead to further analysis and potential exclusion by Schroders' credit risk team.



**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the investments of the financial product used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product.

**#2 Other** includes the remaining investments of the financial product which are neither aligned with the environmental or social characteristics, nor are qualified as sustainable investments.

#1 The minimum proportion stated applies in normal market conditions.

● **How does the use of derivatives attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?**

Single name credit default swaps are used as a proxy for direct investments which would otherwise be held by the Fund in line with its sustainability criteria. Such derivatives are therefore used to attain the Fund's sustainability score in Schroders' proprietary tool which is one of the binding elements of the Fund. The Fund may use other derivatives that are scored in Schroders' proprietary tool to meet the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted by the Fund, as such derivatives would contribute to the Fund's sustainability score (whether such individual investment has a positive or a negative score).



**To what minimum extent are sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?**

There is no minimum extent to which the Fund's investments (including transitional and enabling activities) with an environmental objective are aligned with the Taxonomy. Taxonomy alignment of this Fund's investments has therefore not been calculated and has as a result been deemed to constitute 0% of the Fund's portfolio.

In future it is expected that the Fund will assess and report on the extent to which its underlying investments are in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the Taxonomy, along with information relating to the proportion of enabling and transitional activities. This Prospectus will be updated once it is possible in the Investment Manager's opinion to accurately disclose to what extent the Fund's investments are in Taxonomy-aligned environmentally sustainable activities, including the proportions of investments in enabling and transitional activities selected for the Fund.

● **Does the financial product invest in fossil gas and/or nuclear energy related activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy<sup>1</sup>?**

- ☐ Yes:
- ☐ In fossil gas ☐ In nuclear energy
- ☒ No

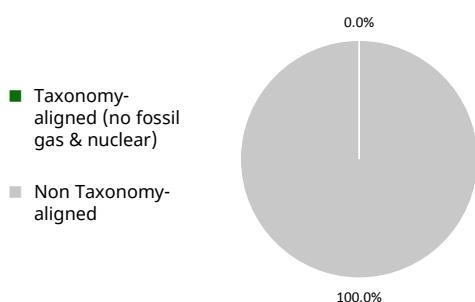
To comply with the EU Taxonomy, the criteria for **fossil gas** include limitations on emissions and switching to renewable power or low-carbon fuels by the end of 2035. For **nuclear energy**, the criteria include comprehensive safety and waste management rules.

Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

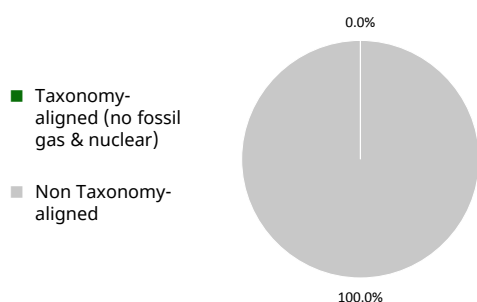
- **turnover** reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee companies
- **capital expenditure** (CapEx) showing the green investments made by investee companies, e.g. for a transition to a green economy.
- **operational expenditure** (OpEx) reflecting green operational activities of investee companies.

The two graphs below show in green the minimum percentage of investments that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the Taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy-alignment in relation to all the investments of the financial product including sovereign bonds, while the second graph shows the Taxonomy-alignment only in relation to the investments of the financial product other than sovereign bonds.

**1. Taxonomy-alignment of investments including sovereign bonds\***



**2. Taxonomy-alignment of investments excluding sovereign bonds\***



This graph represents x% of the total investments<sup>2</sup>.

\* For the purpose of these graphs, 'sovereign bonds' consist of all sovereign exposures

<sup>1</sup> Fossil gas and/or nuclear related activities will only comply with the EU Taxonomy where they contribute to limiting climate change ("climate change mitigation") and do not significantly harm any EU Taxonomy objective – see explanatory note in the left-hand margin. The full criteria for fossil gas and nuclear energy economic activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy are laid down in Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1214.

<sup>2</sup> As there is no Taxonomy-alignment, there is no impact on the graph if sovereign bonds are excluded (i.e. the percentage of Taxonomy-aligned investments remains 0%) and the Management Company therefore believes that there is no need to mention this information.

**Enabling activities** directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective.

**Transitional activities** are activities for which low-carbon alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.

● **What is the minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities?**

As per the above, at the date of this Prospectus the share of investments by the Fund in transitional and enabling activities is currently deemed to constitute 0% of the Fund's portfolio.



**What is the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?**

This question is not applicable for the Fund.



are sustainable investments with an environmental objective that **do not take into account the criteria** for environmentally sustainable economic activities under the EU Taxonomy.



**What is the minimum share of socially sustainable investments?**

This question is not applicable for the Fund.



**What investments are included under “#2 Other”, what is their purpose and are there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?**

**#2 Other** includes cash which is treated as neutral for sustainability purposes. #2 also includes other investments that are not scored by Schroders' proprietary sustainability tools and so do not contribute towards the Fund's sustainability score.

Minimum safeguards are applied where relevant to investments by restricting (as appropriate) investments in counterparties where there are ownership links or exposure to higher risk countries (for the purpose of money laundering, terrorist financing, bribery, corruption, tax evasion and sanctions risks). A firm-wide risk assessment considers the risk rating of each jurisdiction; which includes reference to a number of public statements, indices and world governance indicators issued by the UN, the European Union, the UK Government, the Financial Action Task Force and several Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), such as Transparency International and the Basel Committee.

In addition, new counterparties are reviewed by Schroders' credit risk team and approval of a new counterparty is based on a holistic review of the various sources of information available, including, but not limited to, quality of management, ownership structure, location, regulatory and social environment to which each counterparty is subject, and the degree of development of the local banking system and its regulatory framework. Ongoing monitoring is performed through a Schroders' proprietary tool, which supports the analysis of a counterparty's management of environmental, social and governance trends and challenges. Any significant deterioration in the profile of the counterparty in Schroders' proprietary tool would lead to further analysis and potential exclusion by Schroders' credit risk team.



## Is a specific index designated as a reference benchmark to determine whether this financial product is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes?

**Reference benchmarks** are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the environmental or social characteristics that they promote.

- ***How is the reference benchmark continuously aligned with each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- ***How is the alignment of the investment strategy with the methodology of the index ensured on a continuous basis?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- ***How does the designated index differ from a relevant broad market index?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- ***Where can the methodology used for the calculation of the designated index be found?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.



## Where can I find more product specific information online?

More product-specific information can be found on the webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>



Pre-contractual disclosure for the financial products referred to in Article 8, paragraphs 1, 2 and 2a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 6, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852

**Product name:** **Schroder International Selection Fund Emerging Markets Multi-Asset**

**Legal entity identifier:** **549300J365DGAM4OUL36**

## Environmental and/or social characteristics

<p><b>Sustainable investment</b> means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good governance practices.</p>	<p><b>Does this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?</b></p> <p> <input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Yes</b> <input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>No</b> </p>		
<p>The <b>EU Taxonomy</b> is a classification system laid down in Regulation (EU) 2020/852, establishing a list of <b>environmentally sustainable economic activities</b>. That Regulation does not lay down a list of socially sustainable economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.</p>	<table border="1"> <tr> <td data-bbox="258 436 869 1052"> <p><input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with an environmental objective: __%</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with a social objective __%</b></p> </td><td data-bbox="869 436 1487 1052"> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> It <b>promotes Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics</b> and while it does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will have a minimum proportion of <b>10.00%</b> of sustainable investments</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> with a social objective</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> It promotes E/S characteristics, but <b>will not make any sustainable investments</b></p> </td></tr> </table>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with an environmental objective: __%</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with a social objective __%</b></p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> It <b>promotes Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics</b> and while it does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will have a minimum proportion of <b>10.00%</b> of sustainable investments</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> with a social objective</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> It promotes E/S characteristics, but <b>will not make any sustainable investments</b></p>
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## What environmental and/or social characteristics are promoted by this financial product?

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the 50% MSCI Emerging Market Index (USD), 16.7% JPM EMBI Index EM Hard Currency (USD), 16.7% JPM GBI Emerging Market Index-- EM Local (USD), 16.7% JPM CEMB Index (USD), based on the Investment Manager's rating system. This benchmark (which is a broad market index) does not take into account the environmental and social characteristics promoted by the Fund.

The sustainability score is measured by Schroders' proprietary tool that provides an estimate of the net "impact" that an issuer may create in terms of social and environmental "costs" or "benefits". It does this by using certain indicators with respect to that issuer, and quantifying them positively and negatively to produce an aggregate notional measure of the effect that the relevant underlying issuer may have on society and the environment. It does this using third party data as well as Schroders own estimates and assumptions and the outcome may differ from other sustainability tools and measures. Examples of such indicators are greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

The result is expressed as an aggregate score of the sustainability indicators for each issuer, specifically a notional percentage (positive or negative) of sales or GDP of the relevant underlying issuer. For example, a score of +2% would mean an issuer contributes \$2 of relative notional positive impact (i.e. benefits to society) per \$100 of sales or GDP. The sustainability score of the Fund is derived from the scores of all issuers in the Fund's portfolio measured by Schroders' proprietary tool.

The Fund invests at least 10% of its assets in sustainable investments, which are investments that the Investment Manager expects to contribute towards the advancement of one or more environmental and/or social objective (s).

### ● **What sustainability indicators are used to measure the attainment of each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?**

The Investment Manager monitors compliance with the characteristic to maintain a higher overall sustainability score than the 50% MSCI Emerging Market Index (USD), 16.7% JPM EMBI Index EM Hard Currency (USD), 16.7% JPM GBI Emerging Market Index-- EM Local (USD), 16.7% JPM CEMB Index (USD) by reference to the weighted average sustainability score of the Fund in Schroder'' proprietary tool compared against the weighted average sustainability score of the 50% MSCI Emerging Market Index (USD), 16.7% JPM EMBI Index EM Hard Currency (USD), 16.7% JPM GBI Emerging Market Index-- EM Local (USD), 16.7% JPM CEMB Index (USD) in Schroder'' proprietary tool over the previous six month period,

based on month-end data. The overall sustainability score aggregates the effect of sustainability indicators including but not limited to greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

The Investment Manager monitors compliance with the characteristic to invest at least 10% of its assets in sustainable investments by reference to (i) the sustainability score of each asset in Schroders' proprietary tool and/ or (ii) whether the asset is classified as a green, social and/ or sustainable bond. Compliance with this is monitored daily via our automated compliance controls. The Fund also applies certain exclusions, with which the Investment Manager monitors compliance on an ongoing basis via its portfolio compliance framework.

● ***What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?***

In respect of the proportion of the Fund's portfolio that is invested in sustainable investments, each sustainable investment either (i) demonstrates a net positive effect across a range of environmental or social objectives, as scored by Schroders' proprietary tool and/ or (ii) is classified as a green, social and/ or sustainable bond using a third-party data source. The environmental or social objectives of the sustainable investments that the Fund partially intends to make may include, but are not limited to, increasing environmental and/ or social benefits such as greater water access or fair pay and reducing environmental, and/ or social costs such as carbon emissions or food waste. For example, greater water access as measured by Schroders' proprietary tool are the estimated societal benefits of the provision of clean drinking water to human health. The environmental or social objectives of green, social and/ or sustainable bonds may include, but are not limited to, climate change mitigation, renewable energy initiatives, natural resource conservation, access to finance and affordable housing projects.

● ***How do the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make, not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?***

The Investment Manager's approach to investing in issuers that do not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective includes the following:

- Firm-wide investment exclusions apply to Schroders funds. These relate to international conventions on cluster munitions, anti-personnel mines, and chemical and biological weapons and a list of those companies that are excluded is available at <https://www.schroders.com/en/sustainability/active-ownership/group-exclusions/>. Firm-wide exclusions also apply to companies generating more than 20% of their revenue from thermal coal mining.
- The Fund excludes companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to tobacco and thermal coal.
- The Fund excludes companies that are assessed by Schroders to have breached one or more 'global norms' thereby causing significant environmental or social harm; these companies comprise Schroders' 'global norms' breach list. Schroders' determination of whether a company has been involved in such a breach considers relevant principles such as those contained in the UN Global Compact (UNGC) principles, the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights. The 'global norms' breach list may be informed by assessments performed by third party providers and by proprietary research, where relevant to a particular situation. In exceptional circumstances a derogation may be applied in order to allow the Fund to continue to hold a company on Schroders' 'global norms' breach list, for example where the stated investment strategy of the Fund may otherwise be compromised. Any such company cannot be categorised as a sustainable investment.
- The Fund may also apply certain other exclusions in addition to those summarised above.

Further information on all of the Fund's investment exclusions is to be found under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>.

● ***How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?***

When seeking to identify significant harm, Schroders' approach to taking into account the Principal Adverse Impacts (PAI) indicators involves a quantitative and a qualitative assessment. Where it is not considered appropriate or feasible to set quantitative thresholds, the Investment Manager engages, where relevant. Investee companies deemed not to satisfy the quantitative thresholds would generally be excluded, unless on a case-by-case basis the data is deemed not representative of a company's performance in the relevant area.

This framework is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability and quality of the data evolves.

Our approach includes:

1. **Quantitative:** this includes indicators where specific thresholds have been established:

**Principal adverse impacts** are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anticorruption and antibribery matters.

- Via the application of exclusions. This approach is relevant to **PAI 4** (Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector), **PAI 5** (Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production) and **PAI 14** (Exposure to controversial weapons). Further, the following PAIs are assessed as part of Schroders' 'global norms' breach list exclusion (which seeks to exclude companies where significant harm is occurring):
  - **PAI 7** (Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas)
  - **PAI 8** (Emissions to water)
  - **PAI 9** (Hazardous waste and radioactive waste ratio)
  - **PAI 10** (Violations of UN Global Compact principles and Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises)
  - **PAI 11** (Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and Voluntary)
  - **PAI 14** in Table 3 (Number of identified cases of severe human rights issues and incidents)
- Via the application of an alert system flag if the relevant indicator(s) exceeds a threshold. These quantitative thresholds to assess significant harm are established centrally by our Sustainable Investment team and monitored systematically. This approach applies to indicators where we have segmented the population into harm groups to establish a threshold, such as carbon related PAI metrics, **PAI 1** (GHG emissions), **PAI 2** (Carbon footprint) and **Voluntary PAI 4 in Table 2** (Investing in companies without carbon emission reduction initiatives). **PAI 3** (GHG intensity of investee companies) operates in a similar way but the threshold is based on a revenue metric. A threshold for **PAI 6** (Energy consumption intensity per high impact climate sector) is established based on the ~~above-mentioned~~ carbon measures. A similar approach has been taken for **PAI 15** (GHG intensity). **PAI 16** (Investee countries subject to social violations) also operates in the same way but based on data availability regarding social violations. Through this process the relevant issuer(s) that is/are deemed not to satisfy the quantitative thresholds is/are flagged to the Investment Manager for consideration, whose response may involve selling the holdings(s) or maintaining the position if on a case-by-case basis the data is deemed not representative of a company's performance in the relevant area. Investee companies deemed to cause significant harm are excluded from the Fund.
- 2. **Qualitative:** This includes PAI indicators where Schroders' believes that the data available does not enable us to make a quantitative determination regarding whether significant harm is done so as to warrant excluding an investment. In such cases, the Investment Manager engages wherever possible with the company or companies held, in accordance with the priorities documented in Schroders' Engagement Blueprint and/or voting policy. This approach applies to indicators such as **PAI 12** (Unadjusted gender pay gap) and **PAI 13** (Board gender diversity), where we engage and may use our voting rights where we consider appropriate. Both board gender diversity and disclosure of gender pay gap information are captured in our Engagement Blueprint.

● ***How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:***

Companies on Schroders' 'global norms' breach list cannot be categorised as sustainable investments. Schroders' determination of whether a company should be included on such list considers the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, among other relevant principles. The 'global norms' breach list is informed by third party providers and proprietary research, where relevant.

*The EU Taxonomy sets out a "do not significant harm" principle by which Taxonomy-aligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives and is accompanied by specific EU criteria.*

*The "do not significant harm" principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.*

*Any other sustainable investments must also not significantly harm any environmental or social objectives.*



## Does this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

☒ Yes, the Investment Manager's approach to considering principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors involves classifying the indicators into three categories:

The Fund allocates its assets across multiple underlying strategies. Some PAIs are considered at the Fund level, whilst other PAIs are considered at the level of the underlying strategies by the relevant investment manager where applicable.

Some PAIs are considered as part of pre-investment through the application of exclusions applied at the Fund level. These include:

- Controversial weapons (PAI 14 - Exposure to controversial weapons (anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, chemical weapons and biological weapons) – applied to long and short exposures.
- Schrodgers' 'global norms' breach list, which covers: PAI 7 (Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas), PAI 8 (Emissions to water), PAI 9 (Hazardous waste and radioactive waste ratio), PAI 10 (Violations of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises), PAI 11 (Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises) and PAI 16 (Investee countries subject to social violations) - applied to long exposures.
- Companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to thermal coal: (PAI 4 (Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector), PAI 5 (Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production) – applied to relevant underlying strategies.

Compliance with these thresholds is monitored via the Investment Manager's portfolio compliance framework.

Where appropriate PAIs are also considered through integration in the investment process, specifically the stock selection process in underlying strategies. For example the Asian equity strategy uses a proprietary tool which provides a framework for analysing a company's relationship with its stakeholders and the sustainability of its business model and covers PAIs 1, 2, 3 and 6 (Greenhouse gas emissions). PAI indicators may be further reviewed via the Schrodgers PAI dashboard.

Other PAIs are considered via active ownership, which where relevant is performed indirectly via the underlying investment managers. Where applicable, based on the underlying strategies and the relevant investment manager's own investment process, PAIs are considered post-investment through engagement in line with the approach and expectations set out in Schrodgers Engagement Blueprint.

Examples of PAIs captured via this approach included PAI 1 (GHG emissions), PAI 2 (Carbon footprint), PAI 3 (GHG intensity of investee companies) and PAI 13 (Board gender diversity).

Our approach is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability, and quality, of PAI data evolves. The Management Company's statement on principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors is available at <https://api.schrodgers.com/document-store/id/ffcb39bb-96cb-4e56-9461-deba9a493e85>. The Fund level information is disclosed or will be disclosed (as applicable) in the Fund's annual report.

1. Set thresholds: these involve very explicit thresholds for considering an investment to be a "sustainable investment". For example, PAI 10 on violations of UNGC principles.
2. Active ownership: these involve indicators on which we have a plan to engage with the underlying holding as set out in the Schrodgers Group document – <https://mybrand.schrodgers.com/m/3222ea4ed44a1f2c/original/schrodgers-engagement-blueprint.pdf>, outlining our approach to active ownership. For example, PAI 1, 2 and 3 covering GHG emissions and PAI 13 on board gender diversity.
3. Improve coverage: these involve indicators where we consider data coverage to be too sparse to properly consider them and our focus is primarily on engaging with the underlying holdings to increase reporting. For example, PAI 7 on biodiversity, PAI 9 on hazardous waste ratio and PAI 12 on the gender pay gap.

Our approach is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability, and quality, of PAI data evolves:

The Management Company's statement on principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors is available at <https://mybrand.schrodgers.com/m/467910ac8e6da45c/original/Statement-on-principal-adverse-impacts-of-investment-decisions-on-sustainability-factors.pdf>. The Fund level information is disclosed or will be (as applicable) in the Fund's annual report.

☐ No



**The investment strategy** guides investment decisions based on factors such as investment objectives and risk tolerance.

## What investment strategy does this financial product follow?

The sustainable investment strategy used by the Investment Manager is as follows:

The Fund is actively managed and invests at least two-thirds of its assets directly in equity and equity related securities, fixed income securities and Alternative Asset Classes of emerging markets countries worldwide or companies which derive a significant proportion of their revenues or profits from emerging markets countries worldwide.

The Fund may actively allocate its assets in Money Market Investments and currencies especially to mitigate losses in falling markets.

The Fund may invest:

- in excess of 50% of its assets in below investment grade (fixed and floating rate) securities (being securities with a credit rating below investment grade as measured by Standard & Poor's or any equivalent grade of other credit rating agencies) and unrated securities;
- in excess of 50% of its assets in emerging market debt (fixed and floating rate) securities;
- up to 20% of its assets in asset backed securities and mortgage-backed securities;
- up to 10% of its assets in Alternative Asset Classes indirectly through Exchange Traded Funds, REITs or open-ended Investment Funds; and

– up to 10% of its assets in open-ended Investment Funds.

The Fund may invest directly in China B-Shares and China H-Shares and may invest less than 25% of its assets (on a net basis) directly or indirectly (for example via participatory notes) in China A-Shares through Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect and Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect and shares listed on the STAR Board and the ChiNext. The Fund may also invest up to 15% of its assets in mainland China through Regulated Markets (including the CIBM via Bond Connect or CIBM Direct).

The Fund intends to use derivatives (including total return swaps), long and short, with the aim of achieving investment gains, reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently. Where the Fund uses total return swaps and contracts for difference, the underlying consists of instruments in which the Fund may invest according to its Investment Objective and Investment Policy. In particular, the aim is to use total return swaps and contracts for difference on a temporary basis in market conditions including but not limited to during periods of expanding global economic growth and rising inflation or elevated geopolitical risk, or when credit spreads are expected to widen such during periods of falling economic growth, rising interest rates or elevated geopolitical risk. Contracts for difference and total return swaps are intended to be used to gain long and short exposure on equity and equity related securities, fixed and floating rate securities and commodity indices. The gross exposure of total return swaps and contracts for difference will not exceed 30% and is expected to remain within the range of 0% to 20% of the Net Asset Value. In certain circumstances this proportion may be higher. The Fund may hold cash.

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than 50% MSCI Emerging Market Index (USD), 16.7% JPM EMBI Index EM Hard Currency (USD), 16.7% JPM GBI Emerging Market Index - EM Local (USD), 16.7% JPM CEMB Index (USD), based on the Investment Manager's rating criteria.

The Fund does not directly invest in certain activities, industries or groups of issuers above the limits listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

The Investment Manager applies governance and sustainability criteria when selecting investments for the Fund. The investable universe is assessed using a number of proprietary tools, as well as external rating services.

The Investment Manager will assess companies against a variety of environmental, social and governance metrics, taking into account issues such as climate change, environmental performance, labour standards and board composition. The Investment Manager will decide whether an investment is eligible for inclusion taking into account the overall ESG score. The multi-asset nature of the Fund means that the Investment Manager will analyse the ESG scores across asset classes as an input into the asset allocation of the Fund. The Investment Manager may select investments, which it deems to contribute to one or more environmental or social objectives, provided that they do no significant harm to any other environmental or social objectives.

The sources of information used to perform the analysis include information provided by the companies, such as company sustainability reports and other relevant company material, as well as Schroders' proprietary sustainability tools and third-party data.

More details on the Investment Manager's approach to sustainability and its engagement with companies are available on the webpage

<https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/>

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than its investment universe, based on the Investment Manager's rating system.

The Investment Manager ensures that at least:

– 90% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in developed countries; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with an investment grade credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by developed countries; and

– 75% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in emerging countries; equities issued by small and medium companies; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with a high yield credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by emerging countries,

is rated against the sustainability criteria.

For the purposes of this test, small companies are those with market capitalisation below €5 billion, medium companies are those between €5 billion and €10 billion and large companies are those above €10 billion.

### ● ***What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?***

The following binding elements are applied throughout the investment process:

- The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the 50% MSCI Emerging Market Index (USD), 16.7% JPM EMBI Index EM Hard Currency (USD), 16.7% JPM GBI Emerging Market Index - EM Local (USD), 16.7% JPM CEMB Index (USD) based on the Investment Manager's rating criteria.
- The Fund invests at least 10% of its assets in sustainable investments and such investments do not cause significant environmental or social harm.
- Exclusions are applied to direct investments in companies. The Fund applies certain exclusions relating to international conventions on cluster munitions, antipersonnel mines, and chemical and biological weapons. The Fund also excludes companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds



from activities related to tobacco and thermal coal, especially companies that generate at least 10% of their revenues from tobacco production, companies that generate at least 25% of their revenues from the tobacco value chain (such as suppliers, distributors, retailers and licensors), companies that generate at least 10% of their revenues from thermal coal mining and companies that generate at least 30% of their revenues from coal fired power generation. The Fund excludes companies that are assessed by Schroders to have breached one or more 'global norms' thereby causing significant environmental or social harm; these companies comprise Schroders' 'global norms' breach list. In exceptional circumstances a derogation may be applied in order to allow the Fund to continue to hold a company on Schroders' 'global norms' breach list, for example where the stated investment strategy of the Fund may otherwise be compromised. Any such company cannot be categorised as a sustainable investment. Further, the Fund may apply other exclusions as listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

- The Fund invests in companies that have good governance practices, as determined by the Investment Manager's rating criteria.

The Investment Manager ensures that at least:

- 90% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in developed countries; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with an investment grade credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by developed countries; and
- 75% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in emerging countries; equities issued by small and medium companies; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with a high yield credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by emerging countries,

is rated against the sustainability criteria.

● **What is the committed minimum rate to reduce the scope of the investments considered prior to the application of that investment strategy?**

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

● **What is the policy to assess good governance practices of the investee companies?**

In order to assess good governance practices, a central Good Governance Test is applied. This test is based on a data-driven quantitative framework, which uses a scorecard to assess companies across the categories of sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff, and tax compliance. Schroders has defined a number of criteria across these pillars.

Compliance with the test is monitored centrally and companies which do not pass this test cannot be held by the Fund, unless the Investment Manager has agreed that the issuer demonstrates good governance based on additional insights beyond that quantitative analysis.

**Good governance** practices include sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff and tax compliance.



## What is the asset allocation planned for this financial product?

**Asset allocation** describes the share of investments in specific assets.

The planned composition of the Fund's investments that are used to meet its environmental or social characteristics are summarised below.

**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the minimum proportion of the Fund's assets used to attain the environmental or social characteristics, which is equal to 60%. The Fund commits to maintain a higher overall sustainability score than the 50% MSCI Emerging Market Index (USD), 16.7% JPM EMBI Index EM Hard Currency (USD), 16.7% JPM GBI Emerging Market Index - EM Local (USD), 16.7% JPM CEMB Index (USD), and so the Fund's investments that are scored by Schroders' proprietary sustainability tool are included within the minimum proportion stated in #1 on the basis that they will contribute to the Fund's sustainability score (whether such individual investment has a positive or a negative score). Also included within #1 are any green, social or sustainable bonds that are not scored by Schroders' proprietary sustainability tool. is ~~is~~ The minimum proportion of assets that are invested in sustainable investments, ~~is~~ indicated in #1A. The minimum proportions stated apply in normal market conditions. The actual proportion stated in #1 is expected to be higher.

The sustainability score is measured by Schroders' proprietary tool that provides an estimate of the net "impact" that an issuer may create in terms of social and environmental "costs" or "benefits". It does this by using certain indicators with respect to that issuer, and quantifying them positively and negatively to produce an aggregate notional measure of the effect that the relevant underlying issuer may have on society and the environment. Examples of such indicators are greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

The Fund will invest at least 10% of its assets in sustainable investments. Each sustainable investment (i) demonstrates a net positive effect across a range of environmental or social objectives, as scored by Schroders' proprietary tool or (ii) is classified as a green, social and/ or sustainable bond using a third-party data source. With the exception of any green or social bonds, which will be classified as having an environmental or social objective respectively, a sustainable investment is classified as having an environmental or social objective

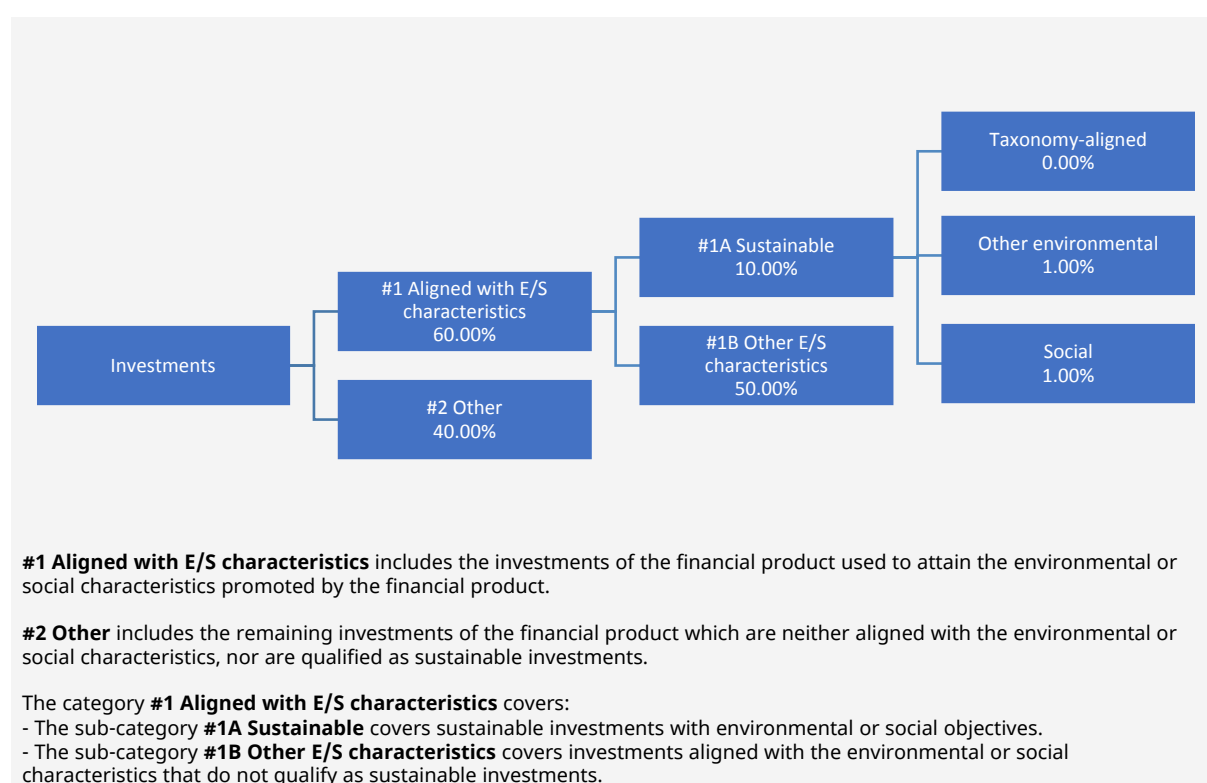


depending on whether the relevant issuer has a higher score in Schroders' proprietary tool relative to its applicable peer group for its environmental indicators or its social indicators. In each case, indicators are comprised of both "costs" and "benefits".

**#2 Other** includes cash which is treated as neutral for sustainability purposes. #2 also includes **other** investments that are not scored by Schroders' proprietary sustainability tool and so do not contribute towards the Fund's sustainability score. As #1 states a minimum proportion that is in practice expected to be higher, the proportion stated in #2 is expected to be lower.

Minimum safeguards are applied where relevant to Money Market Investments and other investments by restricting (as appropriate) investments in counterparties where there are ownership links or exposure to higher risk countries (for the purpose of money laundering, terrorist financing, bribery, corruption, tax evasion and sanctions risks). A firm-wide risk assessment considers the risk rating of each jurisdiction; which includes reference to a number of public statements, indices and world governance indicators issued by the UN, the European Union, the UK Government, the Financial Action Task Force and several Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), such as Transparency International and the Basel Committee.

In addition, new counterparties are reviewed by Schroders' credit risk team and approval of a new counterparty is based on a holistic review of the various sources of information available, including, but not limited to, quality of management, ownership structure, location, regulatory and social environment to which each counterparty is subject, and the degree of development of the local banking system and its regulatory framework. Ongoing monitoring is performed through a Schroders' proprietary tool, which supports the analysis of a counterparty's management of environmental, social and governance trends and challenges. Any significant deterioration in the profile of the counterparty in Schroders' proprietary tool would lead to further analysis and potential exclusion by Schroders' credit risk team.



#1 The minimum proportion stated applies in normal market conditions.

## ● **How does the use of derivatives attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?**

Derivatives such as equity index futures may be used as a proxy for direct investments which would otherwise be held by the Fund in line with its sustainability criteria. Such derivatives may therefore be used to attain the Fund's sustainability score in Schroders' proprietary tool which is one of the binding elements of the Fund. The Fund may use other derivatives that are scored in Schroders' proprietary tool to meet the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted by the Fund, as such derivatives would contribute to the Fund's sustainability score (whether such individual investment has a positive or a negative score).



## To what minimum extent are sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

There is no minimum extent to which the Fund's investments (including transitional and enabling activities) with an environmental objective are aligned with the Taxonomy. Taxonomy alignment of this Fund's investments has therefore not been calculated and has as a result been deemed to constitute 0% of the Fund's portfolio.

In future it is expected that the Fund will assess and report on the extent to which its underlying investments are in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the Taxonomy, along with information relating to the proportion of enabling and transitional activities. This Prospectus will be updated once it is possible in the Investment Manager's opinion to accurately disclose to what extent the Fund's investments are in Taxonomy-aligned environmentally sustainable activities, including the proportions of investments in enabling and transitional activities selected for the Fund.

### ● Does the financial product invest in fossil gas and/or nuclear energy related activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy<sup>1</sup>?

☐ Yes:

☐ In fossil gas ☐ In nuclear energy

☒ No

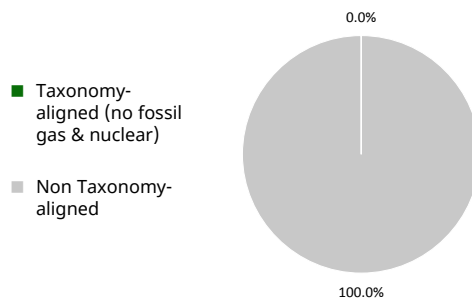
To comply with the EU Taxonomy, the criteria for **fossil gas** include limitations on emissions and switching to renewable power or low-carbon fuels by the end of 2035. For **nuclear energy**, the criteria include comprehensive safety and waste management rules.

Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

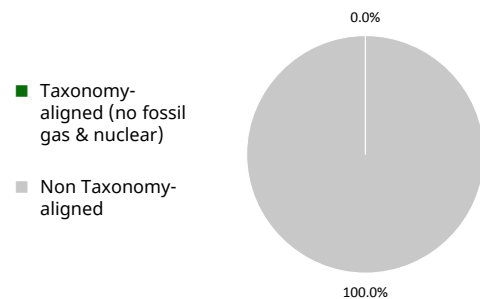
- **turnover** reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee companies
- **capital expenditure** (CapEx) showing the green investments made by investee companies, e.g. for a transition to a green economy.
- **operational expenditure** (OpEx) reflecting green operational activities of investee companies.

The two graphs below show in green the minimum percentage of investments that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the Taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy-alignment in relation to all the investments of the financial product including sovereign bonds, while the second graph shows the Taxonomy-alignment only in relation to the investments of the financial product other than sovereign bonds.

1. Taxonomy-alignment of investments including sovereign bonds\*



2. Taxonomy-alignment of investments excluding sovereign bonds\*



This graph represents x% of the total investments<sup>2</sup>.

\* For the purpose of these graphs, 'sovereign bonds' consist of all sovereign exposures

### ● What is the minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities?

As per the above, at the date of this Prospectus the share of investments by the Fund in transitional and enabling activities is currently deemed to constitute 0% of the Fund's portfolio.

**Enabling activities** directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective.

**Transitional activities** are activities for which low-carbon

<sup>1</sup> Fossil gas and/or nuclear related activities will only comply with the EU Taxonomy where they contribute to limiting climate change ("climate change mitigation") and do not significantly harm any EU Taxonomy objective – see explanatory note in the left-hand margin. The full criteria for fossil gas and nuclear energy economic activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy are laid down in Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1214.

<sup>2</sup> As there is no Taxonomy-alignment, there is no impact on the graph if sovereign bonds are excluded (i.e. the percentage of Taxonomy-aligned investments remains 0%) and the Management Company therefore believes that there is no need to mention this information.

alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.



### What is the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

The Fund commits to invest at least 1% of its assets in sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy.



are sustainable investments with an environmental objective that **do not take into account the criteria** for environmentally sustainable economic activities under the EU Taxonomy.



### What is the minimum share of socially sustainable investments?

The Fund commits to invest at least 1% of its assets in sustainable investments with a social objective.



### What investments are included under “#2 Other”, what is their purpose and are there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

**#2 Other** includes cash which is treated as neutral for sustainability purposes. #2 also includes other investments that are not scored by Schroders’ proprietary sustainability tools and so do not contribute towards the Fund’s sustainability score.

Minimum safeguards are applied where relevant to Money Market Investments and other investments by restricting (as appropriate) investments in counterparties where there are ownership links or exposure to higher risk countries (for the purpose of money laundering, terrorist financing, bribery, corruption, tax evasion and sanctions risks). A firm-wide risk assessment considers the risk rating of each jurisdiction; which includes reference to a number of public statements, indices and world governance indicators issued by the UN, the European Union, the UK Government, the Financial Action Task Force and several Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), such as Transparency International and the Basel Committee.

In addition, new counterparties are reviewed by Schroders’ credit risk team and approval of a new counterparty is based on a holistic review of the various sources of information available, including, but not limited to, quality of management, ownership structure, location, regulatory and social environment to which each counterparty is subject, and the degree of development of the local banking system and its regulatory framework. Ongoing monitoring is performed through a Schroders’ proprietary tool, which supports the analysis of a counterparty’s management of environmental, social and governance trends and challenges. Any significant deterioration in the profile of the counterparty in Schroders’ proprietary tool would lead to further analysis and potential exclusion by Schroders’ credit risk team.



### Is a specific index designated as a reference benchmark to determine whether this financial product is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes?

**Reference benchmarks** are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the

- **How is the reference benchmark continuously aligned with each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?**

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

environmental or social characteristics that they promote.

- ***How is the alignment of the investment strategy with the methodology of the index ensured on a continuous basis?***  
This question is not applicable for the Fund.
- ***How does the designated index differ from a relevant broad market index?***  
This question is not applicable for the Fund.
- ***Where can the methodology used for the calculation of the designated index be found?***  
This question is not applicable for the Fund.



## **Where can I find more product specific information online?**

More product-specific information can be found on the webpage: <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

Pre-contractual disclosure for the financial products referred to in Article 8, paragraphs 1, 2 and 2a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 6, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852

**Product name:** **Schroder International Selection Fund EURO Bond**

**Legal entity identifier:** **61XW5S6PT0DGAORX3X38**

## Environmental and/or social characteristics

**Sustainable investment** means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good governance practices.

The **EU Taxonomy** is a classification system laid down in Regulation (EU) 2020/852, establishing a list of **environmentally sustainable economic activities**. That Regulation does not lay down a list of socially sustainable economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.

**Does this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?**

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<input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with an environmental objective: __%</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy  <input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> It <b>promotes Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics</b> and while it does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will have a minimum proportion of <b>10.00%</b> of sustainable investments	<input type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> with a social objective
<input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with a social objective __%</b>		<input type="checkbox"/> It promotes E/S characteristics, but <b>will not make any sustainable investments</b>	



## What environmental and/or social characteristics are promoted by this financial product?

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the Bloomberg EURO Aggregate index, based on the Investment Manager's rating system. This benchmark (which is a broad market index) does not take into account the environmental and social characteristics promoted by the Fund.

The sustainability score is measured by Schroders' proprietary tool that provides an estimate of the net "impact" that an issuer may create in terms of social and environmental "costs" or "benefits". It does this by using certain indicators with respect to that issuer, and quantifying them positively and negatively to produce an aggregate notional measure of the effect that the relevant underlying issuer may have on society and the environment. It does this using third party data as well as Schroders' own estimates and assumptions and the outcome may differ from other sustainability tools and measures. Examples of such indicators are greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

The result is expressed as an aggregate score of the sustainability indicators for each issuer, specifically a notional percentage (positive or negative) of sales or GDP of the relevant underlying issuer. For example, a score of +2% would mean an issuer contributes \$2 of relative notional positive impact (i.e. benefits to society) per \$100 of sales or GDP. The sustainability score of the Fund is derived from the scores of all issuers in the Fund's portfolio measured by Schroders' proprietary tool.

The Fund invests at least 10% of its assets in sustainable investments, which are investments that the Investment Manager expects to contribute towards the advancement of one or more environmental and/or social objective (s).

### What sustainability indicators are used to measure the attainment of each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

The Investment Manager monitors compliance with the characteristic to maintain a higher overall sustainability score than the Bloomberg EURO Aggregate index by reference to the weighted average sustainability score of the Fund in Schroders' proprietary tool compared against the weighted average sustainability score of the Bloomberg EURO Aggregate index in Schroders' proprietary tool over the previous six-month period, based on month-end data. The overall sustainability score aggregates the effect of sustainability indicators including but not limited to greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

**Sustainability indicators** measure how the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product are attained.

The Investment Manager monitors compliance with the characteristic to invest at least 10% of its assets in sustainable investments by reference to (i) the sustainability score of each asset in Schroders' proprietary tool and/ or (ii) whether the asset is classified as a green, social and/ or sustainable bond. Compliance with this is monitored daily via our automated compliance controls. The Fund also applies certain exclusions, with which the Investment Manager monitors compliance on an ongoing basis via its portfolio compliance framework.

● ***What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?***

In respect of the proportion of the Fund's portfolio that is invested in sustainable investments, each sustainable investment either (i) demonstrates a net positive effect across a range of environmental or social objectives, as scored by Schroders' proprietary tool and/or (ii) is classified as a green, social and/ or sustainable bond using a third-party data source. The environmental or social objectives of the sustainable investments that the Fund partially intends to make may include, but are not limited to, increasing environmental and/or social benefits such as greater water access or fair pay, and reducing environmental and/or social costs such as carbon emissions or food waste. For example, greater water access as measured by Schroders' proprietary tool are the estimated societal benefits of the provision of clean drinking water to human health. The environmental or social objectives of green, social and/or sustainable bonds may include, but are not limited to, climate change mitigation, renewable energy initiatives, natural resource conservation, access to finance and affordable housing projects.

● ***How do the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make, not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?***

The Investment Manager's approach to investing in issuers that do not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective includes the following:

- Firm-wide investment exclusions apply to Schroders funds. These relate to international conventions on cluster munitions, anti-personnel mines, and chemical and biological weapons and a list of those companies that are excluded is available at <https://www.schroders.com/en/sustainability/active-ownership/group-exclusions/>. Firm-wide exclusions also apply to companies generating more than 20% of their revenue from thermal coal mining.
- The Fund excludes companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to tobacco and thermal coal.
- The Fund excludes companies that are assessed by Schroders to have breached one or more 'global norms' thereby causing significant environmental or social harm; these companies comprise Schroders' 'global norms' breach list. Schroders' determination of whether a company has been involved in such a breach considers relevant principles such as those contained in the UN Global Compact (UNGC) principles, the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights. The 'global norms' breach list may be informed by assessments performed by third party providers and by proprietary research, where relevant to a particular situation. In exceptional circumstances a derogation may be applied in order to allow the Fund to continue to hold a company on Schroders' 'global norms' breach list, for example where the stated investment strategy of the Fund may otherwise be compromised. Any such company cannot be categorised as a sustainable investment.
- The Fund may also apply certain other exclusions in addition to those summarised above.

Further information on all of the Fund's investment exclusions is to be found under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>.

● ***How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?***

When seeking to identify significant harm, Schroders' approach to taking into account the Principal Adverse Impacts (PAI) indicators involves a quantitative and a qualitative assessment. Where it is not considered appropriate or feasible to set quantitative thresholds, the Investment Manager engages, where relevant. Investee companies deemed not to satisfy the quantitative thresholds would generally be excluded, unless on a case-by-case basis the data is deemed not representative of a company's performance in the relevant area.

This framework is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability and quality of the data evolves.

Our approach includes:

1. **Quantitative:** this includes indicators where specific thresholds have been established:

**2. Qualitative:** This includes PAI indicators where Schroders' believes that the data available does not enable us to make a quantitative determination regarding whether significant harm is done so as to warrant excluding an investment. In such cases, the Investment Manager engages wherever possible with the company or companies held, in



accordance with the priorities documented in Schroders' Engagement Blueprint and/or voting policy. This approach applies to indicators such as **PAI 12** (Unadjusted gender pay gap) and **PAI 13** (Board gender diversity), where we engage and may use our voting rights where we consider appropriate. Both board gender diversity and disclosure of gender pay gap information are captured in our Engagement Blueprint. **Principal adverse impacts** are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anticorruption and antibribery matters.

- Via the application of exclusions. This approach is relevant to **PAI 4** (Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector), **PAI 5** (Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production) and **PAI 14** (Exposure to controversial weapons). Further, the following PAIs are assessed as part of Schroders 'global norms' breach list exclusion (which seeks to exclude companies where significant harm is occurring):
  - **PAI 7** (Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas)
  - **PAI 8** (Emissions to water)
  - **PAI 9** (Hazardous waste and radioactive waste ratio)
  - **PAI 10** (Violations of UN Global Compact principles and Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises)
  - **PAI 11** (Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and Voluntary)
  - **PAI 14** in Table 3 (Number of identified cases of severe human rights issues and incidents)
- Via the application of an alert system flag if the relevant indicator(s) exceeds a threshold. These quantitative thresholds to assess significant harm are established centrally by our Sustainable Investment team and monitored systematically. This approach applies to indicators where we have segmented the population into harm groups to establish a threshold, such as carbon related PAI metrics, **PAI 1** (GHG emissions), **PAI 2** (Carbon footprint) and **Voluntary PAI 4 in Table 2** (Investing in companies without carbon emission reduction initiatives). **PAI 3** (GHG intensity of investee companies) operates in a similar way but the threshold is based on a revenue metric. A threshold for **PAI 6** (Energy consumption intensity per high impact climate sector) is established based on the **above-mentioned** carbon measures. A similar approach has been taken for **PAI 15** (GHG intensity). **PAI 16** (Investee countries subject to social violations) also operates in the same way but based on data availability regarding social violations. Through this process the relevant issuer(s) that is/are deemed not to satisfy the quantitative thresholds is/are flagged to the Investment Manager for consideration, whose response may involve selling the holdings(s) or maintaining the position if on a case-by-case basis the data is deemed not representative of a company's performance in the relevant area. Investee companies deemed to cause significant harm are excluded from the Fund.

● **How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:**

Companies on Schroders' 'global norms' breach list cannot be categorised as sustainable investments. Schroders' determination of whether a company should be included on such list considers the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, among other relevant principles. The 'global norms' breach list is informed by third party providers and proprietary research, where relevant.

The EU Taxonomy sets out a "do not significant harm" principle by which Taxonomy-aligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives and is accompanied by specific EU criteria.

The "do not significant harm" principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.

Any other sustainable investments must also not significantly harm any environmental or social objectives.



**Does this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?**

☑ Yes, the Investment Manager's approach to considering principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors involves classifying the indicators into three categories:

The Investment Manager's approach to considering principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors differs depending on the relevant indicator. Some indicators are considered via the application of exclusions, some are considered via the investment process (where data is available via Schroders' PAI dashboard and via other external data sources) and some are considered via engagement. Further details are provided below. PAIs are considered as part of pre-investment through the application of exclusions. These include Schroders firmwide corporate exclusions regarding:

- Controversial weapons: PAI 14 Exposure to controversial weapons (anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, chemical weapons and biological weapons).

- Schrodgers' 'global norms' breach list, which covers: PAI 7 (Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas), PAI 8 (Emissions to water), PAI 9 (Hazardous waste and radioactive waste ratio), PAI 10 (Violations of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises), PAI 11 (Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises) and PAI 16 (Investee countries subject to social violations).

- Companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to thermal coal: PAI 4 (Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector) and PAI 5 (Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production).

Compliance with these thresholds is monitored via the Investment Manager's portfolio compliance framework. PAIs are also considered through integration in the investment process. All PAI indicators are monitored via Schrodgers PAI dashboard.

Schrodgers' proprietary tool incorporates several PAIs as a component of its scoring methodology. In assessing a corporate issuer's overall environmental score PAI 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 are included, for example.

The attractiveness of a particular sovereign issuer as an investment for the portfolio is based on its ability to pay its bondholders over the long term, so as part of our process we consider the materiality of PAIs 15 (GHG intensity) and 16 (investee countries subject to social violations) as to whether we should regard these as areas of potential concern.

PAIs are also considered post-investment through engagement where the Investment Manager engages in line with the approach and expectations set out in Schrodgers Engagement Blueprint, which outlines our approach to active ownership.

The Investment Manager may engage with selected issuers held by the Fund on PAIs 1, 2, 3 and 4, for example. We aim to engage with several issuers on net zero carbon emissions targets (PAI 1,2) and procuring renewable energy (PAI 5).

There tend to be fewer opportunities to engage with sovereign issuers, as opposed to corporate issuers, but nonetheless we aim to engage with sovereign and supranational issuers on a periodic basis, primarily with respect to their approach to net zero carbon strategies (relating to PAI 15, GHG intensity).

Our approach is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability, and quality, of PAI data evolves. The Management Company's statement on principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors is available at <https://api.schrodgers.com/document-store/id/ffcb39bb-96cb-4e56-9461-deba9a493e85>. The Fund level information is disclosed or will be disclosed (as applicable) in the Fund's annual report.

1. Set thresholds: these involve very explicit thresholds for considering an investment to be a "sustainable investment". For example, PAI 10 on violations of UNGC principles.

2. Active ownership: these involve indicators on which we have a plan to engage with the underlying holding as set out in the Schrodgers Group document - <https://mybrand.schrodgers.com/m/3222ea4ed44a1f2c/original/schrodgers-engagement-blueprint.pdf>, outlining our approach to active ownership. For example, PAI 1, 2 and 3 covering GHG emissions and PAI 13 on board gender diversity.

3. Improve coverage: these involve indicators where we consider data coverage to be too sparse to properly consider them and our focus is primarily on engaging with the underlying holdings to increase reporting. For example, PAI 7 on biodiversity, PAI 9 on hazardous waste ratio and PAI 12 on the gender pay gap.

Our approach is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability, and quality, of PAI data evolves.

The Management Company's statement on principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors is available at <https://mybrand.schrodgers.com/m/467910ac8e6da45c/original/Statement-on-principal-adverse-impacts-of-investment-decisions-on-sustainability-factors.pdf>. The Fund level information is disclosed or will be (as applicable) in the Fund's annual report.

☐ No



**The investment strategy** guides investment decisions based on factors such as investment objectives and risk tolerance.

## What investment strategy does this financial product follow?

The sustainable investment strategy used by the Investment Manager is as follows:

The Fund is actively managed and invests at least two-thirds of its assets in fixed and floating rate securities denominated in Euro issued by governments, government agencies, supra-nationals and companies worldwide.

The Fund may invest up to 30% of its assets in securities that have a below investment grade credit rating (as measured by Standard & Poor's or any equivalent grade of other credit rating agencies for rated bonds and implied Schrodgers ratings for non-rated bonds). The Fund may invest up to 10% of its assets in contingent convertible bonds.

The Fund may also invest up to one-third of its assets directly or indirectly in other securities (including other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies, Investment Funds, warrants and Money Market Investments, and hold cash.

The Fund may use derivatives, long and short, with the aim of achieving investment gains, reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently.

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the Bloomberg EURO Aggregate index based on the Investment Manager's rating criteria.

The Fund does not directly invest in certain activities, industries or groups of issuers above the limits listed under “Sustainability-Related Disclosure” on the Fund’s webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

The Investment Manager applies governance and sustainability criteria when selecting investments for the Fund. Sustainability factors are assessed – across both sovereign markets and credit allocation decisions – in tandem with macroeconomic factors throughout the Investment Manager’s top-down thematic investment process.

In assessing sustainability factors for sovereign issuers, the Investment Manager considers that countries with stable and non-corrupt governments are likely to be more willing and able to service their debts, while political considerations, including the impact of social and governance factors, can influence a country’s inflation and currency profile and thus have a material impact on the real value of debt. Environmental impacts – which can be more pertinent over a longer-term horizon – are also incorporated. The Investment Manager’s approach includes the use of Schroders’ proprietary sustainability tools to rank countries by measuring their performance against multiple sustainability related indicators.

Credit selection decisions are delegated to the Investment Manager’s specialist credit investment teams, who aim to identify issuers demonstrating good or improving sustainability credentials, and those that impose a high cost on the environment and society. This involves:

- The exclusion of issuers with certain exposure to specific activities that the Investment Manager considers environmentally destructive or socially damaging, violate human rights and/ or have demonstrated gross misconduct that the Investment Manager deems to have businesses that are materially damaging to the environment or impose unjustifiable social costs.
- The inclusion of issuers that the Investment Manager considers are well placed to deliver demonstrate stable and improving sustainability trajectories relative to their industry peers, and issuers demonstrating good governance based on the Investment Manager’s sustainability rating methodology.

The primary sources of information used to perform this analysis are the Investment Manager’s proprietary tools and research, third-party research, NGO reports and expert networks. For corporate issuers, the Investment Manager also performs its own analysis of publicly available information provided by the companies, including information provided in company sustainability reports and other relevant company material.

More details on the Investment Manager’s approach to sustainability and its engagement with companies are available on the webpage

<https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/>

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than its investment universe, based on the Investment Manager’s rating system.

The Investment Manager ensures that at least:

- 90% of the portion of the Fund’s NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in developed countries; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with an investment grade credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by developed countries; and
- 75% of the portion of the Fund’s NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in emerging countries; equities issued by small and medium companies; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with a high yield credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by emerging countries,

is rated against the sustainability criteria. For the purposes of this test, small companies are those with market capitalisation below €5 billion, medium companies are those between €5 billion and €10 billion and large companies are those above €10 billion.

### ● ***What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?***

The following binding elements are applied throughout the investment process:

- The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the Bloomberg EURO Aggregate index based on the Investment Manager’s rating criteria.
- The Fund invests at least 10% of its assets in sustainable investments and such investments do not cause significant environmental or social harm.
- Exclusions are applied to direct investments in companies. The Fund applies certain exclusions relating to international conventions on cluster munitions, antipersonnel mines, and chemical and biological weapons. The Fund also excludes companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to tobacco and thermal coal, especially companies that generate at least 10% of their revenues from tobacco production, companies that generate at least 25% of their revenues from the tobacco value chain (such as suppliers, distributors, retailers and licensors), companies that generate at least 10% of their revenues from thermal coal mining and companies that generate at least 30% of their revenues from coal fired power generation. The Fund excludes companies that are assessed by Schroders to have breached one or more ‘global norms’ thereby causing significant environmental or social harm; these companies comprise Schroders’ ‘global norms’ breach list. In exceptional circumstances a derogation may be applied in order to allow the Fund to continue to hold a company on Schroders’ ‘global norms’ breach list, for example where the stated investment strategy of the Fund may otherwise be compromised. Any such company cannot be categorised as a

sustainable investment. Further, the Fund may apply other exclusions as listed under “Sustainability-Related Disclosure” on the Fund’s webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>. The Fund invests in companies that have good governance practices, as determined by the Investment Manager’s rating criteria.

The Investment Manager ensures that at least:

- 90% of the portion of the Fund’s NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in developed countries; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with an investment grade credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by developed countries; and
- 75% of the portion of the Fund’s NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in emerging countries; equities issued by small and medium companies; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with a high yield credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by emerging countries,

is rated against the sustainability criteria.

● **What is the committed minimum rate to reduce the scope of the investments considered prior to the application of that investment strategy?**

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

● **What is the policy to assess good governance practices of the investee companies?**

In order to assess good governance practices, a central Good Governance Test is applied. This test is based on a data-driven quantitative framework, which uses a scorecard to assess companies across the categories of sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff, and tax compliance. Schroders has defined a number of criteria across these pillars.

Compliance with the test is monitored centrally and companies which do not pass this test cannot be held by the Fund, unless the Investment Manager has agreed that the issuer demonstrates good governance based on additional insights beyond that quantitative analysis.

**Good governance** practices include sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff and tax compliance.



## What is the asset allocation planned for this financial product?

**Asset allocation** describes the share of investments in specific assets.

The planned composition of the Fund’s investments that are used to meet its environmental or social characteristics are summarised below.

**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the minimum proportion of the Fund’s assets used to attain the environmental or social characteristics, which is equal to 60%. The Fund commits to maintain a higher overall sustainability score than the Bloomberg EURO Aggregate index, and so the Fund’s investments that are scored by Schroders’ proprietary sustainability tool are included within the minimum proportion stated in #1 on the basis that they will contribute to the Fund’s sustainability score (whether such individual investment has a positive or a negative score). Also included within #1 are any green, social or sustainable bonds that are not scored by Schroders’ proprietary sustainability tool. ~~is €~~ The minimum proportion of assets that are invested in sustainable investments, ~~is~~ indicated in #1A. The minimum proportions stated apply in normal market conditions. The actual proportion stated in #1 is expected to be higher.

The sustainability score is measured by Schroders’ proprietary tool that provides an estimate of the net “impact” that an issuer may create in terms of social and environmental “costs” or “benefits”. It does this by using certain indicators with respect to that issuer, and quantifying them positively and negatively to produce an aggregate notional measure of the effect that the relevant underlying issuer may have on society and the environment. Examples of such indicators are greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

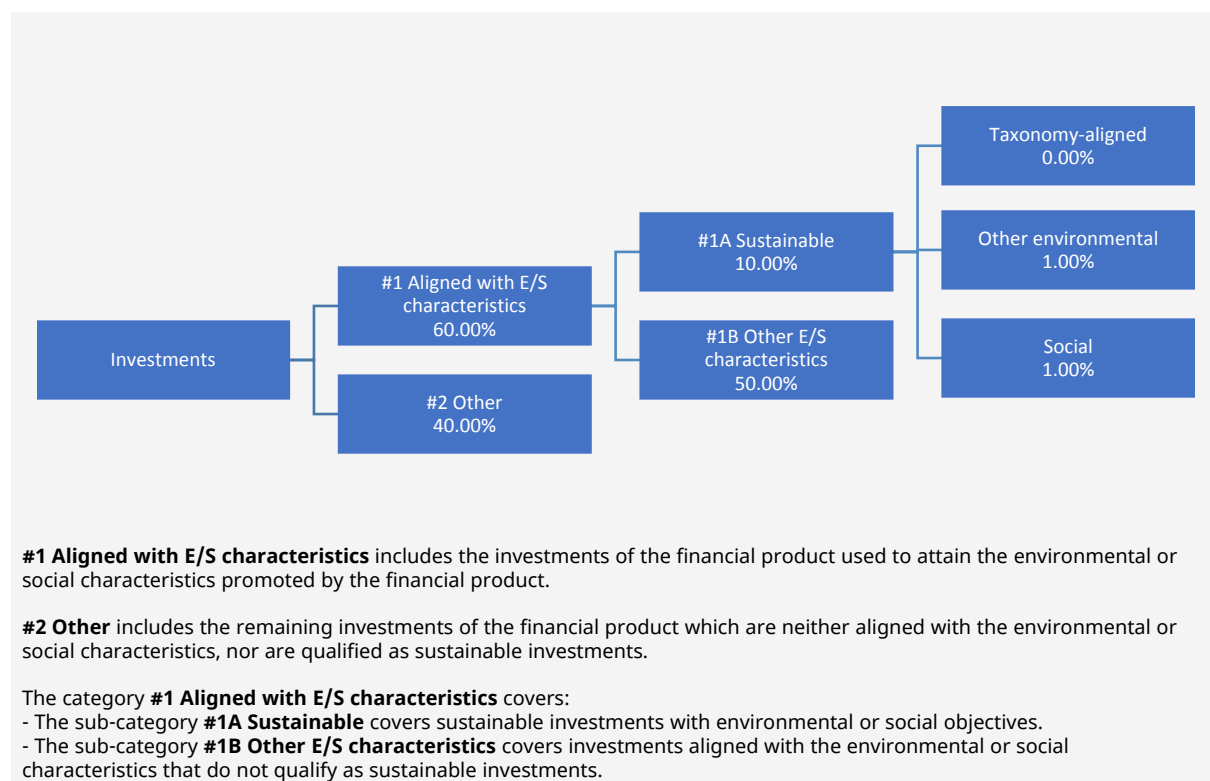
The Fund will invest at least 10% of its assets in sustainable investments. Each sustainable investment (i) demonstrates a net positive effect across a range of environmental or social objectives, as scored by Schroders’ proprietary tool or (ii) is classified as a green, social and/ or sustainable bond using a third-party data source.

With the exception of any green or social bonds, which will be classified as having an environmental or social objective respectively, a sustainable investment is classified as having an environmental or social objective depending on whether the relevant issuer has a higher score in Schroders’ proprietary tool relative to its applicable peer group for its environmental indicators or its social indicators. In each case, indicators are comprised of both “costs” and “benefits”.

**#2 Other** includes cash which is treated as neutral for sustainability purposes. #2 also includes other investments that are not scored by Schroders’ proprietary sustainability tool and so do not contribute towards the Fund’s sustainability score. As #1 states a minimum proportion that is in practice expected to be higher, the proportion stated in #2 is expected to be lower.

Minimum safeguards are applied where relevant to Money Market Investments and other investments by restricting (as appropriate) investments in counterparties where there are ownership links or exposure to higher risk countries (for the purpose of money laundering, terrorist financing, bribery, corruption, tax evasion and sanctions risks). A firm-wide risk assessment considers the risk rating of each jurisdiction; which includes reference to a number of public statements, indices and world governance indicators issued by the UN, the European Union, the UK Government, the Financial Action Task Force and several Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), such as Transparency International and the Basel Committee.

In addition, new counterparties are reviewed by Schroders' credit risk team and approval of a new counterparty is based on a holistic review of the various sources of information available, including, but not limited to, quality of management, ownership structure, location, regulatory and social environment to which each counterparty is subject, and the degree of development of the local banking system and its regulatory framework. Ongoing monitoring is performed through a Schroders' proprietary tool, which supports the analysis of a counterparty's management of environmental, social and governance trends and challenges. Any significant deterioration in the profile of the counterparty in Schroders' proprietary tool would lead to further analysis and potential exclusion by Schroders' credit risk team.



#1 The minimum proportion stated applies in normal market conditions.

### ● **How does the use of derivatives attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?**

Single name credit default swaps are used as a proxy for direct investments which would otherwise be held by the Fund in line with its sustainability criteria. Such derivatives are therefore used to attain the Fund's sustainability score in Schroders' proprietary tool which is one of the binding elements of the Fund. The Fund may use other derivatives that are scored in Schroders' proprietary tool to meet the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted by the Fund, as such derivatives would contribute to the Fund's sustainability score (whether such individual investment has a positive or a negative score).



### **To what minimum extent are sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?**

There is no minimum extent to which the Fund's investments (including transitional and enabling activities) with an environmental objective are aligned with the Taxonomy. Taxonomy alignment of this Fund's investments has therefore not been calculated and has as a result been deemed to constitute 0% of the Fund's portfolio.

In future it is expected that the Fund will assess and report on the extent to which its underlying investments are in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the Taxonomy, along with information relating to the proportion of enabling and transitional activities. This Prospectus will be updated once it is possible in the Investment Manager's opinion to accurately disclose to what extent the Fund's investments are in Taxonomy-aligned environmentally sustainable activities, including the proportions of investments in enabling and transitional activities selected for the Fund.

To comply with the EU Taxonomy, the criteria for **fossil gas** include limitations on emissions and switching to renewable power or low-carbon fuels by the end of 2035. For **nuclear energy**, the criteria include comprehensive safety and waste management rules.

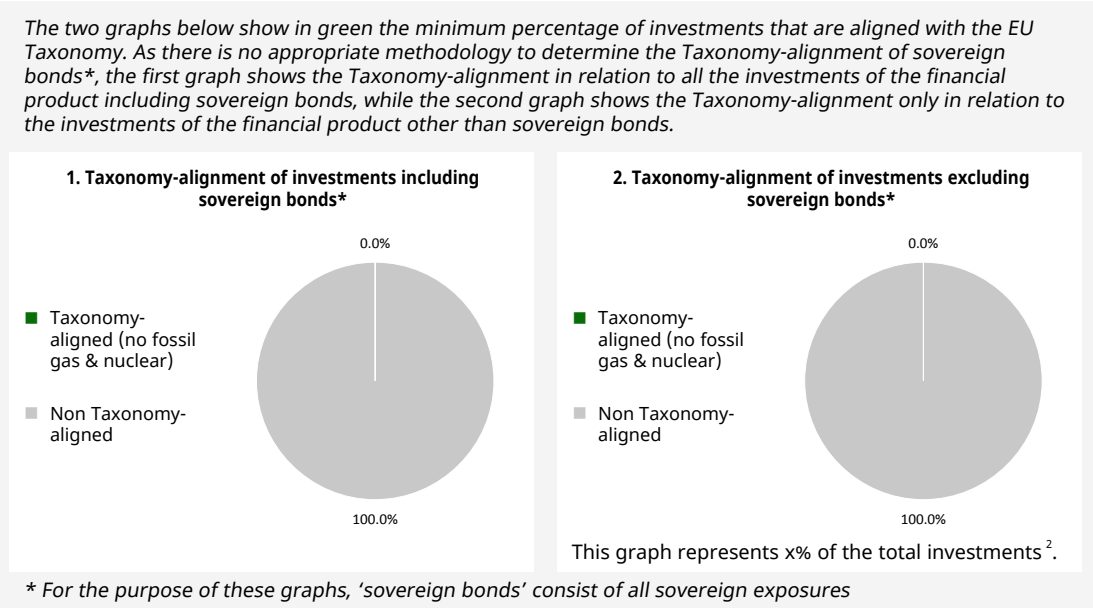
Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

- **turnover** reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee companies
- **capital expenditure** (CapEx) showing the green investments made by investee companies, e.g. for a transition to a green economy.
- **operational expenditure** (OpEx) reflecting green operational activities of investee companies.

**Enabling activities** directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective.

**Transitional activities** are activities for which low-carbon alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.

- **Does the financial product invest in fossil gas and/or nuclear energy related activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy<sup>1</sup>?**
  - ☐ Yes:
    - ☐ In fossil gas ☐ In nuclear energy
  - ☒ No



- **What is the minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities?**

As per the above, at the date of this Prospectus the share of investments by the Fund in transitional and enabling activities is currently deemed to constitute 0% of the Fund's portfolio.

<sup>1</sup> Fossil gas and/or nuclear related activities will only comply with the EU Taxonomy where they contribute to limiting climate change ("climate change mitigation") and do not significantly harm any EU Taxonomy objective – see explanatory note in the left-hand margin. The full criteria for fossil gas and nuclear energy economic activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy are laid down in Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1214.

<sup>2</sup> As there is no Taxonomy-alignment, there is no impact on the graph if sovereign bonds are excluded (i.e. the percentage of Taxonomy-aligned investments remains 0%) and the Management Company therefore believes that there is no need to mention this information.





## What is the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

The Fund commits to invest at least 1% of its assets in sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy.



are sustainable investments with an environmental objective that **do not take into account the criteria** for environmentally sustainable economic activities under the EU Taxonomy.



## What is the minimum share of socially sustainable investments?

The Fund commits to invest at least 1% of its assets in sustainable investments with a social objective.



## What investments are included under “#2 Other”, what is their purpose and are there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

**#2 Other** includes cash which is treated as neutral for sustainability purposes. #2 also includes other investments that are not scored by Schroders' proprietary sustainability tools and so do not contribute towards the Fund's sustainability score.

Minimum safeguards are applied where relevant to Money Market Investments and other investments by restricting (as appropriate) investments in counterparties where there are ownership links or exposure to higher risk countries (for the purpose of money laundering, terrorist financing, bribery, corruption, tax evasion and sanctions risks). A firm-wide risk assessment considers the risk rating of each jurisdiction; which includes reference to a number of public statements, indices and world governance indicators issued by the UN, the European Union, the UK Government, the Financial Action Task Force and several Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), such as Transparency International and the Basel Committee.

In addition, new counterparties are reviewed by Schroders' credit risk team and approval of a new counterparty is based on a holistic review of the various sources of information available, including, but not limited to, quality of management, ownership structure, location, regulatory and social environment to which each counterparty is subject, and the degree of development of the local banking system and its regulatory framework. Ongoing monitoring is performed through a Schroders' proprietary tool, which supports the analysis of a counterparty's management of environmental, social and governance trends and challenges. Any significant deterioration in the profile of the counterparty in Schroders' proprietary tool would lead to further analysis and potential exclusion by Schroders' credit risk team.



## Is a specific index designated as a reference benchmark to determine whether this financial product is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes?

**Reference benchmarks** are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the environmental or social characteristics that they promote.

- **How is the reference benchmark continuously aligned with each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?**

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- **How is the alignment of the investment strategy with the methodology of the index ensured on a continuous basis?**

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- ***How does the designated index differ from a relevant broad market index?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- ***Where can the methodology used for the calculation of the designated index be found?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.



## **Where can I find more product specific information online?**

More product-specific information can be found on the webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

Pre-contractual disclosure for the financial products referred to in Article 8, paragraphs 1, 2 and 2a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 6, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852

**Product name:** **Schroder International Selection Fund EURO Corporate Bond**

**Legal entity identifier:** **4EKHGX69UZIZADPEK36**

## Environmental and/or social characteristics

**Sustainable investment** means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good governance practices.

The **EU Taxonomy** is a classification system laid down in Regulation (EU) 2020/852, establishing a list of **environmentally sustainable economic activities**. That Regulation does not lay down a list of socially sustainable economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.

Does this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?	
●● <input type="checkbox"/> Yes	●○ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
<input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with an environmental objective: __%</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> It <b>promotes Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics</b> and while it does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will have a minimum proportion of <b>10.00%</b> of sustainable investments
<input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy	<input type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy
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<input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with a social objective __%</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> with a social objective
	<input type="checkbox"/> It promotes E/S characteristics, but <b>will not make any sustainable investments</b>



## What environmental and/or social characteristics are promoted by this financial product?

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the ICE BofA Euro Corporate index, based on the Investment Manager's rating system. This benchmark (which is a broad market index) does not take into account the environmental and social characteristics promoted by the Fund.

The sustainability score is measured by Schroders' proprietary tool that provides an estimate of the net "impact" that an issuer may create in terms of social and environmental "costs" or "benefits". It does this by using certain indicators with respect to that issuer, and quantifying them positively and negatively to produce an aggregate notional measure of the effect that the relevant underlying issuer may have on society and the environment. It does this using third party data as well as Schroders own estimates and assumptions and the outcome may differ from other sustainability tools and measures. Examples of such indicators are greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

The result is expressed as an aggregate score of the sustainability indicators for each issuer, specifically a notional percentage (positive or negative) of sales or GDP of the relevant underlying issuer. For example, a score of +2% would mean an issuer contributes \$2 of relative notional positive impact (i.e. benefits to society) per \$100 of sales or GDP. The sustainability score of the Fund is derived from the scores of all issuers in the Fund's portfolio measured by Schroders' proprietary tool.

The Fund invests at least 10% of its assets in sustainable investments, which are investments that the Investment Manager expects to contribute towards the advancement of one or more environmental and/or social objective (s).

### ● What sustainability indicators are used to measure the attainment of each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

The Investment Manager monitors compliance with the characteristic to maintain a higher overall sustainability score than the ICE BofA Euro Corporate index by reference to the weighted average sustainability score of the Fund in Schroders' proprietary tool compared against the weighted average sustainability score of the ICE BofA Euro Corporate index in Schroders' proprietary tool over the previous six month period, based on month-end data. The overall sustainability score aggregates the effect of sustainability indicators including but not limited to greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

**Sustainability indicators** measure how the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product are attained.

The Investment Manager monitors compliance with the characteristic to invest at least 10% of its assets in sustainable investments by reference to (i) the sustainability score of each asset in Schroders' proprietary tool and/ or (ii) whether the asset is classified as a green, social and/ or sustainable bond. Compliance with this is monitored daily via our automated compliance controls. The Fund also applies certain exclusions, with which the Investment Manager monitors compliance on an ongoing basis via its portfolio compliance framework.

● ***What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?***

In respect of the proportion of the Fund's portfolio that is invested in sustainable investments, each sustainable investment either (i) demonstrates a net positive effect across a range of environmental or social objectives, as scored by Schroders' proprietary tool and/ or (ii) is classified as a green, social and/ or sustainable bond using a third-party data source. The environmental or social objectives of the sustainable investments that the Fund partially intends to make may include, but are not limited to, increasing environmental and/ or social benefits such as greater water access or fair pay and reducing environmental, and/ or social costs such as carbon emissions or food waste. For example, greater water access as measured by Schroders' proprietary tool are the estimated societal benefits of the provision of clean drinking water to human health. The environmental or social objectives of green, social and/ or sustainable bonds may include, but are not limited to, climate change mitigation, renewable energy initiatives, natural resource conservation, access to finance and affordable housing projects.

● ***How do the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make, not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?***

The Investment Manager's approach to investing in issuers that do not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective includes the following:

- Firm-wide investment exclusions apply to Schroders funds. These relate to international conventions on cluster munitions, anti-personnel mines, and chemical and biological weapons and a list of those companies that are excluded is available at <https://www.schroders.com/en/sustainability/active-ownership/group-exclusions/>. Firm-wide exclusions also apply to companies generating more than 20% of their revenue from thermal coal mining.
- The Fund excludes companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to tobacco and thermal coal.
- The Fund excludes companies that are assessed by Schroders to have breached one or more 'global norms' thereby causing significant environmental or social harm; these companies comprise Schroders' 'global norms' breach list. Schroders' determination of whether a company has been involved in such a breach considers relevant principles such as those contained in the UN Global Compact (UNGC) principles, the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights. The 'global norms' breach list may be informed by assessments performed by third party providers and by proprietary research, where relevant to a particular situation. In exceptional circumstances a derogation may be applied in order to allow the Fund to continue to hold a company on Schroders' 'global norms' breach list, for example where the stated investment strategy of the Fund may otherwise be compromised. Any such company cannot be categorised as a sustainable investment.
- The Fund may also apply certain other exclusions in addition to those summarised above.

Further information on all of the Fund's investment exclusions is to be found under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>.

● ***How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?***

When seeking to identify significant harm, Schroders' approach to taking into account the Principal Adverse Impacts (PAI) indicators involves a quantitative and a qualitative assessment. Where it is not considered appropriate or feasible to set quantitative thresholds, the Investment Manager engages, where relevant. Investee companies deemed not to satisfy the quantitative thresholds would generally be excluded, unless on a case-by-case basis the data is deemed not representative of a company's performance in the relevant area.

This framework is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability and quality of the data evolves.

Our approach includes:

1. **Quantitative:** this includes indicators where specific thresholds have been established:

**Principal adverse impacts** are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anticorruption and antibribery matters.

- Via the application of exclusions. This approach is relevant to **PAI 4** (Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector), **PAI 5** (Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production) and **PAI 14** (Exposure to controversial weapons). Further, the following PAIs are assessed as part of Schroders' 'global norms' breach list exclusion (which seeks to exclude companies where significant harm is occurring):
  - **PAI 7** (Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas)
  - **PAI 8** (Emissions to water)
  - **PAI 9** (Hazardous waste and radioactive waste ratio)
  - **PAI 10** (Violations of UN Global Compact principles and Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises)
  - **PAI 11** (Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and Voluntary)
  - **PAI 14** in Table 3 (Number of identified cases of severe human rights issues and incidents)
- Via the application of an alert system flag if the relevant indicator(s) exceeds a threshold. These quantitative thresholds to assess significant harm are established centrally by our Sustainable Investment team and monitored systematically. This approach applies to indicators where we have segmented the population into harm groups to establish a threshold, such as carbon related PAI metrics, **PAI 1** (GHG emissions), **PAI 2** (Carbon footprint) and **Voluntary PAI 4 in Table 2** (Investing in companies without carbon emission reduction initiatives). **PAI 3** (GHG intensity of investee companies) operates in a similar way but the threshold is based on a revenue metric. A threshold for **PAI 6** (Energy consumption intensity per high impact climate sector) is established based on the ~~above-mentioned~~ carbon measures. A similar approach has been taken for **PAI 15** (GHG intensity). **PAI 16** (Investee countries subject to social violations) also operates in the same way but based on data availability regarding social violations. Through this process the relevant issuer(s) that is/are deemed not to satisfy the quantitative thresholds is/are flagged to the Investment Manager for consideration, whose response may involve selling the holdings(s) or maintaining the position if on a case-by-case basis the data is deemed not representative of a company's performance in the relevant area. Investee companies deemed to cause significant harm are excluded from the Fund.
- 2. **Qualitative:** This includes PAI indicators where Schroders' believes that the data available does not enable us to make a quantitative determination regarding whether significant harm is done so as to warrant excluding an investment. In such cases, the Investment Manager engages wherever possible with the company or companies held, in accordance with the priorities documented in Schroders' Engagement Blueprint and/or voting policy. This approach applies to indicators such as **PAI 12** (Unadjusted gender pay gap) and **PAI 13** (Board gender diversity), where we engage and may use our voting rights where we consider appropriate. Both board gender diversity and disclosure of gender pay gap information are captured in our Engagement Blueprint.

● ***How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:***

Companies on Schroders' 'global norms' breach list cannot be categorised as sustainable investments. Schroders' determination of whether a company should be included on such list considers the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, among other relevant principles. The 'global norms' breach list is informed by third party providers and proprietary research, where relevant.

*The EU Taxonomy sets out a "do not significant harm" principle by which Taxonomy-aligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives and is accompanied by specific EU criteria.*

*The "do not significant harm" principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.*

*Any other sustainable investments must also not significantly harm any environmental or social objectives.*



## Does this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

☒ Yes, the Investment Manager's approach to considering principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors involves classifying the indicators into three categories:

The Investment Manager's approach to considering principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors differs depending on the relevant indicator. Some indicators are considered via the application of exclusions, some are considered via the investment process (where data is available via Schroders PAI dashboard and via other external data sources) and some are considered via engagement. Further details are provided below. PAIs are considered as part of pre-investment through the application of exclusions. These include:

- Controversial weapons: PAI 14 (Exposure to controversial weapons (anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, chemical weapons and biological weapons).
- Schroders' 'global norms' breach list, which covers: PAI 7 (Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas), PAI 8 (Emissions to water), PAI 9 (Hazardous waste and radioactive waste ratio), PAI 10 (Violations of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises), PAI 11 (Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises) and PAI 16 (Investee countries subject to social violations).
- Companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to thermal coal: PAI 4 (Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector) and PAI 5 (Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production).

Compliance with these thresholds is monitored via the Investment Manager's portfolio compliance framework. PAIs are also considered through integration in the investment process as Schroders' proprietary tool incorporates several PAIs as a component of its scoring methodology. In assessing an issuers' overall environmental score PAI 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 are included. All PAI indicators are monitored via Schroders PAI dashboard.

PAIs are also considered post-investment through engagement where the Investment Manager engages in line with the approach and expectations set out in Schroders Engagement Blueprint, which outlines our approach to active ownership. The Investment Manager may engage with selected issuers held by the Fund on PAIs 1, 2, 3 and 4. We aim to engage with several issuers on net zero carbon emissions targets (PAI 1,2) and; procuring renewable energy (PAI 5).

Our approach is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability, and quality, of PAI data evolves. The Management Company's statement on principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors is available at <https://api.schroders.com/document-store/id/ffcb39bb-96cb-4e56-9461-deba9a493e85>. The Fund level information is disclosed or will be disclosed (as applicable) in the Fund's annual report.

1. Set thresholds: these involve very explicit thresholds for considering an investment to be a "sustainable investment". For example, PAI 10 on violations of UNGC principles.
2. Active ownership: these involve indicators on which we have a plan to engage with the underlying holding as set out in the Schroders Group document <https://mybrand.schroders.com/m/3222ea4ed44a1f2c/original/schroders-engagement-blueprint.pdf>, outlining our approach to active ownership. For example, PAI 1, 2 and 3 covering GHG emissions and PAI 13 on board gender diversity.
3. Improve coverage: these involve indicators where we consider data coverage to be too sparse to properly consider them and our focus is primarily on engaging with the underlying holdings to increase reporting. For example, PAI 7 on biodiversity, PAI 9 on hazardous waste ratio and PAI 12 on the gender pay gap.

Our approach is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability, and quality, of PAI data evolves.

The Management Company's statement on principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors is available at <https://mybrand.schroders.com/m/467910ac8e6da45c/original/Statement-on-principal-adverse-impacts-of-investment-decisions-on-sustainability-factors.pdf>. The Fund level information is disclosed or will be (as applicable) in the Fund's annual report.

☐ No



## What investment strategy does this financial product follow?

**The investment strategy** guides investment decisions based on factors such as investment objectives and risk tolerance.

The sustainable investment strategy used by the Investment Manager is as follows:

The Fund is actively managed and invests at least two-thirds of its assets in fixed and floating rate securities denominated in or hedged to Euro issued by companies and other non-sovereign bond issuers, governments, government agencies, supra-nationals and companies worldwide.

The Fund may invest:

- up to 30% of its assets in securities that have a below investment grade credit rating (as measured by Standard & Poor's or any equivalent grade of other credit rating agencies for rated bonds and implied Schroders ratings for non-rated bonds);
- up to 20% of its assets in sovereign government bonds;
- up to 20% of its assets in asset-backed securities and mortgage-backed securities; and
- up to 20% of its assets in convertible bonds including up to 10% of its assets in contingent convertible bonds.

The Fund may also invest up to one-third of its assets directly or indirectly in other securities (including other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies, Investment Funds, warrants and Money Market Investments, and hold cash.

The Fund may use derivatives with the aim of achieving investment gains, reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently.

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the ICE BofA Euro Corporate index, based on the Investment Manager's rating system.



The Fund does not directly invest in certain activities, industries or groups of issuers above the limits listed under “Sustainability-Related Disclosure” on the Fund’s webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

The Investment Manager applies governance and sustainability criteria when selecting investments for the Fund. The strategy aims to identify issuers demonstrating good or improving sustainability credentials, and those that impose a high cost on the environment and society. This involves:

- The exclusion of issuers with certain exposure to specific activities that the Investment Manager considers environmentally destructive or socially damaging, violate human rights and/ or have demonstrated gross misconduct, that the Investment Manager deems to have businesses that are materially damaging to the climate and impose unjustifiable social costs.
- The inclusion of issuers that the Investment Manager considers are well placed to deliver demonstrate stable and improving sustainability trajectories relative to their industry peers, and issuers demonstrating good governance based on the Investment Manager’s sustainability rating methodology.

The Investment Manager may also engage with companies to encourage transparency, the transition to a circular economy with lower carbon emissions intensity and responsible social behaviour that promotes sustainable growth and alpha generation.

The primary sources of information used to perform the analysis are the Investment Manager’s proprietary tools and research, third-party research, NGO reports and expert networks. The Investment Manager also performs its own analysis of publicly available information provided by the companies, including information provided in company sustainability reports and other relevant company material.

More details on the Investment Manager’s approach to sustainability and its engagement with companies are available on the webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/>

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than its investment universe, based on the Investment Manager’s rating system.

The Investment Manager ensures that at least:

- 90% of the portion of the Fund’s NAV composed of fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with an investment grade credit rating; sovereign debt issued by developed countries; and equities issued by large companies domiciled in developed countries; and
- 75% of the portion of the Fund’s NAV composed of fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with a high yield credit rating; sovereign debt issued by emerging countries equities issued by large companies domiciled in emerging countries; equities issued by small and medium companies, is rated against the sustainability criteria. For the purposes of this test, small companies are those with market capitalisation below €5 billion, medium companies are those between €5 billion and €10 billion and large companies are those above €10 billion.

### ● ***What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?***

The following binding elements are applied throughout the investment process:

- The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the ICE BofA Euro Corporate index based on the Investment Manager’s rating criteria.
- The Fund invests at least 10% of its assets in sustainable investments and such investments do not cause significant environmental or social harm.
- Exclusions are applied to direct investments in companies. The Fund applies certain exclusions relating to international conventions on cluster munitions, antipersonnel mines, and chemical and biological weapons. The Fund also excludes companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to tobacco and thermal coal, especially companies that generate at least 10% of their revenues from tobacco production, companies that generate at least 25% of their revenues from the tobacco value chain (such as suppliers, distributors, retailers and licensors), companies that generate at least 10% of their revenues from thermal coal mining and companies that generate at least 30% of their revenues from coal fired power generation. The Fund excludes companies that are assessed by Schroders to have breached one or more ‘global norms’ thereby causing significant environmental or social harm; these companies comprise Schroders’ ‘global norms’ breach list. In exceptional circumstances a derogation may be applied in order to allow the Fund to continue to hold a company on Schroders’ ‘global norms’ breach list, for example where the stated investment strategy of the Fund may otherwise be compromised. Any such company cannot be categorised as a sustainable investment. Further, the Fund may apply other exclusions as listed under “Sustainability-Related Disclosure” on the Fund’s webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>
- The Fund invests in companies that have good governance practices, as determined by the Investment Manager’s rating criteria.

The Investment Manager ensures that at least:

- 90% of the portion of the Fund’s NAV composed of fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with an investment grade credit rating; sovereign debt issued by developed countries; and equities issued by large companies domiciled in developed countries; and
- 75% of the portion of the Fund’s NAV composed of fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with a high yield credit rating; sovereign debt issued by emerging countries equities issued by large companies domiciled in emerging countries; equities issued by small and medium companies, is rated against the sustainability criteria.

● **What is the committed minimum rate to reduce the scope of the investments considered prior to the application of that investment strategy?**

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

● **What is the policy to assess good governance practices of the investee companies?**

In order to assess good governance practices, a central Good Governance Test is applied. This test is based on a data-driven quantitative framework, which uses a scorecard to assess companies across the categories of sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff, and tax compliance. Schroders has defined a number of criteria across these pillars.

Compliance with the test is monitored centrally and companies which do not pass this test cannot be held by the Fund, unless the Investment Manager has agreed that the issuer demonstrates good governance based on additional insights beyond that quantitative analysis.

**Good governance** practices include sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff and tax compliance.



**Asset allocation** describes the share of investments in specific assets.

## What is the asset allocation planned for this financial product?

The planned composition of the Fund’s investments that are used to meet its environmental or social characteristics are summarised below.

**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the minimum proportion of the Fund’s assets used to attain the environmental or social characteristics, which is equal to 60%. The Fund commits to maintain a higher overall sustainability score than the ICE BofA Euro Corporate index, and so the Fund’s investments that are scored by Schroders’ proprietary sustainability tool are included within the minimum proportion stated in #1 on the basis that they will contribute to the Fund’s sustainability score (whether such individual investment has a positive or a negative score). Also included within #1 are any green, social or sustainable bonds that are not scored by Schroders’ proprietary sustainability tool. ~~is not~~ The minimum proportion of assets that are invested in sustainable investments, ~~is~~ indicated in #1A. The minimum proportions stated apply in normal market conditions. The actual proportion stated in #1 is expected to be higher.

The sustainability score is measured by Schroders’ proprietary tool that provides an estimate of the net “impact” that an issuer may create in terms of social and environmental “costs” or “benefits”. It does this by using certain indicators with respect to that issuer, and quantifying them positively and negatively to produce an aggregate notional measure of the effect that the relevant underlying issuer may have on society and the environment. Examples of such indicators are greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

The Fund will invest at least 10% of its assets in sustainable investments. Each sustainable investment (i) demonstrates a net positive effect across a range of environmental or social objectives, as scored by Schroders’ proprietary tool or (ii) is classified as a green, social and/or sustainable bond using a third-party data source.

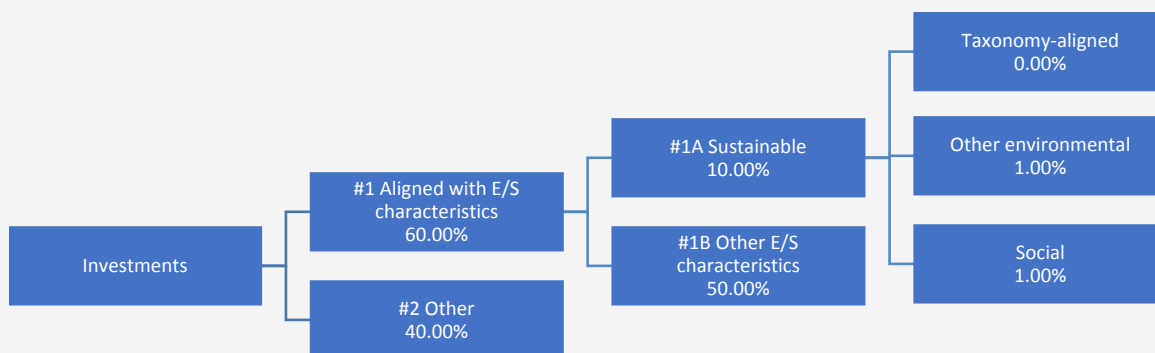
With the exception of any green or social bonds, which will be classified as having an environmental or social objective respectively, a sustainable investment is classified as having an environmental or social objective depending on whether the relevant issuer has a higher score in Schroders’ proprietary tool relative to its applicable peer group for its environmental indicators or its social indicators. In each case, indicators are comprised of both “costs” and “benefits”.

**#2 Other** includes cash which is treated as neutral for sustainability purposes. #2 also includes other investments that are not scored by Schroders’ proprietary sustainability tool and so do not contribute towards the Fund’s sustainability score. As #1 states a minimum proportion that is in practice expected to be higher, the proportion stated in #2 is expected to be lower.

Minimum safeguards are applied where relevant to investments by restricting (as appropriate) investments in counterparties where there are ownership links or exposure to higher risk countries (for the purpose of money laundering, terrorist financing, bribery, corruption, tax evasion and sanctions risks). A firm-wide risk assessment considers the risk rating of each jurisdiction; which includes reference to a number of public statements, indices and world governance indicators issued by the UN, the European Union, the UK Government, the Financial Action Task Force and several Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), such as Transparency International and the Basel Committee.

In addition, new counterparties are reviewed by Schroders’ credit risk team and approval of a new counterparty is based on a holistic review of the various sources of information available, including, but not limited to, quality of management, ownership structure, location, regulatory and social environment to which each counterparty is subject, and the degree of development of the local banking system and its regulatory framework. Ongoing monitoring is performed through a Schroders’ proprietary tool, which supports the analysis of a counterparty’s

management of environmental, social and governance trends and challenges. Any significant deterioration in the profile of the counterparty in Schroders' proprietary tool would lead to further analysis and potential exclusion by Schroders' credit risk team.



**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the investments of the financial product used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product.

**#2 Other** includes the remaining investments of the financial product which are neither aligned with the environmental or social characteristics, nor are qualified as sustainable investments.

The category **#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** covers:

- The sub-category **#1A Sustainable** covers sustainable investments with environmental or social objectives.
- The sub-category **#1B Other E/S characteristics** covers investments aligned with the environmental or social characteristics that do not qualify as sustainable investments.

#1 The minimum proportion stated applies in normal market conditions.

### ● **How does the use of derivatives attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?**

Single name credit default swaps are used as a proxy for direct investments which would otherwise be held by the Fund in line with its sustainability criteria. Such derivatives are therefore used to attain the Fund's sustainability score in Schroders proprietary tool which is one of the binding elements of the Fund. The Fund may use other derivatives that are scored in Schroders' proprietary tool to meet the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted by the Fund, as such derivatives would contribute to the Fund's sustainability score (whether such individual investment has a positive or a negative score).



### **To what minimum extent are sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?**

There is no minimum extent to which the Fund's investments (including transitional and enabling activities) with an environmental objective are aligned with the Taxonomy. Taxonomy alignment of this Fund's investments has therefore not been calculated and has as a result been deemed to constitute 0% of the Fund's portfolio.

In future it is expected that the Fund will assess and report on the extent to which its underlying investments are in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the Taxonomy, along with information relating to the proportion of enabling and transitional activities. This Prospectus will be updated once it is possible in the Investment Manager's opinion to accurately disclose to what extent the Fund's investments are in Taxonomy-aligned environmentally sustainable activities, including the proportions of investments in enabling and transitional activities selected for the Fund.

### ● **Does the financial product invest in fossil gas and/or nuclear energy related activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy<sup>1</sup>?**

☐ Yes:

☐ In fossil gas ☐ In nuclear energy

☒ No

<sup>1</sup> Fossil gas and/or nuclear related activities will only comply with the EU Taxonomy where they contribute to limiting climate change ("climate change mitigation") and do not significantly harm any EU Taxonomy objective – see explanatory note in the left-hand margin. The full criteria for fossil gas and nuclear energy economic activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy are laid down in Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1214.

low-carbon fuels by the end of 2035. For **nuclear energy**, the criteria include comprehensive safety and waste management rules.

Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

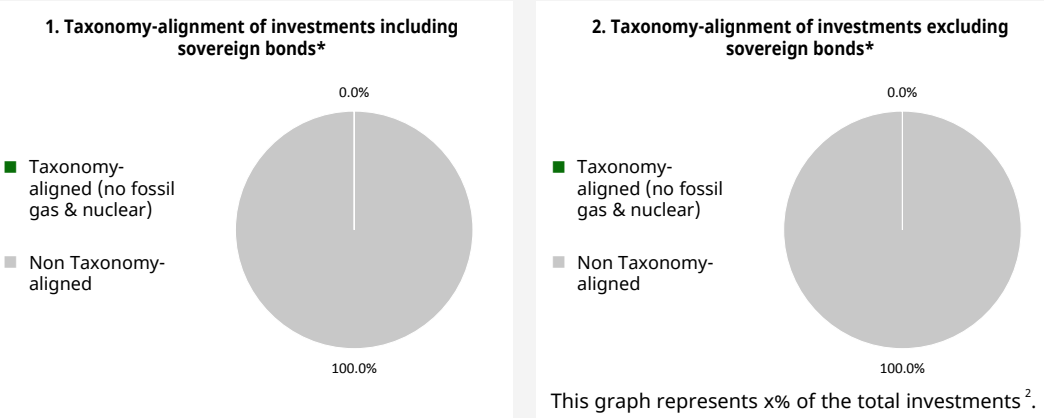
- **turnover** reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee companies
- **capital expenditure** (CapEx) showing the green investments made by investee companies, e.g. for a transition to a green economy.
- **operational expenditure** (OpEx) reflecting green operational activities of investee companies.

**Enabling activities** directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective.

**Transitional activities** are activities for which low-carbon alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.

 are sustainable investments with an environmental objective that **do not take into account the criteria** for environmentally

The two graphs below show in green the minimum percentage of investments that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the Taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy-alignment in relation to all the investments of the financial product including sovereign bonds, while the second graph shows the Taxonomy-alignment only in relation to the investments of the financial product other than sovereign bonds.



\* For the purpose of these graphs, 'sovereign bonds' consist of all sovereign exposures

- **What is the minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities?**  
As per the above, at the date of this Prospectus the share of investments by the Fund in transitional and enabling activities is currently deemed to constitute 0% of the Fund's portfolio.



- **What is the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?**  
The Fund commits to invest at least 1% of its assets in sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

<sup>2</sup> As there is no Taxonomy-alignment, there is no impact on the graph if sovereign bonds are excluded (i.e. the percentage of Taxonomy-aligned investments remains 0%) and the Management Company therefore believes that there is no need to mention this information.



## What is the minimum share of socially sustainable investments?

The Fund commits to invest at least 1% of its assets in sustainable investments with a social objective.



## What investments are included under “#2 Other”, what is their purpose and are there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

**#2 Other** includes cash which is treated as neutral for sustainability purposes. #2 also includes other investments that are not scored by Schroders’ proprietary sustainability tools and so do not contribute towards the Fund’s sustainability score.

Minimum safeguards are applied where relevant to investments by restricting (as appropriate) investments in counterparties where there are ownership links or exposure to higher risk countries (for the purpose of money laundering, terrorist financing, bribery, corruption, tax evasion and sanctions risks). A firm-wide risk assessment considers the risk rating of each jurisdiction; which includes reference to a number of public statements, indices and world governance indicators issued by the UN, the European Union, the UK Government, the Financial Action Task Force and several Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), such as Transparency International and the Basel Committee.

In addition, new counterparties are reviewed by Schroders’ credit risk team and approval of a new counterparty is based on a holistic review of the various sources of information available, including, but not limited to, quality of management, ownership structure, location, regulatory and social environment to which each counterparty is subject, and the degree of development of the local banking system and its regulatory framework. Ongoing monitoring is performed through a Schroders’ proprietary tool, which supports the analysis of a counterparty’s management of environmental, social and governance trends and challenges. Any significant deterioration in the profile of the counterparty in Schroders’ proprietary tool would lead to further analysis and potential exclusion by Schroders’ credit risk team.



## Is a specific index designated as a reference benchmark to determine whether this financial product is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes?

**Reference benchmarks** are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the environmental or social characteristics that they promote.

- **How is the reference benchmark continuously aligned with each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?**

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- **How is the alignment of the investment strategy with the methodology of the index ensured on a continuous basis?**

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- **How does the designated index differ from a relevant broad market index?**

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- **Where can the methodology used for the calculation of the designated index be found?**

This question is not applicable for the Fund.



## Where can I find more product specific information online?

More product-specific information can be found on the webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

Pre-contractual disclosure for the financial products referred to in Article 8, paragraphs 1, 2 and 2a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 6, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852

**Product name:** **Schroder International Selection Fund EURO Credit Conviction**

**Legal entity identifier:** **549300JL34Z2HKTT336**

## Environmental and/or social characteristics

**Sustainable investment** means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good governance practices.

The **EU Taxonomy** is a classification system laid down in Regulation (EU) 2020/852, establishing a list of **environmentally sustainable economic activities**. That Regulation does not lay down a list of socially sustainable economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.

Does this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?	
●● <input type="checkbox"/> Yes	●○ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
<input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with an environmental objective: __%</b>  <input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy  <input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> It <b>promotes Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics</b> and while it does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will have a minimum proportion of <b>10.00%</b> of sustainable investments  <input type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> with a social objective
<input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with a social objective __%</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> It promotes E/S characteristics, but <b>will not make any sustainable investments</b>



## What environmental and/or social characteristics are promoted by this financial product?

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the iBoxx EUR Corporates BBB (TR) index, based on the Investment Manager's rating system. This benchmark (which is a broad market index) does not take into account the environmental and social characteristics promoted by the Fund.

The sustainability score is measured by Schroders' proprietary tool that provides an estimate of the net "impact" that an issuer may create in terms of social and environmental "costs" or "benefits". It does this by using certain indicators with respect to that issuer, and quantifying them positively and negatively to produce an aggregate notional measure of the effect that the relevant underlying issuer may have on society and the environment. It does this using third party data as well as Schroders own estimates and assumptions and the outcome may differ from other sustainability tools and measures. Examples of such indicators are greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

The result is expressed as an aggregate score of the sustainability indicators for each issuer, specifically a notional percentage (positive or negative) of sales or GDP of the relevant underlying issuer. For example, a score of +2% would mean an issuer contributes \$2 of relative notional positive impact (i.e. benefits to society) per \$100 of sales or GDP. The sustainability score of the Fund is derived from the scores of all issuers in the Fund's portfolio measured by Schroders' proprietary tool.

The Fund invests at least 10% of its assets in sustainable investments, which are investments that the Investment Manager expects to contribute towards the advancement of one or more environmental and/or social objective (s).

### ● What sustainability indicators are used to measure the attainment of each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

The Investment Manager monitors compliance with the characteristic to maintain a higher overall sustainability score than the iBoxx EUR Corporates BBB (TR) index by reference to the weighted average sustainability score of the Fund in Schroders' proprietary tool compared against the weighted average sustainability score of the iBoxx EUR Corporates BBB (TR) index in Schroders' proprietary tool over the previous six month period, based on month-end data. The overall sustainability score aggregates the effect of sustainability indicators including but not limited to greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

**Sustainability indicators** measure how the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product are attained.



The Investment Manager monitors compliance with the characteristic to invest at least 10% of its assets in sustainable investments by reference to (i) the sustainability score of each asset in Schroders' proprietary tool and/ or (ii) whether the asset is classified as a green, social and/ or sustainable bond. Compliance with this is monitored daily via our automated compliance controls. The Fund also applies certain exclusions, with which the Investment Manager monitors compliance on an ongoing basis via its portfolio compliance framework.

● ***What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?***

In respect of the proportion of the Fund's portfolio that is invested in sustainable investments, each sustainable investment either (i) demonstrates a net positive effect across a range of environmental or social objectives, as scored by Schroders' proprietary tool and/or (ii) is classified as a green, social and/ or sustainable bond using a third-party data source. The environmental or social objectives of the sustainable investments that the Fund partially intends to make may include, but are not limited to, increasing environmental and/or social benefits such as greater water access or fair pay and reducing environmental, and/or social costs such as carbon emissions or food waste. For example, greater water access as measured by Schroders' proprietary tool are the estimated societal benefits of the provision of clean drinking water to human health. The environmental or social objectives of green, social and/or sustainable bonds may include, but are not limited to, climate change mitigation, renewable energy initiatives, natural resource conservation, access to finance and affordable housing projects.

● ***How do the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make, not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?***

The Investment Manager's approach to investing in issuers that do not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective includes the following:

- Firm-wide investment exclusions apply to Schroders funds. These relate to international conventions on cluster munitions, anti-personnel mines, and chemical and biological weapons and a list of those companies that are excluded is available at <https://www.schroders.com/en/sustainability/active-ownership/group-exclusions/>. Firm-wide exclusions also apply to companies generating more than 20% of their revenue from thermal coal mining.
- The Fund excludes companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to tobacco and thermal coal.
- The Fund excludes companies that are assessed by Schroders to have breached one or more 'global norms' thereby causing significant environmental or social harm; these companies comprise Schroders' 'global norms' breach list. Schroders' determination of whether a company has been involved in such a breach considers relevant principles such as those contained in the UN Global Compact (UNGC) principles, the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights. The 'global norms' breach list may be informed by assessments performed by third party providers and by proprietary research, where relevant to a particular situation. In exceptional circumstances a derogation may be applied in order to allow the Fund to continue to hold a company on Schroders' 'global norms' breach list, for example where the stated investment strategy of the Fund may otherwise be compromised. Any such company cannot be categorised as a sustainable investment.
- The Fund may also apply certain other exclusions in addition to those summarised above.

Further information on all of the Fund's investment exclusions is to be found under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>.

● ***How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?***

When seeking to identify significant harm, Schroders' approach to taking into account the Principal Adverse Impacts (PAI) indicators involves a quantitative and a qualitative assessment. Where it is not considered appropriate or feasible to set quantitative thresholds, the Investment Manager engages, where relevant. Investee companies deemed not to satisfy the quantitative thresholds would generally be excluded, unless on a case-by-case basis the data is deemed not representative of a company's performance in the relevant area.

This framework is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability and quality of the data evolves.

Our approach includes:

1. **Quantitative:** this includes indicators where specific thresholds have been established:

**Principal adverse impacts** are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anticorruption and antibribery matters.

- Via the application of exclusions. This approach is relevant to **PAI 4** (Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector), **PAI 5** (Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production) and **PAI 14** (Exposure to controversial weapons). Further, the following PAIs are assessed as part of Schroders' 'global norms' breach list exclusion (which seeks to exclude companies where significant harm is occurring):
  - **PAI 7** (Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas)
  - **PAI 8** (Emissions to water)
  - **PAI 9** (Hazardous waste and radioactive waste ratio)
  - **PAI 10** (Violations of UN Global Compact principles and Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises)
  - **PAI 11** (Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and Voluntary)
  - **PAI 14** in Table 3 (Number of identified cases of severe human rights issues and incidents)
- Via the application of an alert system flag if the relevant indicator(s) exceeds a threshold. These quantitative thresholds to assess significant harm are established centrally by our Sustainable Investment team and monitored systematically. This approach applies to indicators where we have segmented the population into harm groups to establish a threshold, such as carbon related PAI metrics, **PAI 1** (GHG emissions), **PAI 2** (Carbon footprint) and **Voluntary PAI 4 in Table 2** (Investing in companies without carbon emission reduction initiatives). **PAI 3** (GHG intensity of investee companies) operates in a similar way but the threshold is based on a revenue metric. A threshold for **PAI 6** (Energy consumption intensity per high impact climate sector) is established based on the ~~above-mentioned~~ carbon measures. A similar approach has been taken for **PAI 15** (GHG intensity). **PAI 16** (Investee countries subject to social violations) also operates in the same way but based on data availability regarding social violations. Through this process the relevant issuer(s) that is/are deemed not to satisfy the quantitative thresholds is/are flagged to the Investment Manager for consideration, whose response may involve selling the holdings(s) or maintaining the position if on a case-by-case basis the data is deemed not representative of a company's performance in the relevant area. Investee companies deemed to cause significant harm are excluded from the Fund.
- 2. **Qualitative:** This includes PAI indicators where Schroders' believes that the data available does not enable us to make a quantitative determination regarding whether significant harm is done so as to warrant excluding an investment. In such cases, the Investment Manager engages wherever possible with the company or companies held, in accordance with the priorities documented in Schroders' Engagement Blueprint and/or voting policy. This approach applies to indicators such as **PAI 12** (Unadjusted gender pay gap) and **PAI 13** (Board gender diversity), where we engage and may use our voting rights where we consider appropriate. Both board gender diversity and disclosure of gender pay gap information are captured in our Engagement Blueprint.

● ***How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:***

Companies on Schroders' 'global norms' breach list cannot be categorised as sustainable investments. Schroders' determination of whether a company should be included on such list considers the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, among other relevant principles. The 'global norms' breach list is informed by third party providers and proprietary research, where relevant.

*The EU Taxonomy sets out a "do not significant harm" principle by which Taxonomy-aligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives and is accompanied by specific EU criteria.*

*The "do not significant harm" principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.*

*Any other sustainable investments must also not significantly harm any environmental or social objectives.*



## Does this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

☒ Yes, the Investment Manager's approach to considering principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors involves classifying the indicators into three categories:

The Investment Manager's approach to considering principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors differs depending on the relevant indicator. Some indicators are considered via the application of exclusions, some are considered via the investment process (where data is available via Schroders PAI dashboard and via other external data sources) and some are considered via engagement. Further details are provided below. PAIs are considered as part of pre-investment through the application of exclusions. These include:

- Controversial weapons: PAI 14 (Exposure to controversial weapons (anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, chemical weapons and biological weapons)).
- Schroders' 'global norms' breach list, which covers: PAI 7 (Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas), PAI 8 (Emissions to water), PAI 9 (Hazardous waste and radioactive waste ratio), PAI 10 (Violations of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises), PAI 11 (Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises) and PAI 16 (Investee countries subject to social violations).
- Companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to thermal coal: PAI 4 (Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector) and PAI 5 (Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production).

Compliance with these thresholds is monitored via the Investment Manager's portfolio compliance framework. PAIs are also considered through integration in the investment process as Schroders' proprietary tool incorporates several PAIs as a component of its scoring methodology. In assessing an issuers' overall environmental score PAI 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 are included. All PAI indicators are monitored via Schroders PAI dashboard.

PAIs are also considered post-investment through engagement where the Investment Manager engages in line with the approach and expectations set out in Schroders Engagement Blueprint, which outlines our approach to active ownership. The Investment Manager may engage with selected issuers held by the Fund on PAIs 1, 2, 3 and 4. We aim to engage with several issuers on net zero carbon emissions targets (PAI 1,2) and procuring renewable energy (PAI 5).

Our approach is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability, and quality, of PAI data evolves. The Management Company's statement on principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors is available at <https://api.schroders.com/document-store/id/ffcb39bb-96cb-4e56-9461-deba9a493e85>. The Fund level information is disclosed or will be disclosed (as applicable) in the Fund's annual report.<sup>1</sup> Set thresholds: these involve very explicit thresholds for considering an investment to be a "sustainable investment". For example, PAI 10 on violations of UNGC principles.

2. Active ownership: these involve indicators on which we have a plan to engage with the underlying holding as set out in the Schroders Group document <https://mybrand.schroders.com/m/3222ea4ed44a1f2c/original/schroders-engagement-blueprint.pdf>, outlining our approach to active ownership. For example, PAI 1, 2 and 3 covering GHG emissions and PAI 13 on board gender diversity.

3. Improve coverage: these involve indicators where we consider data coverage to be too sparse to properly consider them and our focus is primarily on engaging with the underlying holdings to increase reporting. For example, PAI 7 on biodiversity, PAI 9 on hazardous waste ratio and PAI 12 on the gender pay gap.

Our approach is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability, and quality, of PAI data evolves.

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☐ No



## What investment strategy does this financial product follow?

**The investment strategy** guides investment decisions based on factors such as investment objectives and risk tolerance.

The sustainable investment strategy used by the Investment Manager is as follows:

The Fund is actively managed and invests at least two-thirds of its assets in fixed and floating rate securities denominated in Euro issued by governments, government agencies, supra-nationals and companies, worldwide.

The Fund may invest:

- up to 30% of its assets in securities that have a below investment grade credit rating (as measured by Standard & Poor's or any equivalent grade of other credit rating agencies for rated bonds and implied Schroders ratings for non-rated bonds);
- up to 20% of its assets in sovereign government bonds;
- up to 20% of its assets in asset-backed securities and mortgage-backed securities; and
- up to 20% of its assets in convertible bonds including up to 10% of its assets in contingent convertible bonds.

The Fund may also invest up one-third of its assets directly or indirectly in other securities (including other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies, Investment Funds, warrants and Money Market Investments, and hold cash.

The Fund may also invest in derivatives to create long and short exposure to the underlying assets of these derivatives.

The Fund may use derivatives with the aim of achieving investment gains, reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently.

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the iBoxx EUR Corporates BBB (TR) index, based on the Investment Manager's rating criteria.

The Fund does not directly invest in certain activities, industries or groups of issuers above the limits listed under “Sustainability-Related Disclosure” on the Fund’s webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

The Investment Manager applies governance and sustainability criteria when selecting investments for the Fund. The strategy aims to identify issuers demonstrating good or improving sustainability credentials, and those that impose a high cost on the environment and society. This involves:

– The exclusion of issuers with certain exposure to specific activities that the Investment Manager considers environmentally destructive or socially damaging, violate human rights and/ or have demonstrated gross misconduct that the Investment Manager deems to have businesses that are materially damaging to the climate and impose unjustifiable social costs.

– The inclusion of issuers that the Investment Manager considers are well placed to deliver demonstrate stable and improving sustainability trajectories relative to their industry peers, and issuers demonstrating good governance based on the Investment Manager’s sustainability rating methodology.

The Investment Manager may also engage with companies to encourage transparency, the transition to a circular economy with lower carbon emissions intensity and responsible social behaviour that promotes sustainable growth and alpha generation.

The primary sources of information used to perform the analysis are the Investment Manager’s proprietary tools and research, third-party research, NGO reports and expert networks. The Investment Manager also performs its own analysis of publicly available information provided by the companies, including information provided in company sustainability reports and other relevant company material.

More details on the Investment Manager’s approach to sustainability and its engagement with companies are available on the webpage

<https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/>

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than its investment universe, based on the Investment Manager’s rating system.

The Investment Manager ensures that at least:

– 90% of the portion of the Fund’s NAV composed of fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with an investment grade credit rating; sovereign debt issued by developed countries; and equities issued by large companies domiciled in developed countries; and

– 75% of the portion of the Fund’s NAV composed of fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with a high yield credit rating; sovereign debt issued by emerging countries equities issued by large companies domiciled in emerging countries; equities issued by small and medium companies, is rated against the sustainability criteria.

For the purposes of this test, small companies are those with market capitalisation below €5 billion, medium companies are those between €5 billion and €10 billion and large companies are those above €10 billion.

### ● ***What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?***

The following binding elements are applied throughout the investment process:

- The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the iBoxx EUR Corporates BBB (TR) index based on the Investment Manager’s rating criteria.
- The Fund invests at least 10% of its assets in sustainable investments and such investments do not cause significant environmental or social harm.
- Exclusions are applied to direct investments in companies. The Fund applies certain exclusions relating to international conventions on cluster munitions, antipersonnel mines, and chemical and biological weapons. The Fund also excludes companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to tobacco and thermal coal, especially companies that generate at least 10% of their revenues from tobacco production, companies that generate at least 25% of their revenues from the tobacco value chain (such as suppliers, distributors, retailers and licensors), companies that generate at least 10% of their revenues from thermal coal mining and companies that generate at least 30% of their revenues from coal fired power generation. The Fund excludes companies that are assessed by Schroders to have breached one or more ‘global norms’ thereby causing significant environmental or social harm; these companies comprise Schroders’ ‘global norms’ breach list. In exceptional circumstances a derogation may be applied in order to allow the Fund to continue to hold a company on Schroders’ ‘global norms’ breach list, for example where the stated investment strategy of the Fund may otherwise be compromised. Any such company cannot be categorised as a sustainable investment. Further, the Fund may apply other exclusions as listed under “Sustainability-Related Disclosure” on the Fund’s webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>
- The Fund invests in companies that have good governance practices, as determined by the Investment Manager’s rating criteria.

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- 90% of the portion of the Fund’s NAV composed of fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with an investment grade credit rating; sovereign debt issued by developed countries; and equities issued by large companies domiciled in developed countries; and
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● **What is the committed minimum rate to reduce the scope of the investments considered prior to the application of that investment strategy?**

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

● **What is the policy to assess good governance practices of the investee companies?**

In order to assess good governance practices, a central Good Governance Test is applied. This test is based on a data-driven quantitative framework, which uses a scorecard to assess companies across the categories of sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff, and tax compliance. Schroders has defined a number of criteria across these pillars.

Compliance with the test is monitored centrally and companies which do not pass this test cannot be held by the Fund, unless the Investment Manager has agreed that the issuer demonstrates good governance based on additional insights beyond that quantitative analysis.

**Good governance** practices include sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff and tax compliance.



**Asset allocation** describes the share of investments in specific assets.

## What is the asset allocation planned for this financial product?

The planned composition of the Fund’s investments that are used to meet its environmental or social characteristics are summarised below.

**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the minimum proportion of the Fund’s assets used to attain the environmental or social characteristics, which is equal to 60%. The Fund commits to maintain a higher overall sustainability score than the iBoxx EUR Corporates BBB (TR) index, and so the Fund’s investments that are scored by Schroders’ proprietary sustainability tool are included within the minimum proportion stated in #1 on the basis that they will contribute to the Fund’s sustainability score (whether such individual investment has a positive or a negative score). Also included within #1 are any green, social or sustainable bonds that are not scored by Schroders’ proprietary sustainability tool. ~~is it~~ The minimum proportion of assets that are invested in sustainable investments, ~~is~~ indicated in #1A. The minimum proportions stated apply in normal market conditions. The actual proportion stated in #1 is expected to be higher.

The sustainability score is measured by Schroders’ proprietary tool that provides an estimate of the net “impact” that an issuer may create in terms of social and environmental “costs” or “benefits”. It does this by using certain indicators with respect to that issuer, and quantifying them positively and negatively to produce an aggregate notional measure of the effect that the relevant underlying issuer may have on society and the environment. Examples of such indicators are greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

The Fund will invest at least 10% of its assets in sustainable investments. Each sustainable investment (i) demonstrates a net positive effect across a range of environmental or social objectives, as scored by Schroders’ proprietary tool or (ii) is classified as a green, social and/ or sustainable bond using a third-party data source.

With the exception of any green or social bonds, which will be classified as having an environmental or social objective respectively, a sustainable investment is classified as having an environmental or social objective depending on whether the relevant issuer has a higher score in Schroders’ proprietary tool relative to its applicable peer group for its environmental indicators or its social indicators. In each case, indicators are comprised of both “costs” and “benefits”.

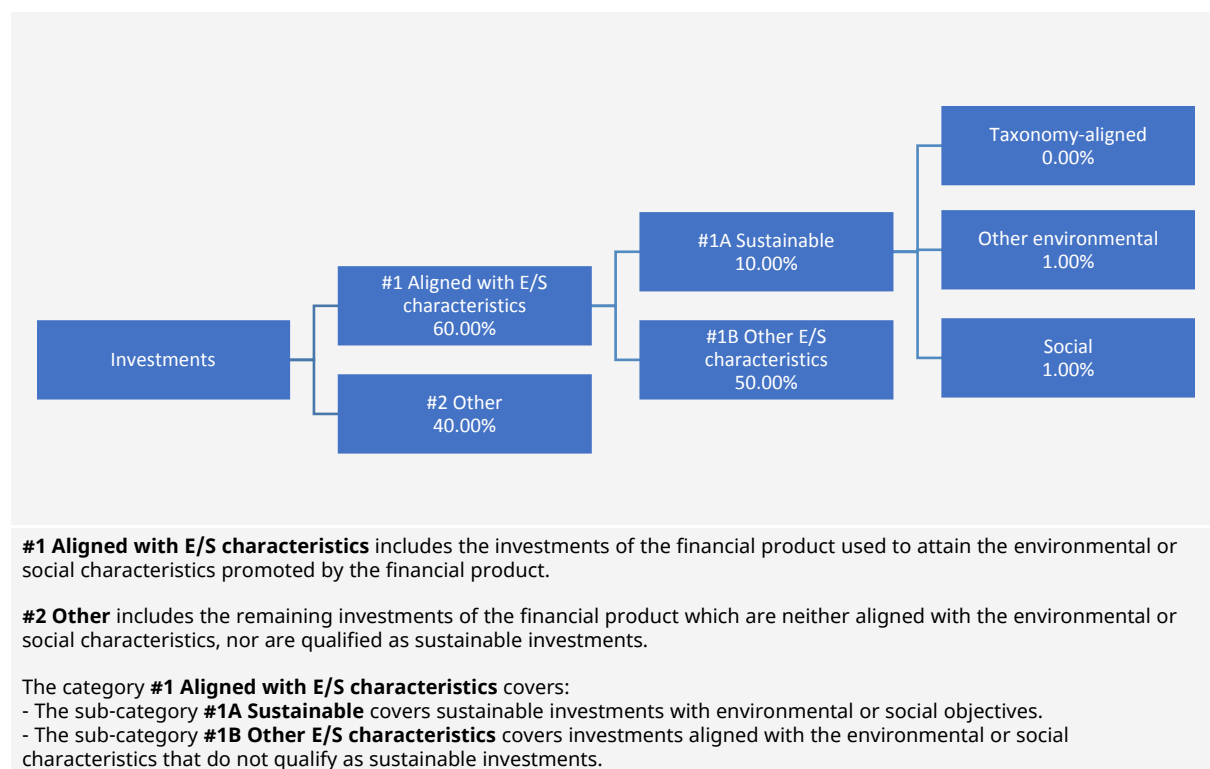
**#2 Other** includes cash which is treated as neutral for sustainability purposes. #2 also includes other investments that are not scored by Schroders’ proprietary sustainability tool and so do not contribute towards the Fund’s sustainability score. As #1 states a minimum proportion that is in practice expected to be higher, the proportion stated in #2 is expected to be lower.

Minimum safeguards are applied where relevant to investments by restricting (as appropriate) investments in counterparties where there are ownership links or exposure to higher risk countries (for the purpose of money laundering, terrorist financing, bribery, corruption, tax evasion and sanctions risks). A firm-wide risk assessment considers the risk rating of each jurisdiction; which includes reference to a number of public statements, indices and world governance indicators issued by the UN, the European Union, the UK Government, the Financial Action Task Force and several Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), such as Transparency International and the Basel Committee.

In addition, new counterparties are reviewed by Schroders’ credit risk team and approval of a new counterparty is based on a holistic review of the various sources of information available, including, but not limited to, quality of management, ownership structure, location, regulatory and social environment to which each counterparty is subject, and the degree of development of the local banking system and its regulatory framework. Ongoing monitoring is performed through a Schroders’ proprietary tool, which supports the analysis of a counterparty’s



management of environmental, social and governance trends and challenges. Any significant deterioration in the profile of the counterparty in Schroders' proprietary tool would lead to further analysis and potential exclusion by Schroders' credit risk team.



#1 The minimum proportion stated applies in normal market conditions.

● **How does the use of derivatives attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?**

Single name credit default swaps are used as a proxy for direct investments which would otherwise be held by the Fund in line with its sustainability criteria. Such derivatives are therefore used to attain the Fund's sustainability score in Schroders' proprietary tool which is one of the binding elements of the Fund. The Fund may use other derivatives that are scored in Schroders' proprietary tool to meet the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted by the Fund, as such derivatives would contribute to the Fund's sustainability score (whether such individual investment has a positive or a negative score).



**To what minimum extent are sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?**

There is no minimum extent to which the Fund's investments (including transitional and enabling activities) with an environmental objective are aligned with the Taxonomy. Taxonomy alignment of this Fund's investments has therefore not been calculated and has as a result been deemed to constitute 0% of the Fund's portfolio.

In future it is expected that the Fund will assess and report on the extent to which its underlying investments are in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the Taxonomy, along with information relating to the proportion of enabling and transitional activities. This Prospectus will be updated once it is possible in the Investment Manager's opinion to accurately disclose to what extent the Fund's investments are in Taxonomy-aligned environmentally sustainable activities, including the proportions of investments in enabling and transitional activities selected for the Fund.

● **Does the financial product invest in fossil gas and/or nuclear energy related activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy<sup>1</sup>?**

- ☐ Yes:
- ☐ In fossil gas ☐ In nuclear energy
- ☒ No

To comply with the EU Taxonomy, the criteria for **fossil gas** include limitations on emissions and switching to renewable power or low-carbon fuels by

<sup>1</sup> Fossil gas and/or nuclear related activities will only comply with the EU Taxonomy where they contribute to limiting climate change ("climate change mitigation") and do not significantly harm any EU Taxonomy objective – see explanatory note in the left-hand margin. The full criteria for fossil gas and nuclear energy economic activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy are laid down in Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1214.




the end of 2035. For **nuclear energy**, the criteria include comprehensive safety and waste management rules.

Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

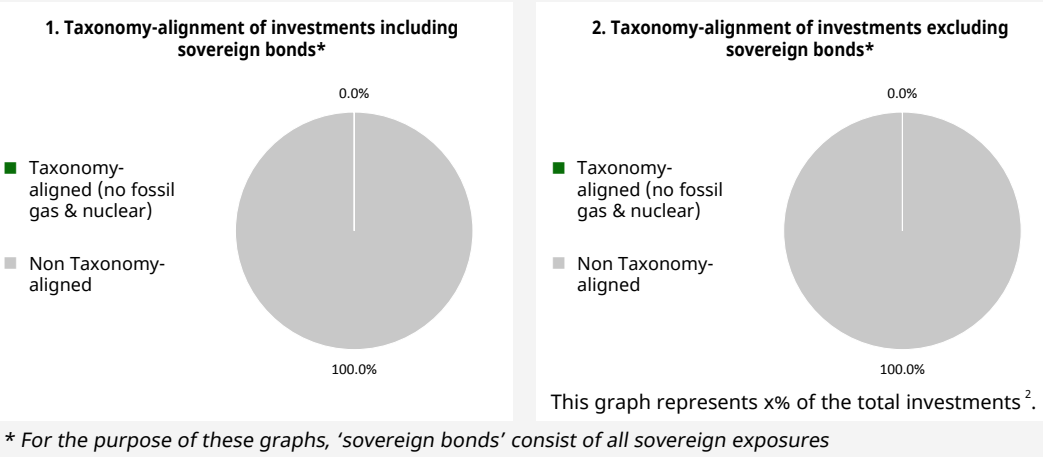
- **turnover** reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee companies
- **capital expenditure** (CapEx) showing the green investments made by investee companies, e.g. for a transition to a green economy.
- **operational expenditure** (OpEx) reflecting green operational activities of investee companies.

**Enabling activities** directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective.

**Transitional activities** are activities for which low-carbon alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.

 are sustainable investments with an environmental objective that **do not take into account the criteria** for environmentally

The two graphs below show in green the minimum percentage of investments that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the Taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy-alignment in relation to all the investments of the financial product including sovereign bonds, while the second graph shows the Taxonomy-alignment only in relation to the investments of the financial product other than sovereign bonds.



- **What is the minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities?**  
As per the above, at the date of this Prospectus the share of investments by the Fund in transitional and enabling activities is currently deemed to constitute 0% of the Fund's portfolio.



- **What is the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?**  
The Fund commits to invest at least 1% of its assets in sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

<sup>2</sup> As there is no Taxonomy-alignment, there is no impact on the graph if sovereign bonds are excluded (i.e. the percentage of Taxonomy-aligned investments remains 0%) and the Management Company therefore believes that there is no need to mention this information.



### What is the minimum share of socially sustainable investments?

The Fund commits to invest at least 1% of its assets in sustainable investments with a social objective.



### What investments are included under “#2 Other”, what is their purpose and are there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

**#2 Other** includes cash which is treated as neutral for sustainability purposes. #2 also includes other investments that are not scored by Schroders’ proprietary sustainability tools and so do not contribute towards the Fund’s sustainability score.

Minimum safeguards are applied where relevant to investments by restricting (as appropriate) investments in counterparties where there are ownership links or exposure to higher risk countries (for the purpose of money laundering, terrorist financing, bribery, corruption, tax evasion and sanctions risks). A firm-wide risk assessment considers the risk rating of each jurisdiction; which includes reference to a number of public statements, indices and world governance indicators issued by the UN, the European Union, the UK Government, the Financial Action Task Force and several Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), such as Transparency International and the Basel Committee.

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### Is a specific index designated as a reference benchmark to determine whether this financial product is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes?

**Reference benchmarks** are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the environmental or social characteristics that they promote.

- **How is the reference benchmark continuously aligned with each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?**

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- **How is the alignment of the investment strategy with the methodology of the index ensured on a continuous basis?**

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- **How does the designated index differ from a relevant broad market index?**

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- **Where can the methodology used for the calculation of the designated index be found?**

This question is not applicable for the Fund.



### Where can I find more product specific information online?

More product-specific information can be found on the webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>



The Investment Manager monitors compliance with the characteristic to invest at least 10% of its assets in sustainable investments by reference to (i) the sustainability score of each asset in Schroders' proprietary tool and/ or (ii) whether the asset is classified as a green, social and/ or sustainable bond. Compliance with this is monitored daily via our automated compliance controls. The Fund also applies certain exclusions, with which the Investment Manager monitors compliance on an ongoing basis via its portfolio compliance framework.

● ***What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?***

In respect of the proportion of the Fund's portfolio that is invested in sustainable investments, each sustainable investment either (i) demonstrates a net positive effect across a range of environmental or social objectives, as scored by Schroders' proprietary tool and/ or (ii) whether the asset is classified as a green, social and/ or sustainable bond. The environmental or social objectives of the sustainable investments that the Fund partially intends to make may include, but are not limited to, increasing environmental and/or social benefits such as greater water access or fair pay and reducing environmental, and/or social costs such as carbon emissions or food waste. For example, greater water access as measured by Schroders' proprietary tool are the estimated societal benefits of the provision of clean drinking water to human health. The environmental or social objectives of green, social and/or sustainable bonds may include, but are not limited to, climate change mitigation, renewable energy initiatives, natural resource conservation, access to finance and affordable housing projects.

● ***How do the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make, not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?***

The Investment Manager's approach to investing in issuers that do not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective includes the following:

- Firm-wide investment exclusions apply to Schroders funds. These relate to international conventions on cluster munitions, anti-personnel mines, and chemical and biological weapons and a list of those companies that are excluded is available at <https://www.schroders.com/en/sustainability/active-ownership/group-exclusions/>. Firm-wide exclusions also apply to companies generating more than 20% of their revenue from thermal coal mining.
- The Fund excludes companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to tobacco and thermal coal.
- The Fund excludes companies that are assessed by Schroders to have breached one or more 'global norms' thereby causing significant environmental or social harm; these companies comprise Schroders' 'global norms' breach list. Schroders' determination of whether a company has been involved in such a breach considers relevant principles such as those contained in the UN Global Compact (UNGC) principles, the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights. The 'global norms' breach list may be informed by assessments performed by third party providers and by proprietary research, where relevant to a particular situation. In exceptional circumstances a derogation may be applied in order to allow the Fund to continue to hold a company on Schroders' 'global norms' breach list, for example where the stated investment strategy of the Fund may otherwise be compromised. Any such company cannot be categorised as a sustainable investment.
- The Fund may also apply certain other exclusions in addition to those summarised above.

Further information on all of the Fund's investment exclusions is to be found under "Sustainability Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

● ***How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?***

When seeking to identify significant harm, Schroders' approach to taking into account the Principal Adverse Impacts (PAI) indicators involves a quantitative and a qualitative assessment. Where it is not considered appropriate or feasible to set quantitative thresholds, the Investment Manager engages, where relevant. Investee companies deemed not to satisfy the quantitative thresholds would generally be excluded, unless on a case-by-case basis the data is deemed not representative of a company's performance in the relevant area.

This framework is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability and quality of the data evolves.

Our approach includes:

1. **Quantitative:** this includes indicators where specific thresholds have been established:

**Principal adverse impacts** are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anticorruption and antibribery matters.

- Via the application of exclusions. This approach is relevant to **PAI 4** (Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector), **PAI 5** (Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production) and **PAI 14** (Exposure to controversial weapons). Further, the following PAIs are assessed as part of Schroders' 'global norms' breach list exclusion (which seeks to exclude companies where significant harm is occurring):
  - **PAI 7** (Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas)
  - **PAI 8** (Emissions to water)
  - **PAI 9** (Hazardous waste and radioactive waste ratio)
  - **PAI 10** (Violations of UN Global Compact principles and Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises)
  - **PAI 11** (Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and Voluntary)
  - **PAI 14** in Table 3 (Number of identified cases of severe human rights issues and incidents)
- Via the application of an alert system flag if the relevant indicator(s) exceeds a threshold. These quantitative thresholds to assess significant harm are established centrally by our Sustainable Investment team and monitored systematically. This approach applies to indicators where we have segmented the population into harm groups to establish a threshold, such as carbon related PAI metrics, **PAI 1** (GHG emissions), **PAI 2** (Carbon footprint) and **Voluntary PAI 4 in Table 2** (Investing in companies without carbon emission reduction initiatives). **PAI 3** (GHG intensity of investee companies) operates in a similar way but the threshold is based on a revenue metric. A threshold for **PAI 6** (Energy consumption intensity per high impact climate sector) is established based on the ~~above-mentioned~~ carbon measures. A similar approach has been taken for **PAI 15** (GHG intensity). **PAI 16** (Investee countries subject to social violations) also operates in the same way but based on data availability regarding social violations. Through this process the relevant issuer(s) that is/are deemed not to satisfy the quantitative thresholds is/are flagged to the Investment Manager for consideration, whose response may involve selling the holdings(s) or maintaining the position if on a case-by-case basis the data is deemed not representative of a company's performance in the relevant area. Investee companies deemed to cause significant harm are excluded from the Fund.
- 2. **Qualitative:** This includes PAI indicators where Schroders' believes that the data available does not enable us to make a quantitative determination regarding whether significant harm is done so as to warrant excluding an investment. In such cases, the Investment Manager engages wherever possible with the company or companies held, in accordance with the priorities documented in Schroders' Engagement Blueprint and/or voting policy. This approach applies to indicators such as **PAI 12** (Unadjusted gender pay gap) and **PAI 13** (Board gender diversity), where we engage and may use our voting rights where we consider appropriate. Both board gender diversity and disclosure of gender pay gap information are captured in our Engagement Blueprint.

● ***How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:***

Companies on Schroders' 'global norms' breach list cannot be categorised as sustainable investments. Schroders' determination of whether a company should be included on such list considers the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, among other relevant principles. The 'global norms' breach list is informed by third party providers and proprietary research, where relevant.

*The EU Taxonomy sets out a "do not significant harm" principle by which Taxonomy-aligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives and is accompanied by specific EU criteria.*

*The "do not significant harm" principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.*

*Any other sustainable investments must also not significantly harm any environmental or social objectives.*



## Does this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

☒ Yes, the Investment Manager's approach to considering principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors involves classifying the indicators into three categories:

The Investment Manager's approach to considering principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors differs depending on the relevant indicator. Some indicators are considered via the application of exclusions, some are considered via the investment process (where data is available via Schroders PAI dashboard and via other external data sources) and some are considered via engagement. Further details are provided below. PAIs are considered as part of pre-investment through the application of exclusions. These include:

- Controversial weapons: PAI 14 (Exposure to controversial weapons (anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, chemical weapons and biological weapons)).
- Schroders' 'global norms' breach list, which covers: PAI 7 (Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas), PAI 8 (Emissions to water), PAI 9 (Hazardous waste and radioactive waste ratio), PAI 10 (Violations of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises), PAI 11 (Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises) and PAI 16 (Investee countries subject to social violations).
- Companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to thermal coal: PAI 4 (Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector) and PAI 5 (Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production).

Compliance with these thresholds is monitored via the Investment Manager's portfolio compliance framework. PAIs are also considered through integration in the investment process as Schroders' proprietary tool incorporates several PAIs as a component of its scoring methodology. In assessing an issuers' overall environmental score PAI 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 are included. All PAI indicators are monitored via Schroders PAI dashboard.

PAIs are also considered post-investment through engagement where the Investment Manager engages in line with the approach and expectations set out in Schroders Engagement Blueprint, which outlines our approach to active ownership. The Investment Manager may engage with selected issuers held by the Fund on PAIs 1, 2, 3 and 4. We aim to engage with several issuers on net zero carbon emissions targets (PAI 1,2) and procuring renewable energy (PAI 5).

Our approach is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability, and quality, of PAI data evolves. The Management Company's statement on principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors is available at <https://api.schroders.com/document-store/id/ffcb39bb-96cb-4e56-9461-deba9a493e85>. The Fund level information is disclosed or will be disclosed (as applicable) in the Fund's annual report.

1. Set thresholds: these involve very explicit thresholds for considering an investment to be a "sustainable investment". For example, PAI 10 on violations of UNGC principles.
2. Active ownership: these involve indicators on which we have a plan to engage with the underlying holding as set out in the Schroders Group document <https://mybrand.schroders.com/m/3222ea4ed44a1f2c/original/schroders-engagement-blueprint.pdf>, outlining our approach to active ownership. For example, PAI 1, 2 and 3 covering GHG emissions and PAI 13 on board gender diversity.
3. Improve coverage: these involve indicators where we consider data coverage to be too sparse to properly consider them and our focus is primarily on engaging with the underlying holdings to increase reporting. For example, PAI 7 on biodiversity, PAI 9 on hazardous waste ratio and PAI 12 on the gender pay gap.

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The Fund may invest:

- up to 30% of its assets in securities that have a below investment grade credit rating (as measured by Standard & Poor's or any equivalent grade of other credit rating agencies for rated bonds and implied Schroders ratings for non-rated bonds);
- up to 20% of its assets in sovereign government bonds;
- up to 40% of its assets in asset-backed securities and mortgage-backed securities; and
- up to 20% of its assets in convertible bonds including up to 10% of its assets in contingent convertible bonds.

The Fund may invest in asset-backed securities, commercial mortgage-backed securities, and/or residential mortgage-backed securities issued worldwide with an investment grade credit rating (as measured by Standard & Poor's or any equivalent grade of other credit rating agencies).

Underlying assets may include credit card receivables, personal loans, auto loans, small business loans, leases, commercial mortgages and residential mortgages.

The Fund may also invest up to one-third of its assets directly or indirectly in other securities (including other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies, Investment Funds, warrants and Money Market Investments, and hold cash.



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The Investment Manager may also engage with companies to encourage transparency, the transition to a circular economy with lower carbon emissions intensity and responsible social behaviour that promotes sustainable growth and alpha generation.

The primary sources of information used to perform the analysis are the Investment Manager's proprietary tools and research, third-party research, NGO reports and expert networks. The Investment Manager also performs its own analysis of publicly available information provided by the companies, including information provided in company sustainability reports and other relevant company material.

More details on the Investment Manager's approach to sustainability and its engagement with companies are available on the webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/>

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than its investment universe, based on the Investment Manager's rating system.

The Investment Manager ensures that at least:

– 90% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with an investment grade credit rating; sovereign debt issued by developed countries; and equities issued by large companies domiciled in developed countries; and

– 75% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with a high yield credit rating; sovereign debt issued by emerging countries equities issued by large companies domiciled in emerging countries; equities issued by small and medium companies,

is rated against the sustainability criteria. For the purposes of this test, small companies are those with market capitalisation below €5 billion, medium companies are those between €5 billion and €10 billion and large companies are those above €10 billion.

### ● ***What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?***

The following binding elements are applied throughout the investment process:

- The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the ICE BofA 1-5 Year BBB Euro Corporate total return index, based on the Investment Manager's rating criteria.
- The Fund invests at least 10% of its assets in sustainable investments and such investments do not cause significant environmental or social harm.
- Exclusions are applied to direct investments in companies. The Fund applies certain exclusions relating to international conventions on cluster munitions, antipersonnel mines, and chemical and biological weapons. The Fund also excludes companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to tobacco and thermal coal, especially companies that generate at least 10% of their revenues from tobacco production, companies that generate at least 25% of their revenues from the tobacco value chain (such as suppliers, distributors, retailers and licensors), companies that generate at least 10% of their revenues from thermal coal mining and companies that generate at least 30% of their revenues from coal fired power generation. The Fund excludes companies that are assessed by Schroders to have breached one or more 'global norms' thereby causing significant environmental or social harm; these companies comprise Schroders' 'global norms' breach list. In exceptional circumstances a derogation may be applied in order to allow the Fund to continue to hold a company on Schroders' 'global norms' breach list, for example where the stated investment strategy of the Fund may otherwise be compromised. Any such company cannot be categorised as a sustainable investment. Further, the Fund may apply other exclusions as listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

- The Fund invests in companies that have good governance practices, as determined by the Investment Manager's rating criteria.

The Investment Manager ensures that at least:

- 90% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with an investment grade credit rating; sovereign debt issued by developed countries; and equities issued by large companies domiciled in developed countries; and
- 75% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with a high yield credit rating; sovereign debt issued by emerging countries equities issued by large companies domiciled in emerging countries; equities issued by small and medium companies, is rated against the sustainability criteria.

● **What is the committed minimum rate to reduce the scope of the investments considered prior to the application of that investment strategy?**

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

● **What is the policy to assess good governance practices of the investee companies?**

In order to assess good governance practices, a central Good Governance Test is applied. This test is based on a data-driven quantitative framework, which uses a scorecard to assess companies across the categories of sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff, and tax compliance. Schroders has defined a number of criteria across these pillars.

Compliance with the test is monitored centrally and companies which do not pass this test cannot be held by the Fund, unless the Investment Manager has agreed that the issuer demonstrates good governance based on additional insights beyond that quantitative analysis.

**Good governance** practices include sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff and tax compliance.



**Asset allocation** describes the share of investments in specific assets.

## What is the asset allocation planned for this financial product?

The planned composition of the Fund's investments that are used to meet its environmental or social characteristics are summarised below.

**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the minimum proportion of the Fund's assets used to attain the environmental or social characteristics, which is equal to 60%. The Fund commits to maintain a higher overall sustainability score than the ICE BofA 1-5 Year BBB Euro Corporate total return index, and so the Fund's investments that are scored by Schroders' proprietary sustainability tool are included within the minimum proportion stated in #1 on the basis that they will contribute to the Fund's sustainability score (whether such individual investment has a positive or a negative score). Also included within #1 are any green, social or sustainable bonds that are not scored by Schroders' proprietary sustainability tool. ~~is not~~ The minimum proportion of assets that are invested in sustainable investments, ~~is~~ indicated in #1A. The minimum proportions stated apply in normal market conditions. The actual proportion stated in #1 is expected to be higher.

The sustainability score is measured by Schroders' proprietary tool that provides an estimate of the net "impact" that an issuer may create in terms of social and environmental "costs" or "benefits". It does this by using certain indicators with respect to that issuer, and quantifying them positively and negatively to produce an aggregate notional measure of the effect that the relevant underlying issuer may have on society and the environment. Examples of such indicators are greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

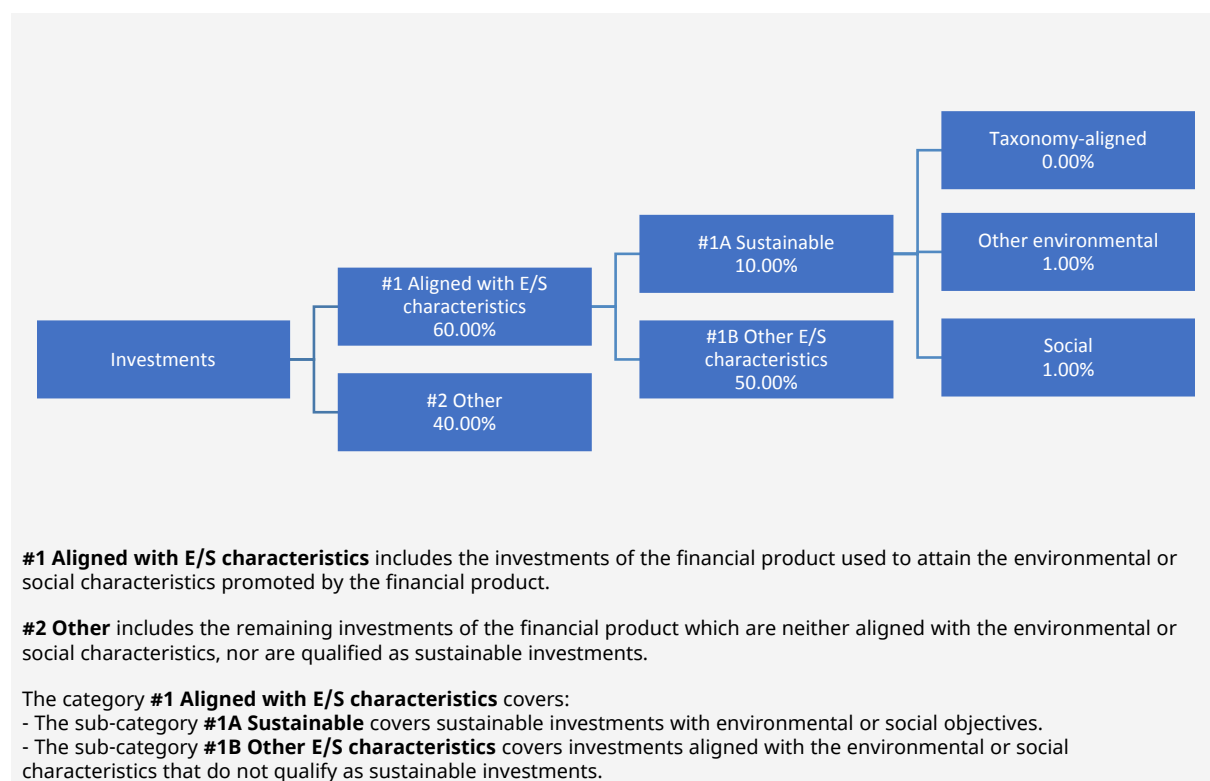
The Fund will invest at least 10% of its assets in sustainable investments. Each sustainable investment (i) demonstrates a net positive effect across a range of environmental or social objectives, as scored by Schroders' proprietary tool or (ii) is classified as a green, social and/ or sustainable bond using a third-party data source. With the exception of any green or social bonds, which will be classified as having an environmental or social objective respectively, a sustainable investment is classified as having an environmental or social objective depending on whether the relevant issuer has a higher score in Schroders' proprietary tool relative to its applicable peer group for its environmental indicators or its social indicators. In each case, indicators are comprised of both "costs" and "benefits".

**#2 Other** includes cash which is treated as neutral for sustainability purposes. #2 also includes other investments that are not scored by Schroders' proprietary sustainability tool and so do not contribute towards the Fund's sustainability score. As #1 states a minimum proportion that is in practice expected to be higher, the proportion stated in #2 is expected to be lower.

Minimum safeguards are applied where relevant to investments by restricting (as appropriate) investments in counterparties where there are ownership links or exposure to higher risk countries (for the purpose of money laundering, terrorist financing, bribery, corruption, tax evasion and sanctions risks). A firm-wide risk assessment considers the risk rating of each jurisdiction; which includes reference to a number of public statements, indices and world governance indicators issued by the UN, the European Union, the UK Government, the Financial Action Task Force and several Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), such as Transparency International and the Basel Committee.

In addition, new counterparties are reviewed by Schroders' credit risk team and approval of a new counterparty is based on a holistic review of the various sources of information available, including, but not limited to, quality of management, ownership structure, location, regulatory and social environment to which each counterparty is

subject, and the degree of development of the local banking system and its regulatory framework. Ongoing monitoring is performed through a Schroders' proprietary tool, which supports the analysis of a counterparty's management of environmental, social and governance trends and challenges. Any significant deterioration in the profile of the counterparty in Schroders' proprietary tool would lead to further analysis and potential exclusion by Schroders' credit risk team.



#1 The minimum proportion stated applies in normal market conditions.

### ● **How does the use of derivatives attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?**

Single name credit default swaps are used as a proxy for direct investments which would otherwise be held by the Fund in line with its sustainability criteria. Such derivatives are therefore used to attain the Fund's sustainability score in Schroders' proprietary tool which is one of the binding elements of the Fund. The Fund may use other derivatives that are scored in Schroders' proprietary tool to meet the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted by the Fund, as such derivatives would contribute to the Fund's sustainability score (whether such individual investment has a positive or a negative score).



### **To what minimum extent are sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?**

There is no minimum extent to which the Fund's investments (including transitional and enabling activities) with an environmental objective are aligned with the Taxonomy. Taxonomy alignment of this Fund's investments has therefore not been calculated and has as a result been deemed to constitute 0% of the Fund's portfolio.

In future it is expected that the Fund will assess and report on the extent to which its underlying investments are in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the Taxonomy, along with information relating to the proportion of enabling and transitional activities. This Prospectus will be updated once it is possible in the Investment Manager's opinion to accurately disclose to what extent the Fund's investments are in Taxonomy-aligned environmentally sustainable activities, including the proportions of investments in enabling and transitional activities selected for the Fund.

### ● **Does the financial product invest in fossil gas and/or nuclear energy related activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy<sup>1</sup>?**

☐ Yes:

☐ In fossil gas ☐ In nuclear energy

<sup>1</sup> Fossil gas and/or nuclear related activities will only comply with the EU Taxonomy where they contribute to limiting climate change ("climate change mitigation") and do not significantly harm any EU Taxonomy objective – see explanatory note in the left-hand margin. The full criteria for fossil gas and nuclear energy economic activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy are laid down in Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1214.

☒ No

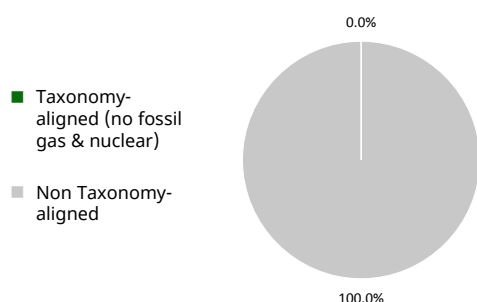
switching to renewable power or low-carbon fuels by the end of 2035. For **nuclear energy**, the criteria include comprehensive safety and waste management rules.

Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

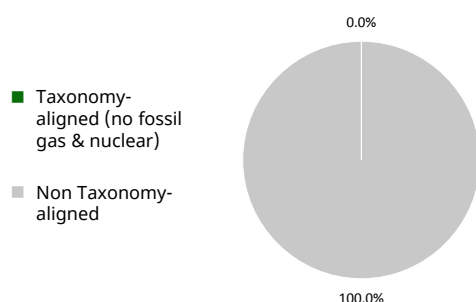
- **turnover** reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee companies
- **capital expenditure** (CapEx) showing the green investments made by investee companies, e.g. for a transition to a green economy.
- **operational expenditure** (OpEx) reflecting green operational activities of investee companies.

The two graphs below show in green the minimum percentage of investments that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the Taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy-alignment in relation to all the investments of the financial product including sovereign bonds, while the second graph shows the Taxonomy-alignment only in relation to the investments of the financial product other than sovereign bonds.

1. Taxonomy-alignment of investments including sovereign bonds\*



2. Taxonomy-alignment of investments excluding sovereign bonds\*



This graph represents x% of the total investments<sup>2</sup>.

\* For the purpose of these graphs, 'sovereign bonds' consist of all sovereign exposures

**Enabling activities** directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective.

**Transitional activities** are activities for which low-carbon alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.

### ● What is the minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities?

As per the above, at the date of this Prospectus the share of investments by the Fund in transitional and enabling activities is currently deemed to constitute 0% of the Fund's portfolio.



### What is the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

The Fund commits to invest at least 1% of its assets in sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy.



are sustainable investments with an environmental objective that **do not take into account the criteria** for

<sup>2</sup> As there is no Taxonomy-alignment, there is no impact on the graph if sovereign bonds are excluded (i.e. the percentage of Taxonomy-aligned investments remains 0%) and the Management Company therefore believes that there is no need to mention this information.



### What is the minimum share of socially sustainable investments?

The Fund commits to invest at least 1% of its assets in sustainable investments with a social objective.



### What investments are included under “#2 Other”, what is their purpose and are there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

#2 Other includes cash which is treated as neutral for sustainability purposes. #2 also includes other investments that are not scored by Schroders’ proprietary sustainability tools and so do not contribute towards the Fund’s sustainability score.

Minimum safeguards are applied where relevant to investments by restricting (as appropriate) investments in counterparties where there are ownership links or exposure to higher risk countries (for the purpose of money laundering, terrorist financing, bribery, corruption, tax evasion and sanctions risks). A firm-wide risk assessment considers the risk rating of each jurisdiction; which includes reference to a number of public statements, indices and world governance indicators issued by the UN, the European Union, the UK Government, the Financial Action Task Force and several Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), such as Transparency International and the Basel Committee.

In addition, new counterparties are reviewed by Schroders’ credit risk team and approval of a new counterparty is based on a holistic review of the various sources of information available, including, but not limited to, quality of management, ownership structure, location, regulatory and social environment to which each counterparty is subject, and the degree of development of the local banking system and its regulatory framework. Ongoing monitoring is performed through a Schroders’ proprietary tool, which supports the analysis of a counterparty’s management of environmental, social and governance trends and challenges. Any significant deterioration in the profile of the counterparty in Schroders’ proprietary tool would lead to further analysis and potential exclusion by Schroders’ credit risk team.



### Is a specific index designated as a reference benchmark to determine whether this financial product is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes?

**Reference benchmarks** are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the environmental or social characteristics that they promote.

- **How is the reference benchmark continuously aligned with each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?**

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- **How is the alignment of the investment strategy with the methodology of the index ensured on a continuous basis?**

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- **How does the designated index differ from a relevant broad market index?**

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- **Where can the methodology used for the calculation of the designated index be found?**

This question is not applicable for the Fund.



### Where can I find more product specific information online?

More product-specific information can be found on the webpage: <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

Pre-contractual disclosure for the financial products referred to in Article 8, paragraphs 1, 2 and 2a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 6, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852

**Product name:** **Schroder International Selection Fund EURO Equity**

**Legal entity identifier:** **3YYOQS43D8251JTKU860**

## Environmental and/or social characteristics

**Sustainable investment** means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good governance practices.

The **EU Taxonomy** is a classification system laid down in Regulation (EU) 2020/852, establishing a list of **environmentally sustainable economic activities**. That Regulation does not lay down a list of socially sustainable economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.

Does this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?	
●● <input type="checkbox"/> Yes	●○ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
<input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with an environmental objective: __%</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> It <b>promotes Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics</b> and while it does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will have a minimum proportion of <b>25.00%</b> of sustainable investments
<input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy	<input type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy
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<input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with a social objective __%</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> with a social objective
	<input type="checkbox"/> It promotes E/S characteristics, but <b>will not make any sustainable investments</b>



## What environmental and/or social characteristics are promoted by this financial product?

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the MSCI European Monetary Union (Net TR) index, based on the Investment Manager's rating system. This benchmark (which is a broad market index) does not take into account the environmental and social characteristics promoted by the Fund.

The sustainability score is measured by Schroders' proprietary tool that provides an estimate of the net "impact" that an issuer may create in terms of social and environmental "costs" or "benefits". It does this by using certain indicators with respect to that issuer, and quantifying them positively and negatively to produce an aggregate notional measure of the effect that the relevant underlying issuer may have on society and the environment. It does this using third party data as well as Schroders own estimates and assumptions and the outcome may differ from other sustainability tools and measures. Examples of such indicators are greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

The result is expressed as an aggregate score of the sustainability indicators for each issuer, specifically a notional percentage (positive or negative) of sales of the relevant underlying issuer. For example, a score of +2% would mean an issuer contributes \$2 of relative notional positive impact (i.e. benefits to society) per \$100 of sales. The sustainability score of the Fund is derived from the scores of all issuers in the Fund's portfolio measured by Schroders' proprietary tool.

The Fund invests at least 25% of its assets in sustainable investments, which are investments that the Investment Manager expects to contribute towards the advancement of one or more environmental and/or social objective (s).

### ● What sustainability indicators are used to measure the attainment of each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

The Investment Manager monitors compliance with the characteristic to maintain a higher overall sustainability score than the MSCI European Monetary Union (Net TR) index by reference to the weighted average sustainability score of the Fund in Schroders' proprietary tool compared against the weighted average sustainability score of the MSCI European Monetary Union (Net TR) index in Schroders' proprietary tool over the previous six month period, based on month-end data. The overall sustainability score aggregates the effect of sustainability indicators including but not limited to greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

**Sustainability indicators** measure how the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product are attained.



The Investment Manager monitors compliance with the characteristic to invest at least 25% of its assets in sustainable investments by reference to the sustainability score of each asset in Schroders' proprietary tool. Compliance with this is monitored daily via our automated compliance controls. The Fund also applies certain exclusions, with which the Investment Manager monitors compliance on an ongoing basis via its portfolio compliance framework.

● ***What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?***

In respect of the proportion of the Fund's portfolio that is invested in sustainable investments, each sustainable investment demonstrates a net positive effect across a range of environmental or social objectives, as scored by Schroders' proprietary tool. The environmental or social objectives of the sustainable investments that the Fund partially intends to make may include, but are not limited to, increasing environmental and/or social benefits such as greater water access or fair pay and reducing environmental, and/or social costs such as carbon emissions or food waste. For example, greater water access as measured by Schroders' proprietary tool are the estimated societal benefits of the provision of clean drinking water to human health.

● ***How do the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make, not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?***

The Investment Manager's approach to investing in issuers that do not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective includes the following:

- Firm-wide investment exclusions apply to Schroders funds. These relate to international conventions on cluster munitions, anti-personnel mines, and chemical and biological weapons and a list of those companies that are excluded is available at <https://www.schroders.com/en/sustainability/active-ownership/group-exclusions/>. Firm-wide exclusions also apply to companies generating more than 20% of their revenue from thermal coal mining.
- The Fund excludes companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to tobacco and thermal coal.
- The Fund excludes companies that are assessed by Schroders to have breached one or more 'global norms' thereby causing significant environmental or social harm; these companies comprise Schroders' 'global norms' breach list. Schroders' determination of whether a company has been involved in such a breach considers relevant principles such as those contained in the UN Global Compact (UNGC) principles, the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights. The 'global norms' breach list may be informed by assessments performed by third party providers and by proprietary research, where relevant to a particular situation. In exceptional circumstances a derogation may be applied in order to allow the Fund to continue to hold a company on Schroders' 'global norms' breach list, for example where the stated investment strategy of the Fund may otherwise be compromised. Any such company cannot be categorised as a sustainable investment.
- The Fund may also apply certain other exclusions in addition to those summarised above.

Further information on all of the Fund's investment exclusions is to be found under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>.

● ***How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?***

When seeking to identify significant harm, Schroders' approach to taking into account the Principal Adverse Impacts (PAI) indicators involves a quantitative and a qualitative assessment. Where it is not considered appropriate or feasible to set quantitative thresholds, the Investment Manager engages, where relevant. Investee companies deemed not to satisfy the quantitative thresholds would generally be excluded, unless on a case-by-case basis the data is deemed not representative of a company's performance in the relevant area.

This framework is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability and quality of the data evolves.

Our approach includes:

1. **Quantitative:** this includes indicators where specific thresholds have been established:

- Via the application of exclusions. This approach is relevant to **PAI 4** (Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector), **PAI 5** (Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production) and **PAI 14** (Exposure to controversial weapons). Further, the following PAIs are assessed as part of Schroders 'global norms' breach list exclusion (which seeks to exclude companies where significant harm is occurring):

**Principal adverse impacts** are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anticorruption and antibribery matters.

- **PAI 7** (Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas)
- **PAI 8** (Emissions to water)
- **PAI 9** (Hazardous waste and radioactive waste ratio)
- **PAI 10** (Violations of UN Global Compact principles and Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises)
- **PAI 11** (Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and Voluntary)
- **PAI 14** in Table 3 (Number of identified cases of severe human rights issues and incidents)
- Via the application of an alert system flag if the relevant indicator(s) exceeds a threshold. These quantitative thresholds to assess significant harm are established centrally by our Sustainable Investment team and monitored systematically. This approach applies to indicators where we have segmented the population into harm groups to establish a threshold, such as carbon related PAI metrics, **PAI 1** (GHG emissions), **PAI 2** (Carbon footprint) and **Voluntary PAI 4 in Table 2** (Investing in companies without carbon emission reduction initiatives). **PAI 3** (GHG intensity of investee companies) operates in a similar way but the threshold is based on a revenue metric. A threshold for **PAI 6** (Energy consumption intensity per high impact climate sector) is established based on the ~~above mentioned~~ carbon measures. A similar approach has been taken for **PAI 15** (GHG intensity). **PAI 16** (Investee countries subject to social violations) also operates in the same way but based on data availability regarding social violations. Through this process the relevant issuer(s) that is/are deemed not to satisfy the quantitative thresholds is/are flagged to the Investment Manager for consideration, whose response may involve selling the holdings(s) or maintaining the position if on a case-by-case basis the data is deemed not representative of a company's performance in the relevant area. Investee companies deemed to cause significant harm are excluded from the Fund.
- 2. **Qualitative:** This includes PAI indicators where Schroders' believes that the data available does not enable us to make a quantitative determination regarding whether significant harm is done so as to warrant excluding an investment. In such cases, the Investment Manager engages wherever possible with the company or companies held, in accordance with the priorities documented in Schroders' Engagement Blueprint and/or voting policy. This approach applies to indicators such as **PAI 12** (Unadjusted gender pay gap) and **PAI 13** (Board gender diversity), where we engage and may use our voting rights where we consider appropriate. Both board gender diversity and disclosure of gender pay gap information are captured in our Engagement Blueprint.

● ***How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:***

Companies on Schroders' 'global norms' breach list cannot be categorised as sustainable investments. Schroders' determination of whether a company should be included on such list considers the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, among other relevant principles. The 'global norms' breach list is informed by third party providers and proprietary research, where relevant.

*The EU Taxonomy sets out a "do not significant harm" principle by which Taxonomy-aligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives and is accompanied by specific EU criteria.*

*The "do not significant harm" principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.*

*Any other sustainable investments must also not significantly harm any environmental or social objectives.*



## Does this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

☒ Yes, ~~the Investment Manager's approach to considering principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors involves classifying the indicators into three categories:~~

~~The Investment Manager's approach to considering principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors differs depending on the relevant indicator. Some indicators are considered via the application of exclusions, some are considered via the investment process (where data is available via Schroders PAI dashboard and via other external data sources) and some via engagement. Further details are provided below.~~

~~PAIs are considered as part of pre-investment through the application of exclusions. These include:~~

- Controversial weapons: PAI 14 (Exposure to controversial weapons (anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, chemical weapons and biological weapons)).

- Schrodgers' 'global norms' breach list which covers: PAI 7 (Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas), PAI 8 (Emissions to water), PAI 9 (Hazardous waste ratio), PAI 10 (Violations of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises), PAI 11 (Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises) and PAI 16 (Investee countries subject to social violations).

- Companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to thermal coal: PAI 4 (Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector) and PAI 5 (Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production).

- Compliance with these thresholds is monitored via the Investment Manager's portfolio compliance framework. PAIs are also considered through integration in the investment process. As part of the issuer level due diligence process, via company analysis from meetings with management teams and on desk analysis of annual reports and statements, several PAIs are considered. These are considered alongside PAIs from Schrodgers' proprietary tool which incorporates several PAIs as a component of its scoring methodology.

PAIs are also considered post-investment through engagement where the Investment Manager engages in line with the approach and expectations set out in Schrodgers Engagement Blueprint, which outlines our approach to active ownership. Engagements may cover a range of topics, including human rights in the consumer staples sector; and climate and net zero commitments. These engagements relate to PAIs 16 (Social Violations) and 1, 2, 3 and 5 (GHG emissions, Carbon Footprint, GHG intensity of investee company and Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production).

Our approach is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability, and quality, of PAI data evolves. The Management Company's statement on principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors is available at <https://api.schrodgers.com/document-store/id/ffcb39bb-96cb-4e56-9461-deba9a493e85>. The Fund level information is disclosed or will be disclosed (as applicable) in the Fund's annual report.

1. Set thresholds: these involve very explicit thresholds for considering an investment to be a "sustainable investment". For example, PAI 10 on violations of UNGC principles.
2. Active ownership: these involve indicators on which we have a plan to engage with the underlying holding as set out in the Schrodgers Group document <https://mybrand.schrodgers.com/m/3222ea4ed44a1f2c/original/schrodgers-engagement-blueprint.pdf>, outlining our approach to active ownership. For example, PAI 1, 2 and 3 covering GHG emissions and PAI 13 on board gender diversity.
3. Improve coverage: these involve indicators where we consider data coverage to be too sparse to properly consider them and our focus is primarily on engaging with the underlying holdings to increase reporting. For example, PAI 7 on biodiversity, PAI 9 on hazardous waste ratio and PAI 12 on the gender pay gap.

Our approach is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability, and quality, of PAI data evolves. The Management Company's statement on principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors is available at <https://mybrand.schrodgers.com/m/467910ac8e6da45c/original/Statement-on-principal-adverse-impacts-of-investment-decisions-on-sustainability-factors.pdf>. The Fund level information is disclosed or will be (as applicable) in the Fund's annual report.

☐ No



## What investment strategy does this financial product follow?

**The investment strategy** guides investment decisions based on factors such as investment objectives and risk tolerance.

The sustainable investment strategy used by the Investment Manager is as follows:

The Fund is actively managed and invests at least 75% of its assets in equity and equity related securities of companies that are incorporated in the European Economic Area. The Fund invests at least two-thirds of its assets in equity and equity related securities of companies in countries whose currency is the Euro.

The Fund may also invest up one-third of its assets directly or indirectly in other securities (including other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies, Investment Funds, warrants and Money Market Investments, and hold cash.

The Fund may use derivatives with the aim of reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently.

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than MSCI European Monetary Union (Net TR) index, based on the Investment Manager's rating system.

The Fund does not directly invest in certain activities, industries or groups of issuers above the limits listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schrodgers.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

The Investment Manager applies governance and sustainability criteria when selecting investments for the Fund.

Companies in the investment universe are assessed on their governance, environmental and social profile, across a range of factors. This analysis is supported by quantitative analysis gained from Schrodgers in-house ESG data tools. The Investment Manager assesses a company's environment and social impact, as well as governance practices, using proprietary sustainability tools. In addition, the Investment Manager also performs its own research and analysis before deciding whether a company is eligible for inclusion in the Fund, based on its overall sustainability profile. Proprietary tools will be key inputs to measure how companies in the portfolio are meeting the sustainability credentials outlined above.

The sources of information used to perform the analysis include information provided by the companies, such as company sustainability reports and other relevant company material, as well as Schroders' proprietary sustainability tools and third-party data.

More details on the Investment Manager's approach to sustainability and its engagement with companies are available on the webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/>

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than its investment universe, based on the Investment Manager's rating system.

The Investment Manager ensures that at least:

- 90% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in developed countries; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with an investment grade credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by developed countries; and
- 75% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in emerging countries; equities issued by small and medium companies; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with a high yield credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by emerging countries, is rated against the sustainability criteria.

For the purposes of this test, small companies are those with market capitalisation below €5 billion, medium companies are those between €5 billion and €10 billion and large companies are those above €10 billion.

● ***What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?***

The following binding elements are applied throughout the investment process:

- The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the MSCI European Monetary Union (Net TR) index based on the Investment Manager's rating criteria.
- The Fund invests at least 25% of its assets in sustainable investments and such investments do not cause significant environmental or social harm.
- Exclusions are applied to direct investments in companies. The Fund applies certain exclusions relating to international conventions on cluster munitions, antipersonnel mines, and chemical and biological weapons. The Fund also excludes companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to tobacco and thermal coal, especially companies that generate at least 10% of their revenues from tobacco production, companies that generate at least 25% of their revenues from the tobacco value chain (such as suppliers, distributors, retailers and licensors), companies that generate at least 10% of their revenues from thermal coal mining and companies that generate at least 30% of their revenues from coal fired power generation. The Fund excludes companies that are assessed by Schroders to have breached one or more 'global norms' thereby causing significant environmental or social harm; these companies comprise Schroders' 'global norms' breach list. In exceptional circumstances a derogation may be applied in order to allow the Fund to continue to hold a company on Schroders' 'global norms' breach list, for example where the stated investment strategy of the Fund may otherwise be compromised. Any such company cannot be categorised as a sustainable investment. Further, the Fund may apply other exclusions as listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage [https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre\\_](https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre_). The Fund invests in companies that have good governance practices, as determined by the Investment Manager's rating criteria.

The Investment Manager ensures that at least:

- 90% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in developed countries; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with an investment grade credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by developed countries; and
- 75% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in emerging countries; equities issued by small and medium companies; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with a high yield credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by emerging countries,

is rated against the sustainability criteria.

● ***What is the committed minimum rate to reduce the scope of the investments considered prior to the application of that investment strategy?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

● ***What is the policy to assess good governance practices of the investee companies?***

In order to assess good governance practices, a central Good Governance Test is applied. This test is based on a data-driven quantitative framework, which uses a scorecard to assess companies across the categories of sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff, and tax compliance. Schroders has defined a number of criteria across these pillars.

**Good governance** practices include sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff and tax compliance.

Compliance with the test is monitored centrally and companies which do not pass this test cannot be held by the Fund, unless the Investment Manager has agreed that the issuer demonstrates good governance based on additional insights beyond that quantitative analysis.



## What is the asset allocation planned for this financial product?

**Asset allocation** describes the share of investments in specific assets.

The planned composition of the Fund's investments that are used to meet its environmental or social characteristics are summarised below.

**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the minimum proportion of the Fund's assets used to attain the environmental or social characteristics, which is equal to 70%. The Fund commits to maintain a higher overall sustainability score than the MSCI European Monetary Union (Net TR) index, and so the Fund's investments that are scored by Schroders' proprietary sustainability tool are included within the minimum proportion stated in #1 on the basis that they will contribute to the Fund's sustainability score (whether such individual investment has a positive or a negative score). Also included within #1 is the minimum proportion of assets that are invested in sustainable investments, as indicated in #1A. The minimum proportions stated apply in normal market conditions. The actual proportion stated in #1 is expected to be higher.

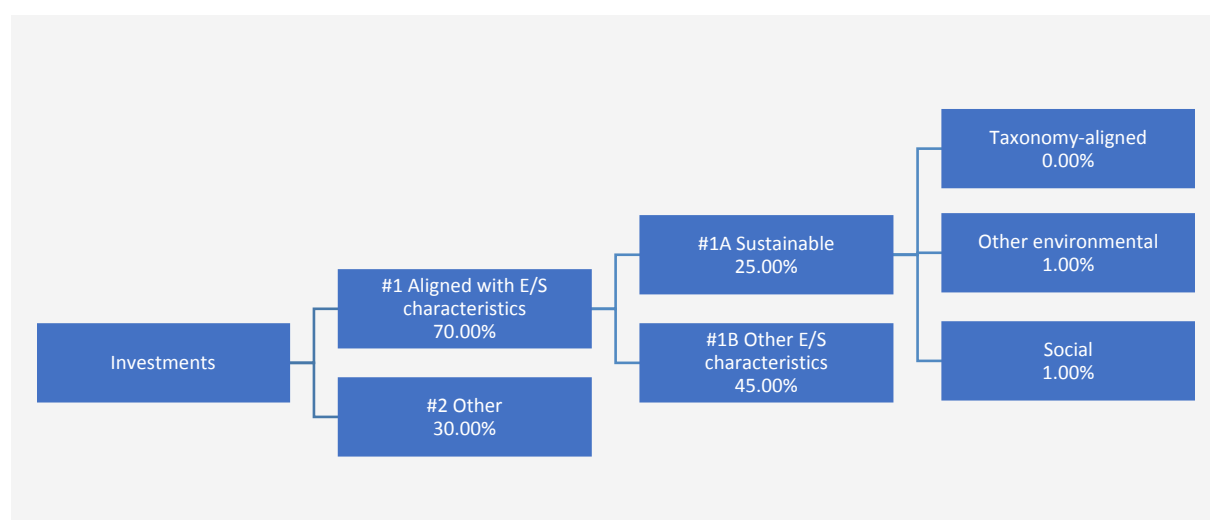
The sustainability score is measured by Schroders' proprietary tool that provides an estimate of the net "impact" that an issuer may create in terms of social and environmental "costs" or "benefits". It does this by using certain indicators with respect to that issuer, and quantifying them positively and negatively to produce an aggregate notional measure of the effect that the relevant underlying issuer may have on society and the environment. Examples of such indicators are greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

The Fund will invest at least 25% of its assets in sustainable investments. A sustainable investment is classified as having an environmental or social objective depending on whether the relevant issuer has a higher score in Schroders' proprietary tool relative to its applicable peer group for its environmental indicators or its social indicators. In each case, indicators are comprised of both "costs" and "benefits".

**#2 Other** includes cash which is treated as neutral for sustainability purposes. #2 also includes investments that are not scored by Schroders' proprietary sustainability tool and so do not contribute towards the Fund's sustainability score. As #1 states a minimum proportion that is in practice expected to be higher, the proportion stated in #2 is expected to be lower.

Minimum safeguards are applied where relevant to Money Market Investments and other investments by restricting (as appropriate) investments in counterparties where there are ownership links or exposure to higher risk countries (for the purpose of money laundering, terrorist financing, bribery, corruption, tax evasion and sanctions risks). A firm-wide risk assessment considers the risk rating of each jurisdiction; which includes reference to a number of public statements, indices and world governance indicators issued by the UN, the European Union, the UK Government, the Financial Action Task Force and several Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), such as Transparency International and the Basel Committee.

In addition, new counterparties are reviewed by Schroders' credit risk team and approval of a new counterparty is based on a holistic review of the various sources of information available, including, but not limited to, quality of management, ownership structure, location, regulatory and social environment to which each counterparty is subject, and the degree of development of the local banking system and its regulatory framework. Ongoing monitoring is performed through a Schroders' proprietary tool, which supports the analysis of a counterparty's management of environmental, social and governance trends and challenges. Any significant deterioration in the profile of the counterparty in Schroders' proprietary tool would lead to further analysis and potential exclusion by Schroders' credit risk team.



**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the investments of the financial product used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product.

**#2 Other** includes the remaining investments of the financial product which are neither aligned with the environmental or social characteristics, nor are qualified as sustainable investments.

The category **#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** covers:

- The sub-category **#1A Sustainable** covers sustainable investments with environmental or social objectives.
- The sub-category **#1B Other E/S characteristics** covers investments aligned with the environmental or social characteristics that do not qualify as sustainable investments.

#1 The minimum proportion stated applies in normal market conditions.

● **How does the use of derivatives attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?**

The Fund may use derivatives that are scored in Schroders' proprietary tool to meet the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted by the Fund, as such derivatives would contribute to the Fund's sustainability score (whether such individual investment has a positive or a negative score).



**To what minimum extent are sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?**

There is no minimum extent to which the Fund's investments (including transitional and enabling activities) with an environmental objective are aligned with the Taxonomy. Taxonomy alignment of this Fund's investments has therefore not been calculated and has as a result been deemed to constitute 0% of the Fund's portfolio.

In future it is expected that the Fund will assess and report on the extent to which its underlying investments are in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the Taxonomy, along with information relating to the proportion of enabling and transitional activities. This Prospectus will be updated once it is possible in the Investment Manager's opinion to accurately disclose to what extent the Fund's investments are in Taxonomy-aligned environmentally sustainable activities, including the proportions of investments in enabling and transitional activities selected for the Fund.

● **Does the financial product invest in fossil gas and/or nuclear energy related activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy<sup>1</sup>?**

☐ Yes:

☐ In fossil gas ☐ In nuclear energy

☒ No

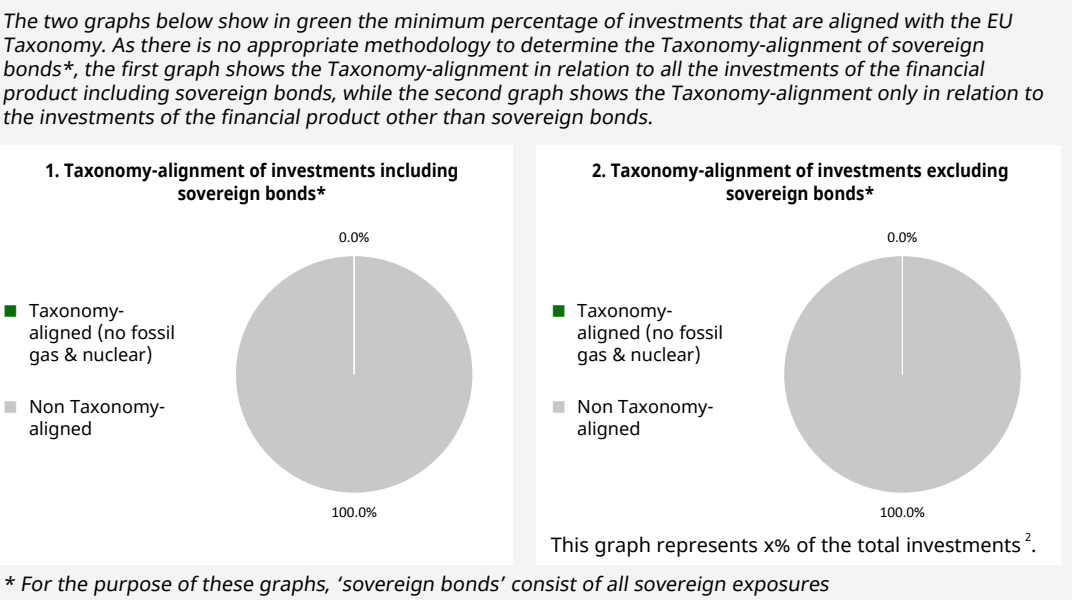
To comply with the EU Taxonomy, the criteria for **fossil gas** include limitations on emissions and switching to renewable power or low-carbon fuels by the end of 2035. For **nuclear energy**, the criteria include comprehensive safety and waste management rules.

<sup>1</sup> Fossil gas and/or nuclear related activities will only comply with the EU Taxonomy where they contribute to limiting climate change ("climate change mitigation") and do not significantly harm any EU Taxonomy objective – see explanatory note in the left-hand margin. The full criteria for fossil gas and nuclear energy economic activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy are laid down in Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1214.



Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

- **turnover** reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee companies
- **capital expenditure** (CapEx) showing the green investments made by investee companies, e.g. for a transition to a green economy.
- **operational expenditure** (OpEx) reflecting green operational activities of investee companies.



**Enabling activities** directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective.

**Transitional activities** are activities for which low-carbon alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.

- **What is the minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities?**  
As per the above, at the date of this Prospectus the share of investments by the Fund in transitional and enabling activities is currently deemed to constitute 0% of the Fund's portfolio.



**What is the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?**  
The Fund commits to invest at least 1% of its assets in sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy.



are sustainable investments with an environmental objective that **do not take into account the criteria** for environmentally sustainable economic activities under the EU Taxonomy.

<sup>2</sup> As there is no Taxonomy-alignment, there is no impact on the graph if sovereign bonds are excluded (i.e. the percentage of Taxonomy-aligned investments remains 0%) and the Management Company therefore believes that there is no need to mention this information.



## What is the minimum share of socially sustainable investments?

The Fund commits to invest at least 1% of its assets in sustainable investments with a social objective.



## What investments are included under “#2 Other”, what is their purpose and are there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

**#2 Other** includes cash which is treated as neutral for sustainability purposes. #2 also includes investments that are not scored by Schroders’ proprietary sustainability tools and so do not contribute towards the Fund’s sustainability score.

Minimum safeguards are applied where relevant to Money Market Investments and other investments by restricting (as appropriate) investments in counterparties where there are ownership links or exposure to higher risk countries (for the purpose of money laundering, terrorist financing, bribery, corruption, tax evasion and sanctions risks). A firm-wide risk assessment considers the risk rating of each jurisdiction; which includes reference to a number of public statements, indices and world governance indicators issued by the UN, the European Union, the UK Government, the Financial Action Task Force and several Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), such as Transparency International and the Basel Committee.

In addition, new counterparties are reviewed by Schroders’ credit risk team and approval of a new counterparty is based on a holistic review of the various sources of information available, including, but not limited to, quality of management, ownership structure, location, regulatory and social environment to which each counterparty is subject, and the degree of development of the local banking system and its regulatory framework. Ongoing monitoring is performed through a Schroders’ proprietary tool, which supports the analysis of a counterparty’s management of environmental, social and governance trends and challenges. Any significant deterioration in the profile of the counterparty in Schroders’ proprietary tool would lead to further analysis and potential exclusion by Schroders’ credit risk team.



## Is a specific index designated as a reference benchmark to determine whether this financial product is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes?

**Reference benchmarks** are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the environmental or social characteristics that they promote.

- ***How is the reference benchmark continuously aligned with each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- ***How is the alignment of the investment strategy with the methodology of the index ensured on a continuous basis?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- ***How does the designated index differ from a relevant broad market index?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- ***Where can the methodology used for the calculation of the designated index be found?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.



## Where can I find more product specific information online?

More product-specific information can be found on the webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

Pre-contractual disclosure for the financial products referred to in Article 8, paragraphs 1, 2 and 2a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 6, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852

**Product name:** **Schroder International Selection Fund EURO Government Bond**

**Legal entity identifier:** **GQO6F0370CMTJBILPZ30**

## Environmental and/or social characteristics

**Sustainable investment** means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good governance practices.

The **EU Taxonomy** is a classification system laid down in Regulation (EU) 2020/852, establishing a list of **environmentally sustainable economic activities**. That Regulation does not lay down a list of socially sustainable economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.

Does this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?	
●● <input type="checkbox"/> Yes	●○ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
<input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with an environmental objective: __%</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> It <b>promotes Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics</b> and while it does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will have a minimum proportion of <b>10.00%</b> of sustainable investments
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<input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with a social objective __%</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> with a social objective
	<input type="checkbox"/> It promotes E/S characteristics, but <b>will not make any sustainable investments</b>



## What environmental and/or social characteristics are promoted by this financial product?

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the ICE BofA Euro Government index, based on the Investment Manager's rating system. This benchmark (which is a broad market index) does not take into account the environmental and social characteristics promoted by the Fund.

The sustainability score is measured by Schroders' proprietary tool that provides an estimate of the net "impact" that an issuer may create in terms of social and environmental "costs" or "benefits". It does this by using certain indicators with respect to that issuer, and quantifying them positively and negatively to produce an aggregate notional measure of the effect that the relevant underlying issuer may have on society and the environment. It does this using third party data as well as Schroders own estimates and assumptions and the outcome may differ from other sustainability tools and measures. Examples of such indicators are greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

The result is expressed as an aggregate score of the sustainability indicators for each issuer, specifically a notional percentage (positive or negative) of sales or GDP of the relevant underlying issuer. For example, a score of +2% would mean an issuer contributes \$2 of relative notional positive impact (i.e. benefits to society) per \$100 of sales or GDP. The sustainability score of the Fund is derived from the scores of all issuers in the Fund's portfolio measured by Schroders' proprietary tool.

The Fund invests at least 10% of its assets in sustainable investments, which are investments that the Investment Manager expects to contribute towards the advancement of one or more environmental and/or social objective (s).

### ● What sustainability indicators are used to measure the attainment of each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

The Investment Manager monitors compliance with the characteristic to maintain a higher overall sustainability score than the ICE BofA Euro Government index by reference to the weighted average sustainability score of the Fund in Schroders' proprietary tool compared against the weighted average sustainability score of the ICE BofA Euro Government index in Schroders' proprietary tool over the previous six month period, based on month-end data. The overall sustainability score aggregates the effect of sustainability indicators including but not limited to greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

**Sustainability indicators** measure how the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product are attained.

The Investment Manager monitors compliance with the characteristic to invest at least 10% of its assets in sustainable investments by reference to (i) the sustainability score of each asset in Schroders' proprietary tool and/ or (ii) whether the asset is classified as a green, social and/ or sustainable bond. Compliance with this is monitored daily via our automated compliance controls. The Fund also applies certain exclusions, with which the Investment Manager monitors compliance on an ongoing basis via its portfolio compliance framework.

● ***What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?***

In respect of the proportion of the Fund's portfolio that is invested in sustainable investments, each sustainable investment either (i) demonstrates a net positive effect across a range of environmental or social objectives, as scored by Schroders' proprietary tool and/ or (ii) is classified as a green, social and/ or sustainable bond using a third-party data source. The environmental or social objectives of the sustainable investments that the Fund partially intends to make may include, but are not limited to, increasing environmental and/ or social benefits such as greater water access or fair pay and reducing environmental, and/ or social costs such as carbon emissions or food waste. For example, greater water access as measured by Schroders' proprietary tool are the estimated societal benefits of the provision of clean drinking water to human health. The environmental or social objectives of green, social and/ or sustainable bonds may include, but are not limited to, climate change mitigation, renewable energy initiatives, natural resource conservation, access to finance and affordable housing projects.

● ***How do the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make, not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?***

The Investment Manager's approach to investing in issuers that do not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective includes the following:

- Firm-wide investment exclusions apply to Schroders funds. These relate to international conventions on cluster munitions, anti-personnel mines, and chemical and biological weapons and a list of those companies that are excluded is available at <https://www.schroders.com/en/sustainability/active-ownership/group-exclusions/>. Firm-wide exclusions also apply to companies generating more than 20% of their revenue from thermal coal mining.
- The Fund excludes companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to tobacco and thermal coal.
- The Fund excludes companies that are assessed by Schroders to have breached one or more 'global norms' thereby causing significant environmental or social harm; these companies comprise Schroders' 'global norms' breach list. Schroders' determination of whether a company has been involved in such a breach considers relevant principles such as those contained in the UN Global Compact (UNGC) principles, the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights. The 'global norms' breach list may be informed by assessments performed by third party providers and by proprietary research, where relevant to a particular situation. In exceptional circumstances a derogation may be applied in order to allow the Fund to continue to hold a company on Schroders' 'global norms' breach list, for example where the stated investment strategy of the Fund may otherwise be compromised. Any such company cannot be categorised as a sustainable investment.
- The Fund may also apply certain other exclusions in addition to those summarised above.

Further information on all of the Fund's investment exclusions is to be found under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>.

● ***How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?***

When seeking to identify significant harm, Schroders' approach to taking into account the Principal Adverse Impacts (PAI) indicators involves a quantitative and a qualitative assessment. Where it is not considered appropriate or feasible to set quantitative thresholds, the Investment Manager engages, where relevant. Investee companies deemed not to satisfy the quantitative thresholds would generally be excluded, unless on a case-by-case basis the data is deemed not representative of a company's performance in the relevant area.

This framework is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability and quality of the data evolves.

Our approach includes:

1. **Quantitative:** this includes indicators where specific thresholds have been established:

**Principal adverse impacts** are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anticorruption and antibribery matters.

- Via the application of exclusions. This approach is relevant to **PAI 4** (Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector), **PAI 5** (Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production) and **PAI 14** (Exposure to controversial weapons). Further, the following PAIs are assessed as part of Schroders' 'global norms' breach list exclusion (which seeks to exclude companies where significant harm is occurring):
  - **PAI 7** (Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas)
  - **PAI 8** (Emissions to water)
  - **PAI 9** (Hazardous waste and radioactive waste ratio)
  - **PAI 10** (Violations of UN Global Compact principles and Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises)
  - **PAI 11** (Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and Voluntary)
  - **PAI 14** in Table 3 (Number of identified cases of severe human rights issues and incidents)
- Via the application of an alert system flag if the relevant indicator(s) exceeds a threshold. These quantitative thresholds to assess significant harm are established centrally by our Sustainable Investment team and monitored systematically. This approach applies to indicators where we have segmented the population into harm groups to establish a threshold, such as carbon related PAI metrics, **PAI 1** (GHG emissions), **PAI 2** (Carbon footprint) and **Voluntary PAI 4 in Table 2** (Investing in companies without carbon emission reduction initiatives). **PAI 3** (GHG intensity of investee companies) operates in a similar way but the threshold is based on a revenue metric. A threshold for **PAI 6** (Energy consumption intensity per high impact climate sector) is established based on the ~~above-mentioned~~ carbon measures. A similar approach has been taken for **PAI 15** (GHG intensity). **PAI 16** (Investee countries subject to social violations) also operates in the same way but based on data availability regarding social violations. Through this process the relevant issuer(s) that is/are deemed not to satisfy the quantitative thresholds is/are flagged to the Investment Manager for consideration, whose response may involve selling the holdings(s) or maintaining the position if on a case-by-case basis the data is deemed not representative of a company's performance in the relevant area. Investee companies deemed to cause significant harm are excluded from the Fund.
- 2. **Qualitative:** This includes PAI indicators where Schroders' believes that the data available does not enable us to make a quantitative determination regarding whether significant harm is done so as to warrant excluding an investment. In such cases, the Investment Manager engages wherever possible with the company or companies held, in accordance with the priorities documented in Schroders' Engagement Blueprint and/or voting policy. This approach applies to indicators such as **PAI 12** (Unadjusted gender pay gap) and **PAI 13** (Board gender diversity), where we engage and may use our voting rights where we consider appropriate. Both board gender diversity and disclosure of gender pay gap information are captured in our Engagement Blueprint.

● ***How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:***

Companies on Schroders' 'global norms' breach list cannot be categorised as sustainable investments. Schroders' determination of whether a company should be included on such list considers the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, among other relevant principles. The 'global norms' breach list is informed by third party providers and proprietary research, where relevant.

*The EU Taxonomy sets out a "do not significant harm" principle by which Taxonomy-aligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives and is accompanied by specific EU criteria.*

*The "do not significant harm" principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.*

*Any other sustainable investments must also not significantly harm any environmental or social objectives.*



## Does this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

☒ Yes, the Investment Manager's approach to considering principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors involves classifying the indicators into three categories:

The Investment Manager's approach to considering principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors differs depending on the relevant indicator. Some indicators are considered via the application of exclusions, some are considered via the investment process (where data is available via Schroders' PAI dashboard and via other external data sources) and some are considered via engagement. Further details are provided below.

PAIs are considered as part of pre-investment through the application of exclusions. The nature of this Fund is such that it does not meaningfully invest in corporate bonds and hence in practice such corporate exclusions are less important than for other Funds. Nonetheless, those formally applied include Schroders firmwide corporate exclusions regarding:

- Controversial weapons: PAI 14 Exposure to controversial weapons (anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, chemical weapons and biological weapons).

- Schroders' 'global norms' breach list, which covers: PAI 7 (Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas), PAI 8 (Emissions to water), PAI 9 (Hazardous waste and radioactive waste ratio), PAI 10 (Violations of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises), PAI 11 (Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises) and PAI 16 (Investee countries subject to social violations).

- Companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to thermal coal: PAI 4 (Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector) and PAI 5 (Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production).

Compliance with these thresholds is monitored via the Investment Manager's portfolio compliance framework. PAIs are also considered through integration in the investment process. All PAI indicators are monitored via Schroders PAI dashboard.

Schroders' proprietary tool incorporates PAIs as a component of its scoring methodology. The attractiveness of a particular sovereign issuer as an investment for the portfolio is based on its ability to pay its bondholders over the long term, so as part of our process we consider the materiality of PAIs 15 (GHG intensity) and 16 (investee countries subject to social violations) as to whether we should regard these as areas of potential concern.

PAIs are also considered post-investment through engagement where the Investment Manager engages in line with the approach and expectations set out in Schroders Engagement Blueprint, which outlines our approach to active ownership.

There tend to be fewer opportunities to engage with sovereign issuers, as opposed to corporate issuers (in which this Fund does not meaningfully invest), but nonetheless we aim to engage with sovereign and supranational issuers on a periodic basis, primarily with respect to their approach to net zero carbon strategies (relating to PAI 15, GHG intensity).

Our approach is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability, and quality, of PAI data evolves. The Management Company's statement on principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors is available at <https://api.schroders.com/document-store/id/ffcb39bb-96cb-4e56-9461-deba9a493e85>. The Fund level information is disclosed or will be disclosed (as applicable) in the Fund's annual report.

1. Set thresholds: these involve very explicit thresholds for considering an investment to be a "sustainable investment". For example, PAI 10 on violations of UNGC principles.

2. Active ownership: these involve indicators on which we have a plan to engage with the underlying holding as set out in the Schroders Group document <https://mybrand.schroders.com/m/3222ea4ed44a1f2c/original/schroders-engagement-blueprint.pdf>, outlining our approach to active ownership. For example, PAI 1, 2 and 3 covering GHG emissions and PAI 13 on board gender diversity.

3. Improve coverage: these involve indicators where we consider data coverage to be too sparse to properly consider them and our focus is primarily on engaging with the underlying holdings to increase reporting. For example, PAI 7 on biodiversity, PAI 9 on hazardous waste ratio and PAI 12 on the gender pay gap.

Our approach is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability, and quality, of PAI data evolves.

The Management Company's statement on principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors is available at <https://mybrand.schroders.com/m/467910ac8e6da45c/original/Statement-on-principal-adverse-impacts-of-investment-decisions-on-sustainability-factors.pdf>. The Fund level information is disclosed or will be (as applicable) in the Fund's annual report.

☐ No



## What investment strategy does this financial product follow?

**The investment strategy** guides investment decisions based on factors such as investment objectives and risk tolerance.

The sustainable investment strategy used by the Investment Manager is as follows:

The Fund is actively managed and invests at least two-thirds of its assets in fixed and floating rate securities with an investment grade or sub-investment grade credit rating (as measured by Standard & Poor's or any equivalent grade of other credit rating agencies for rated bonds and implied Schroders ratings for non-rated bonds) issued by governments of countries whose currency is the Euro.

The Fund may also invest up to one-third of its assets directly or indirectly in other securities (including other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies, Investment Funds, warrants and Money Market Investments, and hold cash.



The Fund may use derivatives, long and short, with the aim of achieving investment gains, reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently.

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the ICE BofA Euro Government index based on the Investment Manager's rating criteria.

The Fund does not directly invest in certain activities, industries or groups of issuers above the limits listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

The Investment Manager applies governance and sustainability criteria when selecting investments for the Fund. Sustainability factors are assessed – across both sovereign markets and credit allocation decisions – in tandem with macroeconomic factors throughout the Investment Manager's top-down thematic investment process.

In assessing sustainability factors for sovereign issuers, the Investment Manager considers that countries with stable and non-corrupt governments are likely to be more willing and able to service their debts, while political considerations, including the impact of social and governance factors, can influence a country's inflation and currency profile and thus have a material impact on the real value of debt. Environmental impacts – which can be more pertinent over a longer-term horizon – are also incorporated. The Investment Manager's approach includes the use of Schroders' proprietary sustainability tools to rank countries by measuring their performance against multiple sustainability related indicators.

Credit selection decisions are delegated to the Investment Manager's specialist credit investment teams, who aim to identify issuers demonstrating good or improving sustainability credentials, and those that impose a high cost on the environment and society. This involves:

- The exclusion of issuers with certain exposure to specific activities that the Investment Manager considers environmentally destructive or socially damaging, violate human rights and/ or have demonstrated gross misconduct that the Investment Manager deems to have businesses that are materially damaging to the environment or impose unjustifiable social costs.
- The inclusion of issuers that the Investment Manager considers are well placed to deliver demonstrate stable and improving sustainability trajectories relative to their industry peers, and issuers demonstrating good governance based on the Investment Manager's sustainability rating methodology.

The primary sources of information used to perform this analysis are the Investment Manager's proprietary tools and research, third-party research, NGO reports and expert networks. For corporate issuers, the Investment Manager also performs its own analysis of publicly available information provided by the companies, including information provided in company sustainability reports and other relevant company material.

More details on the Investment Manager's approach to sustainability and its engagement with companies are available on the webpage

<https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/>

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than its investment universe, based on the Investment Manager's rating system.

The Investment Manager ensures that at least:

- 90% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in developed countries; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with an investment grade credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by developed countries; and
- 75% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in emerging countries; equities issued by small and medium companies; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with a high yield credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by emerging countries,

is rated against the sustainability criteria.

For the purposes of this test, small companies are those with market capitalisation below €5 billion, medium companies are those between €5 billion and €10 billion and large companies are those above €10 billion.

### ● ***What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?***

The following binding elements are applied throughout the investment process:

- The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the ICE BofA Euro Government index based on the Investment Manager's rating criteria.
- The Fund invests at least 10% of its assets in sustainable investments and such investments do not cause significant environmental or social harm.
- Exclusions are applied to direct investments in companies. The Fund applies certain exclusions relating to international conventions on cluster munitions, antipersonnel mines, and chemical and biological weapons. The Fund also excludes companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to tobacco and thermal coal, especially companies that generate at least 10% of their revenues from tobacco production, companies that generate at least 25% of their revenues from the tobacco value chain (such as suppliers, distributors, retailers and licensors), companies that generate at least 10% of their revenues from thermal coal mining and companies that generate at least 30% of their revenues from coal fired power generation. The Fund excludes companies that are assessed by Schroders to have breached one or more 'global norms' thereby causing significant

environmental or social harm; these companies comprise Schroders' 'global norms' breach list. In exceptional circumstances a derogation may be applied in order to allow the Fund to continue to hold a company on Schroders' 'global norms' breach list, for example where the stated investment strategy of the Fund may otherwise be compromised. Any such company cannot be categorised as a sustainable investment. Further, the Fund may apply other exclusions as listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

- The Fund invests in companies that have good governance practices, as determined by the Investment Manager's rating criteria.

The Investment Manager ensures that at least:

- 90% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in developed countries; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with an investment grade credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by developed countries; and
- 75% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in emerging countries; equities issued by small and medium companies; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with a high yield credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by emerging countries,

is rated against the sustainability criteria.

● **What is the committed minimum rate to reduce the scope of the investments considered prior to the application of that investment strategy?**

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

● **What is the policy to assess good governance practices of the investee companies?**

In order to assess good governance practices, a central Good Governance Test is applied. This test is based on a data-driven quantitative framework, which uses a scorecard to assess companies across the categories of sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff, and tax compliance. Schroders has defined a number of criteria across these pillars.

Compliance with the test is monitored centrally and companies which do not pass this test cannot be held by the Fund, unless the Investment Manager has agreed that the issuer demonstrates good governance based on additional insights beyond that quantitative analysis.

**Good governance** practices include sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff and tax compliance.



**Asset allocation** describes the share of investments in specific assets.

## What is the asset allocation planned for this financial product?

The planned composition of the Fund's investments that are used to meet its environmental or social characteristics are summarised below.

**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the minimum proportion of the Fund's assets used to attain the environmental or social characteristics, which is equal to 60%. The Fund commits to maintain a higher overall sustainability score than the ICE BofA Euro Government index, and so the Fund's investments that are scored by Schroders' proprietary sustainability tool are included within the minimum proportion stated in #1 on the basis that they will contribute to the Fund's sustainability score (whether such individual investment has a positive or a negative score). Also included within #1 are any green, social or sustainable bonds that are not scored by Schroders' proprietary sustainability tool. ~~is not~~ The minimum proportion of assets that are invested in sustainable investments; ~~is~~ indicated in #1A. The minimum proportions stated apply in normal market conditions. The actual proportion stated in #1 is expected to be higher.

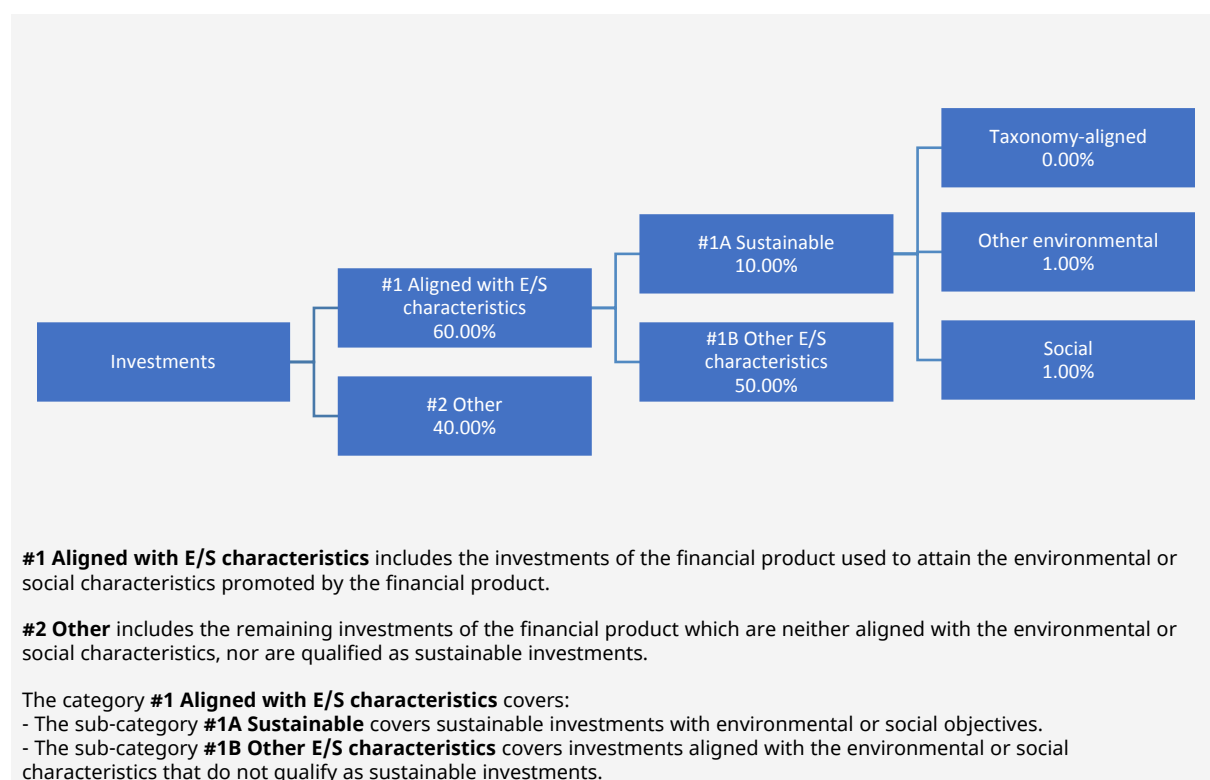
The sustainability score is measured by Schroders' proprietary tool that provides an estimate of the net "impact" that an issuer may create in terms of social and environmental "costs" or "benefits". It does this by using certain indicators with respect to that issuer, and quantifying them positively and negatively to produce an aggregate notional measure of the effect that the relevant underlying issuer may have on society and the environment. Examples of such indicators are greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

The Fund will invest at least 10% of its assets in sustainable investments. Each sustainable investment (i) demonstrates a net positive effect across a range of environmental or social objectives, as scored by Schroders' proprietary tool or (ii) is classified as a green, social and/ or sustainable bond using a third-party data source. With the exception of any green or social bonds, which will be classified as having an environmental or social objective respectively, a sustainable investment is classified as having an environmental or social objective depending on whether the relevant issuer has a higher score in Schroders' proprietary tool relative to its applicable peer group for its environmental indicators or its social indicators. In each case, indicators are comprised of both "costs" and "benefits".

**#2 Other** includes cash which is treated as neutral for sustainability purposes. #2 also includes other investments that are not scored by Schroders' proprietary sustainability tool and so do not contribute towards the Fund's sustainability score. As #1 states a minimum proportion that is in practice expected to be higher, the proportion stated in #2 is expected to be lower.

Minimum safeguards are applied where relevant to Money Market Investments and other investments by restricting (as appropriate) investments in counterparties where there are ownership links or exposure to higher risk countries (for the purpose of money laundering, terrorist financing, bribery, corruption, tax evasion and sanctions risks). A firm-wide risk assessment considers the risk rating of each jurisdiction; which includes reference to a number of public statements, indices and world governance indicators issued by the UN, the European Union, the UK Government, the Financial Action Task Force and several Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), such as Transparency International and the Basel Committee.

In addition, new counterparties are reviewed by Schroders' credit risk team and approval of a new counterparty is based on a holistic review of the various sources of information available, including, but not limited to, quality of management, ownership structure, location, regulatory and social environment to which each counterparty is subject, and the degree of development of the local banking system and its regulatory framework. Ongoing monitoring is performed through a Schroders' proprietary tool, which supports the analysis of a counterparty's management of environmental, social and governance trends and challenges. Any significant deterioration in the profile of the counterparty in Schroders' proprietary tool would lead to further analysis and potential exclusion by Schroders' credit risk team.



#1 The minimum proportion stated applies in normal market conditions.

### ● **How does the use of derivatives attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?**

The Fund may use derivatives that are scored in Schroders' proprietary tool to meet the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted by the Fund, as such derivatives would contribute to the Fund's sustainability score (whether such individual investment has a positive or a negative score).



### **To what minimum extent are sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?**

There is no minimum extent to which the Fund's investments (including transitional and enabling activities) with an environmental objective are aligned with the Taxonomy. Taxonomy alignment of this Fund's investments has therefore not been calculated and has as a result been deemed to constitute 0% of the Fund's portfolio.

In future it is expected that the Fund will assess and report on the extent to which its underlying investments are in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the Taxonomy, along with information relating to the proportion of enabling and transitional activities. This Prospectus will be updated once it is possible in the Investment Manager's opinion to accurately disclose to what extent the Fund's investments are in Taxonomy-aligned environmentally sustainable activities, including the proportions of investments in enabling and transitional activities selected for the Fund.

To comply with the EU Taxonomy, the criteria for **fossil gas** include limitations on emissions and switching to renewable power or low-carbon fuels by the end of 2035. For **nuclear energy**, the criteria include comprehensive safety and waste management rules.

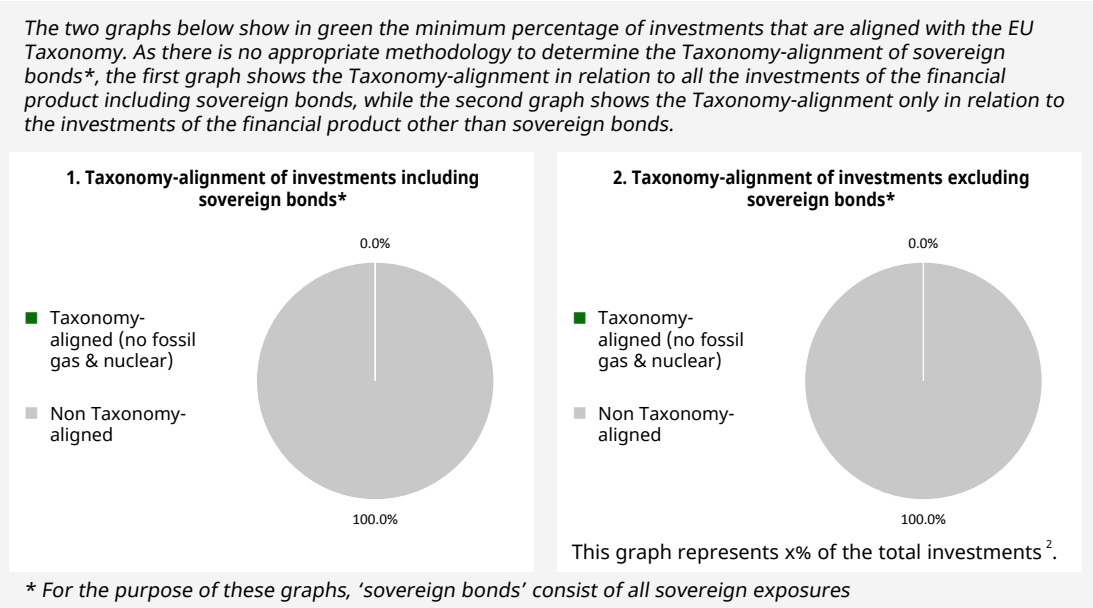
Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

- **turnover** reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee companies
- **capital expenditure** (CapEx) showing the green investments made by investee companies, e.g. for a transition to a green economy.
- **operational expenditure** (OpEx) reflecting green operational activities of investee companies.

**Enabling activities** directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective.

**Transitional activities** are activities for which low-carbon alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.

- **Does the financial product invest in fossil gas and/or nuclear energy related activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy<sup>1</sup>?**
  - ☐ Yes:
    - ☐ In fossil gas ☐ In nuclear energy
  - ☒ No



- **What is the minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities?**

As per the above, at the date of this Prospectus the share of investments by the Fund in transitional and enabling activities is currently deemed to constitute 0% of the Fund's portfolio.

<sup>1</sup> Fossil gas and/or nuclear related activities will only comply with the EU Taxonomy where they contribute to limiting climate change ("climate change mitigation") and do not significantly harm any EU Taxonomy objective – see explanatory note in the left-hand margin. The full criteria for fossil gas and nuclear energy economic activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy are laid down in Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1214.

<sup>2</sup> As there is no Taxonomy-alignment, there is no impact on the graph if sovereign bonds are excluded (i.e. the percentage of Taxonomy-aligned investments remains 0%) and the Management Company therefore believes that there is no need to mention this information.



## What is the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

The Fund commits to invest at least 1% of its assets in sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy.



are sustainable investments with an environmental objective that **do not take into account the criteria** for environmentally sustainable economic activities under the EU Taxonomy.



## What is the minimum share of socially sustainable investments?

The Fund commits to invest at least 1% of its assets in sustainable investments with a social objective.



## What investments are included under “#2 Other”, what is their purpose and are there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

**#2 Other** includes cash which is treated as neutral for sustainability purposes. #2 also includes **other** investments that are not scored by Schroders' proprietary sustainability tools and so do not contribute towards the Fund's sustainability score.

Minimum safeguards are applied where relevant to Money Market Investments and other investments by restricting (as appropriate) investments in counterparties where there are ownership links or exposure to higher risk countries (for the purpose of money laundering, terrorist financing, bribery, corruption, tax evasion and sanctions risks). A firm-wide risk assessment considers the risk rating of each jurisdiction; which includes reference to a number of public statements, indices and world governance indicators issued by the UN, the European Union, the UK Government, the Financial Action Task Force and several Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), such as Transparency International and the Basel Committee.

In addition, new counterparties are reviewed by Schroders' credit risk team and approval of a new counterparty is based on a holistic review of the various sources of information available, including, but not limited to, quality of management, ownership structure, location, regulatory and social environment to which each counterparty is subject, and the degree of development of the local banking system and its regulatory framework. Ongoing monitoring is performed through a Schroders' proprietary tool, which supports the analysis of a counterparty's management of environmental, social and governance trends and challenges. Any significant deterioration in the profile of the counterparty in Schroders' proprietary tool would lead to further analysis and potential exclusion by Schroders' credit risk team.



## Is a specific index designated as a reference benchmark to determine whether this financial product is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes?

**Reference benchmarks** are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the environmental or social characteristics that they promote.

- **How is the reference benchmark continuously aligned with each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?**

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- **How is the alignment of the investment strategy with the methodology of the index ensured on a continuous basis?**

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- ***How does the designated index differ from a relevant broad market index?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- ***Where can the methodology used for the calculation of the designated index be found?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.



## **Where can I find more product specific information online?**

More product-specific information can be found on the webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>



Pre-contractual disclosure for the financial products referred to in Article 8, paragraphs 1, 2 and 2a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 6, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852

**Product name:** **Schroder International Selection Fund EURO High Yield**

**Legal entity identifier:** **FDQ3U0BX0ZTSLH0GBR19**

## Environmental and/or social characteristics

**Sustainable investment** means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good governance practices.

The **EU Taxonomy** is a classification system laid down in Regulation (EU) 2020/852, establishing a list of **environmentally sustainable economic activities**. That Regulation does not lay down a list of socially sustainable economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.

Does this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?	
●● <input type="checkbox"/> Yes	●○ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
<input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with an environmental objective: __%</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> It <b>promotes Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics</b> and while it does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will have a minimum proportion of <b>10.00%</b> of sustainable investments
<input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy	<input type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy
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<input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with a social objective __%</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> with a social objective
	<input type="checkbox"/> It promotes E/S characteristics, but <b>will not make any sustainable investments</b>



## What environmental and/or social characteristics are promoted by this financial product?

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability criteria than the ICE BofA Euro High Yield Constrained index, based on the Investment Manager's rating system. This benchmark (which is a broad market index) does not take into account the environmental and social characteristics promoted by the Fund.

The sustainability score is measured by Schroders' proprietary tool that provides an estimate of the net "impact" that an issuer may create in terms of social and environmental "costs" or "benefits". It does this by using certain indicators with respect to that issuer, and quantifying them positively and negatively to produce an aggregate notional measure of the effect that the relevant underlying issuer may have on society and the environment. It does this using third party data as well as Schroders own estimates and assumptions and the outcome may differ from other sustainability tools and measures. Examples of such indicators are greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

The result is expressed as an aggregate score of the sustainability indicators for each issuer, specifically a notional percentage (positive or negative) of sales or GDP of the relevant underlying issuer. For example, a score of +2% would mean an issuer contributes \$2 of relative notional positive impact (i.e. benefits to society) per \$100 of sales or GDP. The sustainability score of the Fund is derived from the scores of all issuers in the Fund's portfolio measured by Schroders' proprietary tool.

The Fund invests at least 10% of its assets in sustainable investments, which are investments that the Investment Manager expects to contribute towards the advancement of one or more environmental and/or social objective (s).

### ● What sustainability indicators are used to measure the attainment of each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

The Investment Manager monitors compliance with the characteristic to maintain a higher overall sustainability score than the ICE BofA Euro High Yield Constrained index by reference to the weighted average sustainability score of the Fund in Schroders' proprietary tool compared against the weighted average sustainability score of the ICE BofA Euro High Yield Constrained index in Schroders' proprietary tool over the previous six month period, based on month-end data. The overall sustainability score aggregates the effect of sustainability indicators including but not limited to greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

**Sustainability indicators** measure how the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product are attained.

The Investment Manager monitors compliance with the characteristic to invest at least 10% of its assets in sustainable investments by reference to (i) the sustainability score of each asset in Schroders' proprietary tool and/ or (ii) whether the asset is classified as a green, social and/ or sustainable bond. Compliance with this is monitored daily via our automated compliance controls. The Fund also applies certain exclusions, with which the Investment Manager monitors compliance on an ongoing basis via its portfolio compliance framework.

● ***What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?***

In respect of the proportion of the Fund's portfolio that is invested in sustainable investments, each sustainable investment either (i) demonstrates a net positive effect across a range of environmental or social objectives, as scored by Schroders' proprietary tool and/or (ii) is classified as a green, social and/ or sustainable bond using a third-party data source. The environmental or social objectives of the sustainable investments that the Fund partially intends to make may include, but are not limited to, increasing environmental and/or social benefits such as greater water access or fair pay and reducing environmental, and/or social costs such as carbon emissions or food waste. For example, greater water access as measured by Schroders' proprietary tool are the estimated societal benefits of the provision of clean drinking water to human health. The environmental or social objectives of green, social and/or sustainable bonds may include, but are not limited to, climate change mitigation, renewable energy initiatives, natural resource conservation, access to finance and affordable housing projects.

● ***How do the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make, not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?***

The Investment Manager's approach to investing in issuers that do not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective includes the following:

- Firm-wide investment exclusions apply to Schroders funds. These relate to international conventions on cluster munitions, anti-personnel mines, and chemical and biological weapons and a list of those companies that are excluded is available at <https://www.schroders.com/en/sustainability/active-ownership/group-exclusions/>. Firm-wide exclusions also apply to companies generating more than 20% of their revenue from thermal coal mining.
- The Fund excludes companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to tobacco and thermal coal.
- The Fund excludes companies that are assessed by Schroders to have breached one or more 'global norms' thereby causing significant environmental or social harm; these companies comprise Schroders' 'global norms' breach list. Schroders' determination of whether a company has been involved in such a breach considers relevant principles such as those contained in the UN Global Compact (UNGC) principles, the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights. The 'global norms' breach list may be informed by assessments performed by third party providers and by proprietary research, where relevant to a particular situation. In exceptional circumstances a derogation may be applied in order to allow the Fund to continue to hold a company on Schroders' 'global norms' breach list, for example where the stated investment strategy of the Fund may otherwise be compromised. Any such company cannot be categorised as a sustainable investment.
- The Fund may also apply certain other exclusions in addition to those summarised above.

Further information on all of the Fund's investment exclusions is to be found under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>.

● ***How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?***

When seeking to identify significant harm, Schroders' approach to taking into account the Principal Adverse Impacts (PAI) indicators involves a quantitative and a qualitative assessment. Where it is not considered appropriate or feasible to set quantitative thresholds, the Investment Manager engages, where relevant. Investee companies deemed not to satisfy the quantitative thresholds would generally be excluded, unless on a case-by-case basis the data is deemed not representative of a company's performance in the relevant area.

This framework is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability and quality of the data evolves.

Our approach includes:

1. **Quantitative:** this includes indicators where specific thresholds have been established:

**Principal adverse impacts** are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anticorruption and antibribery matters.

- Via the application of exclusions. This approach is relevant to **PAI 4** (Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector), **PAI 5** (Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production) and **PAI 14** (Exposure to controversial weapons). Further, the following PAIs are assessed as part of Schroders' 'global norms' breach list exclusion (which seeks to exclude companies where significant harm is occurring):
  - **PAI 7** (Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas)
  - **PAI 8** (Emissions to water)
  - **PAI 9** (Hazardous waste and radioactive waste ratio)
  - **PAI 10** (Violations of UN Global Compact principles and Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises)
  - **PAI 11** (Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and Voluntary)
  - **PAI 14** in Table 3 (Number of identified cases of severe human rights issues and incidents)
- Via the application of an alert system flag if the relevant indicator(s) exceeds a threshold. These quantitative thresholds to assess significant harm are established centrally by our Sustainable Investment team and monitored systematically. This approach applies to indicators where we have segmented the population into harm groups to establish a threshold, such as carbon related PAI metrics, **PAI 1** (GHG emissions), **PAI 2** (Carbon footprint) and **Voluntary PAI 4 in Table 2** (Investing in companies without carbon emission reduction initiatives). **PAI 3** (GHG intensity of investee companies) operates in a similar way but the threshold is based on a revenue metric. A threshold for **PAI 6** (Energy consumption intensity per high impact climate sector) is established based on the ~~above-mentioned~~ carbon measures. A similar approach has been taken for **PAI 15** (GHG intensity). **PAI 16** (Investee countries subject to social violations) also operates in the same way but based on data availability regarding social violations. Through this process the relevant issuer(s) that is/are deemed not to satisfy the quantitative thresholds is/are flagged to the Investment Manager for consideration, whose response may involve selling the holdings(s) or maintaining the position if on a case-by-case basis the data is deemed not representative of a company's performance in the relevant area. Investee companies deemed to cause significant harm are excluded from the Fund.
- 2. **Qualitative:** This includes PAI indicators where Schroders' believes that the data available does not enable us to make a quantitative determination regarding whether significant harm is done so as to warrant excluding an investment. In such cases, the Investment Manager engages wherever possible with the company or companies held, in accordance with the priorities documented in Schroders' Engagement Blueprint and/or voting policy. This approach applies to indicators such as **PAI 12** (Unadjusted gender pay gap) and **PAI 13** (Board gender diversity), where we engage and may use our voting rights where we consider appropriate. Both board gender diversity and disclosure of gender pay gap information are captured in our Engagement Blueprint.

● ***How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:***

Companies on Schroders' 'global norms' breach list cannot be categorised as sustainable investments. Schroders' determination of whether a company should be included on such list considers the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, among other relevant principles. The 'global norms' breach list is informed by third party providers and proprietary research, where relevant.

*The EU Taxonomy sets out a "do not significant harm" principle by which Taxonomy-aligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives and is accompanied by specific EU criteria.*

*The "do not significant harm" principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.*

*Any other sustainable investments must also not significantly harm any environmental or social objectives.*



## Does this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

☒ Yes, the Investment Manager's approach to considering principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors involves classifying the indicators into three categories:

The Investment Manager's approach to considering principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors differs depending on the relevant indicator. Some indicators are considered via the application of exclusions, some are considered via the investment process (where data is available via Schroders PAI dashboard and via other external data sources) and some are considered via engagement. Further details are provided below. PAIs are considered as part of pre-investment through the application of exclusions. These include:

- Controversial weapons: PAI 14 (Exposure to controversial weapons (anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, chemical weapons and biological weapons)).
- Schroders' 'global norms' breach list, which covers: PAI 7 (Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas), PAI 8 (Emissions to water), PAI 9 (Hazardous waste and radioactive waste ratio), PAI 10 (Violations of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises), PAI 11 (Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises) and PAI 16 (Investee countries subject to social violations).
- Companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to thermal coal: PAI 4 (Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector) and PAI 5 (Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production).

Compliance with these thresholds is monitored via the Investment Manager's portfolio compliance framework. PAIs are also considered through integration in the investment process as Schroders' proprietary tool incorporates several PAIs as a component of its scoring methodology. In assessing an issuers' overall environmental score PAI 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 are included. All PAI indicators are monitored via Schroders PAI dashboard.

PAIs are also considered post-investment through engagement where the Investment Manager engages in line with the approach and expectations set out in Schroders Engagement Blueprint, which outlines our approach to active ownership. The Investment Manager may engage with selected issuers held by the Fund on PAIs 1, 2, 3 and 4. We aim to engage with several issuers on net zero carbon emissions targets (PAI 1,2), procuring renewable energy (PAI 5).

Our approach is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability, and quality, of PAI data evolves. The Management Company's statement on principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors is available at <https://api.schroders.com/document-store/id/ffcb39bb-96cb-4e56-9461-deba9a493e85>. The Fund level information is disclosed or will be disclosed (as applicable) in the Fund's annual report.

1. Set thresholds: these involve very explicit thresholds for considering an investment to be a "sustainable investment". For example, PAI 10 on violations of UNGC principles.
2. Active ownership: these involve indicators on which we have a plan to engage with the underlying holding as set out in the Schroders Group document <https://mybrand.schroders.com/m/3222ea4ed44a1f2c/original/schroders-engagement-blueprint.pdf>, outlining our approach to active ownership. For example, PAI 1, 2 and 3 covering GHG emissions and PAI 13 on board gender diversity.
3. Improve coverage: these involve indicators where we consider data coverage to be too sparse to properly consider them and our focus is primarily on engaging with the underlying holdings to increase reporting. For example, PAI 7 on biodiversity, PAI 9 on hazardous waste ratio and PAI 12 on the gender pay gap.

Our approach is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability, and quality, of PAI data evolves.

The Management Company's statement on principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors is available at <https://mybrand.schroders.com/m/467910ac8e6da45c/original/Statement-on-principal-adverse-impacts-of-investment-decisions-on-sustainability-factors.pdf>. The Fund level information is disclosed or will be (as applicable) in the Fund's annual report.

☐ No



## What investment strategy does this financial product follow?

**The investment strategy** guides investment decisions based on factors such as investment objectives and risk tolerance.

The sustainable investment strategy used by the Investment Manager is as follows:

The Fund is actively managed and invests at least two-thirds of its assets in fixed and floating rate securities denominated in EUR issued by governments, government agencies, supra-nationals and companies worldwide. The Fund also invests at least two-thirds of its assets in sub investment grade fixed and floating rate securities (being securities with a credit rating below investment grade as measured by Standard & Poor's or any equivalent grade of other credit rating agencies).

The Fund may invest up to 10% of its assets in contingent convertible bonds.

The Fund may also invest up to one-third of its asset directly or indirectly in other securities (including other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies, Investment Funds, warrants and Money Market Investments, and hold cash.

The Fund may also invest in derivatives to create long and short exposure to the underlying assets of these derivatives.

The Fund may use derivatives with the aim of achieving investment gains, reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently.

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the ICE BofA Euro High Yield Constrained index, based on the Investment Manager's rating criteria.

The Fund does not directly invest in certain activities, industries or groups of issuers above the limits listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

The Investment Manager applies governance and sustainability criteria when selecting investments for the Fund. The strategy aims to identify issuers demonstrating good or improving sustainability credentials, and those that impose a high cost on the environment and society. This involves:

- The exclusion of issuers with certain exposure to specific activities that the Investment Manager considers environmentally destructive or socially damaging, violate human rights and/ or have demonstrated gross misconduct that the Investment Manager deems to have businesses that are materially damaging to the climate and impose unjustifiable social costs.
- The inclusion of issuers that the Investment Manager considers are well placed to deliver demonstrate stable and improving sustainability trajectories relative to their industry peers, and issuers demonstrating good governance based on the Investment Manager's sustainability rating methodology.

The Investment Manager may also engage with companies to encourage transparency, the transition to a circular economy with lower carbon emissions intensity and responsible social behaviour that promotes sustainable growth and alpha generation.

The primary sources of information used to perform the analysis are the Investment Manager's proprietary tools and research, third-party research, NGO reports and expert networks. The Investment Manager also performs its own analysis of publicly available information provided by the companies, including information provided in company sustainability reports and other relevant company material.

More details on the Investment Manager's approach to sustainability and its engagement with companies are available on the webpage

<https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/>

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than its investment universe, based on the Investment Manager's rating system.

The Investment Manager ensures that at least:

- 90% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with an investment grade credit rating; sovereign debt issued by developed countries; and equities issued by large companies domiciled in developed countries; and
  - 75% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with a high yield credit rating; sovereign debt issued by emerging countries equities issued by large companies domiciled in emerging countries; equities issued by small and medium companies,
- is rated against the sustainability criteria. For the purposes of this test, small companies are those with market capitalisation below €5 billion, medium companies are those between €5 billion and €10 billion and large companies are those above €10 billion.

### ● ***What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?***

The following binding elements are applied throughout the investment process:

- The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the ICE BofA Euro High Yield Constrained index based on the Investment Manager's rating criteria.
- The Fund invests at least 10% of its assets in sustainable investments and such investments do not cause significant environmental or social harm.
- Exclusions are applied to direct investments in companies. The Fund applies certain exclusions relating to international conventions on cluster munitions, antipersonnel mines, and chemical and biological weapons. The Fund also excludes companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to tobacco and thermal coal, especially companies that generate at least 10% of their revenues from tobacco production, companies that generate at least 25% of their revenues from the tobacco value chain (such as suppliers, distributors, retailers and licensors), companies that generate at least 10% of their revenues from thermal coal mining and companies that generate at least 30% of their revenues from coal fired power generation. The Fund excludes companies that are assessed by Schroders to have breached one or more 'global norms' thereby causing significant environmental or social harm; these companies comprise Schroders' 'global norms' breach list. In exceptional circumstances a derogation may be applied in order to allow the Fund to continue to hold a company on Schroders' 'global norms' breach list, for example where the stated investment strategy of the Fund may otherwise be compromised. Any such company cannot be categorised as a sustainable investment. Further, the Fund may apply other exclusions as listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>
- The Fund invests in companies that have good governance practices, as determined by the Investment Manager's rating criteria.

The Investment Manager ensures that at least:

- 90% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in developed countries; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with an investment grade credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by developed countries; and



- 75% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in emerging countries; equities issued by small and medium companies; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with a high yield credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by emerging countries,

is rated against the sustainability criteria.

● **What is the committed minimum rate to reduce the scope of the investments considered prior to the application of that investment strategy?**

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

● **What is the policy to assess good governance practices of the investee companies?**

In order to assess good governance practices, a central Good Governance Test is applied. This test is based on a data-driven quantitative framework, which uses a scorecard to assess companies across the categories of sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff, and tax compliance. Schroders has defined a number of criteria across these pillars.

Compliance with the test is monitored centrally and companies which do not pass this test cannot be held by the Fund, unless the Investment Manager has agreed that the issuer demonstrates good governance based on additional insights beyond that quantitative analysis.

**Good governance** practices include sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff and tax compliance.



**Asset allocation** describes the share of investments in specific assets.

## What is the asset allocation planned for this financial product?

The planned composition of the Fund's investments that are used to meet its environmental or social characteristics are summarised below.

**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the minimum proportion of the Fund's assets used to attain the environmental or social characteristics, which is equal to 60%. The Fund commits to maintain a higher overall sustainability score than the ICE BofA Euro High Yield Constrained index, and so the Fund's investments that are scored by Schroders' proprietary sustainability tool are included within the minimum proportion stated in #1 on the basis that they will contribute to the Fund's sustainability score (whether such individual investment has a positive or a negative score). Also included within #1 are any green, social or sustainable bonds that are not scored by Schroders' proprietary sustainability tool. ~~is not~~ The minimum proportion of assets that are invested in sustainable investments, ~~is~~ indicated in #1A. The minimum proportions stated apply in normal market conditions. The actual proportion stated in #1 is expected to be higher.

The sustainability score is measured by Schroders' proprietary tool that provides an estimate of the net "impact" that an issuer may create in terms of social and environmental "costs" or "benefits". It does this by using certain indicators with respect to that issuer, and quantifying them positively and negatively to produce an aggregate notional measure of the effect that the relevant underlying issuer may have on society and the environment. Examples of such indicators are greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

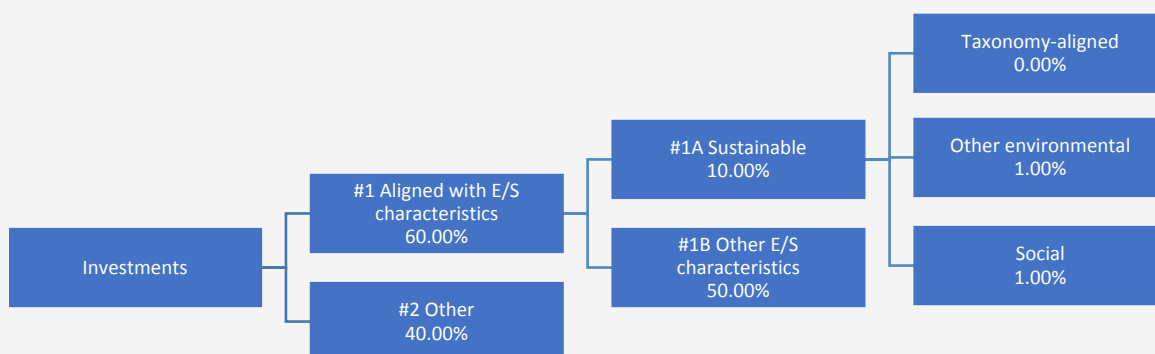
The Fund will invest at least 10% of its assets in sustainable investments. With the exception of any green or social bonds, which will be classified as having an environmental or social objective respectively, a sustainable investment is classified as having an environmental or social objective depending on whether the relevant issuer has a higher score in Schroders' proprietary tool relative to its applicable peer group for its environmental indicators or its social indicators. In each case, indicators are comprised of both "costs" and "benefits".

**#2 Other** includes cash which is treated as neutral for sustainability purposes. #2 also includes other investments that are not scored by Schroders' proprietary sustainability tool and so do not contribute towards the Fund's sustainability score. As #1 states a minimum proportion that is in practice expected to be higher, the proportion stated in #2 is expected to be lower.

Minimum safeguards are applied where relevant to investments by restricting (as appropriate) investments in counterparties where there are ownership links or exposure to higher risk countries (for the purpose of money laundering, terrorist financing, bribery, corruption, tax evasion and sanctions risks). A firm-wide risk assessment considers the risk rating of each jurisdiction; which includes reference to a number of public statements, indices and world governance indicators issued by the UN, the European Union, the UK Government, the Financial Action Task Force and several Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), such as Transparency International and the Basel Committee.

In addition, new counterparties are reviewed by Schroders' credit risk team and approval of a new counterparty is based on a holistic review of the various sources of information available, including, but not limited to, quality of management, ownership structure, location, regulatory and social environment to which each counterparty is subject, and the degree of development of the local banking system and its regulatory framework. Ongoing monitoring is performed through a Schroders' proprietary tool, which supports the analysis of a counterparty's management of environmental, social and governance trends and challenges. Any significant deterioration in the profile of the counterparty in Schroders' proprietary tool would lead to further analysis and potential exclusion by Schroders' credit risk team.





**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the investments of the financial product used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product.

**#2 Other** includes the remaining investments of the financial product which are neither aligned with the environmental or social characteristics, nor are qualified as sustainable investments.

The category **#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** covers:

- The sub-category **#1A Sustainable** covers sustainable investments with environmental or social objectives.
- The sub-category **#1B Other E/S characteristics** covers investments aligned with the environmental or social characteristics that do not qualify as sustainable investments.

#1 The minimum proportion stated applies in normal market conditions.

### ● **How does the use of derivatives attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?**

Single name credit default swaps are used as a proxy for direct investments which would otherwise be held by the Fund in line with its sustainability criteria. Such derivatives are therefore used to attain the Fund's sustainability score in Schroders proprietary tool which is one of the binding elements of the Fund. The Fund may use other derivatives that are scored in Schroders' proprietary tool to meet the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted by the Fund, as such derivatives would contribute to the Fund's sustainability score (whether such individual investment has a positive or a negative score).



### **To what minimum extent are sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?**

There is no minimum extent to which the Fund's investments (including transitional and enabling activities) with an environmental objective are aligned with the Taxonomy. Taxonomy alignment of this Fund's investments has therefore not been calculated and has as a result been deemed to constitute 0% of the Fund's portfolio.

In future it is expected that the Fund will assess and report on the extent to which its underlying investments are in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the Taxonomy, along with information relating to the proportion of enabling and transitional activities. This Prospectus will be updated once it is possible in the Investment Manager's opinion to accurately disclose to what extent the Fund's investments are in Taxonomy-aligned environmentally sustainable activities, including the proportions of investments in enabling and transitional activities selected for the Fund.

### ● **Does the financial product invest in fossil gas and/or nuclear energy related activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy<sup>1</sup>?**

- ☐ Yes:
- ☐ In fossil gas ☐ In nuclear energy
- ☒ No

To comply with the EU Taxonomy, the criteria for **fossil gas** include limitations on emissions and switching to renewable power or low-carbon fuels by the end of 2035. For **nuclear energy**, the criteria include

<sup>1</sup> Fossil gas and/or nuclear related activities will only comply with the EU Taxonomy where they contribute to limiting climate change ("climate change mitigation") and do not significantly harm any EU Taxonomy objective – see explanatory note in the left-hand margin. The full criteria for fossil gas and nuclear energy economic activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy are laid down in Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1214.

comprehensive safety and waste management rules.

Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

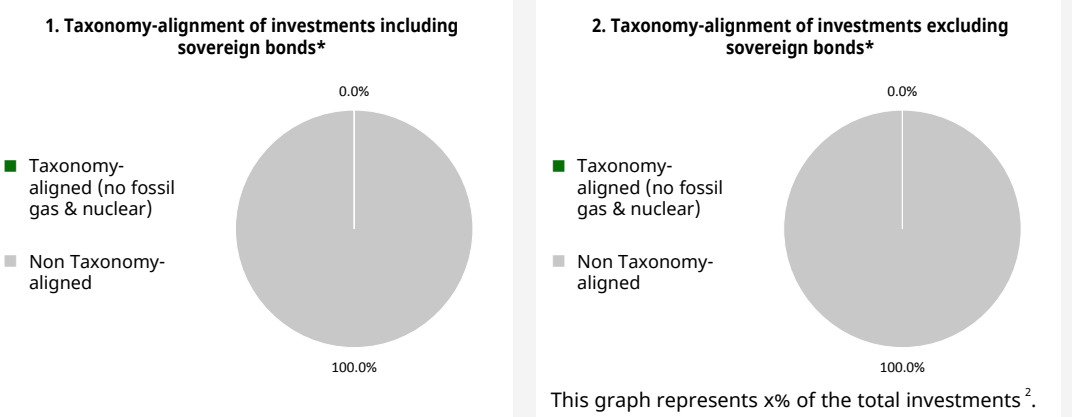
- **turnover** reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee companies
- **capital expenditure** (CapEx) showing the green investments made by investee companies, e.g. for a transition to a green economy.
- **operational expenditure** (OpEx) reflecting green operational activities of investee companies.

**Enabling activities** directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective.

**Transitional activities** are activities for which low-carbon alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.

are sustainable investments with an environmental objective that **do not take into account the criteria** for environmentally sustainable economic activities under the EU Taxonomy.

The two graphs below show in green the minimum percentage of investments that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the Taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy-alignment in relation to all the investments of the financial product including sovereign bonds, while the second graph shows the Taxonomy-alignment only in relation to the investments of the financial product other than sovereign bonds.



\* For the purpose of these graphs, 'sovereign bonds' consist of all sovereign exposures

● **What is the minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities?**

As per the above, at the date of this Prospectus the share of investments by the Fund in transitional and enabling activities is currently deemed to constitute 0% of the Fund's portfolio.



**What is the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?**

The Fund commits to invest at least 1% of its assets in sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

<sup>2</sup> As there is no Taxonomy-alignment, there is no impact on the graph if sovereign bonds are excluded (i.e. the percentage of Taxonomy-aligned investments remains 0%) and the Management Company therefore believes that there is no need to mention this information.



## What is the minimum share of socially sustainable investments?

The Fund commits to invest at least 1% of its assets in sustainable investments with a social objective.



## What investments are included under “#2 Other”, what is their purpose and are there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

**#2 Other** includes cash which is treated as neutral for sustainability purposes. #2 also includes other investments that are not scored by Schroders’ proprietary sustainability tools and so do not contribute towards the Fund’s sustainability score.

Minimum safeguards are applied where relevant to investments by restricting (as appropriate) investments in counterparties where there are ownership links or exposure to higher risk countries (for the purpose of money laundering, terrorist financing, bribery, corruption, tax evasion and sanctions risks). A firm-wide risk assessment considers the risk rating of each jurisdiction; which includes reference to a number of public statements, indices and world governance indicators issued by the UN, the European Union, the UK Government, the Financial Action Task Force and several Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), such as Transparency International and the Basel Committee.

In addition, new counterparties are reviewed by Schroders’ credit risk team and approval of a new counterparty is based on a holistic review of the various sources of information available, including, but not limited to, quality of management, ownership structure, location, regulatory and social environment to which each counterparty is subject, and the degree of development of the local banking system and its regulatory framework. Ongoing monitoring is performed through a Schroders’ proprietary tool, which supports the analysis of a counterparty’s management of environmental, social and governance trends and challenges. Any significant deterioration in the profile of the counterparty in Schroders’ proprietary tool would lead to further analysis and potential exclusion by Schroders’ credit risk team.



## Is a specific index designated as a reference benchmark to determine whether this financial product is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes?

**Reference benchmarks** are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the environmental or social characteristics that they promote.

- ***How is the reference benchmark continuously aligned with each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- ***How is the alignment of the investment strategy with the methodology of the index ensured on a continuous basis?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- ***How does the designated index differ from a relevant broad market index?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- ***Where can the methodology used for the calculation of the designated index be found?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.



## Where can I find more product specific information online?

More product-specific information can be found on the webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

Pre-contractual disclosure for the financial products referred to in Article 8, paragraphs 1, 2 and 2a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 6, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852

**Product name:** **Schroder International Selection Fund EURO Short Term Bond**

**Legal entity identifier:** **LKIIDMHWJTJNCPJTJ3M14**

## Environmental and/or social characteristics

**Sustainable investment** means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good governance practices.

The **EU Taxonomy** is a classification system laid down in Regulation (EU) 2020/852, establishing a list of **environmentally sustainable economic activities**. That Regulation does not lay down a list of socially sustainable economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.

Does this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?	
●● <input type="checkbox"/> Yes	●○ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
<input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with an environmental objective: __%</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> It <b>promotes Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics</b> and while it does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will have a minimum proportion of <b>10.00%</b> of sustainable investments
<input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy	<input type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy
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<input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with a social objective __%</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> with a social objective
	<input type="checkbox"/> It promotes E/S characteristics, but <b>will not make any sustainable investments</b>



## What environmental and/or social characteristics are promoted by this financial product?

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the Bloomberg Euro Aggregate (1-3 Y) index, based on the Investment Manager's rating system. This benchmark (which is a broad market index) does not take into account the environmental and social characteristics promoted by the Fund.

The sustainability score is measured by Schroders' proprietary tool that provides an estimate of the net "impact" that an issuer may create in terms of social and environmental "costs" or "benefits". It does this by using certain indicators with respect to that issuer, and quantifying them positively and negatively to produce an aggregate notional measure of the effect that the relevant underlying issuer may have on society and the environment. It does this using third party data as well as Schroders own estimates and assumptions and the outcome may differ from other sustainability tools and measures. Examples of such indicators are greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

The result is expressed as an aggregate score of the sustainability indicators for each issuer, specifically a notional percentage (positive or negative) of sales or GDP of the relevant underlying issuer. For example, a score of +2% would mean an issuer contributes \$2 of relative notional positive impact (i.e. benefits to society) per \$100 of sales or GDP. The sustainability score of the Fund is derived from the scores of all issuers in the Fund's portfolio measured by Schroders' proprietary tool.

The Fund invests at least 10% of its assets in sustainable investments, which are investments that the Investment Manager expects to contribute towards the advancement of one or more environmental and/or social objective (s).

### ● What sustainability indicators are used to measure the attainment of each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

The Investment Manager monitors compliance with the characteristic to maintain a higher overall sustainability score than the Bloomberg Euro Aggregate (1-3 Y) index by reference to the weighted average sustainability score of the Fund in Schroders' proprietary tool compared against the weighted average sustainability score of the Bloomberg Euro Aggregate (1-3 Y) index in Schroders' proprietary tool over the previous six month period, based on month-end data. The overall sustainability score aggregates the effect of sustainability indicators including but not limited to greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

**Sustainability indicators** measure how the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product are attained.

The Investment Manager monitors compliance with the characteristic to invest at least 10% of its assets in sustainable investments by reference to (i) the sustainability score of each asset in Schroders' proprietary tool and/ or (ii) whether the asset is classified as a green, social and/ or sustainable bond. Compliance with this is monitored daily via our automated compliance controls. The Fund also applies certain exclusions, with which the Investment Manager monitors compliance on an ongoing basis via its portfolio compliance framework.

● ***What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?***

In respect of the proportion of the Fund's portfolio that is invested in sustainable investments, each sustainable investment either (i) demonstrates a net positive effect across a range of environmental or social objectives, as scored by Schroders' proprietary tool and/or (ii) is classified as a green, social and/ or sustainable bond using a third-party data source. The environmental or social objectives of the sustainable investments that the Fund partially intends to make may include, but are not limited to, increasing environmental and/or social benefits such as greater water access or fair pay and reducing environmental, and/or social costs such as carbon emissions or food waste. For example, greater water access as measured by Schroders' proprietary tool are the estimated societal benefits of the provision of clean drinking water to human health. The environmental or social objectives of green, social and/or sustainable bonds may include, but are not limited to, climate change mitigation, renewable energy initiatives, natural resource conservation, access to finance and affordable housing projects.

● ***How do the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make, not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?***

The Investment Manager's approach to investing in issuers that do not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective includes the following:

- Firm-wide investment exclusions apply to Schroders funds. These relate to international conventions on cluster munitions, anti-personnel mines, and chemical and biological weapons and a list of those companies that are excluded is available at <https://www.schroders.com/en/sustainability/active-ownership/group-exclusions/>. Firm-wide exclusions also apply to companies generating more than 20% of their revenue from thermal coal mining.
- The Fund excludes companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to tobacco and thermal coal.
- The Fund excludes companies that are assessed by Schroders to have breached one or more 'global norms' thereby causing significant environmental or social harm; these companies comprise Schroders' 'global norms' breach list. Schroders' determination of whether a company has been involved in such a breach considers relevant principles such as those contained in the UN Global Compact (UNGC) principles, the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights. The 'global norms' breach list may be informed by assessments performed by third party providers and by proprietary research, where relevant to a particular situation. In exceptional circumstances a derogation may be applied in order to allow the Fund to continue to hold a company on Schroders' 'global norms' breach list, for example where the stated investment strategy of the Fund may otherwise be compromised. Any such company cannot be categorised as a sustainable investment.
- The Fund may also apply certain other exclusions in addition to those summarised above.

Further information on all of the Fund's investment exclusions is to be found under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>.

● ***How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?***

When seeking to identify significant harm, Schroders' approach to taking into account the Principal Adverse Impacts (PAI) indicators involves a quantitative and a qualitative assessment. Where it is not considered appropriate or feasible to set quantitative thresholds, the Investment Manager engages, where relevant. Investee companies deemed not to satisfy the quantitative thresholds would generally be excluded, unless on a case-by-case basis the data is deemed not representative of a company's performance in the relevant area.

This framework is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability and quality of the data evolves.

Our approach includes:

1. **Quantitative:** this includes indicators where specific thresholds have been established:

**Principal adverse impacts** are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anticorruption and antibribery matters.

- Via the application of exclusions. This approach is relevant to **PAI 4** (Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector), **PAI 5** (Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production) and **PAI 14** (Exposure to controversial weapons). Further, the following PAIs are assessed as part of Schroders' 'global norms' breach list exclusion (which seeks to exclude companies where significant harm is occurring):
  - **PAI 7** (Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas)
  - **PAI 8** (Emissions to water)
  - **PAI 9** (Hazardous waste and radioactive waste ratio)
  - **PAI 10** (Violations of UN Global Compact principles and Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises)
  - **PAI 11** (Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and Voluntary)
  - **PAI 14** in Table 3 (Number of identified cases of severe human rights issues and incidents)
- Via the application of an alert system flag if the relevant indicator(s) exceeds a threshold. These quantitative thresholds to assess significant harm are established centrally by our Sustainable Investment team and monitored systematically. This approach applies to indicators where we have segmented the population into harm groups to establish a threshold, such as carbon related PAI metrics, **PAI 1** (GHG emissions), **PAI 2** (Carbon footprint) and **Voluntary PAI 4 in Table 2** (Investing in companies without carbon emission reduction initiatives). **PAI 3** (GHG intensity of investee companies) operates in a similar way but the threshold is based on a revenue metric. A threshold for **PAI 6** (Energy consumption intensity per high impact climate sector) is established based on the above mentioned carbon measures. A similar approach has been taken for **PAI 15** (GHG intensity). **PAI 16** (Investee countries subject to social violations) also operates in the same way but based on data availability regarding social violations. Through this process the relevant issuer(s) that is/are deemed not to satisfy the quantitative thresholds is/are flagged to the Investment Manager for consideration, whose response may involve selling the holdings(s) or maintaining the position if on a case-by-case basis the data is deemed not representative of a company's performance in the relevant area. Investee companies deemed to cause significant harm are excluded from the Fund.
- 2. **Qualitative:** This includes PAI indicators where Schroders' believes that the data available does not enable us to make a quantitative determination regarding whether significant harm is done so as to warrant excluding an investment. In such cases, the Investment Manager engages wherever possible with the company or companies held, in accordance with the priorities documented in Schroders' Engagement Blueprint and/or voting policy. This approach applies to indicators such as **PAI 12** (Unadjusted gender pay gap) and **PAI 13** (Board gender diversity), where we engage and may use our voting rights where we consider appropriate. Both board gender diversity and disclosure of gender pay gap information are captured in our Engagement Blueprint.

● ***How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:***

Companies on Schroders' 'global norms' breach list cannot be categorised as sustainable investments. Schroders' determination of whether a company should be included on such list considers the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, among other relevant principles. The 'global norms' breach list is informed by third party providers and proprietary research, where relevant.

*The EU Taxonomy sets out a "do not significant harm" principle by which Taxonomy-aligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives and is accompanied by specific EU criteria.*

*The "do not significant harm" principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.*

*Any other sustainable investments must also not significantly harm any environmental or social objectives.*



## Does this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

☒ Yes, the Investment Manager's approach to considering principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors involves classifying the indicators into three categories:



The Investment Manager's approach to considering principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors differs depending on the relevant indicator. Some indicators are considered via the application of exclusions, some are considered via the investment process (where data is available via Schroders' PAI dashboard and via other external data sources) and some are considered via engagement. Further details are provided below.

PAIs are considered as part of pre-investment through the application of exclusions. These include Schroders firmwide corporate exclusions regarding:

- Controversial weapons: PAI 14 Exposure to controversial weapons (anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, chemical weapons and biological weapons).

- Schroders' 'global norms' breach list, which covers: PAI 7 (Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas), PAI 8 (Emissions to water), PAI 9 (Hazardous waste and radioactive waste ratio), PAI 10 (Violations of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises), PAI 11 (Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises) and PAI 16 (Investee countries subject to social violations).

- Companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to thermal coal: PAI 4 (Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector) and PAI 5 (Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production).

Compliance with these thresholds is monitored via the Investment Manager's portfolio compliance framework.

PAIs are also considered through integration in the investment process. All PAI indicators are monitored via Schroders PAI dashboard.

Schroders' proprietary tool incorporates several PAIs as a component of its scoring methodology. In assessing a corporate issuer's overall environmental score PAI 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 are included, for example.

The attractiveness of a particular sovereign issuer as an investment for the portfolio is based on its ability to pay its bondholders over the long term, so as part of our process we consider the materiality of PAIs 15 (GHG intensity) and 16 (investee countries subject to social violations) as to whether we should regard these as areas of potential concern.

PAIs are also considered post-investment through engagement where the Investment Manager engages in line with the approach and expectations set out in Schroders Engagement Blueprint, which outlines our approach to active ownership.

The Investment Manager may engage with selected issuers held by the Fund on PAIs 1, 2, 3 and 4, for example. We aim to engage with several issuers on net zero carbon emissions targets (PAI 1,2) and procuring renewable energy (PAI 5). There tend to be fewer opportunities to engage with sovereign issuers, as opposed to corporate issuers, but nonetheless we aim to engage with sovereign and supranational issuers on a periodic basis, primarily with respect to their approach to net zero carbon strategies (relating to PAI 15, GHG intensity).

Our approach is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability, and quality, of PAI data evolves. The Management Company's statement on principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors is available at <https://api.schroders.com/document-store/id/ffcb39bb-96cb-4e56-9461-deba9a493e85>. The Fund level information is disclosed or will be disclosed (as applicable) in the Fund's annual report.

1. Set thresholds: these involve very explicit thresholds for considering an investment to be a "sustainable investment". For example, PAI 10 on violations of UNGC principles.

2. Active ownership: these involve indicators on which we have a plan to engage with the underlying holding as set out in the Schroders Group document <https://mybrand.schroders.com/m/3222ea4ed44a1f2c/original/schroders-engagement-blueprint.pdf>, outlining our approach to active ownership. For example, PAI 1, 2 and 3 covering GHG emissions and PAI 13 on board gender diversity.

3. Improve coverage: these involve indicators where we consider data coverage to be too sparse to properly consider them and our focus is primarily on engaging with the underlying holdings to increase reporting. For example, PAI 7 on biodiversity, PAI 9 on hazardous waste ratio and PAI 12 on the gender pay gap.

Our approach is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability, and quality, of PAI data evolves.

The Management Company's statement on principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors is available at <https://mybrand.schroders.com/m/467910ac8e6da45c/original/Statement-on-principal-adverse-impacts-of-investment-decisions-on-sustainability-factors.pdf>. The Fund level information is disclosed or will be (as applicable) in the Fund's annual report.

☐ No



## What investment strategy does this financial product follow?

**The investment strategy** guides investment decisions based on factors such as investment objectives and risk tolerance.

The sustainable investment strategy used by the Investment Manager is as follows:

The Fund is actively managed and invests at least two-thirds of its assets in short term fixed and floating rate securities with an investment grade or sub-investment grade credit rating (as measured by Standard & Poor's or any equivalent grade of other credit rating agencies for rated bonds and implied Schroders ratings for non-rated bonds) denominated in Euro, issued by governments, government agencies, supra-nationals and companies worldwide.

The average duration of the securities held by the Fund does not exceed 3 years and the effective maturity of any such security does not exceed 5 years.

The Fund may also invest up to one-third of its assets directly or indirectly in other securities (including other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies, Investment Funds, warrants and Money Market Investments, and hold cash.

The Fund may use derivatives, long and short, with the aim of achieving investment gains, reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently.

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the Bloomberg Euro Aggregate (1-3 Y) index, based on the Investment Manager's rating criteria.

The Fund does not directly invest in certain activities, industries or groups of issuers above the limits listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

The Investment Manager applies governance and sustainability criteria when selecting investments for the Fund.

Sustainability factors are assessed – across both sovereign markets and credit allocation decisions – in tandem with macroeconomic factors throughout the Investment Manager's top-down thematic investment process.

In assessing sustainability factors for sovereign issuers, the Investment Manager considers that countries with stable and non-corrupt governments are likely to be more willing and able to service their debts, while political considerations, including the impact of social and governance factors, can influence a country's inflation and currency profile and thus have a material impact on the real value of debt. Environmental impacts – which can be more pertinent over a longer-term horizon – are also incorporated. The Investment Manager's approach includes the use of Schroders' proprietary sustainability tools to rank countries by measuring their performance against multiple sustainability related indicators.

Credit selection decisions are delegated to the Investment Manager's specialist credit investment teams, who aim to identify issuers demonstrating good or improving sustainability credentials, and those that impose a high cost on the environment and society. This involves:

- The exclusion of issuers with certain exposure to specific activities that the Investment Manager considers environmentally destructive or socially damaging, violate human rights and/ or have demonstrated gross misconduct that the Investment Manager deems to have businesses that are materially damaging to the environment or impose unjustifiable social costs.
- The inclusion of issuers that the Investment Manager considers are well placed to deliver demonstrate stable and improving sustainability trajectories relative to industry peers., and issuers demonstrating good governance based on the Investment Manager's sustainability rating methodology.

The primary sources of information used to perform this analysis are the Investment Manager's proprietary tools and research, third-party research, NGO reports and expert networks. For corporate issuers, the Investment Manager also performs its own analysis of publicly available information provided by the companies, including information provided in company sustainability reports and other relevant company material.

More details on the Investment Manager's approach to sustainability and its engagement with companies are available on the webpage

<https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/>

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than its investment universe, based on the Investment Manager's rating system.

The Investment Manager ensures that at least:

- 90% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in developed countries; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with an investment grade credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by developed countries; and
- 75% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in emerging countries; equities issued by small and medium companies; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with a high yield credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by emerging countries,

is rated against the sustainability criteria. For the purposes of this test, small companies are those with market capitalisation below €5 billion, medium companies are those between €5 billion and €10 billion and large companies are those above €10 billion.

● **What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?**

The following binding elements are applied throughout the investment process:

- The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the Bloomberg Euro Aggregate (1-3 Y) index based on the Investment Manager's rating criteria.
- The Fund invests at least 10% of its assets in sustainable investments and such investments do not cause significant environmental or social harm.
- Exclusions are applied to direct investments in companies. The Fund applies certain exclusions relating to international conventions on cluster munitions, antipersonnel mines, and chemical and biological weapons. The Fund also excludes companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to tobacco and thermal coal, especially companies that generate at least 10% of their revenues from tobacco production, companies that generate at least 25% of their revenues from the tobacco value chain (such as suppliers, distributors, retailers and licensors), companies that generate at least 10% of their revenues from thermal coal mining and companies that generate at least 30% of their revenues from coal fired power generation. The Fund excludes companies that are assessed by Schroders to have breached one or more 'global norms' thereby causing significant environmental or social harm; these companies comprise Schroders' 'global norms' breach list. In exceptional circumstances a derogation may be applied in order to allow the Fund to continue to hold a company on Schroders' 'global norms' breach list, for example where the stated investment strategy of the Fund may otherwise be compromised. Any such company cannot be categorised as a sustainable investment. Further, the Fund may apply other exclusions as listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>
- The Fund invests in companies that have good governance practices, as determined by the Investment Manager's rating criteria.

The Investment Manager ensures that at least:

- 90% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in developed countries; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with an investment grade credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by developed countries; and
- 75% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in emerging countries; equities issued by small and medium companies; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with a high yield credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by emerging countries,

is rated against the sustainability criteria.

● **What is the committed minimum rate to reduce the scope of the investments considered prior to the application of that investment strategy?**

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

● **What is the policy to assess good governance practices of the investee companies?**

In order to assess good governance practices, a central Good Governance Test is applied. This test is based on a data-driven quantitative framework, which uses a scorecard to assess companies across the categories of sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff, and tax compliance. Schroders has defined a number of criteria across these pillars.

Compliance with the test is monitored centrally and companies which do not pass this test cannot be held by the Fund, unless the Investment Manager has agreed that the issuer demonstrates good governance based on additional insights beyond that quantitative analysis.

**Good governance** practices include sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff and tax compliance.



## What is the asset allocation planned for this financial product?

**Asset allocation** describes the share of investments in specific assets.

The planned composition of the Fund's investments that are used to meet its environmental or social characteristics are summarised below.

**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the minimum proportion of the Fund's assets used to attain the environmental or social characteristics, which is equal to 60%. The Fund commits to maintain a higher overall sustainability score than the Bloomberg Euro Aggregate (1-3 Y) index, and so the Fund's investments that are scored by Schroders' proprietary sustainability tool are included within the minimum proportion stated in #1 on the basis that they will contribute to the Fund's sustainability score (whether such individual investment has a positive or a negative score). Also included within #1 are any green, social or sustainable bonds that are not scored by Schroders' proprietary sustainability tool. The minimum proportion of assets that are invested in sustainable investments, ~~is~~ indicated in #1A. The minimum proportions stated apply in normal market conditions. The actual proportion stated in #1 is expected to be higher.

The sustainability score is measured by Schroders' proprietary tool that provides an estimate of the net "impact" that an issuer may create in terms of social and environmental "costs" or "benefits". It does this by using certain indicators with respect to that issuer, and quantifying them positively and negatively to produce an aggregate notional measure of the effect that the relevant underlying issuer may have on society and the environment. Examples of such indicators are greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

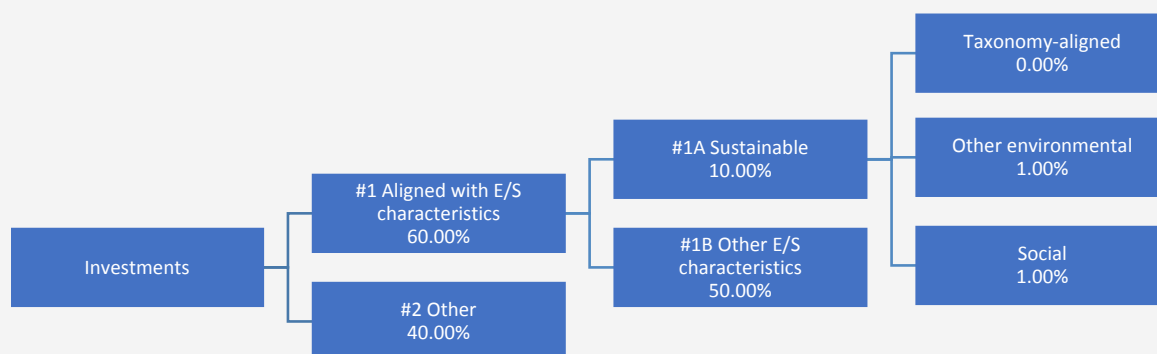
The Fund will invest at least 10% of its assets in sustainable investments. Each sustainable investment (i) demonstrates a net positive effect across a range of environmental or social objectives, as scored by Schroders' proprietary tool or (ii) is classified as a green, social and/ or sustainable bond using a third-party data source.

With the exception of any green or social bonds, which will be classified as having an environmental or social objective respectively, a sustainable investment is classified as having an environmental or social objective depending on whether the relevant issuer has a higher score in Schroders' proprietary tool relative to its applicable peer group for its environmental indicators or its social indicators. In each case, indicators are comprised of both "costs" and "benefits".

**#2 Other** includes cash which is treated as neutral for sustainability purposes. #2 also includes other investments that are not scored by Schroders' proprietary sustainability tool and so do not contribute towards the Fund's sustainability score. As #1 states a minimum proportion that is in practice expected to be higher, the proportion stated in #2 is expected to be lower.

Minimum safeguards are applied where relevant to Money Market Investments and other investments by restricting (as appropriate) investments in counterparties where there are ownership links or exposure to higher risk countries (for the purpose of money laundering, terrorist financing, bribery, corruption, tax evasion and sanctions risks). A firm-wide risk assessment considers the risk rating of each jurisdiction; which includes reference to a number of public statements, indices and world governance indicators issued by the UN, the European Union, the UK Government, the Financial Action Task Force and several Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), such as Transparency International and the Basel Committee.

In addition, new counterparties are reviewed by Schroders' credit risk team and approval of a new counterparty is based on a holistic review of the various sources of information available, including, but not limited to, quality of management, ownership structure, location, regulatory and social environment to which each counterparty is subject, and the degree of development of the local banking system and its regulatory framework. Ongoing monitoring is performed through a Schroders' proprietary tool, which supports the analysis of a counterparty's management of environmental, social and governance trends and challenges. Any significant deterioration in the profile of the counterparty in Schroders' proprietary tool would lead to further analysis and potential exclusion by Schroders' credit risk team.



**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the investments of the financial product used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product.

**#2 Other** includes the remaining investments of the financial product which are neither aligned with the environmental or social characteristics, nor are qualified as sustainable investments.

The category **#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** covers:

- The sub-category **#1A Sustainable** covers sustainable investments with environmental or social objectives.
- The sub-category **#1B Other E/S characteristics** covers investments aligned with the environmental or social characteristics that do not qualify as sustainable investments.

#1 The minimum proportion stated applies in normal market conditions.

● **How does the use of derivatives attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?**

Single name credit default swaps are used as a proxy for direct investments which would otherwise be held by the Fund in line with its sustainability criteria. Such derivatives are therefore used to attain the Fund's sustainability score in Schroders proprietary tool which is one of the binding elements of the Fund. The Fund may use other derivatives that are scored in Schroders' proprietary tool to meet the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted by the Fund, as such derivatives would contribute to the Fund's sustainability score (whether such individual investment has a positive or a negative score).



**To what minimum extent are sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?**

There is no minimum extent to which the Fund's investments (including transitional and enabling activities) with an environmental objective are aligned with the Taxonomy. Taxonomy alignment of this Fund's investments has therefore not been calculated and has as a result been deemed to constitute 0% of the Fund's portfolio.

In future it is expected that the Fund will assess and report on the extent to which its underlying investments are in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the Taxonomy, along with information relating to the proportion of enabling and transitional activities. This Prospectus will be updated once it is possible in the Investment Manager's opinion to accurately disclose to what extent the Fund's investments are in Taxonomy-aligned environmentally sustainable activities, including the proportions of investments in enabling and transitional activities selected for the Fund.

● **Does the financial product invest in fossil gas and/or nuclear energy related activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy<sup>1</sup>?**

- ☐ Yes:
- ☐ In fossil gas ☐ In nuclear energy
- ☒ No

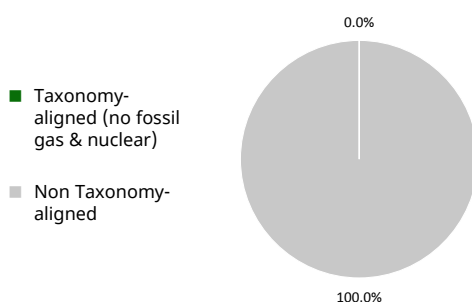
To comply with the EU Taxonomy, the criteria for **fossil gas** include limitations on emissions and switching to renewable power or low-carbon fuels by the end of 2035. For **nuclear energy**, the criteria include comprehensive safety and waste management rules.

Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

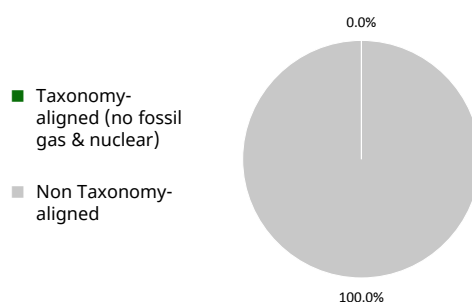
- **turnover** reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee companies
- **capital expenditure** (CapEx) showing the green investments made by investee companies, e.g. for a transition to a green economy.
- **operational expenditure** (OpEx) reflecting green operational activities of investee companies.

The two graphs below show in green the minimum percentage of investments that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the Taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy-alignment in relation to all the investments of the financial product including sovereign bonds, while the second graph shows the Taxonomy-alignment only in relation to the investments of the financial product other than sovereign bonds.

**1. Taxonomy-alignment of investments including sovereign bonds\***



**2. Taxonomy-alignment of investments excluding sovereign bonds\***



This graph represents x% of the total investments<sup>2</sup>.

\* For the purpose of these graphs, 'sovereign bonds' consist of all sovereign exposures

<sup>1</sup> Fossil gas and/or nuclear related activities will only comply with the EU Taxonomy where they contribute to limiting climate change ("climate change mitigation") and do not significantly harm any EU Taxonomy objective – see explanatory note in the left-hand margin. The full criteria for fossil gas and nuclear energy economic activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy are laid down in Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1214.

<sup>2</sup> As there is no Taxonomy-alignment, there is no impact on the graph if sovereign bonds are excluded (i.e. the percentage of Taxonomy-aligned investments remains 0%) and the Management Company therefore believes that there is no need to mention this information.

**Enabling activities** directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective.

**Transitional activities** are activities for which low-carbon alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.

● **What is the minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities?**

As per the above, at the date of this Prospectus the share of investments by the Fund in transitional and enabling activities is currently deemed to constitute 0% of the Fund's portfolio.



**What is the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?**

The Fund commits to invest at least 1% of its assets in sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy.



are sustainable investments with an environmental objective that **do not take into account the criteria** for environmentally sustainable economic activities under the EU Taxonomy.



**What is the minimum share of socially sustainable investments?**

The Fund commits to invest at least 1% of its assets in sustainable investments with a social objective.



**What investments are included under “#2 Other”, what is their purpose and are there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?**

#2 Other includes cash which is treated as neutral for sustainability purposes. #2 also includes other investments that are not scored by Schroders' proprietary sustainability tools and so do not contribute towards the Fund's sustainability score.

Minimum safeguards are applied where relevant to Money Market Investments and other investments by restricting (as appropriate) investments in counterparties where there are ownership links or exposure to higher risk countries (for the purpose of money laundering, terrorist financing, bribery, corruption, tax evasion and sanctions risks). A firm-wide risk assessment considers the risk rating of each jurisdiction; which includes reference to a number of public statements, indices and world governance indicators issued by the UN, the European Union, the UK Government, the Financial Action Task Force and several Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), such as Transparency International and the Basel Committee.

In addition, new counterparties are reviewed by Schroders' credit risk team and approval of a new counterparty is based on a holistic review of the various sources of information available, including, but not limited to, quality of management, ownership structure, location, regulatory and social environment to which each counterparty is subject, and the degree of development of the local banking system and its regulatory framework. Ongoing monitoring is performed through a Schroders' proprietary tool, which supports the analysis of a counterparty's management of environmental, social and governance trends and challenges. Any significant deterioration in the profile of the counterparty in Schroders' proprietary tool would lead to further analysis and potential exclusion by Schroders' credit risk team.





## Is a specific index designated as a reference benchmark to determine whether this financial product is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes?

**Reference benchmarks** are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the environmental or social characteristics that they promote.

- ***How is the reference benchmark continuously aligned with each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- ***How is the alignment of the investment strategy with the methodology of the index ensured on a continuous basis?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- ***How does the designated index differ from a relevant broad market index?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- ***Where can the methodology used for the calculation of the designated index be found?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.



## Where can I find more product specific information online?

More product-specific information can be found on the webpage: <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

**Product name:** **Schroder International Selection Fund European Alpha Absolute Return**

**Legal entity identifier:** **549300FIRE2DG9WO1K16**

## Environmental and/or social characteristics

<p><b>Sustainable investment</b> means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good governance practices.</p>	<p><b>Does this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?</b></p> <p> <input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Yes</b> <input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>No</b> </p>		
<p>The <b>EU Taxonomy</b> is a classification system laid down in Regulation (EU) 2020/852, establishing a list of <b>environmentally sustainable economic activities</b>. That Regulation does not lay down a list of socially sustainable economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.</p>	<table border="1"> <tr> <td data-bbox="258 436 869 1052"> <p><input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with an environmental objective: ___%</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with a social objective ___%</b></p> </td><td data-bbox="869 436 1487 1052"> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> It <b>promotes Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics</b> and while it does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will have a minimum proportion of <b>10.00%</b> of sustainable investments</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> with a social objective</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> It promotes E/S characteristics, but <b>will not make any sustainable investments</b></p> </td></tr> </table>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with an environmental objective: ___%</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with a social objective ___%</b></p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> It <b>promotes Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics</b> and while it does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will have a minimum proportion of <b>10.00%</b> of sustainable investments</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> with a social objective</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> It promotes E/S characteristics, but <b>will not make any sustainable investments</b></p>
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## What environmental and/or social characteristics are promoted by this financial product?

The Fund maintains a positive absolute sustainability score, based on the Investment Manager's rating system. The sustainability score is measured by Schroders' proprietary tool that provides an estimate of the net "impact" that an issuer may create in terms of social and environmental "costs" or "benefits". It does this by using certain indicators with respect to that issuer, and quantifying them positively and negatively to produce an aggregate notional measure of the effect that the relevant underlying issuer may have on society and the environment. It does this using third party data as well as Schroders own estimates and assumptions and the outcome may differ from other sustainability tools and measures. Examples of such indicators are greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

The result is expressed as an aggregate score of the sustainability indicators for each issuer, specifically a notional percentage (positive or negative) of sales of the relevant underlying issuer. For example, a score of +2% would mean an issuer contributes \$2 of relative notional positive impact (i.e. benefits to society) per \$100 of sales. The sustainability score of the Fund is derived from the scores of all issuers (including, where applicable, on a look through basis for indices and baskets of securities) in the Fund's portfolio measured by Schroders' proprietary tool. The Fund's long and short positions contribute differently to the aggregate score. Long positions with positive scores and short positions with negative scores both contribute positively towards the aggregate score, while long positions with negative scores and short positions with positive scores both detract from the aggregate score.

The Fund invests at least 10% of its long exposure in sustainable investments, which are investments that the Investment Manager expects to contribute towards the advancement of one or more environmental and/or social objective(s). The long exposure excludes cash and cash equivalents.

No reference benchmark has been designated for the purpose of attaining the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the Fund.

### ● **What sustainability indicators are used to measure the attainment of each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?**

The Investment Manager monitors compliance with the characteristic to maintain a positive absolute sustainability score by reference to the weighted average sustainability score of the Fund in Schroders' proprietary tool over the previous six month period, based on month-end data. The overall sustainability score aggregates the effect of sustainability indicators including but not limited to greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

**Sustainability indicators** measure how the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product are attained.

The Investment Manager monitors compliance with the characteristic to invest at least 10% of its long exposure in sustainable investments by reference to the sustainability score of each asset in Schroders' proprietary tool. Compliance with this is monitored on a periodic basis. The Fund also applies certain exclusions, with which the Investment Manager monitors compliance on an ongoing basis via its portfolio compliance framework.

● ***What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?***

In respect of the proportion of the Fund's long exposure that is invested in sustainable investments, each sustainable investment demonstrates a net positive effect across a range of environmental or social objectives, as scored by Schroders' proprietary tool. The environmental or social objectives of the sustainable investments that the Fund partially intends to make may include, but are not limited to, increasing environmental and/or social benefits such as greater water access or fair pay and reducing environmental, and/or social costs such as carbon emissions or food waste. For example, greater water access as measured by Schroders' proprietary tool are the estimated societal benefits of the provision of clean drinking water to human health.

● ***How do the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make, not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?***

The Investment Manager's approach to investing in issuers that do not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective includes the following:

- Firm-wide investment exclusions apply to Schroders funds. These relate to international conventions on cluster munitions, anti-personnel mines, and chemical and biological weapons and a list of those companies that are excluded is available at <https://www.schroders.com/en/sustainability/active-ownership/group-exclusions/>. Firm-wide exclusions also apply to [long exposures in](#) companies generating more than 20% of their revenue from thermal coal mining.
- The Fund excludes single name long positions in companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to tobacco and thermal coal. The Fund excludes, [from its long exposure](#), single name long positions in companies that are assessed by Schroders to have breached one or more 'global norms' thereby causing significant environmental or social harm; these companies comprise Schroders' 'global norms' breach list. Schroders' determination of whether a company has been involved in such a breach considers relevant principles such as those contained in the UN Global Compact (UNGC) principles, the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights. The 'global norms' breach list may be informed by assessments performed by third party providers and by proprietary research, where relevant to a particular situation. In exceptional circumstances a derogation may be applied in order to allow the Fund to continue to hold a company on Schroders' 'global norms' breach list, for example where the stated investment strategy of the Fund may otherwise be compromised. Any such company cannot be categorised as a sustainable investment.
- The Fund may also apply certain other exclusions in addition to those summarised above.

Further information on all of the Fund's investment exclusions is to be found under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

● ***How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?***

When seeking to identify significant harm, Schroders' approach to taking into account the Principal Adverse Impacts (PAI) indicators involves a quantitative and a qualitative assessment. Where it is not considered appropriate or feasible to set quantitative thresholds, the Investment Manager engages, where relevant. Investee companies deemed not to satisfy the quantitative thresholds would generally be excluded, unless on a case-by-case basis the data is deemed not representative of a company's performance in the relevant area.

This framework is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability and quality of the data evolves.

Our approach includes:

1. **Quantitative:** this includes indicators where specific thresholds have been established:
  - Via the application of exclusions. This approach is relevant to **PAI 4** (Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector), **PAI 5** (Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production) and **PAI 14** (Exposure to controversial weapons). Further, the following PAIs are assessed as part of Schroders 'global norms' breach list exclusion (which seeks to exclude companies where significant harm is occurring):
    - **PAI 7** (Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas)

**Principal adverse impacts** are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anticorruption and antibribery matters.

- **PAI 8** (Emissions to water)
- **PAI 9** (Hazardous waste and radioactive waste ratio)
- **PAI 10** (Violations of UN Global Compact principles and Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises)
- **PAI 11** (Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and Voluntary)
- **PAI 14** in Table 3 (Number of identified cases of severe human rights issues and incidents)
- Via the application of an alert system flag if the relevant indicator(s) exceeds a threshold. These quantitative thresholds to assess significant harm are established centrally by our Sustainable Investment team and monitored systematically. This approach applies to indicators where we have segmented the population into harm groups to establish a threshold, such as carbon related PAI metrics, **PAI 1** (GHG emissions), **PAI 2** (Carbon footprint) and **Voluntary PAI 4 in Table 2** (Investing in companies without carbon emission reduction initiatives). **PAI 3** (GHG intensity of investee companies) operates in a similar way but the threshold is based on a revenue metric. A threshold for **PAI 6** (Energy consumption intensity per high impact climate sector) is established based on the above mentioned carbon measures. A similar approach has been taken for **PAI 15** (GHG intensity). **PAI 16** (Investee countries subject to social violations) also operates in the same way but based on data availability regarding social violations. Through this process the relevant issuer(s) that is/are deemed not to satisfy the quantitative thresholds is/are flagged to the Investment Manager for consideration, whose response may involve selling the holdings(s) or maintaining the position if on a case-by-case basis the data is deemed not representative of a company's performance in the relevant area. Investee companies deemed to cause significant harm are excluded from the Fund.
- 2. **Qualitative:** This includes PAI indicators where Schroders' believes that the data available does not enable us to make a quantitative determination regarding whether significant harm is done so as to warrant excluding an investment. In such cases, the Investment Manager engages wherever possible with the company or companies held, in accordance with the priorities documented in Schroders' Engagement Blueprint and/or voting policy. This approach applies to indicators such as **PAI 12** (Unadjusted gender pay gap) and **PAI 13** (Board gender diversity), where we engage and may use our voting rights where we consider appropriate. Both board gender diversity and disclosure of gender pay gap information are captured in our Engagement Blueprint.

● ***How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:***

Companies on Schroders' 'global norms' breach list cannot be categorised as sustainable investments. Schroders' determination of whether a company should be included on such list considers the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, among other relevant principles. The 'global norms' breach list is informed by third party providers and proprietary research, where relevant.

*The EU Taxonomy sets out a "do not significant harm" principle by which Taxonomy-aligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives and is accompanied by specific EU criteria.*

*The "do not significant harm" principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.*

*Any other sustainable investments must also not significantly harm any environmental or social objectives.*



## Does this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

☒ Yes, the Investment Manager's approach to considering principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors involves classifying the indicators into three categories:

The Investment Manager's approach to considering principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors differs depending on the relevant indicator. Some indicators are considered via the application of exclusions, some are considered via the investment process (where data is available via Schroders PAI dashboard and via other external data sources) and some are considered via engagement. Further details are provided below.

PAIs are considered as part of pre-investment through the application of exclusions. These include:

- Controversial weapons: PAI 14 (Exposure to controversial weapons (anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, chemical weapons and biological weapons))

- Schroders' 'global norms' breach list, which covers: PAI 7 (Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas), PAI 8 (Emissions to water), PAI 9 (Hazardous waste and radioactive waste ratio), PAI 10 (Violations of UN

Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises), PAI 11 (Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises) and PAI 16 (Investee countries subject to social violations)

- Companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to thermal coal: PAI 4 (Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector) and PAI 5 (Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production)

Compliance with these thresholds is monitored via the Investment Manager's portfolio compliance framework. PAIs are also considered through integration in the investment process. As part of the issuer level due diligence process, via company analysis from meetings with management teams and on desk analysis of annual reports and statements, several PAIs are considered. These are considered alongside PAIs from Schroders' proprietary tool which incorporate several as a component of its scoring methodology. PAIs are also considered post-investment through engagement where the Investment Manager engages in line with the approach and expectations set out in Schroders Engagement Blueprint, which outlines our approach to active ownership.

The Investment Manager may engage with selected issuers held by the Fund on a range of PAIs e.g. we aim to engage with several issuers on net zero carbon emissions targets (PAI 1, 2).

Our approach is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability, and quality, of PAI data evolves. The Management Company's statement on principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors is available at <https://api.schroders.com/document-store/id/ffcb39bb-96cb-4e56-9461-deba9a493e85>. The Fund level information is disclosed or will be disclosed (as applicable) in the Fund's annual report.

1. Set thresholds: these involve very explicit thresholds for considering an investment to be a "sustainable investment". For example, PAI 10 on violations of UNGC principles.
  2. Active ownership: these involve indicators on which we have a plan to engage with the underlying holding as set out in the Schroders Group document outlining our approach to active ownership. For example, PAI 1, 2 and 3 covering GHG emissions and PAI 13 on board gender diversity.
  3. Improve coverage: these involve indicators where we consider data coverage to be too sparse to take action and our focus is primarily on engaging with the underlying holdings to increase reporting. For example, PAI 7 on biodiversity, PAI 9 on hazardous waste ratio and PAI 12 on the gender pay gap.
- Our approach is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability, and quality, of PAI data evolves. The Management Company's statement on principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors is available at <https://mybrand.schroders.com/m/467910ac8e6da45c/original/Statement-on-principal-adverse-impacts-of-investment-decisions-on-sustainability-factors.pdf>. The Fund level information is disclosed or will be (as applicable) in the Fund's annual report.

☐ No



## What investment strategy does this financial product follow?

**The investment strategy** guides investment decisions based on factors such as investment objectives and risk tolerance.

The sustainable investment strategy used by the Investment Manager is as follows:

The Fund is actively managed and invests at least two-thirds of its assets directly, or indirectly through derivatives, in equity and equity related securities of European companies.

'Alpha' funds invest in companies in which the Investment Manager has a high conviction that the current share price does not reflect the future prospects for that business.

The investment strategy of the Fund and the use of derivatives may lead to situations where it is considered appropriate that prudent levels of cash and Money Market Investments will be maintained which may represent (exceptionally) 100% of the Fund's assets. This will be limited to a maximum of six months (otherwise the Fund will be liquidated). During this period, the Fund will not fall within the scope of MMFR.

The Fund may also invest up to one-third of its assets directly or indirectly in other securities (including other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies, Investment Funds and warrants.

The Fund intends to use derivatives (including total return swaps) with the aim of achieving investment gains, reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently. The Fund may have synthetic long and short positions and may be net long or short when long and short positions are combined. Where the Fund uses total return swaps and contracts for difference, the underlying consists of instruments in which the Fund may invest according to its Investment Objective and Investment Policy. In particular, the aim is to use total return swaps on a temporary basis in market conditions including but not limited to during periods of market crisis or unrest. Contracts for difference will be used on a continuous basis. Contracts for difference and total return swaps will be used to gain long and short exposure or to hedge exposure on equity and equity related securities. The gross exposure of total return swaps and contracts for difference will not exceed 250% and is expected to remain within the range of 0% to 50% of the Net Asset Value for total return swaps and 40% to 150% for contracts for difference. In certain circumstances this proportion may be higher.

The Fund maintains a positive absolute sustainability score, based on the Investment Manager's rating system.

The Fund does not directly invest in certain activities, industries or groups of issuers above the limits listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

The Investment Manager applies governance and sustainability criteria when selecting investments for the Fund.



Companies in the investment universe are assessed on their governance, environmental and social profile, across a range of factors. This analysis is a combination of quantitative and qualitative inputs, gained from Schroders' proprietary sustainability tools as well as the Investment Manager's own research and analysis.

These factors are considered as part of the investment decision making process to determine which companies the Investment Manager includes within the Fund.

The sources of information used to perform the analysis include information provided by the companies, such as company sustainability reports and other relevant company material, as well as Schroders' proprietary sustainability tools and third-party data.

More details on the Investment Manager's approach to sustainability and its engagement with companies are available on the webpage

<https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/>

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than its investment universe, based on the Investment Manager's rating system.

The Investment Manager ensures that at least:

- 90% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in developed countries; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with an investment grade credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by developed countries; and
- 75% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in emerging countries; equities issued by small and medium companies; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with a high yield credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by emerging countries,

is rated against the sustainability criteria. For the purposes of this test, small companies are those with market capitalisation below €5 billion, medium companies are those between €5 billion and €10 billion and large companies are those above €10 billion.

### ● ***What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?***

The following binding elements are applied throughout the investment process:

- The Fund maintains a positive absolute sustainability score based on the Investment Manager's rating criteria.
- The Fund invests at least 10% of its long exposure in sustainable investments and such investments do not cause significant environmental or social harm.
- The Fund does not directly or indirectly (via single name derivatives) invest in certain activities, industries or groups of issuers above the limits listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>
- ~~Exclusions are applied to direct investments in companies.~~ The Fund applies certain exclusions relating to international conventions on cluster munitions, antipersonnel mines, and chemical and biological weapons. The Fund also excludes, from its long exposure, single name long positions in companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to tobacco and thermal coal, especially companies that generate at least 10% of their revenues from tobacco production, companies that generate at least 25% of their revenues from the tobacco value chain (such as suppliers, distributors, retailers and licensors), companies that generate at least 10% of their revenues from thermal coal mining and companies that generate at least 30% of their revenues from coal fired power generation. The Fund excludes, from its long exposure, single name long positions in companies that are assessed by Schroders to have breached one or more 'global norms' thereby causing significant environmental or social harm; these companies comprise Schroders' 'global norms' breach list. In exceptional circumstances a derogation may be applied in order to allow the Fund to continue to hold a company on Schroders' 'global norms' breach list, for example where the stated investment strategy of the Fund may otherwise be compromised. Any such company cannot be categorised as a sustainable investment. Further, the Fund may apply other exclusions as listed under "Sustainability -Related Disclosures" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>
- The Fund invests in companies that have good governance practices, as determined by the Investment Manager's rating criteria.
- The Investment Manager ensures that at least:
  - 90% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in developed countries; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with an investment grade credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by developed countries; and
  - 75% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in emerging countries; equities issued by small and medium companies; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with a high yield credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by emerging countries,
 is rated against the sustainability criteria.



- **What is the committed minimum rate to reduce the scope of the investments considered prior to the application of that investment strategy?**

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- **What is the policy to assess good governance practices of the investee companies?**

In order to assess good governance practices, a central Good Governance Test is applied. This test is based on a data-driven quantitative framework, which uses a scorecard to assess companies across the categories of sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff, and tax compliance. Schroders has defined a number of criteria across these pillars.

Compliance with the test is monitored centrally and companies which do not pass this test cannot be held by the Fund, unless the Investment Manager has agreed that the issuer demonstrates good governance based on additional insights beyond that quantitative analysis. Good governance principles are applied to single name long positions used for investment purposes only.

**Good governance** practices include sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff and tax compliance.



## What is the asset allocation planned for this financial product?

**Asset allocation** describes the share of investments in specific assets.

The planned composition of the Fund's investments that are used to meet its environmental or social characteristics are summarised below.

**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the minimum proportion of the Fund's assets used to attain the environmental or social characteristics, which is equal to 70%. The Fund commits to maintain a positive absolute sustainability score, and so the Fund's investments (both long and short) that are scored by Schroders' proprietary sustainability tool are included within the minimum proportion stated in #1 on the basis that they will contribute to the Fund's sustainability score (whether such individual investment has a positive or a negative score). Also included within #1 is the minimum proportion of the Fund's long exposure that is invested in sustainable investments, as indicated in #1A. The minimum proportion in #1 includes both long and short positions but the minimum proportion in #1A only includes long positions, as short positions are not deemed to be sustainable investments. Cash and cash equivalents are excluded from the minimum proportions in #1 and #1A. The minimum proportions stated apply in normal market conditions. The actual proportion stated in #1 is expected to be higher.

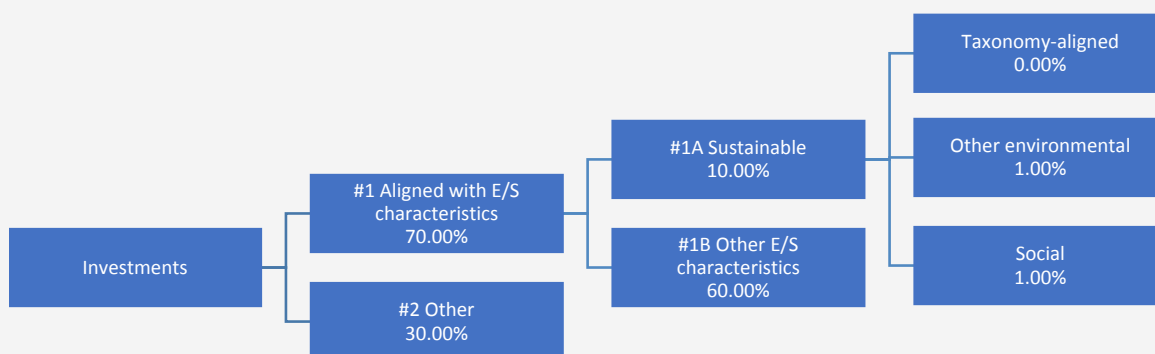
The sustainability score is measured by Schroders' proprietary tool that provides an estimate of the net "impact" that an issuer may create in terms of social and environmental "costs" or "benefits". It does this by using certain indicators with respect to that issuer, and quantifying them positively and negatively to produce an aggregate notional measure of the effect that the relevant underlying issuer may have on society and the environment. Examples of such indicators are greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

The Fund will invest at least 10% of its long exposure in sustainable investments. A sustainable investment is classified as having an environmental or social objective depending on whether the relevant issuer has a higher score in Schroders' proprietary tool relative to its applicable peer group for its environmental indicators or its social indicators. In each case, indicators are comprised of both "costs" and "benefits".

**#2 Other** includes investments that are not scored by Schroders' proprietary sustainability tool and so do not contribute towards the Fund's sustainability score. Cash and cash equivalents are excluded from #2 due to the long / short nature of the Fund's investment strategy. As #1 states a minimum proportion that is in practice expected to be higher, the proportion stated in #2 is expected to be lower.

Minimum safeguards are applied where relevant to other investments by restricting (as appropriate) investments in counterparties where there are ownership links or exposure to higher risk countries (for the purpose of money laundering, terrorist financing, bribery, corruption, tax evasion and sanctions risks). A firm-wide risk assessment considers the risk rating of each jurisdiction; which includes reference to a number of public statements, indices and world governance indicators issued by the UN, the European Union, the UK Government, the Financial Action Task Force and several Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), such as Transparency International and the Basel Committee.

In addition, new counterparties are reviewed by Schroders' credit risk team and approval of a new counterparty is based on a holistic review of the various sources of information available, including, but not limited to, quality of management, ownership structure, location, regulatory and social environment to which each counterparty is subject, and the degree of development of the local banking system and its regulatory framework. Ongoing monitoring is performed through a Schroders' proprietary tool, which supports the analysis of a counterparty's management of environmental, social and governance trends and challenges. Any significant deterioration in the profile of the counterparty in Schroders' proprietary tool would lead to further analysis and potential exclusion by Schroders' credit risk team.



**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the investments of the financial product used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product.

**#2 Other** includes the remaining investments of the financial product which are neither aligned with the environmental or social characteristics, nor are qualified as sustainable investments.

The category **#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** covers:

- The sub-category **#1A Sustainable** covers sustainable investments with environmental or social objectives.
- The sub-category **#1B Other E/S characteristics** covers investments aligned with the environmental or social characteristics that do not qualify as sustainable investments.

#1 The minimum proportion stated applies in normal market conditions. The minimum proportion in #1 includes both long and short positions but the minimum proportion in #1A only includes long positions, as short positions are not deemed to be sustainable investments.

#### ● **How does the use of derivatives attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?**

The Fund uses derivatives extensively to implement its investment strategy. Long and short derivative positions contribute to the Fund's overall sustainability score. Long positions with positive scores contribute positively towards the aggregate score, while long positions with negative scores detract from the aggregate score. Short positions with negative scores contribute positively towards the aggregate score, while short positions with positive scores detract from the aggregate score. The Fund may use equity and index derivatives and other derivatives that are scored in Schroders' proprietary tool to meet the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted by the Fund, as such derivatives would contribute to the Fund's sustainability score (whether such individual investment has a positive or a negative score). Such equity and index derivatives would be scored in the same way as physical holdings, on a look-through basis.



#### **To what minimum extent are sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?**

There is no minimum extent to which the Fund's investments (including transitional and enabling activities) with an environmental objective are aligned with the Taxonomy. Taxonomy alignment of this Fund's investments has therefore not been calculated and has as a result been deemed to constitute 0% of the Fund's portfolio.

In future it is expected that the Fund will assess and report on the extent to which its underlying investments are in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the Taxonomy, along with information relating to the proportion of enabling and transitional activities. This Prospectus will be updated once it is possible in the Investment Manager's opinion to accurately disclose to what extent the Fund's investments are in Taxonomy-aligned environmentally sustainable activities, including the proportions of investments in enabling and transitional activities selected for the Fund.

#### ● **Does the financial product invest in fossil gas and/or nuclear energy related activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy<sup>1</sup>?**

☐ Yes:

To comply with the EU Taxonomy, the criteria for **fossil gas** include limitations on emissions and

<sup>1</sup> Fossil gas and/or nuclear related activities will only comply with the EU Taxonomy where they contribute to limiting climate change ("climate change mitigation") and do not significantly harm any EU Taxonomy objective – see explanatory note in the left-hand margin. The full criteria for fossil gas and nuclear energy economic activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy are laid down in Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1214.

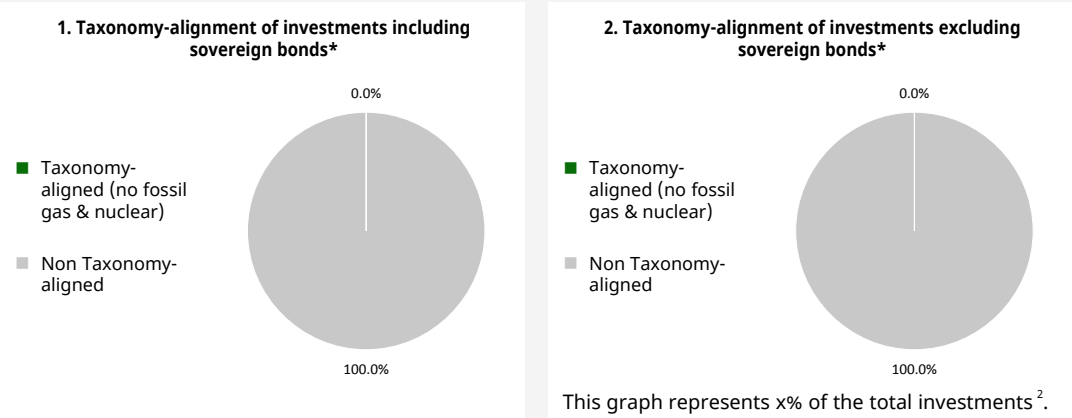
switching to renewable power or low-carbon fuels by the end of 2035. For **nuclear energy**, the criteria include comprehensive safety and waste management rules.

- ☐ In fossil gas
- ☐ In nuclear energy
- ☒ No

Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

- **turnover** reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee companies
- **capital expenditure** (CapEx) showing the green investments made by investee companies, e.g. for a transition to a green economy.
- **operational expenditure** (OpEx) reflecting green operational activities of investee companies.

The two graphs below show in green the minimum percentage of investments that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the Taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy-alignment in relation to all the investments of the financial product including sovereign bonds, while the second graph shows the Taxonomy-alignment only in relation to the investments of the financial product other than sovereign bonds.



\* For the purpose of these graphs, 'sovereign bonds' consist of all sovereign exposures

**Enabling activities** directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective.

**Transitional activities** are activities for which low-carbon alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.

● **What is the minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities?**

As per the above, at the date of this Prospectus the share of investments by the Fund in transitional and enabling activities is currently deemed to constitute 0% of the Fund's portfolio.



**What is the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?**

The Fund commits to invest at least 1% of its long exposure in sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy.



are sustainable investments with an environmental objective that **do not take into account the criteria** for

<sup>2</sup> As there is no Taxonomy-alignment, there is no impact on the graph if sovereign bonds are excluded (i.e. the percentage of Taxonomy-aligned investments remains 0%) and the Management Company therefore believes that there is no need to mention this information.



### What is the minimum share of socially sustainable investments?

The Fund commits to invest at least 1% of its long exposure in sustainable investments with a social objective.



### What investments are included under “#2 Other”, what is their purpose and are there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

#2 Other includes investments that are not scored by Schroders’ proprietary sustainability tools and so do not contribute towards the Fund’s sustainability score. Cash and cash equivalents are excluded from #2 due to the long / short nature of the Fund’s investment strategy.

Minimum safeguards are applied where relevant to other investments by restricting (as appropriate) investments in counterparties where there are ownership links or exposure to higher risk countries (for the purpose of money laundering, terrorist financing, bribery, corruption, tax evasion and sanctions risks). A firm-wide risk assessment considers the risk rating of each jurisdiction; which includes reference to a number of public statements, indices and world governance indicators issued by the UN, the European Union, the UK Government, the Financial Action Task Force and several Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), such as Transparency International and the Basel Committee.

In addition, new counterparties are reviewed by Schroders’ credit risk team and approval of a new counterparty is based on a holistic review of the various sources of information available, including, but not limited to, quality of management, ownership structure, location, regulatory and social environment to which each counterparty is subject, and the degree of development of the local banking system and its regulatory framework. Ongoing monitoring is performed through a Schroders’ proprietary tool, which supports the analysis of a counterparty’s management of environmental, social and governance trends and challenges. Any significant deterioration in the profile of the counterparty in Schroders’ proprietary tool would lead to further analysis and potential exclusion by Schroders’ credit risk team.



### Is a specific index designated as a reference benchmark to determine whether this financial product is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes?

**Reference benchmarks** are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the environmental or social characteristics that they promote.

- **How is the reference benchmark continuously aligned with each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?**

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- **How is the alignment of the investment strategy with the methodology of the index ensured on a continuous basis?**

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- **How does the designated index differ from a relevant broad market index?**

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- **Where can the methodology used for the calculation of the designated index be found?**

This question is not applicable for the Fund.



### Where can I find more product specific information online?

More product-specific information can be found on the webpage: <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

Pre-contractual disclosure for the financial products referred to in Article 8, paragraphs 1, 2 and 2a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 6, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852

**Product name:** **Schroder International Selection Fund European Dividend Maximiser**

**Legal entity identifier:** **5G167LY8W47ZFOL7Z717**

## Environmental and/or social characteristics

<p><b>Sustainable investment</b> means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good Governance practices.</p>	<p><b>Does this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?</b></p> <p> <input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Yes</b> <input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>No</b> </p>		
<p>The <b>EU Taxonomy</b> is a classification system laid down in Regulation (EU) 2020/852, establishing a list of <b>environmentally sustainable economic activities</b>. For the time being, it does not include a list of socially sustainable economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.</p>	<table border="1"> <tr> <td data-bbox="258 436 869 1052"> <p><input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with an environmental objective: ___%</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with a social objective ___%</b></p> </td><td data-bbox="869 436 1487 1052"> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> It <b>promotes Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics</b> and while it does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will have a minimum proportion of <b>25.00%</b> of sustainable investments</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> with a social objective</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> It promotes E/S characteristics, but <b>will not make any sustainable investments</b></p> </td></tr> </table>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with an environmental objective: ___%</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with a social objective ___%</b></p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> It <b>promotes Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics</b> and while it does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will have a minimum proportion of <b>25.00%</b> of sustainable investments</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> with a social objective</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> It promotes E/S characteristics, but <b>will not make any sustainable investments</b></p>
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## What environmental and/or social characteristics are promoted by this financial product?

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the MSCI Europe (Net TR) Index, based on the Investment Manager's rating system. It also maintains a carbon intensity below that of the MSCI Europe (Net TR) Index, based on the Weighted Average Carbon Intensity (WACI). This benchmark (which is a broad market index) does not take into account the environmental and social characteristics promoted by the Fund.

The sustainability score is measured by Schroders' proprietary tool that provides an estimate of the net "impact" that an issuer may create in terms of social and environmental "costs" or "benefits". It does this by using certain indicators with respect to that issuer, and quantifying them positively and negatively to produce an aggregate notional measure of the effect that the relevant underlying issuer may have on society and the environment. It does this using third party data as well as Schroders own estimates and assumptions and the outcome may differ from other sustainability tools and measures. Examples of such indicators are greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

The result is expressed as an aggregate score of the sustainability indicators for each issuer, specifically a notional percentage (positive or negative) of sales of the relevant underlying issuer. For example, a score of +2% would mean an issuer contributes \$2 of relative notional positive impact (i.e. benefits to society) per \$100 of sales. The sustainability score of the Fund is derived from the scores of all issuers in the Fund's portfolio measured by Schroders' proprietary tool.

The carbon intensity is a measure of the portfolio's exposure to carbon-intensive companies. It is expressed as the carbon emissions per million dollars of revenue and displayed as metric tons CO<sub>2</sub>e / \$M revenue. The carbon intensity is measured using data from a third party provider. Where a data point is not available, the provider may make use of estimated data.

The Fund invests at least 25% of its assets in sustainable investments, which are investments that the Investment Manager expects to contribute towards the advancement of one or more environmental and/or objective(s).

### What sustainability indicators are used to measure the attainment of each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

The Investment Manager monitors compliance with the characteristic to maintain a higher overall sustainability score than the MSCI Europe (Net TR) Index by reference to the weighted average sustainability score of the Fund in Schroders' proprietary tool compared against the weighted average sustainability score of the MSCI Europe (Net TR) Index in Schroders' proprietary tool over the previous six

promoted by the financial product are attained.

month period, based on month-end data. The overall sustainability score aggregates the effect of sustainability indicators including but not limited to greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

The Investment Manager monitors compliance with the characteristic to invest at least 25% of its assets in sustainable investments by reference to the sustainability score of each asset in Schroders' proprietary tool. Compliance with this is monitored daily via our automated compliance controls. The Fund also applies certain exclusions, with which the Investment Manager monitors compliance on an ongoing basis via its portfolio compliance framework.

The Investment Manager monitors compliance with the characteristic to maintain a carbon intensity below that of the MSCI Europe (Net TR) Index, by reference to the Weighted Average Carbon Intensity (WACI) in metric tons CO<sub>2</sub>e / \$M revenue based on quarterly holdings using data from a third party provider.

● ***What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?***

In respect of the proportion of the Fund's portfolio that is invested in sustainable investments, each sustainable investment demonstrates a net positive effect across a range of environmental or social objectives, as scored by Schroders' proprietary tool. The environmental or social objectives of the sustainable investments that the Fund partially intends to make may include, but are not limited to, increasing environmental and/or social benefits such as greater water access or fair pay and reducing environmental, and/or social costs such as carbon emissions or food waste. For example, greater water access as measured by Schroders' proprietary tool are the estimated societal benefits of the provision of clean drinking water to human health.

● ***How do the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make, not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?***

The Investment Manager's approach to investing in issuers that do not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective includes the following:

- Firm-wide investment exclusions apply to Schroders funds. These relate to international conventions on cluster munitions, anti-personnel mines, and chemical and biological weapons and a list of those companies that are excluded is available at <https://www.schroders.com/en/sustainability/active-ownership/group-exclusions/>. Firm-wide exclusions also apply to companies generating more than 20% of their revenue from thermal coal mining.
- The Fund excludes companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to tobacco and thermal coal.
- The Fund excludes companies that are assessed by Schroders to have breached one or more 'global norms' thereby causing significant environmental or social harm; these companies comprise Schroders' 'global norms' breach list. Schroders' determination of whether a company has been involved in such a breach considers relevant principles such as those contained in the UN Global Compact (UNGC) principles, the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights. The 'global norms' breach list may be informed by assessments performed by third party providers and by proprietary research, where relevant to a particular situation. In exceptional circumstances a derogation may be applied in order to allow the Fund to continue to hold a company on Schroders' 'global norms' breach list, for example where the stated investment strategy of the Fund may otherwise be compromised. Any such company cannot be categorised as a sustainable investment.
- The Fund may also apply certain other exclusions in addition to those summarised above.

Further information on all of the Fund's investment exclusions is to be found under "Sustainability Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>.

● ***How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?***

When seeking to identify significant harm, Schroders' approach to taking into account the Principal Adverse Impacts (PAI) indicators involves a quantitative and a qualitative assessment. Where it is not considered appropriate or feasible to set quantitative thresholds, the Investment Manager engages, where relevant. Investee companies deemed not to satisfy the quantitative thresholds would generally be excluded, unless on a case-by-case basis the data is deemed not representative of a company's performance in the relevant area.

This framework is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability and quality of the data evolves.

Our approach includes:

1. **Quantitative:** this includes indicators where specific thresholds have been established:

**Principal adverse impacts** are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anticorruption and antibribery matters.



- Via the application of exclusions. This approach is relevant to **PAI 4** (Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector), **PAI 5** (Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production) and **PAI 14** (Exposure to controversial weapons). Further, the following PAIs are assessed as part of Schroders' 'global norms' breach list exclusion (which seeks to exclude companies where significant harm is occurring):
  - **PAI 7** (Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas)
  - **PAI 8** (Emissions to water)
  - **PAI 9** (Hazardous waste and radioactive waste ratio)
  - **PAI 10** (Violations of UN Global Compact principles and Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises)
  - **PAI 11** (Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and Voluntary)
  - **PAI 14** in Table 3 (Number of identified cases of severe human rights issues and incidents)
- Via the application of an alert system flag if the relevant indicator(s) exceeds a threshold. These quantitative thresholds to assess significant harm are established centrally by our Sustainable Investment team and monitored systematically. This approach applies to indicators where we have segmented the population into harm groups to establish a threshold, such as carbon related PAI metrics, **PAI 1** (GHG emissions), **PAI 2** (Carbon footprint) and **Voluntary PAI 4 in Table 2** (Investing in companies without carbon emission reduction initiatives). **PAI 3** (GHG intensity of investee companies) operates in a similar way but the threshold is based on a revenue metric. A threshold for **PAI 6** (Energy consumption intensity per high impact climate sector) is established based on the above mentioned carbon measures. A similar approach has been taken for **PAI 15** (GHG intensity). **PAI 16** (Investee countries subject to social violations) also operates in the same way but based on data availability regarding social violations. Through this process the relevant issuer(s) that is/are deemed not to satisfy the quantitative thresholds is/are flagged to the Investment Manager for consideration, whose response may involve selling the holdings(s) or maintaining the position if on a case-by-case basis the data is deemed not representative of a company's performance in the relevant area. Investee companies deemed to cause significant harm are excluded from the Fund.
- 2. **Qualitative:** This includes PAI indicators where Schroders' believes that the data available does not enable us to make a quantitative determination regarding whether significant harm is done so as to warrant excluding an investment. In such cases, the Investment Manager engages wherever possible with the company or companies held, in accordance with the priorities documented in Schroders' Engagement Blueprint and/or voting policy. This approach applies to indicators such as **PAI 12** (Unadjusted gender pay gap) and **PAI 13** (Board gender diversity), where we engage and may use our voting rights where we consider appropriate. Both board gender diversity and disclosure of gender pay gap information are captured in our Engagement Blueprint.

### ● *How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights?*

Companies on Schroders' 'global norms' breach list cannot be categorised as sustainable investments. Schroders' determination of whether a company should be included on such list considers the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, among other relevant principles. The 'global norms' breach list is informed by third party providers and proprietary research, where relevant.

*The EU Taxonomy sets out a "do not significant harm" principle by which Taxonomy-aligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives and is accompanied by specific EU criteria.*

*The "do not significant harm" principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.*

*Any other sustainable investments must also not significantly harm any environmental or social objectives.*



## Does this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

☒ Yes, the Investment Manager's approach to considering principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors involves classifying the indicators into three categories:

The Investment Manager's approach to considering principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors differs depending on the relevant indicator. Some indicators are considered via the application of exclusions, some are considered via the investment process (where data is available via Schroders PAI dashboard and via other external data sources) and some are considered via engagement. Further details are provided below.

PAIs are considered as part of pre-investment through the application of exclusions. These include:

- Controversial weapons: PAI 14 (Exposure to controversial weapons (anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, chemical weapons and biological weapons)).

- Schroders' 'global norms' breach list which covers: PAI 7 (Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas), PAI 8 (Emissions to water), PAI 9 (Hazardous waste ratio), PAI 10 (Violations of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises), PAI 11 (Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises) and PAI 16 (Investee countries subject to social violations).

- Companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to thermal coal: PAI 4 (Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector) and PAI 5 (Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production).

Compliance with these thresholds is monitored via the Investment Manager's portfolio compliance framework.

All PAI indicators are monitored via Schroders PAI dashboard. PAIs 12 (Unadjusted gender pay gap) and 13 (Board gender diversity) are considered using data from our internal Schroders' proprietary tool.

PAIs are also considered post-investment through engagement where the Investment Manager engages in line with the approach and expectations set out in Schroders Engagement Blueprint, which outlines our approach to active ownership. The Investment Manager may engage with selected issuers held by the Fund on a range of PAIs e.g. we aim to engage with several issuers on net zero carbon emissions targets (PAI 1,2). As part of Schroders' central climate priorities list, we engage with investee companies within our universe to understand how companies are responding to the challenges climate change may pose to their long-term financial position. In reference to PAI 1, 2, 3, 7 & voluntary PAI 1, we are continuing our efforts to encourage companies to set clear emissions reduction targets for all three scopes of emissions and where targets are already set, to ensure these targets are properly integrated into company remuneration policies where it is material. We also continue to encourage companies to eliminate commodity-driven deforestation activities by 2025 and participate in the Schroders' wide deforestation engagement initiative where a holding of ours is flagged as at risk.

Our approach is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability, and quality, of PAI data evolves. The Management Company's statement on principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors is available at <https://api.schroders.com/document-store/id/ffcb39bb-96cb-4e56-9461-deba9a493e85>. The Fund level information is disclosed or will be disclosed (as applicable) in the Fund's annual report.

1. Set thresholds: these involve very explicit thresholds for considering an investment to be a "sustainable investment". For example, PAI 10 on violations of UNGC principles.

2. Active ownership: these involve indicators on which we have a plan to engage with the underlying holding as set out in the Schroders Group document - <https://mybrand.schroders.com/m/3222ea4ed44a1f2c/original/schroders-engagement-blueprint.pdf>, outlining our approach to active ownership. For example, PAI 1, 2 and 3 covering GHG emissions and PAI 13 on board gender diversity.

3. Improve coverage: these involve indicators where we consider data coverage to be too sparse to properly consider them and our focus is primarily on engaging with the underlying holdings to increase reporting. For example, PAI 7 on biodiversity, PAI 9 on hazardous waste ratio and PAI 12 on the gender pay gap.

Our approach is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability, and quality, of PAI data evolves.

The Management Company's statement on principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors is available at <https://mybrand.schroders.com/m/467910ac8e6da45c/original/Statement-on-principal-adverse-impacts-of-investment-decisions-on-sustainability-factors.pdf>. The Fund level information is disclosed or will be (as applicable) in the Fund's annual report.

☐ No



## What investment strategy does this financial product follow?

**The investment strategy** guides investment decisions based on factors such as investment objectives and risk tolerance.

The sustainable investment strategy used by the Investment Manager is as follows:

The Fund is actively managed and invests at least two thirds of its assets in equities or equity related securities of European companies, which are selected for their income and capital growth potential. To enhance the yield of the Fund, the Investment Manager selectively sells short dated call options over individual securities held by the Fund, generating extra income by agreeing strike prices above which potential capital growth is sold.

The Fund may also invest up to one-third of its assets directly or indirectly in other securities (including other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies, Investment Funds, warrants and Money Market Investments, and hold cash.

The Fund may use derivatives with the aim of achieving investment gains, reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently.

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the MSCI Europe (Net TR) index, based on the Investment Manager's rating system. It also maintains a carbon intensity below that of the MSCI Europe (Net TR) index.

The Fund does not directly invest in certain activities, industries or groups of issuers above the limits listed under “Sustainability-Related Disclosure” on the Fund’s webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

The Investment Manager applies governance and sustainability criteria when selecting investments for the Fund.

Companies in the investment universe are assessed on their governance, environmental and social profile, across a range of factors. This analysis is supported by quantitative analysis gained from Schroders in-house ESG data tools. The Investment Manager assesses a company’s environment and social impact, as well as governance practices, using proprietary sustainability tools. In addition, the Investment Manager also performs its own research and analysis before deciding whether a company is eligible for inclusion in the Fund, based on its overall sustainability profile. Proprietary tools will be key inputs to measure how companies in the portfolio are meeting the sustainability credentials outlined above.

The sources of information used to perform the analysis include information provided by the companies, such as company sustainability reports and other relevant company material, as well as Schroders’ proprietary sustainability tools and third-party data.

Companies in the investment universe are subject to analysis related to their individual total scope 1 & 2 carbon emissions. The sources of information used to perform the analysis include Schroders’ proprietary sustainability tools and third-party data.

More details on the Investment Manager’s approach to sustainability and its engagement with companies are available on the webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/>

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than its investment universe, based on the Investment Manager’s rating system.

The Investment Manager ensures that at least:

- 90% of the portion of the Fund’s NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in developed countries; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with an investment grade credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by developed countries; and
  - 75% of the portion of the Fund’s NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in emerging countries; equities issued by small and medium companies; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with a high yield credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by emerging countries,
- is rated against the sustainability criteria. For the purposes of this test, small companies are those with market capitalisation below €5 billion, medium companies are those between €5 billion and €10 billion and large companies are those above €10 billion.

● ***What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?***

The following binding elements are applied throughout the investment process:

- The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the MSCI Europe (Net TR) Index based on the Investment Manager’s rating criteria. It also maintains a carbon intensity below that of the MSCI Europe (Net TR) Index, based on the Weighted Average Carbon Intensity (WACI).
- The Fund invests at least 25% of its assets in sustainable investments and such investments do not cause significant environmental or social harm.
- Exclusions are applied to direct investments in companies. The Fund applies certain exclusions relating to international conventions on cluster munitions, antipersonnel mines, and chemical and biological weapons. The Fund also excludes companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to tobacco and thermal coal, especially companies that generate at least 10% of their revenues from tobacco production, companies that generate at least 25% of their revenues from the tobacco value chain (such as suppliers, distributors, retailers and licensors), companies that generate at least 10% of their revenues from thermal coal mining and companies that generate at least 30% of their revenues from coal fired power generation. The Fund excludes companies that are assessed by Schroders to have breached one or more ‘global norms’ thereby causing significant environmental or social harm; these companies comprise Schroders’ ‘global norms’ breach list. In exceptional circumstances a derogation may be applied in order to allow the Fund to continue to hold a company on Schroders’ ‘global norms’ breach list, for example where the stated investment strategy of the Fund may otherwise be compromised. Any such company cannot be categorised as a sustainable investment. Further, the Fund may apply other exclusions as listed under “Sustainability-Related Disclosure” on the Fund’s webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>
- The Fund invests in companies that have good governance practices, as determined by the Investment Manager’s rating criteria.

The Investment Manager ensures that at least:

- 90% of the portion of the Fund’s NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in developed countries; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with an investment grade credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by developed countries; and

- 75% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in emerging countries; equities issued by small and medium companies; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with a high yield credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by emerging countries,

is rated against the sustainability criteria.

● **What is the committed minimum rate to reduce the scope of the investments considered prior to the application of that investment strategy?**

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

● **What is the policy to assess good governance practices of the investee companies?**

In order to assess good governance practices, a central Good Governance Test is applied. This test is based on a data-driven quantitative framework, which uses a scorecard to assess companies across the categories of sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff, and tax compliance. Schroders has defined a number of criteria across these pillars.

Compliance with the test is monitored centrally and companies which do not pass this test cannot be held by the Fund, unless the Investment Manager has agreed that the issuer demonstrates good governance based on additional insights beyond that quantitative analysis.

**Good governance** practices include sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff and tax compliance.



**Asset allocation** describes the share of investments in specific assets.

## What is the asset allocation planned for this financial product?

The planned composition of the Fund's investments that are used to meet its environmental or social characteristics are summarised below.

**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the minimum proportion of the Fund's assets used to attain the environmental or social characteristics, which is equal to 70%. The Fund commits to maintain a higher overall sustainability score than the MSCI Europe (Net TR) Index, and so the Fund's investments that are scored by Schroders' proprietary sustainability tool are included within the minimum proportion stated in #1 on the basis that they will contribute to the Fund's sustainability score (whether such individual investment has a positive or a negative score). Also included within #1 is the minimum proportion of assets that are invested in sustainable investments, as indicated in #1A. The minimum proportions stated apply in normal market conditions. The actual proportion stated in #1 is expected to be higher.

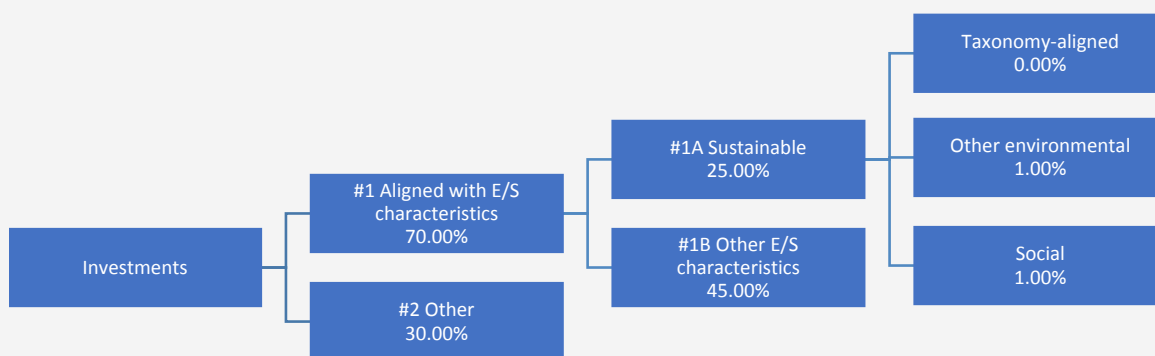
The sustainability score is measured by Schroders' proprietary tool that provides an estimate of the net "impact" that an issuer may create in terms of social and environmental "costs" or "benefits". It does this by using certain indicators with respect to that issuer, and quantifying them positively and negatively to produce an aggregate notional measure of the effect that the relevant underlying issuer may have on society and the environment. Examples of such indicators are greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

The Fund will invest at least 25% of its assets in sustainable investments. A sustainable investment is classified as having an environmental or social objective depending on whether the relevant issuer has a higher score in Schroders' proprietary tool relative to its applicable peer group for its environmental indicators or its social indicators. In each case, indicators are comprised of both "costs" and "benefits".

**#2 Other** includes cash which is treated as neutral for sustainability purposes. #2 also includes investments that are not scored by Schroders' proprietary sustainability tool and so do not contribute towards the Fund's sustainability score. As #1 states a minimum proportion that is in practice expected to be higher, the proportion stated in #2 is expected to be lower.

Minimum safeguards are applied where relevant to Money Market Investments and other investments by restricting (as appropriate) investments in counterparties where there are ownership links or exposure to higher risk countries (for the purpose of money laundering, terrorist financing, bribery, corruption, tax evasion and sanctions risks). A firm-wide risk assessment considers the risk rating of each jurisdiction; which includes reference to a number of public statements, indices and world governance indicators issued by the UN, the European Union, the UK Government, the Financial Action Task Force and several Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), such as Transparency International and the Basel Committee.

In addition, new counterparties are reviewed by Schroders' credit risk team and approval of a new counterparty is based on a holistic review of the various sources of information available, including, but not limited to, quality of management, ownership structure, location, regulatory and social environment to which each counterparty is subject, and the degree of development of the local banking system and its regulatory framework. Ongoing monitoring is performed through a Schroders' proprietary tool, which supports the analysis of a counterparty's management of environmental, social and governance trends and challenges. Any significant deterioration in the profile of the counterparty in Schroders' proprietary tool would lead to further analysis and potential exclusion by Schroders' credit risk team.



**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the investments of the financial product used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product.

**#2 Other** includes the remaining investments of the financial product which are neither aligned with the environmental or social characteristics, nor are qualified as sustainable investments.

The category **#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** covers:

- The sub-category **#1A Sustainable** covers sustainable investments with environmental or social objectives.
- The sub-category **#1B Other E/S characteristics** covers investments aligned with the environmental or social characteristics that do not qualify as sustainable investments.

#1 The minimum proportion stated applies in normal market conditions.

### ● **How does the use of derivatives attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?**

The Fund may use derivatives that are scored in Schrodgers' proprietary tool to meet the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted by the Fund, as such derivatives would contribute to the Fund's sustainability score (whether such individual investment has a positive or a negative score). However, the Fund's use of covered call options for income generation purposes do not contribute towards the Fund's sustainability score.



### **To what minimum extent are sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?**

There is no minimum extent to which the Fund's investments (including transitional and enabling activities) with an environmental objective are aligned with the Taxonomy. Taxonomy alignment of this Fund's investments has therefore not been calculated and has as a result been deemed to constitute 0% of the Fund's portfolio.

In future it is expected that the Fund will assess and report on the extent to which its underlying investments are in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the Taxonomy, along with information relating to the proportion of enabling and transitional activities. This Prospectus will be updated once it is possible in the Investment Manager's opinion to accurately disclose to what extent the Fund's investments are in Taxonomy-aligned environmentally sustainable activities, including the proportions of investments in enabling and transitional activities selected for the Fund.

### ● **Does the financial product invest in fossil gas and/or nuclear energy related activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy<sup>1</sup>?**

☐ Yes:

☐ In fossil gas ☐ In nuclear energy

☒ No

To comply with the EU Taxonomy, the criteria for **fossil gas** include limitations on emissions and switching to renewable power or low-carbon fuels by the end of 2035. For **nuclear energy**, the criteria include

<sup>1</sup> Fossil gas and/or nuclear related activities will only comply with the EU Taxonomy where they contribute to limiting climate change ("climate change mitigation") and do not significantly harm any EU Taxonomy objective – see explanatory note in the left-hand margin. The full criteria for fossil gas and nuclear energy economic activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy are laid down in Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1214.

comprehensive safety and waste management rules.

Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

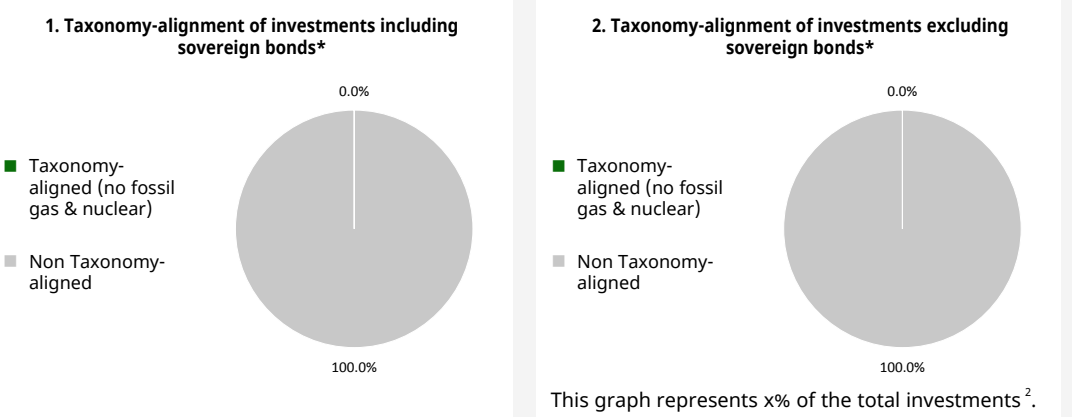
- **turnover** reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee companies
- **capital expenditure** (CapEx) showing the green investments made by investee companies, e.g. for a transition to a green economy.
- **operational expenditure** (OpEx) reflecting green operational activities of investee companies.

**Enabling activities** directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective.

**Transitional activities** are activities for which low-carbon alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.

are sustainable investments with an environmental objective that **do not take into account the criteria** for environmentally sustainable economic activities under the EU Taxonomy.

The two graphs below show in green the minimum percentage of investments that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the Taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy-alignment in relation to all the investments of the financial product including sovereign bonds, while the second graph shows the Taxonomy-alignment only in relation to the investments of the financial product other than sovereign bonds.



\* For the purpose of these graphs, 'sovereign bonds' consist of all sovereign exposures

- **What is the minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities?**  
As per the above, at the date of this Prospectus the share of investments by the Fund in transitional and enabling activities is currently deemed to constitute 0% of the Fund's portfolio.



**What is the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?**  
The Fund commits to invest at least 1% of its assets in sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

<sup>2</sup> As there is no Taxonomy-alignment, there is no impact on the graph if sovereign bonds are excluded (i.e. the percentage of Taxonomy-aligned investments remains 0%) and the Management Company therefore believes that there is no need to mention this information.





## What is the minimum share of socially sustainable investments?

The Fund commits to invest at least 1% of its assets in sustainable investments with a social objective.



## What investments are included under “#2 Other”, what is their purpose and are there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

#2 Other includes cash which is treated as neutral for sustainability purposes. #2 also includes investments that are not scored by Schroders’ proprietary sustainability tools and so do not contribute towards the Fund’s sustainability score.

Minimum safeguards are applied where relevant to Money Market Investments and other investments by restricting (as appropriate) investments in counterparties where there are ownership links or exposure to higher risk countries (for the purpose of money laundering, terrorist financing, bribery, corruption, tax evasion and sanctions risks). A firm-wide risk assessment considers the risk rating of each jurisdiction; which includes reference to a number of public statements, indices and world governance indicators issued by the UN, the European Union, the UK Government, the Financial Action Task Force and several Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), such as Transparency International and the Basel Committee.

In addition, new counterparties are reviewed by Schroders’ credit risk team and approval of a new counterparty is based on a holistic review of the various sources of information available, including, but not limited to, quality of management, ownership structure, location, regulatory and social environment to which each counterparty is subject, and the degree of development of the local banking system and its regulatory framework. Ongoing monitoring is performed through a Schroders’ proprietary tool, which supports the analysis of a counterparty’s management of environmental, social and governance trends and challenges. Any significant deterioration in the profile of the counterparty in Schroders’ proprietary tool would lead to further analysis and potential exclusion by Schroders’ credit risk team.



## Is a specific index designated as a reference benchmark to determine whether this financial product is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes?

**Reference benchmarks** are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the environmental or social characteristics that they promote.

- ***How is the reference benchmark continuously aligned with each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- ***How is the alignment of the investment strategy with the methodology of the index ensured on a continuous basis?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- ***How does the designated index differ from a relevant broad market index?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- ***Where can the methodology used for the calculation of the designated index be found?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.



## Where can I find more product specific information online?

More product-specific information can be found on the webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

Pre-contractual disclosure for the financial products referred to in Article 9, paragraphs 1 to 4a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 5, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852

**Product name:** **Schroder International Selection Fund European Equity ImpactInnovators**

**As of May 8 2024 the Fund's name will change to SISF European Equity Impact**

**Legal entity identifier:** **OZ21W1QBRG4B97S8ZE25**

## Sustainable investment objective

**Sustainable investment** means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good Governance practices.

The **EU Taxonomy** is a classification system laid down in Regulation (EU) 2020/852, establishing a list of **environmentally sustainable economic activities**. For the time being, it does not include a list of socially sustainable economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.

### Does this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with an environmental objective: 10.00%</b>  <input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with a social objective 10.00%</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> It <b>promotes Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics</b> and while it does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will have a minimum proportion of ___% of sustainable investments  <input type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy  <input type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy  <input type="checkbox"/> with a social objective  <input type="checkbox"/> It promotes E/S characteristics, but <b>will not make any sustainable investments</b>

The Fund commits to invest at least 90% of its assets in sustainable investments. Within this overall commitment, there is a minimum commitment to invest at least 10% of its assets in sustainable investments with an environmental objective and at least 10% of its assets in sustainable investments with a social objective.



## What is the sustainable investment objective of this financial product?

**The Fund's sustainable investment objective is to invest its assets in European companies that contribute towards the advancement of one or more of the UN SDGs using a science or engineering-driven, innovation-led approach. The Fund may also invest in investments that the Investment Manager deems to be neutral under its sustainability criteria, such as cash and Money Market Investments and derivatives used with the aim of reducing risk (hedging) or managing the Fund more efficiently.**

**No reference benchmark has been designated for the purpose of attaining the sustainable investment objective.**

**As of May 8 2024 the above answer will change to:**

The Fund's sustainable investment objective is to invest its assets in European companies that the Investment Manager expects to contribute positive impact by advancing by advancing an environmental or social objective linked to one or more of the UN SDGs using a science or engineering-driven, innovation-led approach. The Fund may also invest in investments that the Investment Manager deems to be neutral under its sustainability criteria, such as cash and Money Market Investments and derivatives used with the aim of reducing risk (hedging) or managing the Fund more efficiently.

The Investment Manager will select companies from a universe of eligible companies that have been determined as meeting the Investment Manager's impact criteria. The impact criteria include an assessment of the company's contribution to the UN SDGs alongside the Investment Manager's assessment of the company via its proprietary scorecard. The investment process is aligned with the Operating Principles for Impact Management. No reference benchmark has been designated for the purpose of attaining the sustainable investment objective.

### ● **What sustainability indicators are used to measure the attainment of the sustainable investment objective of this financial product?**

**The Investment Manager is responsible for determining whether an investment meets the criteria of a sustainable investment. The Investment Manager uses a revenue-based approach in this assessment by considering whether a certain percentage of the relevant issuer's revenues, capital expenditure or operating expenditure contributes to an environmental or social objective (as applicable). The output of the Investment Strategy outlined below is the production of the list of investments that meet the selection**

**Sustainability indicators** measure how the sustainable objectives of this financial product are attained.

criteria, this represents the investment universe. Compliance with the minimum percentage in sustainable investments is monitored daily via our automated compliance controls. The Fund also applies certain exclusions, with which the Investment Manager monitors compliance on an ongoing basis via its portfolio compliance framework.

The Investment Manager uses different sustainability indicators to measure the contribution at an investee company level. In particular, the Investment Manager uses a bottom-up mapping process that establishes the extent of each company's contribution to the UN SDGs. Examples of the indicators include, revenues generated via the production or distribution of energy-efficient products, or services using a science or engineering-driven approach to reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions such as natural refrigerants or eco-friendly heat pumps.

**As of May 8 2024 the above answer will change to:**

The Investment Manager is responsible for determining whether an investment meets the criteria of a sustainable investment. The Investment Manager uses a combination of a revenue based approach in this assessment, by considering whether a certain percentage of the relevant issuer's revenues, capital expenditure or operating expenditure contributes to an environmental or social objective (as applicable), and specific sustainability key performance indicators to assess the investment's contribution to an environmental or social objective (as applicable). The output of the Investment Strategy outlined below is the production of the list of investments that meet the selection criteria, this represents the investment universe. Compliance with the minimum percentage in sustainable investments is monitored daily via our automated compliance controls. The Fund also applies certain exclusions, with which the Investment Manager monitors compliance on an ongoing basis via its portfolio compliance framework.

The Investment Manager uses different sustainability indicators to measure the contribution at an investee company level. In particular, the Investment Manager uses a quantitative screening tool to identify companies that derive a certain minimum percentage of their revenues from whose main activity is contributing to an environmental or social objective. In addition, there is a detailed impact assessment of every company via the completion of a proprietary scorecard. The impact scorecard focuses on the impact that a company's products and services are expected to have. The Investment Manager considers different aspects of impact such as: what outcome and UN SDGs the company is contributing to; who is served by the outcome (such as the relevant stakeholder or industry); an assessment of our expected contribution (including Schroders influence and engagement); and consideration of impact risks. The assessment includes tracking Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) that are used to measure and monitor the company's impact over time via an annual review. Examples of the indicators include, revenues generated via the production or distribution of energy-efficient products, or services using a science or engineering-driven approach to reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions such as natural refrigerants or eco-friendly heat pumps.

Once these steps have been completed, the company and scorecard are then validated and approved by Schroders' Impact Assessment Group (IAG), in order for the company to be eligible for inclusion in the Fund's investible universe. The IAG consists of members from Schroders' impact and sustainable investment teams and members of the investment team.

#### ● **How do sustainable investments not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?**

The Investment Manager's approach to investing in issuers that do not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective includes the following:

- Firm-wide investment exclusions apply to Schroders funds. These relate to international conventions on cluster munitions, anti-personnel mines, and chemical and biological weapons and a list of those companies that are excluded is available at <https://www.schroders.com/en/sustainability/active-ownership/group-exclusions/>. Firm-wide exclusions also apply to companies generating more than 20% of their revenue from thermal coal mining.
- The Fund excludes companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to tobacco and thermal coal.
- The Fund excludes companies that are assessed by Schroders to have breached one or more 'global norms' thereby causing significant environmental or social harm; these companies comprise Schroders' 'global norms' breach list. Schroders' determination of whether a company has been involved in such a breach considers relevant principles such as those contained in the UN Global Compact (UNGC) principles, the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights. The 'global norms' breach list may be informed by assessments performed by third party providers and by proprietary research, where relevant to a particular situation.
- The Fund may also apply certain other exclusions in addition to those summarised above.

Further information on all of the Fund's investment exclusions is to be found under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

**Principal adverse impacts** are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anticorruption and antibribery matters.

● ***How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?***

When seeking to identify significant harm, Schroders' approach to taking into account the Principal Adverse Impacts (PAI) indicators involves a quantitative and a qualitative assessment. Where it is not considered appropriate or feasible to set quantitative thresholds, the Investment Manager engages, where relevant. Investee companies deemed not to satisfy the quantitative thresholds would generally be excluded, unless on a case-by-case basis the data is deemed not representative of a company's performance in the relevant area.

This framework is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability and quality of the data evolves.

Our approach includes:

1. **Quantitative:** this includes indicators where specific thresholds have been established:
  - Via the application of exclusions. This approach is relevant to **PAI 4** (Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector), **PAI 5** (Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production) and **PAI 14** (Exposure to controversial weapons). Further, the following PAIs are assessed as part of Schroders 'global norms' breach list exclusion (which seeks to exclude companies where significant harm is occurring):
    - **PAI 7** (Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas)
    - **PAI 8** (Emissions to water)
    - **PAI 9** (Hazardous waste and radioactive waste ratio)
    - **PAI 10** (Violations of UN Global Compact principles and Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises)
    - **PAI 11** (Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and Voluntary)
    - **PAI 14** in Table 3 (Number of identified cases of severe human rights issues and incidents)
  - Via the application of an alert system flag if the relevant indicator(s) exceeds a threshold. These quantitative thresholds to assess significant harm are established centrally by our Sustainable Investment team and monitored systematically. This approach applies to indicators where we have segmented the population into harm groups to establish a threshold, such as carbon related PAI metrics, **PAI 1** (GHG emissions), **PAI 2** (Carbon footprint) and **Voluntary PAI 4 in Table 2** (Investing in companies without carbon emission reduction initiatives). **PAI 3** (GHG intensity of investee companies) operates in a similar way but the threshold is based on a revenue metric. A threshold for **PAI 6** (Energy consumption intensity per high impact climate sector) is established based on the above mentioned carbon measures. A similar approach has been taken for **PAI 15** (GHG intensity). **PAI 16** (Investee countries subject to social violations) also operates in the same way but based on data availability regarding social violations. Through this process the relevant issuer(s) that is/are deemed not to satisfy the quantitative thresholds is/are flagged to the Investment Manager for consideration, whose response may involve selling the holdings(s) or maintaining the position if on a case-by-case basis the data is deemed not representative of a company's performance in the relevant area. Investee companies deemed to cause significant harm are excluded from the Fund.
2. **Qualitative:** This includes PAI indicators where Schroders' believes that the data available does not enable us to make a quantitative determination regarding whether significant harm is done so as to warrant excluding an investment. In such cases, the Investment Manager engages wherever possible with the company or companies held, in accordance with the priorities documented in Schroders' Engagement Blueprint and/or voting policy. This approach applies to indicators such as **PAI 12** (Unadjusted gender pay gap) and **PAI 13** (Board gender diversity), where we engage and may use our voting rights where we consider appropriate. Both board gender diversity and disclosure of gender pay gap information are captured in our Engagement Blueprint.

● ***How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights?***

Companies on Schroders' 'global norms' breach list cannot be categorised as sustainable investments. Schroders' determination of whether a company should be included on such list considers the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, among other relevant principles. The 'global norms' breach list is informed by third party providers and proprietary research, where relevant.



## Does this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

☒ Yes, the Investment Manager's approach to considering principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors involves classifying the indicators into three categories:

The Investment Manager's approach to considering principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors differs depending on the relevant indicator. Some indicators were considered via the application of exclusions, some were considered via the investment process (where data is available via Schroders PAI dashboard and via other external data sources) and some via engagement. Further details are provided below.

PAIs are considered as part of pre-investment through the application of exclusions. These included:

- Controversial weapons: PAI 14 (Exposure to controversial weapons (anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, chemical weapons and biological weapons)).
- UNGC violators: PAI 10 (Violations of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises) and from July 2023 Schroders' 'global norms' breach list which covers: PAI 7 (Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas), PAI 8 (Emissions to water), PAI 9 (Hazardous waste ratio), PAI 10 (Violations of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises), PAI 11 (Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises) and PAI 16 (Investee countries subject to social violations).
- Companies that derived revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to thermal coal; PAI 4 (Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector) and PAI 5 (Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production) that were deemed by the investment manager to contribute significantly to climate change were excluded from the investible universe: PAIs 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 (Greenhouse gas emissions).

PAIs are also considered through integration in the investment process. As part of the issuer level due diligence process, via company analysis from meetings with management teams and on desk analysis of annual reports and statements, several PAIs are considered. These are considered alongside PAIs from Schroders' proprietary tool which incorporates several PAIs as a component of its scoring methodology.

PAIs are also considered post-investment through engagement where the Investment Manager engages in line with the approach and expectations set out in Schroders Engagement Blueprint, which outlines our approach to active ownership. Over the period our engagements may cover a range of topics, including pollution and waste in the chemicals sector, and climate and Net Zero commitments for held companies within the technology sector. These engagements related to PAIs 7, 8 and 9 (Negative affects to biodiversity-sensitive areas, emissions to water and hazardous waste) and 1, 2, 3 and 5 (GHG emissions, Carbon Footprint, GHG intensity of investee company and Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production).

Our approach is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability, and quality, of PAI data evolves. The Management Company's statement on principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors is available at <https://api.schroders.com/document-store/id/ffcb39bb-96cb-4e56-9461-deba9a493e85>. The Fund level information is disclosed or will be disclosed (as applicable) in the Fund's annual report.

1. Set thresholds: these involve very explicit thresholds for considering an investment to be a "sustainable investment". For example, PAI 10 on violations of UNGC principles.
2. Active ownership: these involve indicators on which we have a plan to engage with the underlying holding as set out in the Schroders Group document <https://mybrand.schroders.com/m/3222ea4ed44a1f2c/original/schroders-engagement-blueprint.pdf>, outlining our approach to active ownership. For example, PAI 1, 2 and 3 covering GHG emissions and PAI 13 on board gender diversity.
3. Improve coverage: these involve indicators where we consider data coverage to be too sparse to properly consider them and our focus is primarily on engaging with the underlying holdings to increase reporting. For example, PAI 7 on biodiversity, PAI 9 on hazardous waste ratio and PAI 12 on the gender pay gap.

Our approach is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability, and quality, of PAI data evolves.

The Management Company's statement on principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors is available at <https://mybrand.schroders.com/m/467910ac8e6da45c/original/Statement-on-principal-adverse-impacts-of-investment-decisions-on-sustainability-factors.pdf>. The Fund level information is disclosed or will be (as applicable) in the Fund's annual report.

☐ No



## What investment strategy does this financial product follow?

The sustainable investment strategy used by the Investment Manager is as follows:

The Fund is actively managed and invests its assets in (i) sustainable investments, which are investments in companies that contribute towards the advancement of one or more of the UN SDGs using a science or engineering-driven, innovation-led approach, and (ii) investments that the Investment Manager deems to be neutral under its sustainability criteria.

The Fund does not directly invest in certain activities, industries or groups of issuers above the limits listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>



The Fund invests in companies that do not cause significant environmental or social harm and have good governance practices, as determined by the Investment Manager's rating criteria.

The Investment Manager may engage with companies held by the Fund to challenge identified areas of weakness on sustainability issues. More details on the Investment Manager's approach to sustainability and its engagement with companies are available on the webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/>

The Fund will invest at least two thirds of its assets in a concentrated range of equity and equity related securities of European companies. This means typically holding fewer than 30 companies.

The Fund may also invest up to one third of its assets directly or indirectly in other securities (including other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies, Investment Funds, warrants and Money Market Investments, and hold cash.

The Fund may use derivatives with the aim of achieving investment gains, reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently.

The Investment Manager applies sustainability criteria when selecting investments for the Fund:

The Investment Manager seeks to identify science and engineering-led European companies whose business contributes to addressing challenges faced in society such as reducing CO2 emissions, tackling air pollution and managing the use of scarce resources. The Investment Manager also seeks to identify companies that provide solutions to address the needs of growing and aging populations in areas including healthcare, transport, food and access to crucial services.

The Investment Manager will assess how a company is helping to solve problems in society by drawing links between the products and services it sells and one, if not several, of the UN SDGs.

Companies held by the Fund are expected to show a commitment to their stakeholders, including customers, employees, suppliers and regulators. The Fund invests in those companies which consider stakeholders fairly and have good governance.

Companies meeting the above criteria are considered as potential holdings in the Fund. The Investment Manager performs its own due diligence on potential holdings including, where possible, meetings with senior management.

This analysis is supported by quantitative analysis gained from Schroders' proprietary sustainability tools. Such tools are key inputs to measure how companies in the portfolio are meeting the sustainability credentials outlined above.

The Investment Manager ensures that at least 90% of the portion of the Fund's Net Asset Value composed of investments in companies is rated against the sustainability criteria. As a result of the application of sustainability criteria, at least 20% of the Fund's potential investment universe is excluded from the selection of investments.

For the purposes of this test, the potential investment universe is the core universe of issuers that the Investment Manager may select for the Fund prior to the application of sustainability criteria, in accordance with the other limitations of the Investment Objective and Policy. This universe is comprised of equity and equity related securities of European companies.

**As of May 8 2024 the above section will change to:**

The Fund is actively managed and invests its assets in (i) sustainable investments, which are investments in companies that contribute towards the advancement of an environmental or social objective linked to one or more of the UN SDGs using a science or engineering-driven, innovation-led approach (please see the Fund Characteristics section for more details), and (ii) investments that the Investment Manager deems to be neutral under its sustainability criteria such as cash and Money Market Investments and derivatives used with the aim of reducing risk (hedging) or managing the Fund more efficiently.

The Investment Manager will select companies from a universe of eligible companies that have been determined as meeting the Investment Manager's impact criteria. The impact criteria include an assessment of the company's contribution to the UN SDGs alongside the Investment Manager's assessment of the company's impact via its proprietary impact investment management framework and tools (including an impact scorecard).

The Fund is part of Schroders' Impact Driven strategies. As such, it applies highly selective investment criteria and its investment process is aligned with the Operating Principles for Impact Management which means that an assessment of impact is embedded in the steps of the investment process. All sustainable investments in the Fund are subject to this framework.

The Fund does not directly invest in certain activities, industries or groups of issuers above the limits listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <http://www.schroders.com/en/lu/private-investor/gfc>

The Fund invests in companies that do not cause significant environmental or social harm and have good governance practices, as determined by the Investment Manager's rating criteria (please see the Fund Characteristics section for more details).

The Investment Manager may also engage with companies held by the Fund to seek to improve sustainability practices and enhance social and environmental impacts generated by underlying investee companies. More details on the Investment Manager's approach to sustainability and its engagement with companies are available on the webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en/lu/private-investor/strategic-capabilities/sustainability/disclosures>

The Fund will invest at least two thirds of its assets in a concentrated range of equity and equity related securities of European companies. This means typically holding fewer than 30 companies.



The Fund may also invest up to one-third of its assets directly or indirectly in other securities (including other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies, Investment Funds, warrants and Money Market Investments, and hold cash (subject to the restrictions provided in Appendix I).

The Fund may use derivatives with the aim of achieving investment gains, reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently.

The Investment Manager applies sustainability criteria when selecting investments for the Fund.

The Investment Manager seeks to identify science and engineering-led European companies whose business contributes to addressing challenges faced in society such as reducing CO2 emissions, tackling air pollution and managing the use of scarce resources. The Investment Manager also seeks to identify companies that provide solutions to address the needs of growing and aging populations in areas including healthcare, transport, food and access to crucial services.

Investments are composed of companies whose products and services contribute positively to at least one of the UN SDGs. In order to identify companies with a direct link to a UN SDG, the Investment Manager applies a two step approach:

- The first is a revenue based approach that considers whether a certain percentage of the relevant company's revenues, capital expenditure or operating expenditure contributes to an environmental or social objective (as applicable).
- The second is a detailed impact assessment of the company via the completion of a proprietary impact scorecard. The Investment Manager considers different aspects of impact such as: what outcome and UN SDGs the company is contributing to; who is served by the outcome (such as the relevant stakeholder or industry); an assessment of our expected contribution (including Schrodgers influence and engagement); and consideration of impact risks. The assessment typically includes Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) that are used to track the company's impact over time.

**The investment strategy** guides investment decisions based on factors such as investment objectives and risk tolerance.

The company and impact scorecard are then validated and approved by Schrodgers' Impact Assessment Group (IAG), in order for the company to be eligible for inclusion in the Fund's investible universe. The IAG consists of members from Schrodgers' impact and sustainable investment teams and members of the investment team. There may be some limited instances where step 2 and the IAG approval may follow subsequently (such as a particularly time sensitive investment).

The Investment Manager ensures that at least 90% of the portion of the Fund's Net Asset Value composed of investments in companies is rated against the sustainability criteria. As a result of the application of sustainability criteria, at least 20% of the Fund's potential investment universe is excluded from the selection of investments.

For the purposes of this test, the potential investment universe is the core universe of issuers that the Investment Manager may select for the Fund prior to the application of sustainability criteria, in accordance with the other limitations of the Investment Objective and Policy. This universe is comprised of equity and equity related securities of European companies.

### ● **What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain the sustainable investment objective?**

- The Fund is actively managed and invests at least 90% of its assets in sustainable investments, which are investments in companies that the Investment Manager expects contribute towards the advancement of an environmental or social objective linked to one or more of the UN SDGs using a science or engineering driven, innovation-led approach.
- Exclusions are applied to direct investments in companies. The Fund applies certain exclusions relating to international conventions on cluster munitions, antipersonnel mines, and chemical and biological weapons. The Fund also excludes companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to tobacco and thermal coal, especially companies that generate revenues from tobacco production or any other part of the tobacco value chain (suppliers, distributors, retailers, licensors), and companies that generate revenues from thermal coal mining and coal fired power generation. The Fund excludes companies that are assessed by Schrodgers to have breached one or more 'global norms' thereby causing significant environmental or social harm; these companies comprise Schrodgers' 'global norms' breach list. Details of the revenue thresholds together with certain other exclusions the Fund applies are listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schrodgers.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>.
- The Fund invests in companies that do not cause significant environmental or social harm and have good governance practices, as determined by the Investment Manager's rating criteria.
- The Investment Manager ensures that at least 90% of the portion of the Fund's Net Asset Value composed of investments in companies is rated against the sustainability criteria.
- As a result of the application of sustainability criteria, at least 20% of the Fund's potential investment universe is excluded from the selection of investments.

**Good governance** practices include sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff and tax compliance.



**Asset allocation** describes the share of investments in specific assets.

● **What is the policy to assess good governance practices of the investee companies?**

In order to assess good governance practices, a central Good Governance Test is applied. This test is based on a data-driven quantitative framework, which uses a scorecard to assess companies across the categories of sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff, and tax compliance. Schroders has defined a number of criteria across these pillars.

Compliance with the test is monitored centrally and companies which do not pass this test cannot be held by the Fund, unless the Investment Manager has agreed that the issuer demonstrates good governance based on additional insights beyond that quantitative analysis.

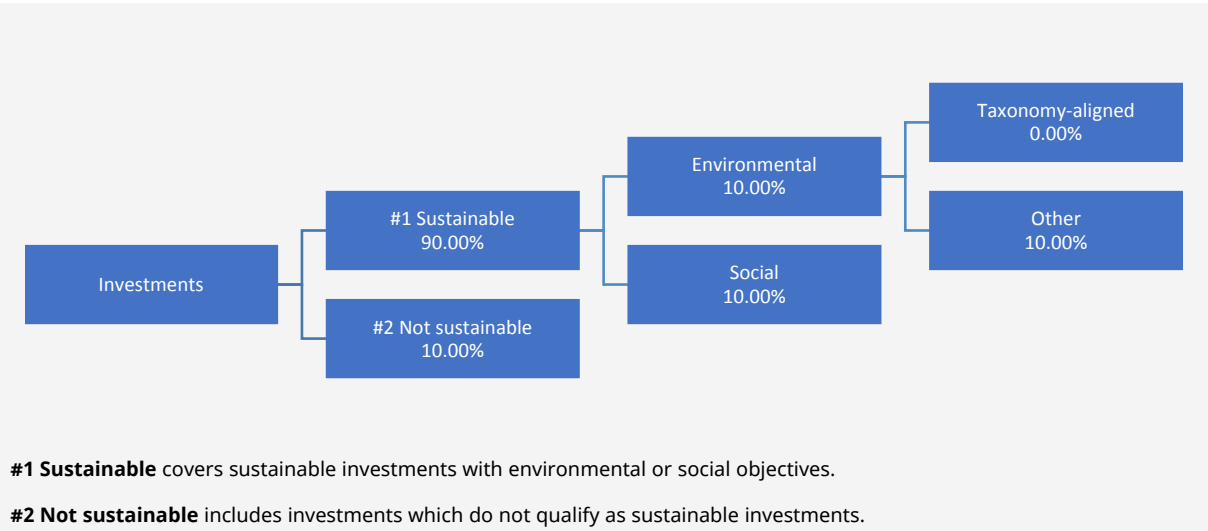
**What is the asset allocation and the minimum share of sustainable investments?**

The planned composition of the Fund’s investments that are used to meet its sustainable investment objective are summarised below. The Fund invests at least 90% of its assets in sustainable investments, which means included in #1 Sustainable are investments in European companies that contribute towards the advancement of one or more of the UN SDGs using a science or engineering-driven, innovation-led approach. Within this overall commitment of 90%, there is a minimum commitment to invest at least 10% of its assets in sustainable investments with an environmental objective and at least 10% of its assets in sustainable investments with a social objective. The minimum proportions stated apply in normal market conditions.

#2 Not sustainable includes investments that are treated as neutral for sustainability purposes, such as cash and Money Market Investments and derivatives used with the aim of reducing risk (hedging) or managing the Fund more efficiently.

Minimum safeguards are applied where relevant to Money Market Investments and derivatives used with the aim of reducing risk (hedging) by restricting (as appropriate) investments in counterparties where there are ownership links or exposure to higher risk countries (for the purpose of money laundering, terrorist financing, bribery, corruption, tax evasion and sanctions risks). A firm-wide risk assessment considers the risk rating of each jurisdiction; which includes reference to a number of public statements, indices and world governance indicators issued by the UN, the European Union, the UK Government, the Financial Action Task Force and several Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), such as Transparency International and the Basel Committee.

In addition, new counterparties are reviewed by Schroders’ credit risk team and approval of a new counterparty is based on a holistic review of the various sources of information available, including, but not limited to, quality of management, ownership structure, location, regulatory and social environment to which each counterparty is subject, and the degree of development of the local banking system and its regulatory framework. Ongoing monitoring is performed through a Schroders’ proprietary tool, which supports the analysis of a counterparty’s management of environmental, social and governance trends and challenges. Any significant deterioration in the profile of the counterparty in Schroders’ proprietary tool would lead to further analysis and potential exclusion by Schroders’ credit risk team.



● **How does the use of derivatives attain the sustainable investment objective?**

This question is not applicable for the Fund.



## To what minimum extent are sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

There is no minimum extent to which the Fund's investments (including transitional and enabling activities) with an environmental objective are aligned with the Taxonomy. Taxonomy alignment of this Fund's investments has therefore not been calculated and has as a result been deemed to constitute 0% of the Fund's portfolio.

In future it is expected that the Fund will assess and report on the extent to which its underlying investments are in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the Taxonomy, along with information relating to the proportion of enabling and transitional activities. This Prospectus will be updated once it is possible in the Investment Manager's opinion to accurately disclose to what extent the Fund's investments are in Taxonomy-aligned environmentally sustainable activities, including the proportions of investments in enabling and transitional activities selected for the Fund.

### ● Does the financial product invest in fossil gas and/or nuclear energy related activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy<sup>1</sup>?

☐ Yes:

☐ In fossil gas ☐ In nuclear energy

☒ No

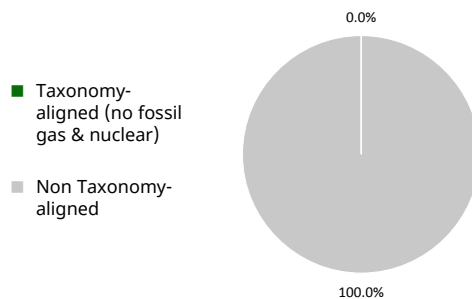
To comply with the EU Taxonomy, the criteria for **fossil gas** include limitations on emissions and switching to renewable power or low-carbon fuels by the end of 2035. For **nuclear energy**, the criteria include comprehensive safety and waste management rules.

Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

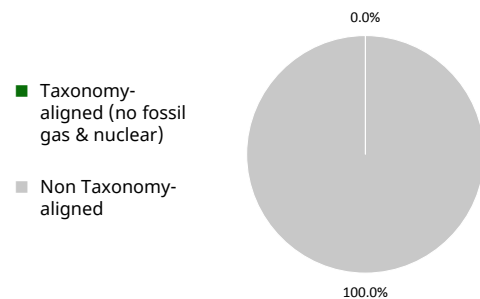
- **turnover** reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee companies
- **capital expenditure** (CapEx) showing the green investments made by investee companies, e.g. for a transition to a green economy.
- **operational expenditure** (OpEx) reflecting green operational activities of investee companies.

The two graphs below show in green the minimum percentage of investments that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the Taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy-alignment in relation to all the investments of the financial product including sovereign bonds, while the second graph shows the Taxonomy-alignment only in relation to the investments of the financial product other than sovereign bonds.

1. Taxonomy-alignment of investments including sovereign bonds\*



2. Taxonomy-alignment of investments excluding sovereign bonds\*



This graph represents x% of the total investments<sup>2</sup>.

\* For the purpose of these graphs, 'sovereign bonds' consist of all sovereign exposures

### ● What is the minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities?

As per the above, at the date of this Prospectus the share of investments by the Fund in transitional and enabling activities is currently deemed to constitute 0% of the Fund's portfolio.

**Enabling activities** directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective.

**Transitional activities** are activities for which low-carbon

<sup>1</sup> Fossil gas and/or nuclear related activities will only comply with the EU Taxonomy where they contribute to limiting climate change ("climate change mitigation") and do not significantly harm any EU Taxonomy objective – see explanatory note in the left-hand margin. The full criteria for fossil gas and nuclear energy economic activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy are laid down in Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1214.

<sup>2</sup> As there is no Taxonomy-alignment, there is no impact on the graph if sovereign bonds are excluded (i.e. the percentage of Taxonomy-aligned investments remains 0%) and the Management Company therefore believes that there is no need to mention this information.

alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.



### What is the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

The Fund commits to invest at least 10% of its assets in sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy.



are environmentally sustainable investments that **do not take into account the criteria** for environmentally sustainable economic activities under the EU Taxonomy.



### What is the minimum share of sustainable investments with a social objective?

The Fund commits to invest at least 10% of its assets in sustainable investments with a social objective.



### What investments are included under “#2 Not sustainable”, what is their purpose and are there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

#2 Not Sustainable includes investments that are treated as neutral for sustainability purposes, such as cash and Money Market Investments and derivatives used with the aim of reducing risk (hedging) or managing the Fund more efficiently.

Minimum safeguards are applied where relevant to Money Market Investments and derivatives used with the aim of reducing risk (hedging) by restricting (as appropriate) investments in counterparties where there are ownership links or exposure to higher risk countries (for the purpose of money laundering, terrorist financing, bribery, corruption, tax evasion and sanctions risks). A firm-wide risk assessment considers the risk rating of each jurisdiction; which includes reference to a number of public statements, indices and world governance indicators issued by the UN, the European Union, the UK Government, the Financial Action Task Force and several Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), such as Transparency International and the Basel Committee.

In addition, new counterparties are reviewed by Schroders’ credit risk team and approval of a new counterparty is based on a holistic review of the various sources of information available, including, but not limited to, quality of management, ownership structure, location, regulatory and social environment to which each counterparty is subject, and the degree of development of the local banking system and its regulatory framework. Ongoing monitoring is performed through a Schroders’ proprietary tool, which supports the analysis of a counterparty’s management of environmental, social and governance trends and challenges. Any significant deterioration in the profile of the counterparty in Schroders’ proprietary tool would lead to further analysis and potential exclusion by Schroders’ credit risk team.



### Is a specific index designated as a reference benchmark to meet the sustainable investment objective?

**Reference benchmarks** are indexes to measure whether the financial

- **How does the reference benchmark take into account sustainability factors in a way that is continuously aligned with the sustainable investment objective?**

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

product attains the sustainable investment objective.

- ***How is the alignment of the investment strategy with the methodology of the index ensured on a continuous basis?***  
This question is not applicable for the Fund.
- ***How does the designated index differ from a relevant broad market index?***  
This question is not applicable for the Fund.
- ***Where can the methodology used for the calculation of the designated index be found?***  
This question is not applicable for the Fund.



## **Where can I find more product specific information online?**

More product-specific information can be found on the webpage: <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

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**Product name:** **Schroder International Selection Fund European Smaller Companies**

**Legal entity identifier:** **1J9TCPI0PE5175IZP193**

## Environmental and/or social characteristics

**Sustainable investment** means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good governance practices.

The **EU Taxonomy** is a classification system laid down in Regulation (EU) 2020/852, establishing a list of **environmentally sustainable economic activities**. That Regulation does not lay down a list of socially sustainable economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.

### Does this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?

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<input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with an environmental objective: __%</b>  <input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy  <input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy  <input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with a social objective __%</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> It <b>promotes Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics</b> and while it does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will have a minimum proportion of <b>25.00%</b> of sustainable investments  <input type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> with a social objective  <input type="checkbox"/> It promotes E/S characteristics, but <b>will not make any sustainable investments</b>



## What environmental and/or social characteristics are promoted by this financial product?

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the MSCI Europe Small Cap (NDR) index, based on the Investment Manager's rating system. This benchmark (which is a broad market index) does not take into account the environmental and social characteristics promoted by the Fund.

The sustainability score is measured by Schroders' proprietary tool that provides an estimate of the net "impact" that an issuer may create in terms of social and environmental "costs" or "benefits". It does this by using certain indicators with respect to that issuer, and quantifying them positively and negatively to produce an aggregate notional measure of the effect that the relevant underlying issuer may have on society and the environment. It does this using third party data as well as Schroders own estimates and assumptions and the outcome may differ from other sustainability tools and measures. Examples of such indicators are greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

The result is expressed as an aggregate score of the sustainability indicators for each issuer, specifically a notional percentage (positive or negative) of sales of the relevant underlying issuer. For example, a score of +2% would mean an issuer contributes \$2 of relative notional positive impact (i.e. benefits to society) per \$100 of sales. The sustainability score of the Fund is derived from the scores of all issuers in the Fund's portfolio measured by Schroders' proprietary tool.

The Fund invests at least 25% of its assets in sustainable investments, which are investments that the Investment Manager expects to contribute towards the advancement of one or more environmental and/or social objective (s).

### What sustainability indicators are used to measure the attainment of each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

The Investment Manager monitors compliance with the characteristic to maintain a higher overall sustainability score than the MSCI Europe Small Cap (NDR) index by reference to the weighted average sustainability score of the Fund in Schroder's proprietary tool compared against the weighted average sustainability score of the MSCI Europe Small Cap (NDR) index in Schroder's proprietary tool over the previous six month period, based on month-end data. The overall sustainability score aggregates the effect of sustainability indicators including but not limited to greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

**Sustainability indicators** measure how the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product are attained.



The Investment Manager monitors compliance with the characteristic to invest at least 25% of its assets in sustainable investments by reference to the sustainability score of each asset in Schroder's proprietary tool. Compliance with this is monitored daily via our automated compliance controls. The Fund also applies certain exclusions, with which the Investment Manager monitors compliance on an ongoing basis via its portfolio compliance framework.

● ***What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?***

In respect of the proportion of the Fund's portfolio that is invested in sustainable investments, each sustainable investment demonstrates a net positive effect across a range of environmental or social objectives, as scored by Schroder's proprietary tool. The environmental or social objectives of the sustainable investments that the Fund partially intends to make may include, but are not limited to, increasing environmental and/or social benefits such as greater water access or fair pay and reducing environmental, and/or social costs such as carbon emissions or food waste. For example, greater water access as measured by Schroder's proprietary tool are the estimated societal benefits of the provision of clean drinking water to human health.

● ***How do the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make, not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?***

The Investment Manager's approach to investing in issuers that do not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective includes the following:

- Firm-wide investment exclusions apply to Schroders funds. These relate to international conventions on cluster munitions, anti-personnel mines, and chemical and biological weapons and a list of those companies that are excluded is available at <https://www.schroders.com/en/sustainability/active-ownership/group-exclusions/>. Firm-wide exclusions also apply to companies generating more than 20% of their revenue from thermal coal mining.
- The Fund excludes companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to tobacco and thermal coal.
- The Fund excludes companies that are assessed by Schroders to have breached one or more 'global norms' thereby causing significant environmental or social harm; these companies comprise Schroders' 'global norms' breach list. Schroders' determination of whether a company has been involved in such a breach considers relevant principles such as those contained in the UN Global Compact (UNGC) principles, the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights. The 'global norms' breach list may be informed by assessments performed by third party providers and by proprietary research, where relevant to a particular situation. In exceptional circumstances a derogation may be applied in order to allow the Fund to continue to hold a company on Schroders' 'global norms' breach list, for example where the stated investment strategy of the Fund may otherwise be compromised. Any such company cannot be categorised as a sustainable investment.
- The Fund may also apply certain other exclusions in addition to those summarised above.

Further information on all of the Fund's investment exclusions is to be found under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>.

● ***How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?***

When seeking to identify significant harm, Schroders' approach to taking into account the Principal Adverse Impacts (PAI) indicators involves a quantitative and a qualitative assessment. Where it is not considered appropriate or feasible to set quantitative thresholds, the Investment Manager engages, where relevant. Investee companies deemed not to satisfy the quantitative thresholds would generally be excluded, unless on a case-by-case basis the data is deemed not representative of a company's performance in the relevant area.

This framework is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability and quality of the data evolves.

Our approach includes:

1. **Quantitative:** this includes indicators where specific thresholds have been established:
  - Via the application of exclusions. This approach is relevant to **PAI 4** (Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector), **PAI 5** (Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production) and **PAI 14** (Exposure to controversial weapons). Further, the following PAIs are assessed as part of Schroders 'global norms' breach list exclusion (which seeks to exclude companies where significant harm is occurring):

**Principal adverse impacts** are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anticorruption and antibribery matters.

- **PAI 7** (Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas)
- **PAI 8** (Emissions to water)
- **PAI 9** (Hazardous waste and radioactive waste ratio)
- **PAI 10** (Violations of UN Global Compact principles and Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises)
- **PAI 11** (Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and Voluntary)
- **PAI 14** in Table 3 (Number of identified cases of severe human rights issues and incidents)
- Via the application of an alert system flag if the relevant indicator(s) exceeds a threshold. These quantitative thresholds to assess significant harm are established centrally by our Sustainable Investment team and monitored systematically. This approach applies to indicators where we have segmented the population into harm groups to establish a threshold, such as carbon related PAI metrics, **PAI 1** (GHG emissions), **PAI 2** (Carbon footprint) and **Voluntary PAI 4 in Table 2** (Investing in companies without carbon emission reduction initiatives). **PAI 3** (GHG intensity of investee companies) operates in a similar way but the threshold is based on a revenue metric. A threshold for **PAI 6** (Energy consumption intensity per high impact climate sector) is established based on the above mentioned carbon measures. A similar approach has been taken for **PAI 15** (GHG intensity). **PAI 16** (Investee countries subject to social violations) also operates in the same way but based on data availability regarding social violations. Through this process the relevant issuer(s) that is/are deemed not to satisfy the quantitative thresholds is/are flagged to the Investment Manager for consideration, whose response may involve selling the holdings(s) or maintaining the position if on a case-by-case basis the data is deemed not representative of a company's performance in the relevant area. Investee companies deemed to cause significant harm are excluded from the Fund.
- 2. **Qualitative:** This includes PAI indicators where Schroders' believes that the data available does not enable us to make a quantitative determination regarding whether significant harm is done so as to warrant excluding an investment. In such cases, the Investment Manager engages wherever possible with the company or companies held, in accordance with the priorities documented in Schroders' Engagement Blueprint and/or voting policy. This approach applies to indicators such as **PAI 12** (Unadjusted gender pay gap) and **PAI 13** (Board gender diversity), where we engage and may use our voting rights where we consider appropriate. Both board gender diversity and disclosure of gender pay gap information are captured in our Engagement Blueprint.

● ***How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:***

Companies on Schroders' 'global norms' breach list cannot be categorised as sustainable investments. Schroders' determination of whether a company should be included on such list considers the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, among other relevant principles. The 'global norms' breach list is informed by third party providers and proprietary research, where relevant.

*The EU Taxonomy sets out a "do not significant harm" principle by which Taxonomy-aligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives and is accompanied by specific EU criteria.*

The "do not significant harm" principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.

*Any other sustainable investments must also not significantly harm any environmental or social objectives.*



## Does this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

✓ Yes, the Investment Manager's approach to considering principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors involves classifying the indicators into three categories:

The Investment Manager's approach to considering principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors differs depending on the relevant indicator. Some indicators are considered via the application of exclusions, some are considered via the investment process (where data is available via Schroders PAI dashboard and via other external data sources) and some via engagement. Further details are provided below.

PAIs are considered as part of pre-investment through the application of exclusions. These included:

- Controversial weapons: PAI 14 (Exposure to controversial weapons (anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, chemical weapons and biological weapons)).

- UNGC violators: PAI 10 (Violations of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises) and from July 2023 Schrodgers' 'global norms' breach list which covers: PAI 7 (Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas), PAI 8 (Emissions to water), PAI 9 (Hazardous waste ratio), PAI 10 (Violations of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises), PAI 11 (Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises) and PAI 16 (Investee countries subject to social violations).

- Companies that derived revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to thermal coal; PAI 4 (Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector) and PAI 5 (Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production) that are deemed by the investment manager to contribute significantly to climate change are excluded from the investible universe: PAIs 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 (Greenhouse gas emissions).

Compliance with these thresholds is monitored via the Investment Manager's portfolio compliance framework. PAIs are also considered through integration in the investment process. As part of the issuer level due diligence process, via company analysis from meetings with management teams and on desk analysis of annual reports and statements, several PAIs are considered. These are considered alongside PAIs from Schrodgers' proprietary tool which incorporates several PAIs as a component of its scoring methodology.

PAIs are also considered post-investment through engagement where the Investment Manager engages in line with the approach and expectations set out in Schrodgers Engagement Blueprint, which outlines our approach to active ownership. Over the period our engagements may cover a range of topics, including biodiversity issues in the Energy sector; and climate & Net Zero commitments for held companies within the Chemicals sector. These engagements related to PAIs 7 (Negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas) and 1, 2, 3 and 5 (GHG emissions, Carbon Footprint, GHG intensity of investee company and Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production).

Our approach is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability, and quality, of PAI data evolves. The Management Company's statement on principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors is available at <https://api.schrodgers.com/document-store/id/ffcb39bb-96cb-4e56-9461-deba9a493e85>. The Fund level information is disclosed or will be disclosed (as applicable) in the Fund's annual report.

1. Set thresholds: these involve very explicit thresholds for considering an investment to be a "sustainable investment". For example, PAI 10 on violations of UNGC principles.

2. Active ownership: these involve indicators on which we have a plan to engage with the underlying holding as set out in the Schrodgers Group document <https://mybrand.schrodgers.com/m/3222ea4ed44a1f2c/original/schrodgers-engagement-blueprint.pdf>, outlining our approach to active ownership. For example, PAI 1, 2 and 3 covering GHG emissions and PAI 13 on board gender diversity.

3. Improve coverage: these involve indicators where we consider data coverage to be too sparse to properly consider them and our focus is primarily on engaging with the underlying holdings to increase reporting. For example, PAI 7 on biodiversity, PAI 9 on hazardous waste ratio and PAI 12 on the gender pay gap.

Our approach is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability, and quality, of PAI data evolves.

The Management Company's statement on principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors is available at <https://mybrand.schrodgers.com/m/467910ac8e6da45c/original/Statement-on-principal-adverse-impacts-of-investment-decisions-on-sustainability-factors.pdf>. The Fund level information is disclosed or will be (as applicable) in the Fund's annual report.

☐ No



## What investment strategy does this financial product follow?

**The investment strategy** guides investment decisions based on factors such as investment objectives and risk tolerance.

The sustainable investment strategy used by the Investment Manager is as follows:

The Fund is actively managed and invests at least two-thirds of its assets in equity and equity related securities of small sized European companies. These are companies which, at the time of purchase, are considered to be in the bottom 30% by market capitalisation of the European equities market.

The Fund may also invest up to one-third of its assets directly or indirectly in other securities (including other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies, Investment Funds, warrants and Money Market Investments, and hold cash.

The Fund may use derivatives with the aim of achieving investment gains, reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently.

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the MSCI Europe Small Cap (NDR) index, based on the Investment Manager's rating criteria.

The Fund does not directly invest in certain activities, industries or groups of issuers above the limits listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schrodgers.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

The Investment Manager applies governance and sustainability criteria when selecting investments for the Fund.

Companies in the investment universe are assessed on their governance, environmental and social profile. The Investment Manager performs due diligence on potential holdings and this can include meetings with company management. The Investment Manager aims to identify the impact a business has on society whilst assessing

relationships with key stakeholders such as employees, suppliers and regulators. This research is supported by quantitative analysis gained from Schroders' proprietary sustainability tools which are key inputs to assessing how existing and potential investments are meeting the Fund's sustainability criteria.

The sources of information used to perform the analysis include information provided by the companies, such as company sustainability reports and other relevant company material, as well as Schroders' proprietary sustainability tools and third-party data.

More details on the Investment Manager's approach to sustainability and its engagement with companies are available on the webpage

<https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/>

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than its investment universe, based on the Investment Manager's rating system.

The Investment Manager ensures that at least:

- 90% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in developed countries; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with an investment grade credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by developed countries; and

- 75% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in emerging countries; equities issued by small and medium companies; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with a high yield credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by emerging countries, is rated against the sustainability criteria.

For the purposes of this test, small companies are those with market capitalisation below €5 billion, medium companies are those between €5 billion and €10 billion and large companies are those above €10 billion.

● ***What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?***

The following binding elements are applied throughout the investment process:

- The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the MSCI Europe Small Cap (NDR) index based on the Investment Manager's rating criteria.
- The Fund invests at least 25% of its assets in sustainable investments and such investments do not cause significant environmental or social harm.
- Exclusions are applied to direct investments in companies. The Fund applies certain exclusions relating to international conventions on cluster munitions, antipersonnel mines, and chemical and biological weapons. The Fund also excludes companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to tobacco and thermal coal, especially companies that generate at least 10% of their revenues from tobacco production, companies that generate at least 25% of their revenues from the tobacco value chain (such as suppliers, distributors, retailers and licensors), companies that generate at least 10% of their revenues from thermal coal mining and companies that generate at least 30% of their revenues from coal fired power generation. The Fund excludes companies that are assessed by Schroders to have breached one or more 'global norms' thereby causing significant environmental or social harm; these companies comprise Schroders' 'global norms' breach list. In exceptional circumstances a derogation may be applied in order to allow the Fund to continue to hold a company on Schroders' 'global norms' breach list, for example where the stated investment strategy of the Fund may otherwise be compromised. Any such company cannot be categorised as a sustainable investment. Further, the Fund may apply other exclusions as listed under "Sustainability Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>
- The Fund invests in companies that have good governance practices, as determined by the Investment Manager's rating criteria.

The Investment Manager ensures that at least:

- 90% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in developed countries; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with an investment grade credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by developed countries; and
- 75% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in emerging countries; equities issued by small and medium companies; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with a high yield credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by emerging countries,

is rated against the sustainability criteria.

● ***What is the committed minimum rate to reduce the scope of the investments considered prior to the application of that investment strategy?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

**Good governance** practices include sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff and tax compliance.

● **What is the policy to assess good governance practices of the investee companies?**

In order to assess good governance practices, a central Good Governance Test is applied. This test is based on a data-driven quantitative framework, which uses a scorecard to assess companies across the categories of sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff, and tax compliance. Schroders has defined a number of criteria across these pillars.

Compliance with the test is monitored centrally and companies which do not pass this test cannot be held by the Fund, unless the Investment Manager has agreed that the issuer demonstrates good governance based on additional insights beyond that quantitative analysis.



**Asset allocation** describes the share of investments in specific assets.

**What is the asset allocation planned for this financial product?**

The planned composition of the Fund’s investments that are used to meet its environmental or social characteristics are summarised below.

**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the minimum proportion of the Fund’s assets used to attain the environmental or social characteristics, which is equal to 70%. The Fund commits to maintain a higher overall sustainability score than the MSCI Europe Small Cap (NDR) index, and so the Fund’s investments that are scored by Schroders’ proprietary sustainability tool are included within the minimum proportion stated in #1 on the basis that they will contribute to the Fund’s sustainability score (whether such individual investment has a positive or a negative score). Also included within #1 is the minimum proportion of assets that are invested in sustainable investments, as indicated in #1A. The minimum proportions stated apply in normal market conditions. The actual proportion stated in #1 is expected to be higher.

The sustainability score is measured by Schroders’ proprietary tool that provides an estimate of the net “impact” that an issuer may create in terms of social and environmental “costs” or “benefits”. It does this by using certain indicators with respect to that issuer, and quantifying them positively and negatively to produce an aggregate notional measure of the effect that the relevant underlying issuer may have on society and the environment. Examples of such indicators are greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

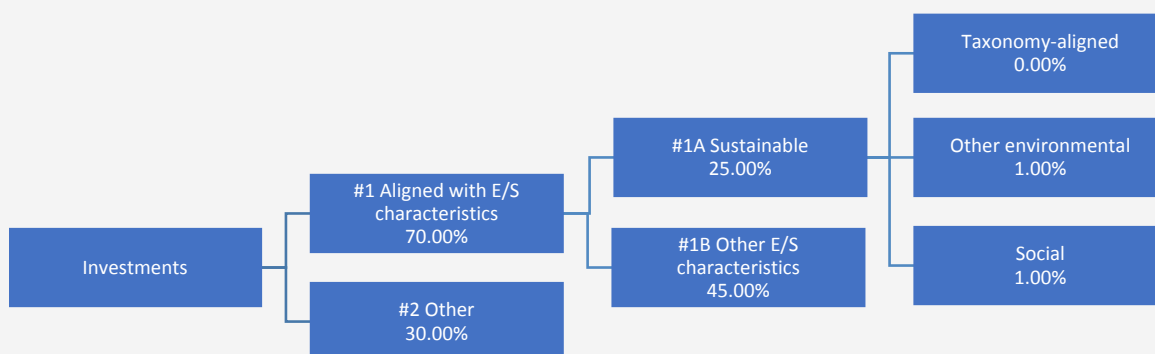
The Fund will invest at least 25% of its assets in sustainable investments. A sustainable investment is classified as having an environmental or social objective depending on whether the relevant issuer has a higher score in Schroders’ proprietary tool relative to its applicable peer group for its environmental indicators or its social indicators. In each case, indicators are comprised of both “costs” and “benefits”.

**#2 Other** includes cash which is treated as neutral for sustainability purposes. #2 also includes investments that are not scored by Schroders’ proprietary sustainability tool and so do not contribute towards the Fund’s sustainability score. As #1 states a minimum proportion that is in practice expected to be higher, the proportion stated in #2 is expected to be lower.

Minimum safeguards are applied where relevant to Money Market Investments and other investments by restricting (as appropriate) investments in counterparties where there are ownership links or exposure to higher risk countries (for the purpose of money laundering, terrorist financing, bribery, corruption, tax evasion and sanctions risks). A firm-wide risk assessment considers the risk rating of each jurisdiction; which includes reference to a number of public statements, indices and world governance indicators issued by the UN, the European Union, the UK Government, the Financial Action Task Force and several Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), such as Transparency International and the Basel Committee.

In addition, new counterparties are reviewed by Schroders’ credit risk team and approval of a new counterparty is based on a holistic review of the various sources of information available, including, but not limited to, quality of management, ownership structure, location, regulatory and social environment to which each counterparty is subject, and the degree of development of the local banking system and its regulatory framework. Ongoing monitoring is performed through a Schroders’ proprietary tool, which supports the analysis of a counterparty’s management of environmental, social and governance trends and challenges. Any significant deterioration in the profile of the counterparty in Schroders’ proprietary tool would lead to further analysis and potential exclusion by Schroders’ credit risk team.





**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the investments of the financial product used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product.

**#2 Other** includes the remaining investments of the financial product which are neither aligned with the environmental or social characteristics, nor are qualified as sustainable investments.

The category **#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** covers:

- The sub-category **#1A Sustainable** covers sustainable investments with environmental or social objectives.
- The sub-category **#1B Other E/S characteristics** covers investments aligned with the environmental or social characteristics that do not qualify as sustainable investments.

#1 The minimum proportion stated applies in normal market conditions.

### ● **How does the use of derivatives attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?**

The Fund may use derivatives that are scored in Schroders' proprietary tool to meet the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted by the Fund, as such derivatives would contribute to the Fund's sustainability score (whether such individual investment has a positive or a negative score).



### **To what minimum extent are sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?**

There is no minimum extent to which the Fund's investments (including transitional and enabling activities) with an environmental objective are aligned with the Taxonomy. Taxonomy alignment of this Fund's investments has therefore not been calculated and has as a result been deemed to constitute 0% of the Fund's portfolio.

In future it is expected that the Fund will assess and report on the extent to which its underlying investments are in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the Taxonomy, along with information relating to the proportion of enabling and transitional activities. This Prospectus will be updated once it is possible in the Investment Manager's opinion to accurately disclose to what extent the Fund's investments are in Taxonomy-aligned environmentally sustainable activities, including the proportions of investments in enabling and transitional activities selected for the Fund.

### ● **Does the financial product invest in fossil gas and/or nuclear energy related activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy<sup>1</sup>?**

☐ Yes:

☐ In fossil gas ☐ In nuclear energy

☒ No

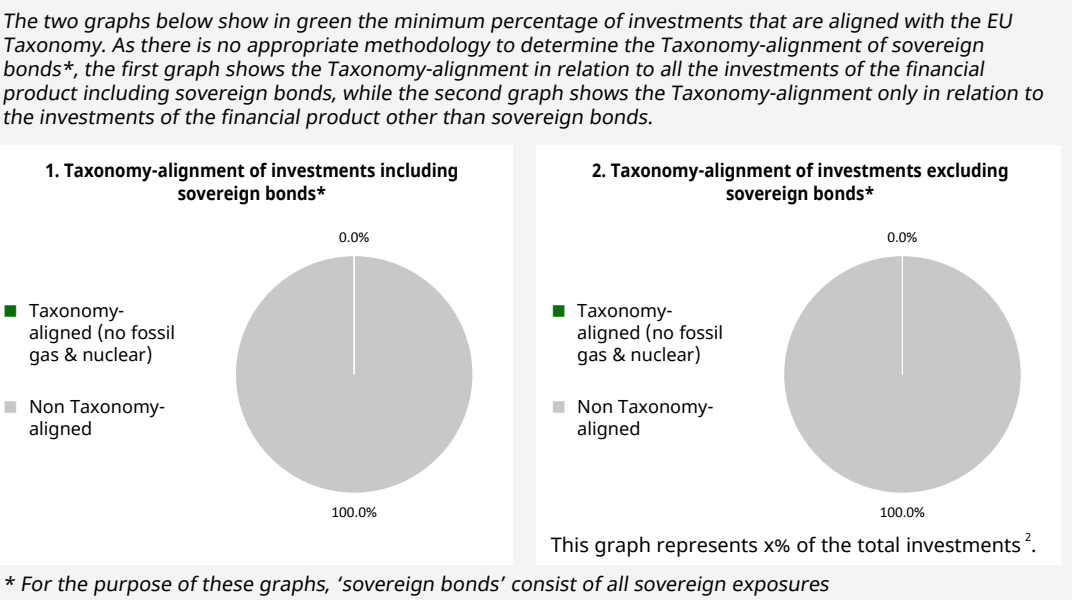
To comply with the EU Taxonomy, the criteria for **fossil gas** include limitations on emissions and switching to renewable power or low-carbon fuels by the end of 2035. For **nuclear energy**, the criteria include comprehensive safety and waste management rules.

<sup>1</sup> Fossil gas and/or nuclear related activities will only comply with the EU Taxonomy where they contribute to limiting climate change ("climate change mitigation") and do not significantly harm any EU Taxonomy objective – see explanatory note in the left-hand margin. The full criteria for fossil gas and nuclear energy economic activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy are laid down in Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1214.



Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

- **turnover** reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee companies
- **capital expenditure** (CapEx) showing the green investments made by investee companies, e.g. for a transition to a green economy.
- **operational expenditure** (OpEx) reflecting green operational activities of investee companies.



**Enabling activities** directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective.

**Transitional activities** are activities for which low-carbon alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.

- **What is the minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities?**  
As per the above, at the date of this Prospectus the share of investments by the Fund in transitional and enabling activities is currently deemed to constitute 0% of the Fund's portfolio.



**What is the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?**  
The Fund commits to invest at least 1% of its assets in sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

are sustainable investments with an environmental objective that **do not take into account the criteria** for environmentally sustainable economic activities under the EU Taxonomy.

<sup>2</sup> As there is no Taxonomy-alignment, there is no impact on the graph if sovereign bonds are excluded (i.e. the percentage of Taxonomy-aligned investments remains 0%) and the Management Company therefore believes that there is no need to mention this information.



## What is the minimum share of socially sustainable investments?

The Fund commits to invest at least 1% of its assets in sustainable investments with a social objective.



## What investments are included under “#2 Other”, what is their purpose and are there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

#2 Other includes cash which is treated as neutral for sustainability purposes. #2 also includes investments that are not scored by Schroders’ proprietary sustainability tools and so do not contribute towards the Fund’s sustainability score.

Minimum safeguards are applied where relevant to Money Market Investments and other investments by restricting (as appropriate) investments in counterparties where there are ownership links or exposure to higher risk countries (for the purpose of money laundering, terrorist financing, bribery, corruption, tax evasion and sanctions risks). A firm-wide risk assessment considers the risk rating of each jurisdiction; which includes reference to a number of public statements, indices and world governance indicators issued by the UN, the European Union, the UK Government, the Financial Action Task Force and several Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), such as Transparency International and the Basel Committee.

In addition, new counterparties are reviewed by Schroders’ credit risk team and approval of a new counterparty is based on a holistic review of the various sources of information available, including, but not limited to, quality of management, ownership structure, location, regulatory and social environment to which each counterparty is subject, and the degree of development of the local banking system and its regulatory framework. Ongoing monitoring is performed through a Schroders’ proprietary tool, which supports the analysis of a counterparty’s management of environmental, social and governance trends and challenges. Any significant deterioration in the profile of the counterparty in Schroders’ proprietary tool would lead to further analysis and potential exclusion by Schroders’ credit risk team.



## Is a specific index designated as a reference benchmark to determine whether this financial product is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes?

**Reference benchmarks** are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the environmental or social characteristics that they promote.

- ***How is the reference benchmark continuously aligned with each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- ***How is the alignment of the investment strategy with the methodology of the index ensured on a continuous basis?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- ***How does the designated index differ from a relevant broad market index?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- ***Where can the methodology used for the calculation of the designated index be found?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.



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## Environmental and/or social characteristics

<p><b>Sustainable investment</b> means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good governance practices.</p>	<p><b>Does this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?</b></p>	
<p>The <b>EU Taxonomy</b> is a classification system laid down in Regulation (EU) 2020/852, establishing a list of <b>environmentally sustainable economic activities</b>. That Regulation does not lay down a list of socially sustainable economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.</p>	<p><input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Yes</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with an environmental objective: __%</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with a social objective __%</b></p>	<p><input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <b>No</b></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> It <b>promotes Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics</b> and while it does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will have a minimum proportion of <b>25.00%</b> of sustainable investments</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> with a social objective</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> It promotes E/S characteristics, but <b>will not make any sustainable investments</b></p>



## What environmental and/or social characteristics are promoted by this financial product?

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the MSCI Europe Net TR index, based on the Investment Manager's rating system. This benchmark (which is a broad market index) does not take into account the environmental and social characteristics promoted by the Fund.

The sustainability score is measured by Schroders' proprietary tool that provides an estimate of the net "impact" that an issuer may create in terms of social and environmental "costs" or "benefits". It does this by using certain indicators with respect to that issuer, and quantifying them positively and negatively to produce an aggregate notional measure of the effect that the relevant underlying issuer may have on society and the environment. It does this using third party data as well as Schroders own estimates and assumptions and the outcome may differ from other sustainability tools and measures. Examples of such indicators are greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

The result is expressed as an aggregate score of the sustainability indicators for each issuer, specifically a notional percentage (positive or negative) of sales of the relevant underlying issuer. For example, a score of +2% would mean an issuer contributes \$2 of relative notional positive impact (i.e. benefits to society) per \$100 of sales. The sustainability score of the Fund is derived from the scores of all issuers in the Fund's portfolio measured by Schroders' proprietary tool.

The Fund invests at least 25% of its assets in sustainable investments, which are investments that the Investment Manager expects to contribute towards the advancement of one or more environmental and/or social objective (s).

### ● **What sustainability indicators are used to measure the attainment of each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?**

The Investment Manager monitors compliance with the characteristic to maintain a higher overall sustainability score than the MSCI Europe Net TR index by reference to the weighted average sustainability score of the Fund in Schroders' proprietary tool compared against the weighted average sustainability score of the MSCI Europe Net TR index in Schroders' proprietary tool over the previous six month period, based on month-end data. The overall sustainability score aggregates the effect of sustainability indicators including but not limited to greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

**Sustainability indicators** measure how the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product are attained.

The Investment Manager monitors compliance with the characteristic to invest at least 25% of its assets in sustainable investments by reference to the sustainability score of each asset in Schroders' proprietary tool. Compliance with this is monitored daily via our automated compliance controls. The Fund also applies certain exclusions, with which the Investment Manager monitors compliance on an ongoing basis via its portfolio compliance framework.

● ***What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?***

In respect of the proportion of the Fund's portfolio that is invested in sustainable investments, each sustainable investment demonstrates a net positive effect across a range of environmental or social objectives, as scored by Schroders' proprietary tool. The environmental or social objectives of the sustainable investments that the Fund partially intends to make may include, but are not limited to, increasing environmental and/or social benefits such as greater water access or fair pay and reducing environmental, and/or social costs such as carbon emissions or food waste. For example, greater water access as measured by Schroders' proprietary tool are the estimated societal benefits of the provision of clean drinking water to human health.

● ***How do the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make, not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?***

The Investment Manager's approach to investing in issuers that do not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective includes the following:

- Firm-wide investment exclusions apply to Schroders funds. These relate to international conventions on cluster munitions, anti-personnel mines, and chemical and biological weapons and a list of those companies that are excluded is available at <https://www.schroders.com/en/sustainability/active-ownership/group-exclusions/>. Firm-wide exclusions also apply to companies generating more than 20% of their revenue from thermal coal mining.
- The Fund excludes companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to tobacco and thermal coal.
- The Fund excludes companies that are assessed by Schroders to have breached one or more 'global norms' thereby causing significant environmental or social harm; these companies comprise Schroders' 'global norms' breach list. Schroders' determination of whether a company has been involved in such a breach considers relevant principles such as those contained in the UN Global Compact (UNGC) principles, the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights. The 'global norms' breach list may be informed by assessments performed by third party providers and by proprietary research, where relevant to a particular situation. In exceptional circumstances a derogation may be applied in order to allow the Fund to continue to hold a company on Schroders' 'global norms' breach list, for example where the stated investment strategy of the Fund may otherwise be compromised. Any such company cannot be categorised as a sustainable investment.
- The Fund may also apply certain other exclusions in addition to those summarised above.

Further information on all of the Fund's exclusions is to be found under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage, <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

● ***How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?***

When seeking to identify significant harm, Schroders' approach to taking into account the Principal Adverse Impacts (PAI) indicators involves a quantitative and a qualitative assessment. Where it is not considered appropriate or feasible to set quantitative thresholds, the Investment Manager engages, where relevant. Investee companies deemed not to satisfy the quantitative thresholds would generally be excluded, unless on a case-by-case basis the data is deemed not representative of a company's performance in the relevant area.

This framework is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability and quality of the data evolves.

Our approach includes:

1. **Quantitative:** this includes indicators where specific thresholds have been established:

- Via the application of exclusions. This approach is relevant to **PAI 4** (Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector), **PAI 5** (Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production) and **PAI 14** (Exposure to controversial weapons). Further, the following PAIs are assessed as part of Schroders 'global norms' breach list exclusion (which seeks to exclude companies where significant harm is occurring):

**Principal adverse impacts** are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anticorruption and antibribery matters.

- **PAI 7** (Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas)
- **PAI 8** (Emissions to water)
- **PAI 9** (Hazardous waste and radioactive waste ratio)
- **PAI 10** (Violations of UN Global Compact principles and Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises)
- **PAI 11** (Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and Voluntary)
- **PAI 14** in Table 3 (Number of identified cases of severe human rights issues and incidents)
- Via the application of an alert system flag if the relevant indicator(s) exceeds a threshold. These quantitative thresholds to assess significant harm are established centrally by our Sustainable Investment team and monitored systematically. This approach applies to indicators where we have segmented the population into harm groups to establish a threshold, such as carbon related PAI metrics, **PAI 1** (GHG emissions), **PAI 2** (Carbon footprint) and **Voluntary PAI 4 in Table 2** (Investing in companies without carbon emission reduction initiatives). **PAI 3** (GHG intensity of investee companies) operates in a similar way but the threshold is based on a revenue metric. A threshold for **PAI 6** (Energy consumption intensity per high impact climate sector) is established based on the above mentioned carbon measures. A similar approach has been taken for **PAI 15** (GHG intensity). **PAI 16** (Investee countries subject to social violations) also operates in the same way but based on data availability regarding social violations. Through this process the relevant issuer(s) that is/are deemed not to satisfy the quantitative thresholds is/are flagged to the Investment Manager for consideration, whose response may involve selling the holdings(s) or maintaining the position if on a case-by-case basis the data is deemed not representative of a company's performance in the relevant area. Investee companies deemed to cause significant harm are excluded from the Fund.
- 2. **Qualitative:** This includes PAI indicators where Schroders' believes that the data available does not enable us to make a quantitative determination regarding whether significant harm is done so as to warrant excluding an investment. In such cases, the Investment Manager engages wherever possible with the company or companies held, in accordance with the priorities documented in Schroders' Engagement Blueprint and/or voting policy. This approach applies to indicators such as **PAI 12** (Unadjusted gender pay gap) and **PAI 13** (Board gender diversity), where we engage and may use our voting rights where we consider appropriate. Both board gender diversity and disclosure of gender pay gap information are captured in our Engagement Blueprint.

● ***How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:***

Companies on Schroders' 'global norms' breach list cannot be categorised as sustainable investments. Schroders' determination of whether a company should be included on such list considers the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, among other relevant principles. The 'global norms' breach list is informed by third party providers and proprietary research, where relevant.

*The EU Taxonomy sets out a "do not significant harm" principle by which Taxonomy-aligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives and is accompanied by specific EU criteria.*

The "do not significant harm" principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.

*Any other sustainable investments must also not significantly harm any environmental or social objectives.*



## Does this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

☒ Yes, the Investment Manager's approach to considering principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors involves classifying the indicators into three categories:

The Investment Manager's approach to considering principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors differs depending on the relevant indicator. Some indicators are considered via the application of exclusions, some are considered via the investment process (where data is available via Schroders PAI dashboard and via other external data sources) and some via engagement. Further details are provided below.

PAIs are considered as part of pre-investment through the application of exclusions. These included:

- Controversial weapons: PAI 14 (Exposure to controversial weapons (anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, chemical weapons and biological weapons)).

- UNGC violators: PAI 10 (Violations of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises) and from July 2023 Schrodgers' 'global norms' breach list which covers: PAI 7 (Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas), PAI 8 (Emissions to water), PAI 9 (Hazardous waste ratio), PAI 10 (Violations of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises), PAI 11 (Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises) and PAI 16 (Investee countries subject to social violations).

- Companies that derived revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to thermal coal; PAI 4 (Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector) and PAI 5 (Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production) that are deemed by the investment manager to contribute significantly to climate change are excluded from the investible universe: PAIs 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 (Greenhouse gas emissions).

Compliance with these thresholds is monitored via the Investment Manager's portfolio compliance framework. PAIs are also considered through integration in the investment process. As part of the issuer level due diligence process, via company analysis from meetings with management teams and on desk analysis of annual reports and statements, several PAIs are considered. These are considered alongside PAIs from Schrodgers' proprietary tool which incorporates several PAIs as a component of its scoring methodology.

PAIs are also considered post-investment through engagement where the Investment Manager engages in line with the approach and expectations set out in Schrodgers Engagement Blueprint, which outlines our approach to active ownership. Over the period our engagements may cover a range of topics, including Human Rights in the Energy sector, and climate and Net Zero commitments for held companies within the Technology sector. These engagements related to PAIs 16 (Social Violations) and 1, 2, 3 and 5 (GHG emissions, Carbon Footprint, GHG intensity of investee company and Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production).

Our approach is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability, and quality, of PAI data evolves. The Management Company's statement on principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors is available at <https://api.schrodgers.com/document-store/id/ffcb39bb-96cb-4e56-9461-deba9a493e85>. The Fund level information is disclosed or will be disclosed (as applicable) in the Fund's annual report.

1. Set thresholds: these involve very explicit thresholds for considering an investment to be a "sustainable investment". For example, PAI 10 on violations of UNGC principles.
2. Active ownership: these involve indicators on which we have a plan to engage with the underlying holding as set out in the Schrodgers Group document <https://mybrand.schrodgers.com/m/3222ea4ed44a1f2c/original/schrodgers-engagement-blueprint.pdf>, outlining our approach to active ownership. For example, PAI 1, 2 and 3 covering GHG emissions and PAI 13 on board gender diversity.
3. Improve coverage: these involve indicators where we consider data coverage to be too sparse to properly consider them and our focus is primarily on engaging with the underlying holdings to increase reporting. For example, PAI 7 on biodiversity, PAI 9 on hazardous waste ratio and PAI 12 on the gender pay gap.

Our approach is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability, and quality, of PAI data evolves.

The Management Company's statement on principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors is available at <https://mybrand.schrodgers.com/m/467910ac8e6da45c/original/Statement-on-principal-adverse-impacts-of-investment-decisions-on-sustainability-factors.pdf>. The Fund level information is disclosed or will be (as applicable) in the Fund's annual report.

☐ No

## What investment strategy does this financial product follow?

The sustainable investment strategy used by the Investment Manager is as follows:

The Fund is actively managed and invests in a select portfolio of securities in special situations, where the Investment Manager believes a special situation to be a company whose future prospects are not fully reflected in its valuation.

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than MSCI Europe Net TR index, based on the Investment Manager's rating system.

The Fund does not directly invest in certain activities, industries or groups of issuers above the limits listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schrodgers.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

The Fund may also invest up to one-third of its assets directly or indirectly in other securities (including other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies, Investment Funds, warrants and Money Market Investments, and hold cash.

The Fund may use derivatives with the aim of reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently.

The Investment Manager applies sustainability criteria when selecting investments for the Fund.

Companies held by the Fund are expected to show a commitment to their stakeholders, including customers, employees, suppliers and regulators. The Fund invests in those companies which consider stakeholders fairly and have good governance.



**The investment strategy** guides investment decisions based on factors such as investment objectives and risk tolerance.



Companies in the investment universe are assessed on their governance, environmental and social profile, across a range of factors. The Investment Manager performs its own due diligence on all potential holdings including, where possible, meetings with senior management.

This analysis is supported by quantitative analysis gained from Schroders' proprietary sustainability tools. Such are key inputs to measure how companies in the portfolio are meeting the sustainability credentials outlined above

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than its investment universe, based on the Investment Manager's rating system.

The Investment Manager ensures that at least:

90% of the portion of the NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in developed countries; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with an investment grade credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by developed countries; and

75% of the portion of the NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in emerging countries; equities issued by small and medium companies; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with a high yield credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by emerging countries,

is rated against the sustainability criteria. For the purposes of this test, small companies are those with market capitalisation below €5 billion, medium companies are those between €5 billion and €10 billion and large companies are those above €10 billion.

● ***What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?***

The following binding elements are applied throughout the investment process:

- The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the MSCI Europe Net TR index based on the Investment Manager's rating criteria.
- The Fund invests at least 25% of its assets in sustainable investments and such investments do not cause significant environmental or social harm.
- Exclusions are applied to direct investments in companies. The Fund applies certain exclusions relating to international conventions on cluster munitions, antipersonnel mines, and chemical and biological weapons. The Fund also excludes companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to tobacco and thermal coal, especially companies that generate at least 10% of their revenues from tobacco production, companies that generate at least 25% of their revenues from the tobacco value chain (such as suppliers, distributors, retailers and licensors), companies that generate at least 10% of their revenues from thermal coal mining and companies that generate at least 30% of their revenues from coal fired power generation. The Fund excludes companies that are assessed by Schroders to have breached one or more 'global norms' thereby causing significant environmental or social harm; these companies comprise Schroders' 'global norms' breach list. In exceptional circumstances a derogation may be applied in order to allow the Fund to continue to hold a company on Schroders' 'global norms' breach list, for example where the stated investment strategy of the Fund may otherwise be compromised. Any such company cannot be categorised as a sustainable investment. Further, the Fund may apply other exclusions as listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>
- The Fund invests in companies that have good governance practices, as determined by the Investment Manager's rating criteria.

The Investment Manager ensures that at least:

- 90% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in developed countries; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with an investment grade credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by developed countries; and

- 75% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in emerging countries; equities issued by small and medium companies; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with a high yield credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by emerging countries, is rated against the sustainability criteria.

-The Investment Manager ensures that at least 90% of the portion of the Fund's Net Asset Value composed of investments in companies is rated against the sustainability criteria:

-As a result of the application of sustainability criteria, at least 20% of the Fund's potential investment universe is excluded from the selection of investments.

- **What is the committed minimum rate to reduce the scope of the investments considered prior to the application of that investment strategy?**

As a result of the application of the Fund's sustainability criteria, at least 20% of the Fund's potential investment universe is excluded from the selection of investments. For the purposes of this test, the potential investment universe is the core universe of issuers that the Investment Manager may select for the Fund prior to the application of sustainability criteria, in accordance with the other limitations of the Investment Objective and Policy.

- **What is the policy to assess good governance practices of the investee companies?**

In order to assess good governance practices, a central Good Governance Test is applied. This test is based on a data-driven quantitative framework, which uses a scorecard to assess companies across the categories of sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff, and tax compliance. Schroders has defined a number of criteria across these pillars.

Compliance with the test is monitored centrally and companies which do not pass this test cannot be held by the Fund, unless the Investment Manager has agreed that the issuer demonstrates good governance based on additional insights beyond that quantitative analysis.

**Good governance** practices include sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff and tax compliance.



**Asset allocation** describes the share of investments in specific assets.

## What is the asset allocation planned for this financial product?

The planned composition of the Fund's investments that are used to meet its environmental or social characteristics are summarised below.

**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the minimum proportion of the Fund's assets used to attain the environmental or social characteristics, which is equal to 70%. The Fund commits to maintain a higher overall sustainability score than the MSCI Europe Net TR index, and so the Fund's investments that are scored by Schroders' proprietary sustainability tool are included within the minimum proportion stated in #1 on the basis that they will contribute to the Fund's sustainability score (whether such individual investment has a positive or a negative score). Also included within #1 is the minimum proportion of assets that are invested in sustainable investments, as indicated in #1A. The minimum proportions stated apply in normal market conditions. The actual proportion stated in #1 is expected to be higher.

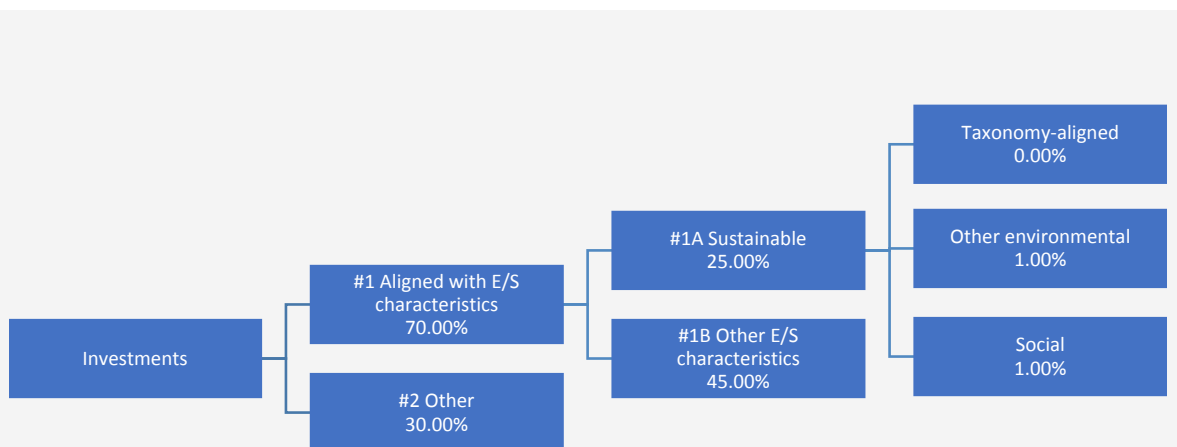
The sustainability score is measured by Schroders' proprietary tool that provides an estimate of the net "impact" that an issuer may create in terms of social and environmental "costs" or "benefits". It does this by using certain indicators with respect to that issuer, and quantifying them positively and negatively to produce an aggregate notional measure of the effect that the relevant underlying issuer may have on society and the environment. Examples of such indicators are greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

The Fund will invest at least 25% of its assets in sustainable investments. A sustainable investment is classified as having an environmental or social objective depending on whether the relevant issuer has a higher score in Schroders' proprietary tool relative to its applicable peer group for its environmental indicators or its social indicators. In each case, indicators are comprised of both "costs" and "benefits".

**#2 Other** includes cash which is treated as neutral for sustainability purposes. #2 also includes investments that are not scored by Schroders' proprietary sustainability tool and so do not contribute towards the Fund's sustainability score. As #1 states a minimum proportion that is in practice expected to be higher, the proportion stated in #2 is expected to be lower.

Minimum safeguards are applied where relevant to Money Market Investments and other investments by restricting (as appropriate) investments in counterparties where there are ownership links or exposure to higher risk countries (for the purpose of money laundering, terrorist financing, bribery, corruption, tax evasion and sanctions risks). A firm-wide risk assessment considers the risk rating of each jurisdiction; which includes reference to a number of public statements, indices and world governance indicators issued by the UN, the European Union, the UK Government, the Financial Action Task Force and several Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), such as Transparency International and the Basel Committee.

In addition, new counterparties are reviewed by Schroders' credit risk team and approval of a new counterparty is based on a holistic review of the various sources of information available, including, but not limited to, quality of management, ownership structure, location, regulatory and social environment to which each counterparty is subject, and the degree of development of the local banking system and its regulatory framework. Ongoing monitoring is performed through a Schroders' proprietary tool, which supports the analysis of a counterparty's management of environmental, social and governance trends and challenges. Any significant deterioration in the profile of the counterparty in Schroders' proprietary tool would lead to further analysis and potential exclusion by Schroders' credit risk team.



**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the investments of the financial product used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product.

**#2 Other** includes the remaining investments of the financial product which are neither aligned with the environmental or social characteristics, nor are qualified as sustainable investments.

The category **#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** covers:

- The sub-category **#1A Sustainable** covers sustainable investments with environmental or social objectives.
- The sub-category **#1B Other E/S characteristics** covers investments aligned with the environmental or social characteristics that do not qualify as sustainable investments.

#1 The minimum proportion stated applies in normal market conditions.

### ● **How does the use of derivatives attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?**

The Fund may use derivatives that are scored in Schroders' proprietary tool to meet the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted by the Fund, as such derivatives would contribute to the Fund's sustainability score (whether such individual investment has a positive or a negative score).



### **To what minimum extent are sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?**

There is no minimum extent to which the Fund's investments (including transitional and enabling activities) with an environmental objective are aligned with the Taxonomy. Taxonomy alignment of this Fund's investments has therefore not been calculated and has as a result been deemed to constitute 0% of the Fund's portfolio.

In future it is expected that the Fund will assess and report on the extent to which its underlying investments are in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the Taxonomy, along with information relating to the proportion of enabling and transitional activities. This Prospectus will be updated once it is possible in the Investment Manager's opinion to accurately disclose to what extent the Fund's investments are in Taxonomy-aligned environmentally sustainable activities, including the proportions of investments in enabling and transitional activities selected for the Fund.

### ● **Does the financial product invest in fossil gas and/or nuclear energy related activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy<sup>1</sup>?**

☐ Yes:

☐ In fossil gas ☐ In nuclear energy

☒ No

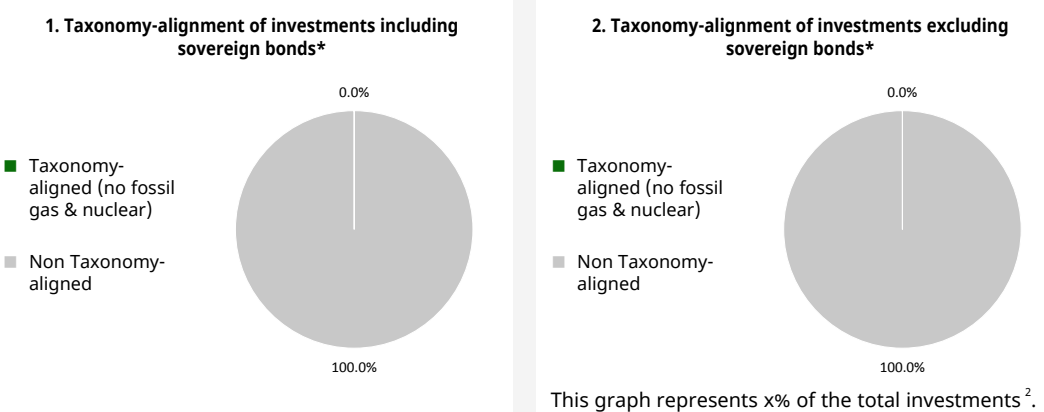
To comply with the EU Taxonomy, the criteria for **fossil gas** include limitations on emissions and switching to renewable power or low-carbon fuels by the end of 2035. For **nuclear energy**, the criteria include comprehensive safety and waste management rules.

<sup>1</sup> Fossil gas and/or nuclear related activities will only comply with the EU Taxonomy where they contribute to limiting climate change ("climate change mitigation") and do not significantly harm any EU Taxonomy objective – see explanatory note in the left-hand margin. The full criteria for fossil gas and nuclear energy economic activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy are laid down in Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1214.

Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

- **turnover** reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee companies
- **capital expenditure** (CapEx) showing the green investments made by investee companies, e.g. for a transition to a green economy.
- **operational expenditure** (OpEx) reflecting green operational activities of investee companies.

The two graphs below show in green the minimum percentage of investments that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the Taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy-alignment in relation to all the investments of the financial product including sovereign bonds, while the second graph shows the Taxonomy-alignment only in relation to the investments of the financial product other than sovereign bonds.



\* For the purpose of these graphs, 'sovereign bonds' consist of all sovereign exposures

**Enabling activities** directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective.

**Transitional activities** are activities for which low-carbon alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.

● **What is the minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities?**

As per the above, at the date of this Prospectus the share of investments by the Fund in transitional and enabling activities is currently deemed to constitute 0% of the Fund’s portfolio.



**What is the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?**

The Fund commits to invest at least 1% of its assets in sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy.



are sustainable investments with an environmental objective that **do not take into account the criteria** for environmentally sustainable economic activities under the EU Taxonomy.

<sup>2</sup> As there is no Taxonomy-alignment, there is no impact on the graph if sovereign bonds are excluded (i.e. the percentage of Taxonomy-aligned investments remains 0%) and the Management Company therefore believes that there is no need to mention this information.



## What is the minimum share of socially sustainable investments?

The Fund commits to invest at least 1% of its assets in sustainable investments with a social objective.



## What investments are included under “#2 Other”, what is their purpose and are there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

#2 Other includes cash which is treated as neutral for sustainability purposes, such as . #2 also includes investments that are not scored by Schroders’ proprietary sustainability tools and so do not contribute towards the Fund’s sustainability score.

Minimum safeguards are applied where relevant to Money Market Investments and other investments by restricting (as appropriate) investments in counterparties where there are ownership links or exposure to higher risk countries (for the purpose of money laundering, terrorist financing, bribery, corruption, tax evasion and sanctions risks). A firm-wide risk assessment considers the risk rating of each jurisdiction; which includes reference to a number of public statements, indices and world governance indicators issued by the UN, the European Union, the UK Government, the Financial Action Task Force and several Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), such as Transparency International and the Basel Committee.

In addition, new counterparties are reviewed by Schroders’ credit risk team and approval of a new counterparty is based on a holistic review of the various sources of information available, including, but not limited to, quality of management, ownership structure, location, regulatory and social environment to which each counterparty is subject, and the degree of development of the local banking system and its regulatory framework. Ongoing monitoring is performed through a Schroders’ proprietary tool, which supports the analysis of a counterparty’s management of environmental, social and governance trends and challenges. Any significant deterioration in the profile of the counterparty in Schroders’ proprietary tool would lead to further analysis and potential exclusion by Schroders’ credit risk team.



## Is a specific index designated as a reference benchmark to determine whether this financial product is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes?

**Reference benchmarks** are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the environmental or social characteristics that they promote.

- ***How is the reference benchmark continuously aligned with each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- ***How is the alignment of the investment strategy with the methodology of the index ensured on a continuous basis?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- ***How does the designated index differ from a relevant broad market index?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- ***Where can the methodology used for the calculation of the designated index be found?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.



## Where can I find more product specific information online?

More product-specific information can be found on the webpage: <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

Pre-contractual disclosure for the financial products referred to in Article 8, paragraphs 1, 2 and 2a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 6, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852

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## Environmental and/or social characteristics

**Sustainable investment** means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good governance practices.

The **EU Taxonomy** is a classification system laid down in Regulation (EU) 2020/852, establishing a list of **environmentally sustainable economic activities**. That Regulation does not lay down a list of socially sustainable economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.

### Does this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?

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<input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with an environmental objective: __%</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> It <b>promotes Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics</b> and while it does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will have a minimum proportion of <b>50.00%</b> of sustainable investments
<input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy	<input type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy
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	<input type="checkbox"/> It promotes E/S characteristics, but <b>will not make any sustainable investments</b>



## What environmental and/or social characteristics are promoted by this financial product?

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the MSCI Europe (Net TR) index, based on the Investment Manager's rating system. This benchmark (which is a broad market index) does not take into account the environmental and social characteristics promoted by the Fund.

The sustainability score is measured by Schroders' proprietary tool that provides an estimate of the net "impact" that an issuer may create in terms of social and environmental "costs" or "benefits". It does this by using certain indicators with respect to that issuer, and quantifying them positively and negatively to produce an aggregate notional measure of the effect that the relevant underlying issuer may have on society and the environment. It does this using third party data as well as Schroders own estimates and assumptions and the outcome may differ from other sustainability tools and measures. Examples of such indicators are greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

The result is expressed as an aggregate score of the sustainability indicators for each issuer, specifically a notional percentage (positive or negative) of sales of the relevant underlying issuer. For example, a score of +2% would mean an issuer contributes \$2 of relative notional positive impact (i.e. benefits to society) per \$100 of sales. The sustainability score of the Fund is derived from the scores of all issuers in the Fund's portfolio measured by Schroders' proprietary tool.

The Fund invests at least 50% of its assets in sustainable investments, which are investments that the Investment Manager expects to contribute towards the advancement of one or more environmental and/or social objective (s).

### What sustainability indicators are used to measure the attainment of each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

The Investment Manager monitors compliance with the characteristic to maintain a higher overall sustainability score than the MSCI Europe (Net TR) index by reference to the weighted average sustainability score of the Fund in Schroders' proprietary tool compared against the weighted average sustainability score of the MSCI Europe (Net TR) index in Schroders' proprietary tool over the previous six month period, based on month-end data. The overall sustainability score aggregates the effect of sustainability indicators including but not limited to greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

**Sustainability indicators** measure how the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product are attained.



The Investment Manager monitors compliance with the characteristic to invest at least 50% of its assets in sustainable investments by reference to the sustainability score of each asset in Schroders' proprietary tool. Compliance with this is monitored daily via our automated compliance controls. The Fund also applies certain exclusions, with which the Investment Manager monitors compliance on an ongoing basis via its portfolio compliance framework.

● ***What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?***

In respect of the proportion of the Fund's portfolio that is invested in sustainable investments, each sustainable investment demonstrates a net positive effect across a range of environmental or social objectives, as scored by Schroders' proprietary tool. The environmental or social objectives of the sustainable investments that the Fund partially intends to make may include, but are not limited to, increasing environmental and/or social benefits such as greater water access or fair pay and reducing environmental, and/or social costs such as carbon emissions or food waste. For example, greater water access as measured by Schroders' proprietary tool are the estimated societal benefits of the provision of clean drinking water to human health.

● ***How do the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make, not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?***

The Investment Manager's approach to investing in issuers that do not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective includes the following:

- Firm-wide investment exclusions apply to Schroders funds. These relate to international conventions on cluster munitions, anti-personnel mines, and chemical and biological weapons and a list of those companies that are excluded is available at <https://www.schroders.com/en/sustainability/active-ownership/group-exclusions/>. Firm-wide exclusions also apply to companies generating more than 20% of their revenue from thermal coal mining.
- The Fund excludes companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to tobacco and thermal coal.
- The Fund excludes companies that are assessed by Schroders to have breached one or more 'global norms' thereby causing significant environmental or social harm; these companies comprise Schroders' 'global norms' breach list. Schroders' determination of whether a company has been involved in such a breach considers relevant principles such as those contained in the UN Global Compact (UNGC) principles, the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights. The 'global norms' breach list may be informed by assessments performed by third party providers and by proprietary research, where relevant to a particular situation.
- The Fund may also apply certain other exclusions.

Further information on all of the Fund's exclusions is to be found under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

● ***How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?***

When seeking to identify significant harm, Schroders' approach to taking into account the Principal Adverse Impacts (PAI) indicators involves a quantitative and a qualitative assessment. Where it is not considered appropriate or feasible to set quantitative thresholds, the Investment Manager engages, where relevant. Investee companies deemed not to satisfy the quantitative thresholds would generally be excluded, unless on a case-by-case basis the data is deemed not representative of a company's performance in the relevant area.

This framework is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability and quality of the data evolves.

Our approach includes:

1. **Quantitative:** this includes indicators where specific thresholds have been established:
  - Via the application of exclusions. This approach is relevant to **PAI 4** (Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector), **PAI 5** (Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production) and **PAI 14** (Exposure to controversial weapons). Further, the following PAIs are assessed as part of Schroders 'global norms' breach list exclusion (which seeks to exclude companies where significant harm is occurring):
    - **PAI 7** (Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas)
    - **PAI 8** (Emissions to water)

**Principal adverse impacts** are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anticorruption and antibribery matters.

- **PAI 9** (Hazardous waste and radioactive waste ratio)
- **PAI 10** (Violations of UN Global Compact principles and Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises)
- **PAI 11** (Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and Voluntary)
- **PAI 14** in Table 3 (Number of identified cases of severe human rights issues and incidents)
- Via the application of an alert system flag if the relevant indicator(s) exceeds a threshold. These quantitative thresholds to assess significant harm are established centrally by our Sustainable Investment team and monitored systematically. This approach applies to indicators where we have segmented the population into harm groups to establish a threshold, such as carbon related PAI metrics, **PAI 1** (GHG emissions), **PAI 2** (Carbon footprint) and **Voluntary PAI 4 in Table 2** (Investing in companies without carbon emission reduction initiatives). **PAI 3** (GHG intensity of investee companies) operates in a similar way but the threshold is based on a revenue metric. A threshold for **PAI 6** (Energy consumption intensity per high impact climate sector) is established based on the above mentioned carbon measures. A similar approach has been taken for **PAI 15** (GHG intensity). **PAI 16** (Investee countries subject to social violations) also operates in the same way but based on data availability regarding social violations. Through this process the relevant issuer(s) that is/are deemed not to satisfy the quantitative thresholds is/are flagged to the Investment Manager for consideration, whose response may involve selling the holdings(s) or maintaining the position if on a case-by-case basis the data is deemed not representative of a company's performance in the relevant area. Investee companies deemed to cause significant harm are excluded from the Fund.
- 2. **Qualitative:** This includes PAI indicators where Schroders' believes that the data available does not enable us to make a quantitative determination regarding whether significant harm is done so as to warrant excluding an investment. In such cases, the Investment Manager engages wherever possible with the company or companies held, in accordance with the priorities documented in Schroders' Engagement Blueprint and/or voting policy. This approach applies to indicators such as **PAI 12** (Unadjusted gender pay gap) and **PAI 13** (Board gender diversity), where we engage and may use our voting rights where we consider appropriate. Both board gender diversity and disclosure of gender pay gap information are captured in our Engagement Blueprint.

● ***How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:***

Companies on Schroders' 'global norms' breach list cannot be categorised as sustainable investments. Schroders' determination of whether a company should be included on such list considers the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, among other relevant principles. The 'global norms' breach list is informed by third party providers and proprietary research, where relevant.

*The EU Taxonomy sets out a "do not significant harm" principle by which Taxonomy-aligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives and is accompanied by specific EU criteria.*

*The "do not significant harm" principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.*

*Any other sustainable investments must also not significantly harm any environmental or social objectives.*



## Does this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

☒ Yes, the Investment Manager's approach to considering principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors involves classifying the indicators into three categories:

The Investment Manager's approach to considering principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors differs depending on the relevant indicator. Some indicators are considered via the application of exclusions, some are considered via the investment process (where data is available via Schroders PAI dashboard and via other external data sources) and some via engagement. Further details are provided below.

PAIs are considered as part of pre-investment through the application of exclusions. These included:

- Controversial weapons: PAI 14 (Exposure to controversial weapons (anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, chemical weapons and biological weapons)).

- UNGC-violators: PAI 10 (Violations of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises) and from July 2023 Schroders' 'global norms' breach list which covers: PAI 7 (Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas), PAI 8 (Emissions to water), PAI 9 (Hazardous waste ratio), PAI 10

(Violations of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises), PAI 11 (Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises) and PAI 16 (Investee countries subject to social violations).

- Companies that derived revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to thermal coal; PAI 4 (Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector) and PAI 5 (Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production) that are deemed by the investment manager to contribute significantly to climate change are excluded from the investible universe: PAIs 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 (Greenhouse gas emissions).

Compliance with these thresholds is monitored via the Investment Manager's portfolio compliance framework. PAIs are also considered through integration in the investment process. As part of the issuer level due diligence process, via company analysis from meetings with management teams and on desk analysis of annual reports and statements, several PAIs are considered. These are considered alongside PAIs from Schroders' proprietary tool which incorporates several PAIs as a component of its scoring methodology.

PAIs are also considered post-investment through engagement where the Investment Manager engages in line with the approach and expectations set out in Schroders Engagement Blueprint, which outlines our approach to active ownership. Over the period our engagements may cover a range of topics, including Human Rights in the Consumer Discretionary sector, and climate and Net Zero commitments for held companies within the Financials sector. These engagements related to PAIs 16 (Social Violations) and 1, 2, 3 and 5 (GHG emissions, Carbon Footprint, GHG intensity of investee company and Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production).

Our approach is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability, and quality, of PAI data evolves. The Management Company's statement on principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors is available at <https://api.schroders.com/document-store/id/ffcb39bb-96cb-4e56-9461-deba9a493e85>. The Fund level information is disclosed or will be disclosed (as applicable) in the Fund's annual report.

1. Set thresholds: these involve very explicit thresholds for considering an investment to be a "sustainable investment". For example, PAI 10 on violations of UNGC principles.

2. Active ownership: these involve indicators on which we have a plan to engage with the underlying holding as set out in the Schroders Group document <https://mybrand.schroders.com/m/3222ea4ed44a1f2c/original/schroders-engagement-blueprint.pdf>, outlining our approach to active ownership. For example, PAI 1, 2 and 3 covering GHG emissions and PAI 13 on board gender diversity.

3. Improve coverage: these involve indicators where we consider data coverage to be too sparse to properly consider them and our focus is primarily on engaging with the underlying holdings to increase reporting. For example, PAI 7 on biodiversity, PAI 9 on hazardous waste ratio and PAI 12 on the gender pay gap.

Our approach is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability, and quality, of PAI data evolves.

The Management Company's statement on principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors is available at <https://mybrand.schroders.com/m/467910ac8e6da45c/original/Statement-on-principal-adverse-impacts-of-investment-decisions-on-sustainability-factors.pdf>. The Fund level information is disclosed or will be (as applicable) in the Fund's annual report.

☐ No



## What investment strategy does this financial product follow?

**The investment strategy** guides investment decisions based on factors such as investment objectives and risk tolerance.

The sustainable investment strategy used by the Investment Manager is as follows:

The Fund is actively managed and invests at least two-thirds of its assets in equity and equity related securities of European companies.

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than MSCI Europe (Net TR) index, based on the Investment Manager's rating system.

The Fund does not directly invest in certain activities, industries or groups of issuers above the limits listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

The Fund invests in companies that have good governance practices, as determined by the Investment Manager's rating criteria.

The Investment Manager may also engage with companies held by the Fund to challenge identified areas of weakness on sustainability issues. More details on the Investment Manager's approach to sustainability and its engagement with companies are available on the webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/>

The Fund may also invest up to one-third of its assets directly or indirectly in other securities (including other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies, Investment Funds, warrants and Money Market Investments, and hold cash.

The Fund may use derivatives with the aim of achieving investment gains, reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently.

The Investment Manager applies sustainability criteria when selecting investments for the Fund.

Companies in the investment universe are assessed on their governance, environmental and social profile, across a range of factors. This analysis is supported by quantitative analysis gained from Schroders' proprietary sustainability tools.

The Investment Manager assesses a company's environment and social impact, as well as governance practices, using proprietary sustainability tools.

In addition, the Investment Manager also performs its own research and analysis before deciding whether a company is eligible for inclusion in the Fund, based on its overall sustainability profile.

Proprietary tools will be key inputs to measure how companies in the portfolio are meeting the sustainability credentials outlined above.

The sources of information used to perform the analysis include information provided by the companies, such as company sustainability reports and other relevant company material, as well as Schroders' proprietary sustainability tools and third-party data.

The Investment Manager ensures that at least 90% of the portion of the Fund's Net Asset Value composed of investments in companies is rated against the sustainability criteria. As a result of the application of sustainability criteria, at least 20% of the Fund's potential investment universe is excluded from the selection of investments.

For the purposes of this test, the potential investment universe is the core universe of issuers that the Investment Manager may select for the Fund prior to the application of sustainability criteria, in accordance with the other limitations of the Investment Objective and Policy. This universe is comprised of equity and equity related securities of European companies.

● ***What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?***

The following binding elements are applied throughout the investment process:

- The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the MSCI Europe (Net TR) index based on the Investment Manager's rating criteria.
- The Fund invests at least 50% of its assets in sustainable investments and such investments do not cause significant environmental or social harm.
- Exclusions are applied to direct investments in companies. The Fund applies certain exclusions relating to international conventions on cluster munitions, antipersonnel mines, and chemical and biological weapons. The Fund also excludes companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to tobacco and thermal coal, especially companies that generate at least 10% of their revenues from tobacco production, companies that generate at least 25% of their revenues from the tobacco value chain (such as suppliers, distributors, retailers and licensors), companies that generate at least 10% of their revenues from thermal coal mining and companies that generate at least 30% of their revenues from coal fired power generation. The Fund excludes companies that are assessed by Schroders to have breached one or more 'global norms' thereby causing significant environmental or social harm; these companies comprise Schroders' 'global norms' breach list. Any such exception cannot be categorised as a sustainable investment. Further, the Fund may apply other exclusions as listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>
- The Fund invests in companies that have good governance practices, as determined by the Investment Manager's rating criteria.
- The Investment Manager ensures that at least 90% of the portion of the Fund's Net Asset Value composed of investments in companies is rated against the sustainability criteria.
- As a result of the application of sustainability criteria, at least 20% of the Fund's potential investment universe is excluded from the selection of investments.

● ***What is the committed minimum rate to reduce the scope of the investments considered prior to the application of that investment strategy?***

As a result of the application of the Fund's sustainability criteria, at least 20% of the Fund's potential investment universe is excluded from the selection of investments. For the purposes of this test, the potential investment universe is the core universe of issuers that the Investment Manager may select for the Fund prior to the application of sustainability criteria, in accordance with the other limitations of the Investment Objective and Policy.

● ***What is the policy to assess good governance practices of the investee companies?***

In order to assess good governance practices, a central Good Governance Test is applied. This test is based on a data-driven quantitative framework, which uses a scorecard to assess companies across the categories of sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff, and tax compliance. Schroders has defined a number of criteria across these pillars.

**Good governance** practices include sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff and tax compliance.

Compliance with the test is monitored centrally and companies which do not pass this test cannot be held by the Fund, unless the Investment Manager has agreed that the issuer demonstrates good governance based on additional insights beyond that quantitative analysis.



## What is the asset allocation planned for this financial product?

**Asset allocation** describes the share of investments in specific assets.

The planned composition of the Fund's investments that are used to meet its environmental or social characteristics are summarised below.

**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the minimum proportion of the Fund's assets used to attain the environmental or social characteristics, which is equal to 70%. The Fund commits to maintain a higher overall sustainability score than the MSCI Europe (Net TR) index, and so the Fund's investments that are scored by Schroders' proprietary sustainability tool are included within the minimum proportion stated in #1 on the basis that they will contribute to the Fund's sustainability score (whether such individual investment has a positive or a negative score). Also included within #1 is the minimum proportion of assets that are invested in sustainable investments, as indicated in #1A. The minimum proportions stated apply in normal market conditions. The actual proportion stated in #1 is expected to be higher.

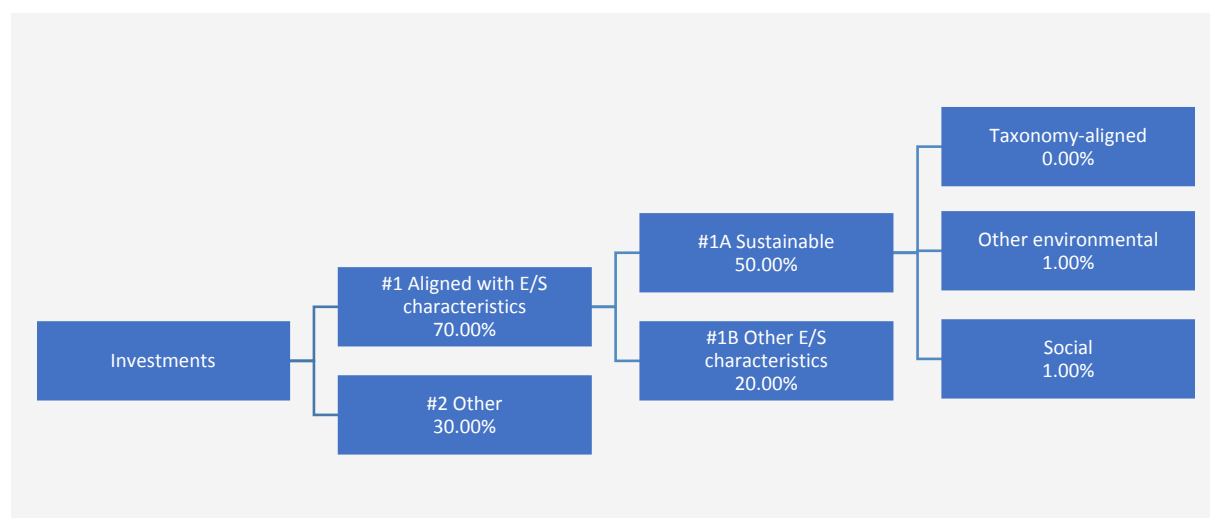
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The Fund will invest at least 50% of its assets in sustainable investments. A sustainable investment is classified as having an environmental or social objective depending on whether the relevant issuer has a higher score in Schroders' proprietary tool relative to its applicable peer group for its environmental indicators or its social indicators. In each case, indicators are comprised of both "costs" and "benefits".

**#2 Other** includes cash which is treated as neutral for sustainability purposes. #2 also includes investments that are not scored by Schroders' proprietary sustainability tool and so do not contribute towards the Fund's sustainability score. As #1 states a minimum proportion that is in practice expected to be higher, the proportion stated in #2 is expected to be lower.

Minimum safeguards are applied where relevant to Money Market Investments and other investments by restricting (as appropriate) investments in counterparties where there are ownership links or exposure to higher risk countries (for the purpose of money laundering, terrorist financing, bribery, corruption, tax evasion and sanctions risks). A firm-wide risk assessment considers the risk rating of each jurisdiction; which includes reference to a number of public statements, indices and world governance indicators issued by the UN, the European Union, the UK Government, the Financial Action Task Force and several Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), such as Transparency International and the Basel Committee.

In addition, new counterparties are reviewed by Schroders' credit risk team and approval of a new counterparty is based on a holistic review of the various sources of information available, including, but not limited to, quality of management, ownership structure, location, regulatory and social environment to which each counterparty is subject, and the degree of development of the local banking system and its regulatory framework. Ongoing monitoring is performed through a Schroders' proprietary tool, which supports the analysis of a counterparty's management of environmental, social and governance trends and challenges. Any significant deterioration in the profile of the counterparty in Schroders' proprietary tool would lead to further analysis and potential exclusion by Schroders' credit risk team.



**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the investments of the financial product used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product.

**#2 Other** includes the remaining investments of the financial product which are neither aligned with the environmental or social characteristics, nor are qualified as sustainable investments.

The category **#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** covers:

- The sub-category **#1A Sustainable** covers sustainable investments with environmental or social objectives.
- The sub-category **#1B Other E/S characteristics** covers investments aligned with the environmental or social characteristics that do not qualify as sustainable investments.

#1 The minimum proportion stated applies in normal market conditions.

● **How does the use of derivatives attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?**

The Fund may use derivatives that are scored in Schroders' proprietary tool to meet the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted by the Fund, as such derivatives would contribute to the Fund's sustainability score (whether such individual investment has a positive or a negative score).



**To what minimum extent are sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?**

There is no minimum extent to which the Fund's investments (including transitional and enabling activities) with an environmental objective are aligned with the Taxonomy. Taxonomy alignment of this Fund's investments has therefore not been calculated and has as a result been deemed to constitute 0% of the Fund's portfolio.

In future it is expected that the Fund will assess and report on the extent to which its underlying investments are in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the Taxonomy, along with information relating to the proportion of enabling and transitional activities. This Prospectus will be updated once it is possible in the Investment Manager's opinion to accurately disclose to what extent the Fund's investments are in Taxonomy-aligned environmentally sustainable activities, including the proportions of investments in enabling and transitional activities selected for the Fund.

● **Does the financial product invest in fossil gas and/or nuclear energy related activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy<sup>1</sup>?**

☐ Yes:

☐ In fossil gas ☐ In nuclear energy

☒ No

To comply with the EU Taxonomy, the criteria for **fossil gas** include limitations on emissions and switching to renewable power or low-carbon fuels by the end of 2035. For **nuclear energy**, the criteria include comprehensive safety and waste management rules.

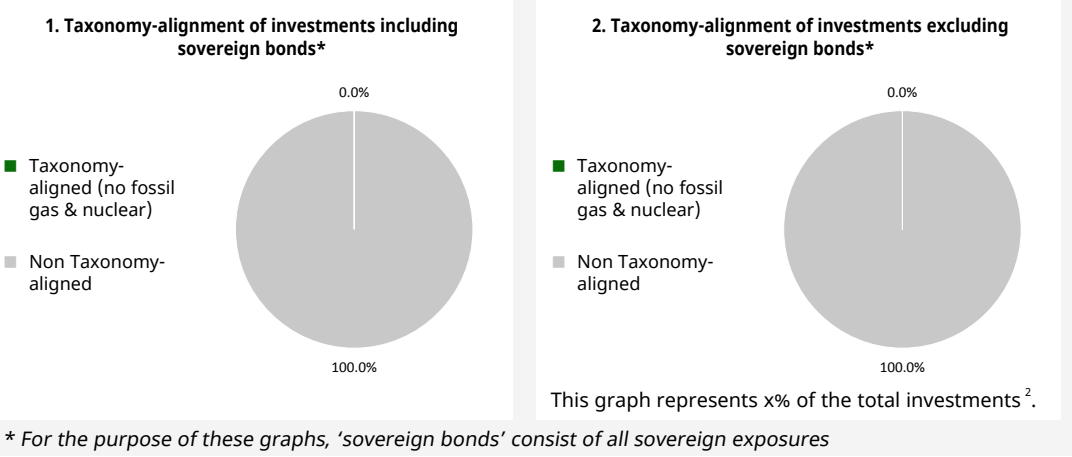
<sup>1</sup> Fossil gas and/or nuclear related activities will only comply with the EU Taxonomy where they contribute to limiting climate change ("climate change mitigation") and do not significantly harm any EU Taxonomy objective – see explanatory note in the left-hand margin. The full criteria for fossil gas and nuclear energy economic activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy are laid down in Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1214.



Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

- **turnover** reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee companies
- **capital expenditure** (CapEx) showing the green investments made by investee companies, e.g. for a transition to a green economy.
- **operational expenditure** (OpEx) reflecting green operational activities of investee companies.

The two graphs below show in green the minimum percentage of investments that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the Taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy-alignment in relation to all the investments of the financial product including sovereign bonds, while the second graph shows the Taxonomy-alignment only in relation to the investments of the financial product other than sovereign bonds.



**Enabling activities** directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective.

**Transitional activities** are activities for which low-carbon alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.

- **What is the minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities?**  
As per the above, at the date of this Prospectus the share of investments by the Fund in transitional and enabling activities is currently deemed to constitute 0% of the Fund's portfolio.



- **What is the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?**  
The Fund commits to invest at least 1% of its assets in sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy.



are sustainable investments with an environmental objective that **do not take into account the criteria** for environmentally sustainable economic activities under the EU Taxonomy.

<sup>2</sup> As there is no Taxonomy-alignment, there is no impact on the graph if sovereign bonds are excluded (i.e. the percentage of Taxonomy-aligned investments remains 0%) and the Management Company therefore believes that there is no need to mention this information.



## What is the minimum share of socially sustainable investments?

The Fund commits to invest at least 1% of its assets in sustainable investments with a social objective.



## What investments are included under “#2 Other”, what is their purpose and are there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

#2 Other includes cash which is treated as neutral for sustainability purposes. #2 also includes investments that are not scored by Schroders’ proprietary sustainability tools and so do not contribute towards the Fund’s sustainability score.

Minimum safeguards are applied where relevant to Money Market Investments and other investments by restricting (as appropriate) investments in counterparties where there are ownership links or exposure to higher risk countries (for the purpose of money laundering, terrorist financing, bribery, corruption, tax evasion and sanctions risks). A firm-wide risk assessment considers the risk rating of each jurisdiction; which includes reference to a number of public statements, indices and world governance indicators issued by the UN, the European Union, the UK Government, the Financial Action Task Force and several Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), such as Transparency International and the Basel Committee.

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## Is a specific index designated as a reference benchmark to determine whether this financial product is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes?

**Reference benchmarks** are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the environmental or social characteristics that they promote.

- ***How is the reference benchmark continuously aligned with each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- ***How is the alignment of the investment strategy with the methodology of the index ensured on a continuous basis?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- ***How does the designated index differ from a relevant broad market index?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- ***Where can the methodology used for the calculation of the designated index be found?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.



## Where can I find more product specific information online?

More product-specific information can be found on the webpage: <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

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Does this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?	
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<input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with a social objective __%</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> with a social objective
	<input type="checkbox"/> It promotes E/S characteristics, but <b>will not make any sustainable investments</b>



## What environmental and/or social characteristics are promoted by this financial product?

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the Bloomberg Global Aggregate Bond index, based on the Investment Manager's rating system. This benchmark (which is a broad market index) does not take into account the environmental and social characteristics promoted by the Fund.

The sustainability score is measured by Schroders' proprietary tool that provides an estimate of the net "impact" that an issuer may create in terms of social and environmental "costs" or "benefits". It does this by using certain indicators with respect to that issuer, and quantifying them positively and negatively to produce an aggregate notional measure of the effect that the relevant underlying issuer may have on society and the environment. It does this using third party data as well as Schroders own estimates and assumptions and the outcome may differ from other sustainability tools and measures. Examples of such indicators are greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

The result is expressed as an aggregate score of the sustainability indicators for each issuer, specifically a notional percentage (positive or negative) of sales or GDP of the relevant underlying issuer. For example, a score of +2% would mean an issuer contributes \$2 of relative notional positive impact (i.e. benefits to society) per \$100 of sales or GDP. The sustainability score of the Fund is derived from the scores of all issuers in the Fund's portfolio measured by Schroders' proprietary tool.

The Fund invests at least 10% of its assets in sustainable investments, which are investments that the Investment Manager expects to contribute towards the advancement of one or more environmental and/or social objective (s).

### ● What sustainability indicators are used to measure the attainment of each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

The Investment Manager monitors compliance with the characteristic to maintain a higher overall sustainability score than the Bloomberg Global Aggregate Bond index by reference to the weighted average sustainability score of the Fund in Schroders' proprietary tool compared against the weighted average sustainability score of the Bloomberg Global Aggregate Bond index in Schroders' proprietary tool over the previous ~~six months~~**six-month** period, based on month-end data. The overall sustainability score aggregates the effect of sustainability indicators including but not limited to greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

**Sustainability indicators** measure how the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product are attained.

The Investment Manager monitors compliance with the characteristic to invest at least 10% of its assets in sustainable investments by reference to (i) the sustainability score of each asset in Schroders' proprietary tool and/ or (ii) whether the asset is classified as a green, social and/ or sustainable bond. Compliance with this is monitored daily via our automated compliance controls. The Fund also applies certain exclusions, with which the Investment Manager monitors compliance on an ongoing basis via its portfolio compliance framework.

● ***What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?***

In respect of the proportion of the Fund's portfolio that is invested in sustainable investments, each sustainable investment either (i) demonstrates a net positive effect across a range of environmental or social objectives, as scored by Schroders' proprietary tool and/or (ii) is classified as a green, social and/ or sustainable bond using a third-party data source. The environmental or social objectives of the sustainable investments that the Fund partially intends to make may include, but are not limited to, increasing environmental and/or social benefits such as greater water access or fair pay and reducing environmental, and/or social costs such as carbon emissions or food waste. For example, greater water access as measured by Schroders' proprietary tool are the estimated societal benefits of the provision of clean drinking water to human health. The environmental or social objectives of green, social and/or sustainable bonds may include, but are not limited to, climate change mitigation, renewable energy initiatives, natural resource conservation, access to finance and affordable housing projects.

● ***How do the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make, not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?***

The Investment Manager's approach to investing in issuers that do not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective includes the following:

- Firm-wide investment exclusions apply to Schroders funds. These relate to international conventions on cluster munitions, anti-personnel mines, and chemical and biological weapons and a list of those companies that are excluded is available at <https://www.schroders.com/en/sustainability/active-ownership/group-exclusions/>. Firm-wide exclusions also apply to companies generating more than 20% of their revenue from thermal coal mining.
- The Fund excludes companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to tobacco and thermal coal.
- The Fund excludes companies that are assessed by Schroders to have breached one or more 'global norms' thereby causing significant environmental or social harm; these companies comprise Schroders' 'global norms' breach list. Schroders' determination of whether a company has been involved in such a breach considers relevant principles such as those contained in the UN Global Compact (UNGC) principles, the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights. The 'global norms' breach list may be informed by assessments performed by third party providers and by proprietary research, where relevant to a particular situation. In exceptional circumstances a derogation may be applied in order to allow the Fund to continue to hold a company on Schroders' 'global norms' breach list, for example where the stated investment strategy of the Fund may otherwise be compromised. Any such company cannot be categorised as a sustainable investment.
- The Fund may also apply certain other exclusions in addition to those summarised above.

Further information on all of the Fund's investment exclusions is to be found under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>.

● ***How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?***

When seeking to identify significant harm, Schroders' approach to taking into account the Principal Adverse Impacts (PAI) indicators involves a quantitative and a qualitative assessment. Where it is not considered appropriate or feasible to set quantitative thresholds, the Investment Manager engages, where relevant. Investee companies deemed not to satisfy the quantitative thresholds would generally be excluded, unless on a case-by-case basis the data is deemed not representative of a company's performance in the relevant area.

This framework is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability and quality of the data evolves.

Our approach includes:

1. **Quantitative:** this includes indicators where specific thresholds have been established:

**Principal adverse impacts** are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anticorruption and antibribery matters.

- Via the application of exclusions. This approach is relevant to **PAI 4** (Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector), **PAI 5** (Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production) and **PAI 14** (Exposure to controversial weapons). Further, the following PAIs are assessed as part of Schroders' 'global norms' breach list exclusion (which seeks to exclude companies where significant harm is occurring):
  - **PAI 7** (Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas)
  - **PAI 8** (Emissions to water)
  - **PAI 9** (Hazardous waste and radioactive waste ratio)
  - **PAI 10** (Violations of UN Global Compact principles and Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises)
  - **PAI 11** (Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and Voluntary)
  - **PAI 14** in Table 3 (Number of identified cases of severe human rights issues and incidents)
- Via the application of an alert system flag if the relevant indicator(s) exceeds a threshold. These quantitative thresholds to assess significant harm are established centrally by our Sustainable Investment team and monitored systematically. This approach applies to indicators where we have segmented the population into harm groups to establish a threshold, such as carbon related PAI metrics, **PAI 1** (GHG emissions), **PAI 2** (Carbon footprint) and **Voluntary PAI 4 in Table 2** (Investing in companies without carbon emission reduction initiatives). **PAI 3** (GHG intensity of investee companies) operates in a similar way but the threshold is based on a revenue metric. A threshold for **PAI 6** (Energy consumption intensity per high impact climate sector) is established based on the ~~above-mentioned~~ carbon measures. A similar approach has been taken for **PAI 15** (GHG intensity). **PAI 16** (Investee countries subject to social violations) also operates in the same way but based on data availability regarding social violations. Through this process the relevant issuer(s) that is/are deemed not to satisfy the quantitative thresholds is/are flagged to the Investment Manager for consideration, whose response may involve selling the holdings(s) or maintaining the position if on a case-by-case basis the data is deemed not representative of a company's performance in the relevant area. Investee companies deemed to cause significant harm are excluded from the Fund.
- 2. **Qualitative:** This includes PAI indicators where Schroders' believes that the data available does not enable us to make a quantitative determination regarding whether significant harm is done so as to warrant excluding an investment. In such cases, the Investment Manager engages wherever possible with the company or companies held, in accordance with the priorities documented in Schroders' Engagement Blueprint and/or voting policy. This approach applies to indicators such as **PAI 12** (Unadjusted gender pay gap) and **PAI 13** (Board gender diversity), where we engage and may use our voting rights where we consider appropriate. Both board gender diversity and disclosure of gender pay gap information are captured in our Engagement Blueprint.

● ***How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:***

Companies on Schroders' 'global norms' breach list cannot be categorised as sustainable investments. Schroders' determination of whether a company should be included on such list considers the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, among other relevant principles. The 'global norms' breach list is informed by third party providers and proprietary research, where relevant.

*The EU Taxonomy sets out a "do not significant harm" principle by which Taxonomy-aligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives and is accompanied by specific EU criteria.*

*The "do not significant harm" principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.*

*Any other sustainable investments must also not significantly harm any environmental or social objectives.*



## Does this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

☒ Yes, the Investment Manager's approach to considering principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors involves classifying the indicators into three categories:

The Investment Manager's approach to considering principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors differs depending on the relevant indicator. Some indicators are considered via the application of exclusions, some are considered via the investment process (where data is available via Schroders' PAI dashboard and via other external data sources) and some are considered via engagement. Further details are provided below.

PAIs are considered as part of pre-investment through the application of exclusions. These include Schroders firmwide corporate exclusions regarding:

- Controversial weapons: PAI 14 Exposure to controversial weapons (anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, chemical weapons and biological weapons).
- Schroders' 'global norms' breach list, which covers: PAI 7 (Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas), PAI 8 (Emissions to water), PAI 9 (Hazardous waste and radioactive waste ratio), PAI 10 (Violations of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises), PAI 11 (Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises) and PAI 16 (Investee countries subject to social violations).
- Companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to thermal coal: PAI 4 (Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector) and PAI 5 (Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production).

Compliance with these thresholds is monitored via the Investment Manager's portfolio compliance framework.

PAIs are also considered through integration in the investment process. All PAI indicators are monitored via Schroders PAI dashboard.

Schroders' proprietary tool incorporates several PAIs as a component of its scoring methodology. In assessing a corporate issuer's overall environmental score PAI 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 are included, for example.

As part of our process we also consider the materiality of PAIs 15 (GHG intensity) and 16 (investee countries subject to social violations) as to whether we should regard these as areas of potential concern.

PAIs are also considered post-investment through engagement where the Investment Manager engages in line with the approach and expectations set out in Schroders Engagement Blueprint, which outlines our approach to active ownership.

The Investment Manager may engage with selected issuers held by the Fund on PAIs 1, 2, 3 and 4, for example. We aim to engage with several issuers on net zero carbon emissions targets (PAI 1,2) and procuring renewable energy (PAI 5).

There tends to be fewer opportunities to engage with sovereign issuers, as opposed to corporate issuers, but nonetheless we aim to engage with sovereign and supranational issuers on a periodic basis, primarily with respect to their approach to net zero carbon strategies (relating to PAI 15, GHG intensity).

Our approach is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability, and quality, of PAI data evolves. The Management Company's statement on principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors is available at <https://api.schroders.com/document-store/id/ffcb39bb-96cb-4e56-9461-deba9a493e85>. The Fund level information is disclosed or will be disclosed (as applicable) in the Fund's annual report.

1. Set thresholds: these involve very explicit thresholds for considering an investment to be a "sustainable investment". For example, PAI 10 on violations of UNGC principles.
2. Active ownership: these involve indicators on which we have a plan to engage with the underlying holding as set out in the Schroders Group document - <https://mybrand.schroders.com/m/3222ea4ed44a1f2c/original/schroders-engagement-blueprint.pdf>, outlining our approach to active ownership. For example, PAI 1, 2 and 3 covering GHG emissions and PAI 13 on board gender diversity.
3. Improve coverage: these involve indicators where we consider data coverage to be too sparse to properly consider them and our focus is primarily on engaging with the underlying holdings to increase reporting. For example, PAI 7 on biodiversity, PAI 9 on hazardous waste ratio and PAI 12 on the gender pay gap.

Our approach is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability, and quality, of PAI data evolves.

The Management Company's statement on principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors is available at <https://mybrand.schroders.com/m/467910ac8e6da45c/original/Statement-on-principal-adverse-impacts-of-investment-decisions-on-sustainability-factors.pdf>. The Fund level information is disclosed or will be (as applicable) in the Fund's annual report:

☐ No



## What investment strategy does this financial product follow?

**The investment strategy** guides investment decisions based on factors such as investment objectives and risk tolerance.

The sustainable investment strategy used by the Investment Manager is as follows:

The Fund is actively managed and invests at least two-thirds of its assets in fixed and floating rate securities with an investment grade or sub-investment grade credit rating (as measured by Standard & Poor's or any equivalent grade of other credit rating agencies) issued by governments, government agencies, supra-nationals and companies worldwide in various currencies.

The Fund may invest:

- up to 10% of its assets in contingent convertible bonds;
- up to 30% of its assets in securities that have a below investment grade credit rating (as measured by Standard & Poor's or any equivalent grade of other credit rating agencies for rated bonds and implied Schroders ratings for non-rated bonds); and



– up to 40% of its assets in asset-backed securities, commercial mortgage-backed securities, and/or residential mortgage-backed securities issued worldwide with an investment grade or sub-investment grade credit rating (as measured by Standard & Poor's or any equivalent grade of other credit rating agencies).

Underlying assets may include credit card receivables, personal loans, auto loans, small business loans, leases, commercial mortgages and residential mortgages.

The Fund may invest up to 15% of its assets in mainland China through Regulated Markets (including the CIBM via Bond Connect or CIBM Direct).

The Fund may also invest up to one-third of its assets directly or indirectly in other securities (including other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies, Investment Funds, warrants and Money Market Investments, and hold cash.

The Fund may use derivatives with the aim of achieving investment gains, reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently.

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the Bloomberg Global Aggregate Bond index, based on the Investment Manager's rating criteria.

The Fund does not directly invest in certain activities, industries or groups of issuers above the limits listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

The Investment Manager applies governance and sustainability criteria when selecting investment for the Fund.

Sustainability factors are assessed – across both sovereign markets and credit allocation decisions – in tandem with macroeconomic factors throughout the Investment Manager's top-down thematic investment process.

In assessing sustainability factors for sovereign issuers, the Investment Manager considers that countries with stable and non-corrupt governments are likely to be more willing and able to service their debts, while political considerations, including the impact of social and governance factors, can influence a country's inflation and currency profile and thus have a material impact on the real value of debt. Environmental impacts – which can be more pertinent over a longer-term horizon – are also incorporated. The Investment Manager's approach includes the use of Schroders' proprietary sustainability tools to rank countries by measuring their performance against multiple sustainability related indicators.

Credit selection decisions are delegated to the Investment Manager's specialist credit investment teams, who aim to identify issuers demonstrating good or improving sustainability credentials, and those that impose a high cost on the environment and society. This involves:

- The exclusion of issuers with certain exposure to specific activities that the Investment Manager considers environmentally destructive or socially damaging, violate human rights and/ or have demonstrated gross misconduct that the Investment Manager deems to have businesses that are materially damaging to the environment or impose unjustifiable social costs; and
- The inclusion of issuers that the Investment Manager considers are well placed to deliver demonstrate stable and improving sustainability trajectories relative to their industry peers, and issuers demonstrating good governance based on the Investment Manager's sustainability rating methodology.

The primary sources of information used to perform this analysis are the Investment Manager's proprietary tools and research, third-party research, NGO reports and expert networks. For corporate issuers, the Investment Manager also performs its own analysis of publicly available information provided by the companies, including information provided in company sustainability reports and other relevant company material.

More details on the Investment Manager's approach to sustainability and its engagement with companies are available on the webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/>

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than its investment universe, based on the Investment Manager's rating system.

The Investment Manager ensures that at least:

- 90% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in developed countries; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with an investment grade credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by developed countries; and
- 75% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in emerging countries; equities issued by small and medium companies; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with a high yield credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by emerging countries,

is rated against the sustainability criteria. For the purposes of this test, small companies are those with market capitalisation below €5 billion, medium companies are those between €5 billion and €10 billion and large companies are those above €10 billion.

● ***What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?***

The following binding elements are applied throughout the investment process:

- The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the Bloomberg Global Aggregate Bond index based on the Investment Manager's rating criteria.

- The Fund invests at least 10% of its assets in sustainable investments and such investments do not cause significant environmental or social harm.
- Exclusions are applied to direct investments in companies. The Fund applies certain exclusions relating to international conventions on cluster munitions, antipersonnel mines, and chemical and biological weapons. The Fund also excludes companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to tobacco and thermal coal, especially companies that generate at least 10% of their revenues from tobacco production, companies that generate at least 25% of their revenues from the tobacco value chain (such as suppliers, distributors, retailers and licensors), companies that generate at least 10% of their revenues from thermal coal mining and companies that generate at least 30% of their revenues from coal fired power generation. The Fund excludes companies that are assessed by Schroders to have breached one or more 'global norms' thereby causing significant environmental or social harm; these companies comprise Schroders' 'global norms' breach list. In exceptional circumstances a derogation may be applied in order to allow the Fund to continue to hold a company on Schroders' 'global norms' breach list, for example where the stated investment strategy of the Fund may otherwise be compromised. Any such company cannot be categorised as a sustainable investment. Further, the Fund may apply other exclusions as listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/individual/fund-centre>
- The Fund invests in companies that have good governance practices, as determined by the Investment Manager's rating criteria.

The Investment Manager ensures that at least:

- 90% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in developed countries; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with an investment grade credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by developed countries; and
- 75% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in emerging countries; equities issued by small and medium companies; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with a high yield credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by emerging countries,

is rated against the sustainability criteria.

● ***What is the committed minimum rate to reduce the scope of the investments considered prior to the application of that investment strategy?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

● ***What is the policy to assess good governance practices of the investee companies?***

In order to assess good governance practices, a central Good Governance Test is applied. This test is based on a data-driven quantitative framework, which uses a scorecard to assess companies across the categories of sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff, and tax compliance. Schroders has defined a number of criteria across these pillars.

Compliance with the test is monitored centrally and companies which do not pass this test cannot be held by the Fund, unless the Investment Manager has agreed that the issuer demonstrates good governance based on additional insights beyond that quantitative analysis.

**Good governance**  
practices include sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff and tax compliance.



## **What is the asset allocation planned for this financial product?**

**Asset allocation**  
describes the share of investments in specific assets.

The planned composition of the Fund's investments that are used to meet its environmental or social characteristics are summarised below.

**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the minimum proportion of the Fund's assets used to attain the environmental or social characteristics, which is equal to 60%. The Fund commits to maintain a higher overall sustainability score than the Bloomberg Global Aggregate Bond index, and so the Fund's investments that are scored by Schroders' proprietary sustainability tool are included within the minimum proportion stated in #1 on the basis that they will contribute to the Fund's sustainability score (whether such individual investment has a positive or a negative score). Also included within #1 are any green, social or sustainable bonds that are not scored by Schroders' proprietary sustainability tool. ~~is not~~ The minimum proportion of assets that are invested in sustainable investments, ~~is~~ indicated in #1A. The minimum proportions stated apply in normal market conditions. The actual proportion stated in #1 is expected to be higher.

The sustainability score is measured by Schroders' proprietary tool that provides an estimate of the net "impact" that an issuer may create in terms of social and environmental "costs" or "benefits". It does this by using certain indicators with respect to that issuer, and quantifying them positively and negatively to produce an aggregate notional measure of the effect that the relevant underlying issuer may have on society and the environment. Examples of such indicators are greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

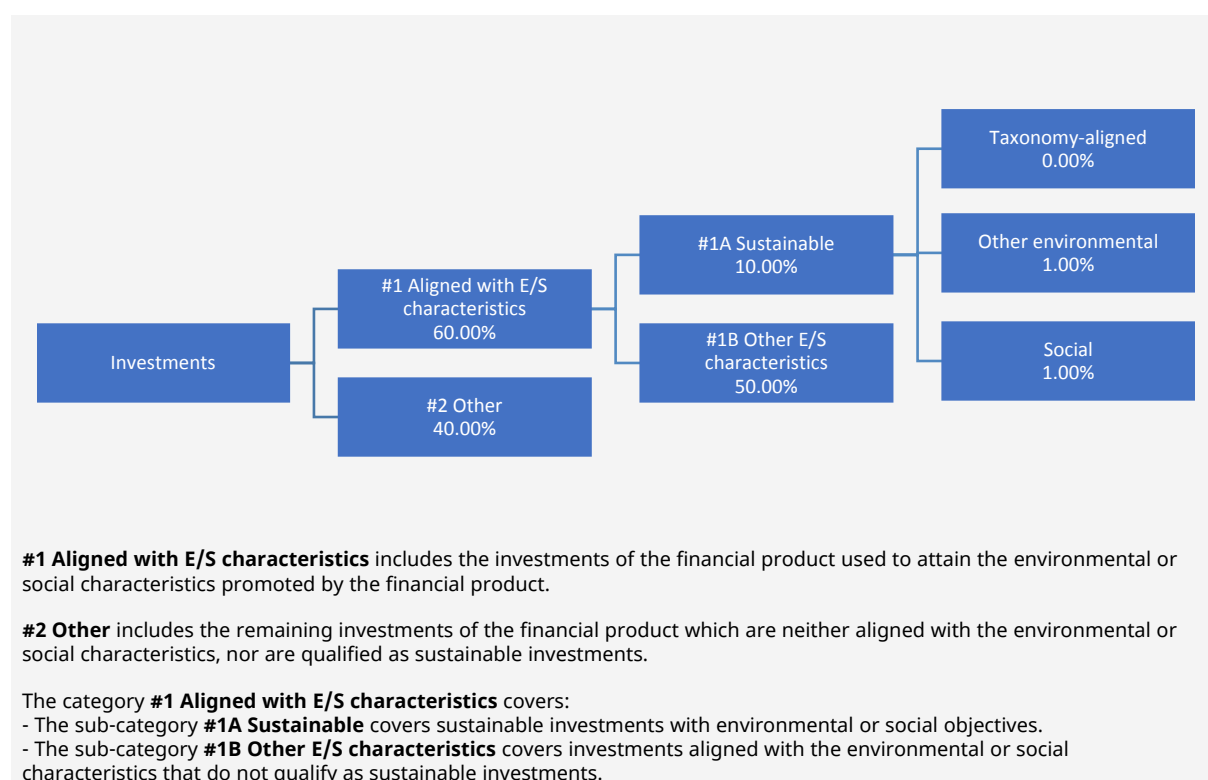
The Fund will invest at least 10% of its assets in sustainable investments. Each sustainable investment (i) demonstrates a net positive effect across a range of environmental or social objectives, as scored by Schroders' proprietary tool or (ii) is classified as a green, social and/ or sustainable bond using a third-party data source.

With the exception of any green or social bonds, which will be classified as having an environmental or social objective respectively, a sustainable investment is classified as having an environmental or social objective depending on whether the relevant issuer has a higher score in Schroders' proprietary tool relative to its applicable peer group for its environmental indicators or its social indicators. In each case, indicators are comprised of both "costs" and "benefits".

**#2 Other** includes cash which is treated as neutral for sustainability purposes. #2 also includes **other** investments that are not scored by Schroders' proprietary sustainability tool and so do not contribute towards the Fund's sustainability score. As #1 states a minimum proportion that is in practice expected to be higher, the proportion stated in #2 is expected to be lower.

Minimum safeguards are applied where relevant to Money Market Investments and other investments by restricting (as appropriate) investments in counterparties where there are ownership links or exposure to higher risk countries (for the purpose of money laundering, terrorist financing, bribery, corruption, tax evasion and sanctions risks). A firm-wide risk assessment considers the risk rating of each jurisdiction; which includes reference to a number of public statements, indices and world governance indicators issued by the UN, the European Union, the UK Government, the Financial Action Task Force and several Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), such as Transparency International and the Basel Committee.

In addition, new counterparties are reviewed by Schroders' credit risk team and approval of a new counterparty is based on a holistic review of the various sources of information available, including, but not limited to, quality of management, ownership structure, location, regulatory and social environment to which each counterparty is subject, and the degree of development of the local banking system and its regulatory framework. Ongoing monitoring is performed through a Schroders' proprietary tool, which supports the analysis of a counterparty's management of environmental, social and governance trends and challenges. Any significant deterioration in the profile of the counterparty in Schroders' proprietary tool would lead to further analysis and potential exclusion by Schroders' credit risk team.



#1 The minimum proportion stated applies in normal market conditions.

### ● **How does the use of derivatives attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?**

Single name credit default swaps are used as a proxy for direct investments which would otherwise be held by the Fund in line with its sustainability criteria. Such derivatives are therefore used to attain the Fund's sustainability score in Schroders proprietary tool which is one of the binding elements of the Fund. The Fund may use other derivatives that are scored in Schroders' proprietary tool to meet the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted by the Fund, as such derivatives would contribute to the Fund's sustainability score (whether such individual investment has a positive or a negative score).



## To what minimum extent are sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

There is no minimum extent to which the Fund's investments (including transitional and enabling activities) with an environmental objective are aligned with the Taxonomy. Taxonomy alignment of this Fund's investments has therefore not been calculated and has as a result been deemed to constitute 0% of the Fund's portfolio.

In future it is expected that the Fund will assess and report on the extent to which its underlying investments are in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the Taxonomy, along with information relating to the proportion of enabling and transitional activities. This Prospectus will be updated once it is possible in the Investment Manager's opinion to accurately disclose to what extent the Fund's investments are in Taxonomy-aligned environmentally sustainable activities, including the proportions of investments in enabling and transitional activities selected for the Fund.

### ● Does the financial product invest in fossil gas and/or nuclear energy related activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy<sup>1</sup>?

☐ Yes:

☐ In fossil gas ☐ In nuclear energy

☒ No

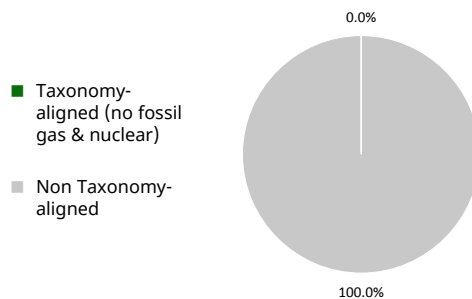
To comply with the EU Taxonomy, the criteria for **fossil gas** include limitations on emissions and switching to renewable power or low-carbon fuels by the end of 2035. For **nuclear energy**, the criteria include comprehensive safety and waste management rules.

Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

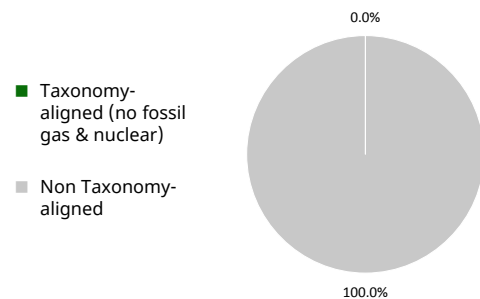
- **turnover** reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee companies
- **capital expenditure** (CapEx) showing the green investments made by investee companies, e.g. for a transition to a green economy.
- **operational expenditure** (OpEx) reflecting green operational activities of investee companies.

The two graphs below show in green the minimum percentage of investments that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the Taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy-alignment in relation to all the investments of the financial product including sovereign bonds, while the second graph shows the Taxonomy-alignment only in relation to the investments of the financial product other than sovereign bonds.

1. Taxonomy-alignment of investments including sovereign bonds\*



2. Taxonomy-alignment of investments excluding sovereign bonds\*



This graph represents x% of the total investments<sup>2</sup>.

\* For the purpose of these graphs, 'sovereign bonds' consist of all sovereign exposures

### ● What is the minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities?

As per the above, at the date of this Prospectus the share of investments by the Fund in transitional and enabling activities is currently deemed to constitute 0% of the Fund's portfolio.

**Enabling activities** directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective.

**Transitional activities** are activities for which low-carbon

<sup>1</sup> Fossil gas and/or nuclear related activities will only comply with the EU Taxonomy where they contribute to limiting climate change ("climate change mitigation") and do not significantly harm any EU Taxonomy objective – see explanatory note in the left-hand margin. The full criteria for fossil gas and nuclear energy economic activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy are laid down in Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1214.

<sup>2</sup> As there is no Taxonomy-alignment, there is no impact on the graph if sovereign bonds are excluded (i.e. the percentage of Taxonomy-aligned investments remains 0%) and the Management Company therefore believes that there is no need to mention this information.

alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.



### What is the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

The Fund commits to invest at least 1% of its assets in sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy.



are sustainable investments with an environmental objective that **do not take into account the criteria** for environmentally sustainable economic activities under the EU Taxonomy.



### What is the minimum share of socially sustainable investments?

The Fund commits to invest at least 1% of its assets in sustainable investments with a social objective.



### What investments are included under “#2 Other”, what is their purpose and are there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

**#2 Other** includes cash which is treated as neutral for sustainability purposes. #2 also includes other investments that are not scored by Schroders’ proprietary sustainability tools and so do not contribute towards the Fund’s sustainability score.

Minimum safeguards are applied where relevant to Money Market Investments and other investments by restricting (as appropriate) investments in counterparties where there are ownership links or exposure to higher risk countries (for the purpose of money laundering, terrorist financing, bribery, corruption, tax evasion and sanctions risks). A firm-wide risk assessment considers the risk rating of each jurisdiction; which includes reference to a number of public statements, indices and world governance indicators issued by the UN, the European Union, the UK Government, the Financial Action Task Force and several Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), such as Transparency International and the Basel Committee.

In addition, new counterparties are reviewed by Schroders’ credit risk team and approval of a new counterparty is based on a holistic review of the various sources of information available, including, but not limited to, quality of management, ownership structure, location, regulatory and social environment to which each counterparty is subject, and the degree of development of the local banking system and its regulatory framework. Ongoing monitoring is performed through a Schroders’ proprietary tool, which supports the analysis of a counterparty’s management of environmental, social and governance trends and challenges. Any significant deterioration in the profile of the counterparty in Schroders’ proprietary tool would lead to further analysis and potential exclusion by Schroders’ credit risk team.



### Is a specific index designated as a reference benchmark to determine whether this financial product is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes?

**Reference benchmarks** are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the

- **How is the reference benchmark continuously aligned with each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?**

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- ***How is the alignment of the investment strategy with the methodology of the index ensured on a continuous basis?***  
This question is not applicable for the Fund.
- ***How does the designated index differ from a relevant broad market index?***  
This question is not applicable for the Fund.
- ***Where can the methodology used for the calculation of the designated index be found?***  
This question is not applicable for the Fund.



## **Where can I find more product specific information online?**

More product-specific information can be found on the webpage: <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>



Pre-contractual disclosure for the financial products referred to in Article 9, paragraphs 1 to 4a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 5, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852

**Product name:** **Schroder International Selection Fund Global Cities**

**Legal entity identifier:** **1D8UMR10Q0TSCJYQ0716**

## Sustainable investment objective

**Sustainable investment** means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good governance practices.

The **EU Taxonomy** is a classification system laid down in Regulation (EU) 2020/852, establishing a list of **environmentally sustainable economic activities**. That Regulation does not lay down a list of socially sustainable economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.

### Does this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with an environmental objective: 10.00%</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> It <b>promotes Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics</b> and while it does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will have a minimum proportion of ___% of sustainable investments
<input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy	<input type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with a social objective 5.00%</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> with a social objective
	<input type="checkbox"/> It promotes E/S characteristics, but <b>will not make any sustainable investments</b>

The Fund commits to invest at least 90% of its assets in sustainable investments. Within this overall commitment, there is a minimum commitment to invest at least 10% of its assets in sustainable investments with an environmental objective and at least 5% of its assets in sustainable investments with a social objective.



## What is the sustainable investment objective of this financial product?

The Fund's sustainable investment objective is to invest its assets in real estate companies worldwide that contribute towards more environmentally resilient and innovative cities and infrastructure. The Fund may also invest in investments that the Investment Manager deems to be neutral under its sustainability criteria, such as cash and Money Market Investments and derivatives used with the aim of reducing risk (hedging) or managing the Fund more efficiently.

No reference benchmark has been designated for the purpose of attaining the sustainable investment objective.

**Sustainability indicators** measure how the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product are attained.

### ● **What sustainability indicators are used to measure the attainment of the sustainable investment objective of this financial product?**

The Investment Manager is responsible for determining whether an investment meets the criteria of a sustainable investment. The Investment Manager uses **a combination of a revenue-based approach in this assessment, by considering whether a certain percentage of the relevant issuer's revenues, capital expenditure or operating expenditure contributes to an environmental or social objective (as applicable); and** specific sustainability key performance indicators to assess the investment's contribution to an environmental or social objective (as applicable). The output of the Investment Strategy outlined below is the **investible universe – this is the** production of the list of investments that meet the selection criteria; **this represents the investment universe**. Compliance with the minimum percentage in sustainable investments is monitored daily via our automated compliance controls. The Fund also applies certain exclusions, with which the Investment Manager monitors compliance on an ongoing basis via its portfolio compliance framework.

**The Investment Manager uses different sustainability indicators to measure the impact contribution at an investee company level. In particular, the Investment Manager uses a proprietary sustainability tool which rates companies based on their treatment of key stakeholders, including communities and the environment. Examples of the indicators include, but are not limited to, employee fatality rates, board independence and carbon intensity.**

The Investment Manager may use several indicators at an investee company level to measure its contribution to the Fund's sustainability objective. The Investment Manager uses two stages concurrently to determine companies that contribute to the sustainability objective.

Stage 1 utilises a quantitative process, the purpose is to highlight companies that own assets in the best city locations globally. The four proprietary databases filter for companies with assets in the most connected, innovative, and environmentally resilient locations so that the team can select companies that own the most economically productive assets across the strongest global cities.

There are four proprietary databases which are the foundation of the geospatial process:

- Economic impact score, ranking a location's economic growth.
- Innovation impact score, assessing levels of talent and innovation in a location.
- Transport impact score, ranking an asset's transport connectivity.
- Environmental impact score (EIS), assessing the physical risk to an asset, the well-being risk to humans and the policy response of the respective government.

Cities are scored based on the output of the above. These proprietary databases all work in tandem with the 'Asset database' which scores assets owned by companies based on their locations within cities. This is the lynchpin of our investment process. Every asset owned by a company is analysed by the 'Impact scores', this provides the team with an informational advantage. These scores (the city score and the asset score) are aggregated to give a score for each company. Only those companies with the highest score in stage 1 of the process will be included.

Concurrently, in stage 2 the Investment Manager uses a Schroders' proprietary tool which assesses and scores companies based on their treatment of key stakeholder categories, including customers, employees, the environment, local communities, regulators and governments, and suppliers.

Companies which don't score above a minimum threshold are deemed ineligible for selection for the Fund while the maximum investable into a company is driven by the key stakeholder score in Schroders' proprietary tool prior to other considerations.

#### ● ***How do sustainable investments not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?***

The Investment Manager's approach to investing in issuers that do not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective includes the following:

- Firm-wide investment exclusions apply to Schroders funds. These relate to international conventions on cluster munitions, anti-personnel mines, and chemical and biological weapons and a list of those companies that are excluded is available at <https://www.schroders.com/en/sustainability/active-ownership/group-exclusions/>. Firm-wide exclusions also apply to companies generating more than 20% of their revenue from thermal coal mining.
- The Fund excludes companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to tobacco and thermal coal.
- The Fund excludes companies that are assessed by Schroders to have breached one or more 'global norms' thereby causing significant environmental or social harm; these companies comprise Schroders' 'global norms' breach list. Schroders' determination of whether a company has been involved in such a breach considers relevant principles such as those contained in the UN Global Compact (UNGC) principles, the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights. The 'global norms' breach list may be informed by assessments performed by third party providers and by proprietary research, where relevant to a particular situation.
- The Fund may also apply certain other exclusions in addition to those summarised above.

Further information on all of the Fund's investment exclusions is to be found under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

#### ● ***How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?***

When seeking to identify significant harm, Schroders' approach to taking into account the Principal Adverse Impacts (PAI) indicators involves a quantitative and a qualitative assessment. Where it is not considered appropriate or feasible to set quantitative thresholds, the Investment Manager engages, where relevant. Investee companies deemed not to satisfy the quantitative thresholds would generally be excluded, unless on a case-by-case basis the data is deemed not representative of a company's performance in the relevant area.

This framework is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability and quality of the data evolves.

Our approach includes:

1. **Quantitative:** this includes indicators where specific thresholds have been established:

**Principal adverse impacts** are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anticorruption and antibribery matters.

- Via the application of exclusions. This approach is relevant to **PAI 4** (Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector), **PAI 5** (Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production) and **PAI 14** (Exposure to controversial weapons). Further, the following PAIs are assessed as part of Schroders' 'global norms' breach list exclusion (which seeks to exclude companies where significant harm is occurring):
  - **PAI 7** (Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas)
  - **PAI 8** (Emissions to water)
  - **PAI 9** (Hazardous waste and radioactive waste ratio)
  - **PAI 10** (Violations of UN Global Compact principles and Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises)
  - **PAI 11** (Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and Voluntary)
  - **PAI 14** in Table 3 (Number of identified cases of severe human rights issues and incidents)
- Via the application of an alert system flag if the relevant indicator(s) exceeds a threshold. These quantitative thresholds to assess significant harm are established centrally by our Sustainable Investment team and monitored systematically. This approach applies to indicators where we have segmented the population into harm groups to establish a threshold, such as carbon related PAI metrics, **PAI 1** (GHG emissions), **PAI 2** (Carbon footprint) and **Voluntary PAI 4 in Table 2** (Investing in companies without carbon emission reduction initiatives). **PAI 3** (GHG intensity of investee companies) operates in a similar way but the threshold is based on a revenue metric. A threshold for **PAI 6** (Energy consumption intensity per high impact climate sector) is established based on the ~~above mentioned~~ carbon measures. A similar approach has been taken for **PAI 15** (GHG intensity). **PAI 16** (Investee countries subject to social violations) also operates in the same way but based on data availability regarding social violations. Through this process the relevant issuer(s) that is/are deemed not to satisfy the quantitative thresholds is/are flagged to the Investment Manager for consideration, whose response may involve selling the holdings(s) or maintaining the position if on a case-by-case basis the data is deemed not representative of a company's performance in the relevant area. Investee companies deemed to cause significant harm are excluded from the Fund.
- 2. **Qualitative:** This includes PAI indicators where Schroders' believes that the data available does not enable us to make a quantitative determination regarding whether significant harm is done so as to warrant excluding an investment. In such cases, the Investment Manager engages wherever possible with the company or companies held, in accordance with the priorities documented in Schroders' Engagement Blueprint and/or voting policy. This approach applies to indicators such as **PAI 12** (Unadjusted gender pay gap) and **PAI 13** (Board gender diversity), where we engage and may use our voting rights where we consider appropriate. Both board gender diversity and disclosure of gender pay gap information are captured in our Engagement Blueprint.

● ***How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:***

Companies on Schroders' 'global norms' breach list cannot be categorised as sustainable investments. Schroders' determination of whether a company should be included on such list considers the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, among other relevant principles. The 'global norms' breach list is informed by third party providers and proprietary research, where relevant.



## Does this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

☒ **Yes,** the Investment Manager's approach to considering principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors involves classifying the indicators into three categories:

The Investment Manager's approach to considering principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors differs depending on the relevant indicator. Some indicators are considered via the application of exclusions, some are considered via the investment process (where data is available via Schroders PAI dashboard and via other external data sources) and some are considered via engagement. Further details are provided below. PAIs are considered as part of pre-investment through the application of exclusions. These include:

- Controversial weapons: PAI 14 (Exposure to controversial weapons, such as anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, chemical weapons and biological weapons).
- Schroders' 'global norms' breach list, which covers: PAI 7 (Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas), PAI 8 (Emissions to water), PAI 9 (Hazardous waste and radioactive waste ratio), PAI 10 (Violations of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises), PAI 11 (Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for

Multinational Enterprises) and PAI 16 (Investee countries subject to social violations).  
 - Companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to thermal coal: PAI 4 (Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector) and PAI 5 (Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production).  
 Compliance with these thresholds is monitored via the Investment Manager's portfolio compliance framework. PAIs are also considered through integration in the investment process. These include:  
 - Schroders' proprietary tool incorporates several PAIs as a component of its scoring methodology. In assessing an issuer's overall environmental score, PAIs 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 are included. In assessing an issuer's overall social score, PAIs 12 and 13 are included.  
 PAIs are considered using the Schroders' proprietary tool as part of screening the investment universe and for providing a maximum that can be invested in each company.  
 All PAI indicators are monitored via Schroders' PAI dashboard.  
 PAIs are also considered post-investment through engagement where the Investment Manager engages in line with the approach and expectations set out in the Schroders Engagement Blueprint, which outlines our approach to active ownership.  
 Where issuers are flagged on lack of data availability for any PAIs, the Investment Manager may engage with issuers where the primary focus is to increase reporting.  
 Our approach is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability, and quality, of PAI data evolves. The Management Company's statement on principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors is available at <https://api.schroders.com/document-store/id/ffcb39bb-96cb-4e56-9461-deba9a493e85>. The Fund level information is disclosed or will be disclosed (as applicable) in the Fund's annual report.

1. Set thresholds: these involve very explicit thresholds for considering an investment to be a "sustainable investment". For example, PAI 10 on violations of UNGC principles.
  2. Active ownership: these involve indicators on which we have a plan to engage with the underlying holding as set out in the Schroders Group document - <https://mybrand.schroders.com/m/3222ea4ed44a1f2c/original/schroders-engagement-blueprint.pdf>, outlining our approach to active ownership. For example, PAI 1, 2 and 3 covering GHG emissions and PAI 13 on board gender diversity.
  3. Improve coverage: these involve indicators where we consider data coverage to be too sparse to properly consider them and our focus is primarily on engaging with the underlying holdings to increase reporting. For example, PAI 7 on biodiversity, PAI 9 on hazardous waste ratio and PAI 12 on the gender pay gap.
- Our approach is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability, and quality, of PAI data evolves. The Management Company's statement on principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors is available at <https://mybrand.schroders.com/m/467910ac8e6da45c/original/Statement-on-principal-adverse-impacts-of-investment-decisions-on-sustainability-factors.pdf>. The Fund level information is disclosed or will be (as applicable) in the Fund's annual report.

☐ No



## What investment strategy does this financial product follow?

**The investment strategy** guides investment decisions based on factors such as investment objectives and risk tolerance.

The sustainable investment strategy used by the Investment Manager is as follows:

The Fund is actively managed and invests its assets in (i) sustainable investments, which are investments that contribute towards more environmentally resilient and innovative cities and infrastructure, and (ii) investments that the Investment Manager deems to be neutral under its sustainability criteria such as cash and Money Market Investments and derivatives used with the aim of reducing risk (hedging) or managing the Fund more efficiently.

The Fund does not directly invest in certain activities, industries or groups of issuers above the limits listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

The Fund invests in companies that do not cause significant environmental or social harm and have good governance practices, as determined by the Investment Manager's rating criteria.

The Investment Manager may also engage with companies held by the Fund to challenge identified areas of weakness on sustainability issues.

More details on the Investment Manager's approach to sustainability and its engagement with companies are available on the webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/>

The Fund invests at least two-thirds of its assets in equity and equity related securities of real estate companies worldwide with a focus on companies that invest in cities that the Investment Manager believes will exhibit continued economic growth, supported by factors such as strong infrastructure and supportive planning regimes.

The Fund may also invest up to one-third of its assets directly or indirectly in other securities (including other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies, Investment Funds, warrants and Money Market Investments, and hold cash.

The Fund may use derivatives with the aim of reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently.

The Investment Manager applies sustainability criteria when selecting investments for the Fund.

The investment universe is analysed in two distinct phases. Each phase leads to companies being excluded based on weak sustainability metrics, reducing the universe from about 900 companies to 200 companies in the investable universe:

– Stage 1 analyses cities on a range of environmental and social metrics. Companies are then scored based on their exposure to the superior/ inferior locations. At least 25% of companies are removed from the Fund's investment universe:

– Stage 2 focusses on determining the quantum to be invested in each company, using both internal (i.e. Schroders' proprietary sustainability tools) and external sustainability measurement tools. The analysis awards a sustainability score to each company. The process excludes the bottom quartile of companies (based on their sustainability score) from investment by the Fund.

The Investment Manager may also engage with companies in the portfolio, which are expected to demonstrate a clear commitment to sustainability both in their relationships with stakeholders and in their efforts to mitigate their impact on the natural environment.

The Investment Manager performs its analysis using its own research and Schroders' sustainable proprietary tools. Third party research is used as a secondary consideration and generally provides a source of challenge or endorsement for its proprietary view.

The Investment Manager ensures that at least 90% of the portion of the Fund's Net Asset Value composed of investments in companies is rated against the sustainability criteria. As a result of the application of sustainability criteria, at least 20% of the Fund's potential investment universe is excluded from the selection of investments.

For the purposes of this test, the potential investment universe is the core universe of issuers that the Investment Manager may select for the Fund prior to the application of sustainability criteria, in accordance with the other limitations of the Investment Objective and Policy. This universe is comprised of equity and equity related securities of real estate companies worldwide.

### ● **What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain the sustainable investment objective?**

The following binding elements are applied throughout the investment process:

- The Fund invests at least 90% of its assets in sustainable investments, which are investments that contribute towards more environmentally resilient and innovative cities and infrastructure.
- Exclusions are applied to direct investments in companies. The Fund applies certain exclusions relating to international conventions on cluster munitions, antipersonnel mines, and chemical and biological weapons. The Fund also excludes companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to tobacco and thermal coal, especially companies that generate revenues from tobacco production or any other part of the tobacco value chain (suppliers, distributors, retailers, licensors), and companies that generate revenues from thermal coal mining and coal fired power generation. The Fund excludes companies that are assessed by Schroders to have breached one or more 'global norms' thereby causing significant environmental or social harm; these companies comprise Schroders' 'global norms' breach list. Details of the revenue thresholds together with certain other exclusions the Fund applies are listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>
- The Fund invests in companies that do not cause significant environmental or social harm and have good governance practices, as determined by the Investment Manager's rating criteria.
- The Investment Manager ensures that at least 90% of the portion of the Fund's Net Asset Value composed of investments in companies is rated against the sustainability criteria.
- As a result of the application of sustainability criteria, at least 20% of the Fund's potential investment universe is excluded from the selection of investments.

### ● **What is the policy to assess good governance practices of the investee companies?**

In order to assess good governance practices, a central Good Governance Test is applied. This test is based on a data-driven quantitative framework, which uses a scorecard to assess companies across the categories of sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff, and tax compliance. Schroders has defined a number of criteria across these pillars.

Compliance with the test is monitored centrally and companies which do not pass this test cannot be held by the Fund, unless the Investment Manager has agreed that the issuer demonstrates good governance based on additional insights beyond that quantitative analysis.

**Good governance** practices include sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff and tax compliance.



## **What is the asset allocation and the minimum share of sustainable investments?**

**Asset allocation** describes the share of investments in specific assets.

The planned composition of the Fund's investments that are used to meet its sustainable investment objective are summarised below. The Fund invests at least 90% of its assets in sustainable investments, which means included in **#1 Sustainable** are investments in real estate companies worldwide that contribute towards more environmentally resilient and innovative cities and infrastructure. Within this overall commitment of 90%, there is

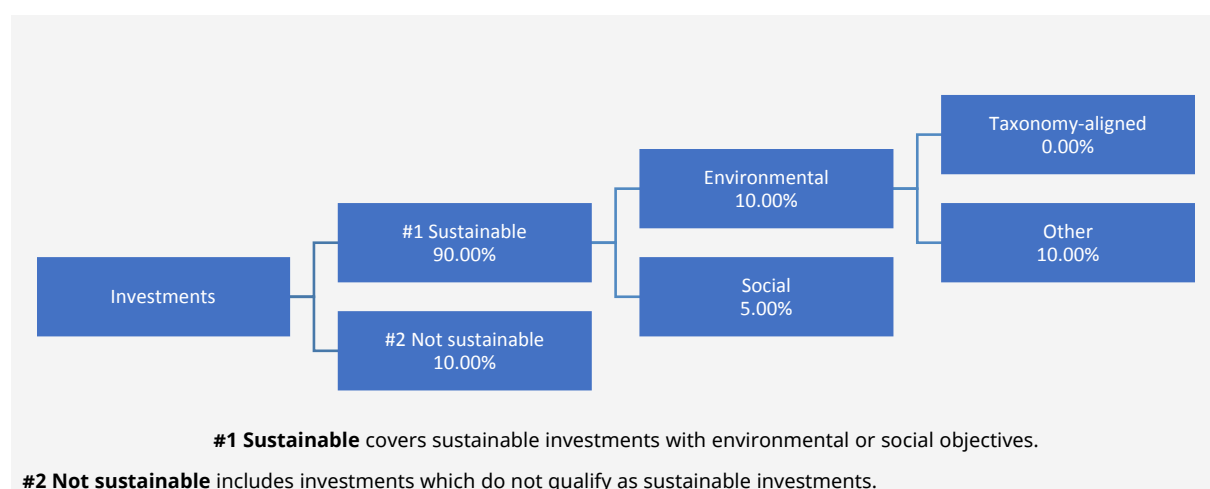


a minimum commitment to invest at least 10% of its assets in sustainable investments with an environmental objective and at least 5% of its assets in sustainable investments with a social objective. The minimum proportions stated apply in normal market conditions.

**#2 Not sustainable** includes investments that are treated as neutral for sustainability purposes, such as cash and Money Market Investments and derivatives used with the aim of reducing risk (hedging) or managing the Fund more efficiently.

Minimum safeguards are applied where relevant to Money Market Investments and derivatives used with the aim of reducing risk (hedging) by restricting (as appropriate) investments in counterparties where there are ownership links or exposure to higher risk countries (for the purpose of money laundering, terrorist financing, bribery, corruption, tax evasion and sanctions risks). A firm-wide risk assessment considers the risk rating of each jurisdiction; which includes reference to a number of public statements, indices and world governance indicators issued by the UN, the European Union, the UK Government, the Financial Action Task Force and several Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), such as Transparency International and the Basel Committee.

In addition, new counterparties are reviewed by Schroders' credit risk team and approval of a new counterparty is based on a holistic review of the various sources of information available, including, but not limited to, quality of management, ownership structure, location, regulatory and social environment to which each counterparty is subject, and the degree of development of the local banking system and its regulatory framework. Ongoing monitoring is performed through a Schroders' proprietary tool, which supports the analysis of a counterparty's management of environmental, social and governance trends and challenges. Any significant deterioration in the profile of the counterparty in Schroders' proprietary tool would lead to further analysis and potential exclusion by Schroders' credit risk team.



### ● **How does the use of derivatives attain the sustainable investment objective?**

This question is not applicable for the Fund.



### **To what minimum extent are sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?**

There is no minimum extent to which the Fund's investments (including transitional and enabling activities) with an environmental objective are aligned with the Taxonomy. Taxonomy alignment of this Fund's investments has therefore not been calculated and has as a result been deemed to constitute 0% of the Fund's portfolio.

In future it is expected that the Fund will assess and report on the extent to which its underlying investments are in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the Taxonomy, along with information relating to the proportion of enabling and transitional activities. This Prospectus will be updated once it is possible in the Investment Manager's opinion to accurately disclose to what extent the Fund's investments are in Taxonomy-aligned environmentally sustainable activities, including the proportions of investments in enabling and transitional activities selected for the Fund.

### ● **Does the financial product invest in fossil gas and/or nuclear energy related activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy<sup>1</sup>?**

☐ Yes:

☐ In fossil gas ☐ In nuclear energy

To comply with the EU Taxonomy, the criteria for **fossil gas** include limitations on emissions and switching to

<sup>1</sup> Fossil gas and/or nuclear related activities will only comply with the EU Taxonomy where they contribute to limiting climate change ("climate change mitigation") and do not significantly harm any EU Taxonomy objective – see explanatory note in the left-hand margin. The full criteria for fossil gas and nuclear energy economic activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy are laid down in Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1214.



☒ No

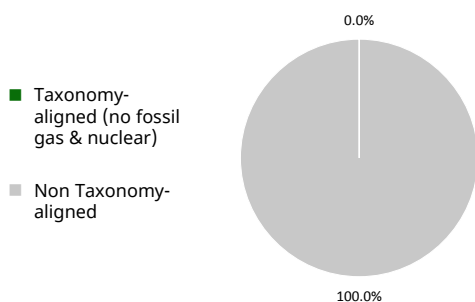
renewable power or low-carbon fuels by the end of 2035. For **nuclear energy**, the criteria include comprehensive safety and waste management rules.

Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

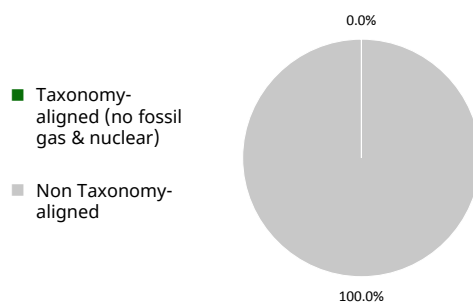
- **turnover** reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee companies
- **capital expenditure** (CapEx) showing the green investments made by investee companies, e.g. for a transition to a green economy.
- **operational expenditure** (OpEx) reflecting green operational activities of investee companies.

The two graphs below show in green the minimum percentage of investments that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the Taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy-alignment in relation to all the investments of the financial product including sovereign bonds, while the second graph shows the Taxonomy-alignment only in relation to the investments of the financial product other than sovereign bonds.

1. Taxonomy-alignment of investments including sovereign bonds\*



2. Taxonomy-alignment of investments excluding sovereign bonds\*



This graph represents x% of the total investments<sup>2</sup>.

\* For the purpose of these graphs, 'sovereign bonds' consist of all sovereign exposures

**Enabling activities** directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective.

**Transitional activities** are activities for which low-carbon alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.

### ● What is the minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities?

As per the above, at the date of this Prospectus the share of investments by the Fund in transitional and enabling activities is currently deemed to constitute 0% of the Fund's portfolio.



### What is the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

The Fund commits to invest at least 10% of its assets in sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy.



are environmentally sustainable investments that **do not take into account the criteria** for environmentally

<sup>2</sup> As there is no Taxonomy-alignment, there is no impact on the graph if sovereign bonds are excluded (i.e. the percentage of Taxonomy-aligned investments remains 0%) and the Management Company therefore believes that there is no need to mention this information.



**What is the minimum share of sustainable investments with a social objective?**

The Fund commits to invest at least 5% of its assets in sustainable investments with a social objective.



**What investments are included under “#2 Not sustainable”, what is their purpose and are there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?**

#2 Not Sustainable includes investments that are treated as neutral for sustainability purposes, such as cash and Money Market Investments and derivatives used with the aim of reducing risk (hedging) or managing the Fund more efficiently.

Minimum safeguards are applied where relevant to Money Market Investments and derivatives used with the aim of reducing risk (hedging) by restricting (as appropriate) investments in counterparties where there are ownership links or exposure to higher risk countries (for the purpose of money laundering, terrorist financing, bribery, corruption, tax evasion and sanctions risks). A firm-wide risk assessment considers the risk rating of each jurisdiction; which includes reference to a number of public statements, indices and world governance indicators issued by the UN, the European Union, the UK Government, the Financial Action Task Force and several Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), such as Transparency International and the Basel Committee.

In addition, new counterparties are reviewed by Schroders’ credit risk team and approval of a new counterparty is based on a holistic review of the various sources of information available, including, but not limited to, quality of management, ownership structure, location, regulatory and social environment to which each counterparty is subject, and the degree of development of the local banking system and its regulatory framework. Ongoing monitoring is performed through a Schroders’ proprietary tool, which supports the analysis of a counterparty’s management of environmental, social and governance trends and challenges. Any significant deterioration in the profile of the counterparty in Schroders’ proprietary tool would lead to further analysis and potential exclusion by Schroders’ credit risk team.



**Is a specific index designated as a reference benchmark to meet the sustainable investment objective?**

**Reference benchmarks** are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the sustainable investment objective.

- **How does the reference benchmark take into account sustainability factors in a way that is continuously aligned with the sustainable investment objective?**  
This question is not applicable for the Fund.
- **How is the alignment of the investment strategy with the methodology of the index ensured on a continuous basis?**  
This question is not applicable for the Fund.
- **How does the designated index differ from a relevant broad market index?**  
This question is not applicable for the Fund.
- **Where can the methodology used for the calculation of the designated index be found?**  
This question is not applicable for the Fund.



**Where can I find more product specific information online?**

More product-specific information can be found on the webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

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## Environmental and/or social characteristics

<p><b>Sustainable investment</b> means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good governance practices.</p> <p>The <b>EU Taxonomy</b> is a classification system laid down in Regulation (EU) 2020/852, establishing a list of <b>environmentally sustainable economic activities</b>. That Regulation does not lay down a list of socially sustainable economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.</p>	<p><b>Does this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?</b></p> <p> <input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <b>Yes</b> <input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <b>No</b> </p>	
	<p><input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with an environmental objective: ___%</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with a social objective ___%</b></p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> It <b>promotes Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics</b> and while it does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will have a minimum proportion of <b>40.00%</b> of sustainable investments</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> with a social objective</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> It promotes E/S characteristics, but <b>will not make any sustainable investments</b></p>



## What environmental and/or social characteristics are promoted by this financial product?

The Fund maintains a higher overall level of avoided emissions than the MSCI All Country World (Net TR) index, based on the Investment Manager's rating system. This benchmark (which is a broad market index) does not take into account the environmental and social characteristics promoted by the Fund.

Avoided emissions are measured by Schroders' proprietary tool that provides an estimate of the future emissions saved indirectly by companies' products and services through the substitution of high carbon activities with lower carbon alternatives. It does this by identifying certain carbon-avoiding activities and industries that if adopted would contribute to reducing economy-wide emissions. Schroders' proprietary tool uses third party data as well as Schroders own estimates and assumptions and the outcome may differ from other sustainability tools and measures. The level of avoided emissions of the Fund is the aggregate avoided emissions of all issuers in the Fund's portfolio covered by Schroders' proprietary tool.

The Fund invests at least 40% of its assets in sustainable investments, which are investments that the Investment Manager expects to contribute towards the advancement of one or more environmental and/ or social objective (s).

### • **What sustainability indicators are used to measure the attainment of each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?**

The Investment Manager monitors compliance with the characteristic to maintain a higher overall level of avoided emissions than the MSCI All Country World (Net TR) index by reference to the weighted average avoided emissions of the Fund compared against the weighted average avoided emissions of the MSCI All Country World (Net TR) index over the previous **six-months** ~~six-month~~ period.

The Investment Manager monitors compliance with the characteristic to invest at least 40% of its assets in sustainable investments by reference to the sustainability score of each asset in Schroders' proprietary tool. Compliance with this is monitored daily via our automated compliance controls. The Fund also applies certain exclusions, with which the Investment Manager monitors compliance on an ongoing basis via its portfolio compliance framework.

**Sustainability indicators** measure how the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product are attained.

● **What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?**

In respect of the proportion of the Fund's portfolio that is invested in sustainable investments, each sustainable investment demonstrates a net positive effect across a range of environmental or social objectives, as scored by Schroders' proprietary tool. The environmental or social objectives of the sustainable investments that the Fund partially intends to make may include, but are not limited to, increasing environmental and/or social benefits such as greater water access or fair pay and reducing environmental, and/or social costs such as carbon emissions or food waste. For example, greater water access as measured by Schroders' proprietary tool are the estimated societal benefits of the provision of clean drinking water to human health.

● **How do the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make, not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?**

The Investment Manager's approach to investing in issuers that do not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective includes the following:

- Firm-wide investment exclusions apply to Schroders funds. These relate to international conventions on cluster munitions, anti-personnel mines, and chemical and biological weapons and a list of those companies that are excluded is available at <https://www.schroders.com/en/sustainability/active-ownership/group-exclusions/>. Firm-wide exclusions also apply to companies generating more than 20% of their revenue from thermal coal mining.
- The Fund excludes companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to tobacco and thermal coal.
- The Fund excludes companies that are assessed by Schroders to have breached one or more 'global norms' thereby causing significant environmental or social harm; these companies comprise Schroders' 'global norms' breach list. Schroders' determination of whether a company has been involved in such a breach considers relevant principles such as those contained in the UN Global Compact (UNGC) principles, the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights. The 'global norms' breach list may be informed by assessments performed by third party providers and by proprietary research, where relevant to a particular situation.
- The Fund may also apply certain other exclusions in addition to those summarised above.

Further information on all of the Fund's investment exclusions is to be found under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

● **How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?**

When seeking to identify significant harm, Schroders' approach to taking into account the Principal Adverse Impacts (PAI) indicators involves a quantitative and a qualitative assessment. Where it is not considered appropriate or feasible to set quantitative thresholds, the Investment Manager engages, where relevant. Investee companies deemed not to satisfy the quantitative thresholds would generally be excluded, unless on a case-by-case basis the data is deemed not representative of a company's performance in the relevant area.

This framework is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability and quality of the data evolves.

Our approach includes:

1. **Quantitative:** this includes indicators where specific thresholds have been established:
  - Via the application of exclusions. This approach is relevant to **PAI 4** (Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector), **PAI 5** (Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production) and **PAI 14** (Exposure to controversial weapons). Further, the following PAIs are assessed as part of Schroders 'global norms' breach list exclusion (which seeks to exclude companies where significant harm is occurring):
    - **PAI 7** (Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas)
    - **PAI 8** (Emissions to water)
    - **PAI 9** (Hazardous waste and radioactive waste ratio)
    - **PAI 10** (Violations of UN Global Compact principles and Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises)
    - **PAI 11** (Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and Voluntary)

**Principal adverse impacts** are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anticorruption and antibribery matters.

- **PAI 14** in Table 3 (Number of identified cases of severe human rights issues and incidents)
- Via the application of an alert system flag if the relevant indicator(s) exceeds a threshold. These quantitative thresholds to assess significant harm are established centrally by our Sustainable Investment team and monitored systematically. This approach applies to indicators where we have segmented the population into harm groups to establish a threshold, such as carbon related PAI metrics, **PAI 1** (GHG emissions), **PAI 2** (Carbon footprint) and **Voluntary PAI 4 in Table 2** (Investing in companies without carbon emission reduction initiatives). **PAI 3** (GHG intensity of investee companies) operates in a similar way but the threshold is based on a revenue metric. A threshold for **PAI 6** (Energy consumption intensity per high impact climate sector) is established based on the ~~above mentioned~~ carbon measures. A similar approach has been taken for **PAI 15** (GHG intensity). **PAI 16** (Investee countries subject to social violations) also operates in the same way but based on data availability regarding social violations. Through this process the relevant issuer(s) that is/are deemed not to satisfy the quantitative thresholds is/are flagged to the Investment Manager for consideration, whose response may involve selling the holdings(s) or maintaining the position if on a case-by-case basis the data is deemed not representative of a company's performance in the relevant area. Investee companies deemed to cause significant harm are excluded from the Fund.
- 2. **Qualitative:** This includes PAI indicators where Schroders' believes that the data available does not enable us to make a quantitative determination regarding whether significant harm is done so as to warrant excluding an investment. In such cases, the Investment Manager engages wherever possible with the company or companies held, in accordance with the priorities documented in Schroders' Engagement Blueprint and/or voting policy. This approach applies to indicators such as **PAI 12** (Unadjusted gender pay gap) and **PAI 13** (Board gender diversity), where we engage and may use our voting rights where we consider appropriate. Both board gender diversity and disclosure of gender pay gap information are captured in our Engagement Blueprint.

● ***How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:***

Companies on Schroders' 'global norms' breach list cannot be categorised as sustainable investments. Schroders' determination of whether a company should be included on such list considers the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, among other relevant principles. The 'global norms' breach list is informed by third party providers and proprietary research, where relevant.

*The EU Taxonomy sets out a "do not significant harm" principle by which Taxonomy-aligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives and is accompanied by specific EU criteria.*

The "do not significant harm" principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.

*Any other sustainable investments must also not significantly harm any environmental or social objectives.*



## Does this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

☒ **Yes,** the Investment Manager's approach to considering principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors involves classifying the indicators into three categories:

The Investment Manager's approach to considering principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors differs depending on the relevant indicator. Some indicators are considered via the application of exclusions, some are considered via the investment process (where data is available via Schroders PAI dashboard and via other external data sources) and some are considered via engagement. Further details are provided below. PAIs are considered as part of pre-investment through the application of exclusions. These include:

- Controversial weapons: PAI 14 (Exposure to controversial weapons (anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, chemical weapons and biological weapons))

- Schroders' 'global norms' breach list, which covers: PAI 7 (Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas), PAI 8 (Emissions to water), PAI 9 (Hazardous waste and radioactive waste ratio), PAI 10 (Violations of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises), PAI 11 (Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises) and PAI 16 (Investee countries subject to social violations)

- Companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to thermal coal: PAI 4 (Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector) and PAI 5 (Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production)

The Fund's exclusions regarding:

- Fossil fuels: PAI 4 (Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector) and PAI 5 (Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production). The Fund will not invest in companies on the Carbon Underground 200 list

or companies with significant exposure to fossil fuels defined as those with 5% or more of their revenues coming from fossil fuel extraction and production.

Compliance with these thresholds is monitored via the Investment Manager's portfolio compliance framework. PAIs are also considered through integration in the investment process.

The Fund considers climate change criteria at the stock level as part of the sustainability assessment in the investment process. This covers greenhouse gas emissions, avoided emissions, carbon footprint and greenhouse gas intensity of investment companies: PAI 1,2 & 3.

As part of our analysis, we consider how a firm is managing its environmental footprint (including its impact on the climate), as well as its potential exposure to the effects of long-term climate change. While no single climate change metric determines the overall assessment of a company's environmental management score, the Fund evaluates a variety of different metrics – from both internal and external data sources (including a Schroders' proprietary tool) – to determine whether a company is adequately managing its climate and environmental risks. PAIs 12 (Unadjusted gender pay gap) and 13 (Board gender diversity) are considered as part of our investment process using data from a Schroders' proprietary tool.

All PAI indicators are monitored via Schroders' PAI dashboard.

PAIs are also considered post-investment through engagement where the Investment Manager engages in line with the approach and expectations set out in Schroders Engagement Blueprint, which outlines our approach to active ownership.

The investment team aims to engage with several issuers on net zero carbon emissions targets (PAI 1,2).

Through our engagement activity we seek to understand different areas, such as the speed and scale of emission reduction targets and steps being taken to meet climate goals. We are encouraging companies to set clear emissions reduction targets for all three scopes of emissions and where targets are already set, to confirm these targets are properly integrated into company remuneration policies.

Where issuers are flagged on lack of data availability for any PAIs, the Investment Manager may engage with issuers where the primary focus is to increase reporting or to understand further a potential sustainability-related risk that has been identified.

Our approach is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability, and quality, of PAI data evolves. The Management Company's statement on principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors is available at <https://api.schroders.com/document-store/id/ffcb39bb-96cb-4e56-9461-deba9a493e85>. The Fund level information is disclosed or will be disclosed (as applicable) in the Fund's annual report.

1. Set thresholds: these involve very explicit thresholds for considering an investment to be a "sustainable investment". For example, PAI 10 on violations of UNGC principles:

2. Active ownership: these involve indicators on which we have a plan to engage with the underlying holding as set out in the Schroders Group document <https://mybrand.schroders.com/m/3222ea4ed44a1f2c/original/schroders-engagement-blueprint.pdf>, outlining our approach to active ownership. For example, PAI 1, 2 and 3 covering GHG emissions and PAI 13 on board gender diversity:

3. Improve coverage: these involve indicators where we consider data coverage to be too sparse to properly consider them and our focus is primarily on engaging with the underlying holdings to increase reporting. For example, PAI 7 on biodiversity, PAI 9 on hazardous waste ratio and PAI 12 on the gender pay gap:

Our approach is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability, and quality, of PAI data evolves.

The Management Company's statement on principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors is available at <https://mybrand.schroders.com/m/467910ac8e6da45c/original/Statement-on-principal-adverse-impacts-of-investment-decisions-on-sustainability-factors.pdf>. The Fund level information is disclosed or will be (as applicable) in the Fund's annual report.

☐ No



## What investment strategy does this financial product follow?

The sustainable investment strategy used by the Investment Manager is as follows:

The Fund is actively managed and invests at least two-thirds of its assets in equity and equity related securities of companies worldwide.

The Fund maintains a higher overall level of avoided emissions than MSCI All Country World (Net TR) index, based on the Investment Manager's rating system.

The Fund does not directly invest in certain activities, industries or groups of issuers above the limits listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

The Fund invests in companies that have good governance practices, as determined by the Investment Manager's rating criteria.

The Investment Manager may also engage with companies held by the Fund to challenge identified areas of weakness on sustainability issues. More details on the Investment Manager's approach to sustainability and its engagement with companies are available on the webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/>

**The investment strategy** guides investment decisions based on factors such as investment objectives and risk tolerance.



The Fund may invest directly in China B-Shares and China H shares and may invest up to 10% of its assets (on a net basis) directly or indirectly (for example via participatory notes) in China A-Shares through Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect and Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect and shares listed on the STAR Board and the ChiNext.

The Fund may also invest up to one-third of its assets directly or indirectly in other securities (including other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies, Investment Funds, warrants and Money Market Investments, and hold cash.

The Fund may use derivatives with the aim of reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently.

The Investment Manager applies sustainability criteria when selecting investments for the Fund.

When assessing the significance of climate change on the long-term business outlook for a company, a company is assessed on a number of factors which include but are not limited to:

If the company has significant direct industry exposure to climate change trends (mitigation – reducing greenhouse gas emissions through energy efficiency, renewable power, and cleaner vehicles; or adaptation – those that are preparing for the impacts of climate change, for example water stress, coastal flooding, community health issues, or supply chain disruptions, among other issues).

The proportion of business segments that are potentially exposed to climate change trends.

If the company has significant investment and research and development spending related to the transition to a lower carbon economy.

A product portfolio that takes into account the physical and transition risks posed by climate change.

The impact on the company of rising carbon costs in the context of its industry and competitive environment.

The Investment Manager will then decide on a case by case basis whether a company is eligible for inclusion in the Fund's investment universe, based on this assessment. In addition, the Investment Manager's ESG analysis seeks to evaluate the materiality and impact of a range of ESG factors on the sustainability of future earnings growth and as potential risk factors that may affect a company's valuation. The Investment Manager's decision will focus on ratings in the areas that are most relevant to the particular business of that company.

The Investment Manager performs its own analysis of information provided by the companies, including information provided in company sustainability reports and other relevant company material. The research draws information from a wide variety of publicly available corporate information and company meetings, broker reports and outputs from industry bodies, research organisations, think tanks, legislators, consultants, NGOs and academics. Third party research is used as a secondary consideration, and generally provides a source of challenge or endorsement for the Investment Manager's proprietary view.

The Investment Manager ensures that at least 90% of the portion of the Fund's Net Asset Value composed of investments in companies is rated against the sustainability criteria. As a result of the application of sustainability criteria, at least 20% of the Fund's potential investment universe is excluded from the selection of investments.

For the purposes of this test, the potential investment universe is the core universe of issuers that the Investment Manager may select for the Fund prior to the application of sustainability criteria, in accordance with the other limitations of the Investment Objective and Policy. This universe is comprised of equity and equity related securities of companies worldwide.

● ***What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?***

The following binding elements are applied throughout the investment process:

- The Fund maintains a higher overall level of avoided emissions than the MSCI All Country World (Net TR) index based on the Investment Manager's rating criteria.
- The Fund invests at least 40% of its assets in sustainable investments and such investments do not cause significant environmental or social harm.
- Exclusions are applied to direct investments in companies. The Fund applies certain exclusions relating to international conventions on cluster munitions, antipersonnel mines, and chemical and biological weapons. The Fund also excludes companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to tobacco and thermal coal, especially companies that generate at least 10% of their revenues from tobacco production, companies that generate at least 25% of their revenues from the tobacco value chain (such as suppliers, distributors, retailers and licensors), companies that generate at least 10% of their revenues from thermal coal mining and companies that generate at least 30% of their revenues from coal fired power generation. The Fund excludes companies that are assessed by Schroders to have breached one or more 'global norms' thereby causing significant environmental or social harm; these companies comprise Schroders' 'global norms' breach list. Any such exception cannot be categorised as a sustainable investment. Further, the Fund may apply other exclusions as listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>
- The Fund invests in companies that have good governance practices, as determined by the Investment Manager's rating criteria.
- The Investment Manager ensures that at least 90% of the portion of the Fund's Net Asset Value composed of investments in companies is rated against the sustainability criteria.

- As a result of the application of sustainability criteria, at least 20% of the Fund's potential investment universe is excluded from the selection of investments.

● **What is the committed minimum rate to reduce the scope of the investments considered prior to the application of that investment strategy?**

As a result of the application of the Fund's sustainability criteria, at least 20% of the Fund's potential investment universe is excluded from the selection of investments. For the purposes of this test, the potential investment universe is the core universe of issuers that the Investment Manager may select for the Fund prior to the application of sustainability criteria, in accordance with the other limitations of the Investment Objective and Policy.

● **What is the policy to assess good governance practices of the investee companies?**

In order to assess good governance practices, a central Good Governance Test is applied. This test is based on a data-driven quantitative framework, which uses a scorecard to assess companies across the categories of sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff, and tax compliance. Schroders has defined a number of criteria across these pillars.

Compliance with the test is monitored centrally and companies which do not pass this test cannot be held by the Fund, unless the Investment Manager has agreed that the issuer demonstrates good governance based on additional insights beyond that quantitative analysis.

**Good governance** practices include sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff and tax compliance.



**Asset allocation** describes the share of investments in specific assets.

## What is the asset allocation planned for this financial product?

The planned composition of the Fund's investments that are used to meet its environmental or social characteristics are summarised below.

**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the minimum proportion of the Fund's assets used to attain the environmental or social characteristics, which is equal to 70%. The Fund commits to maintain a higher overall level of avoided emissions than the MSCI All Country World (Net TR) index, and so the Fund's investments that are measured by Schroders' proprietary sustainability tool are included within the minimum proportion stated in #1 on the basis that they will contribute to the Fund's overall level of avoided emissions (whether such individual investment has a high or low level). Also included within #1 is the minimum proportion of assets that are invested in sustainable investments, as indicated in #1A. The minimum proportions stated apply in normal market conditions. The actual proportion stated in #1 is expected to be higher.

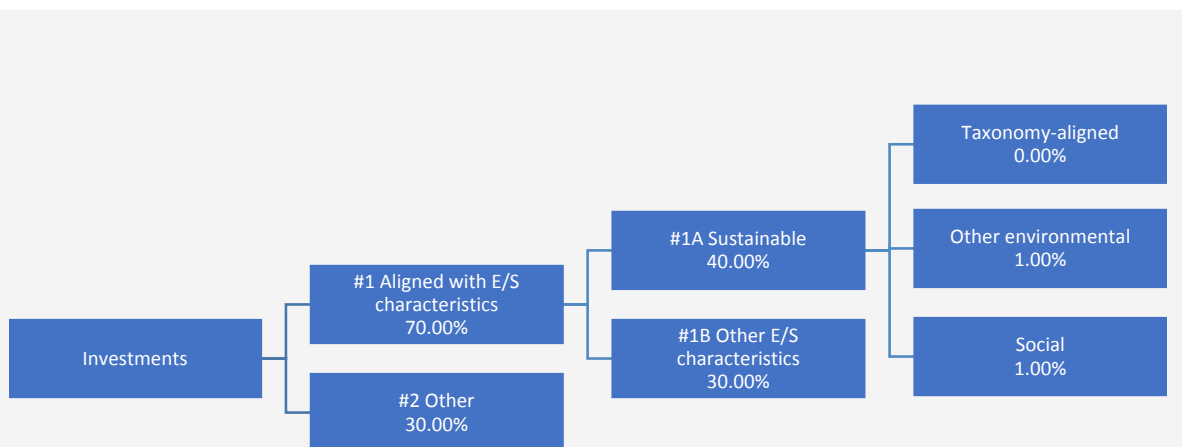
Avoided emissions are measured by Schroders' proprietary tool that provides an estimate of the future emissions saved indirectly by companies' products and services through the substitution of high carbon activities with lower carbon alternatives. It does this by identifying certain carbon-avoiding activities and industries that if adopted would contribute to reducing economy-wide emissions. Schroders' proprietary tool uses third party data as well as Schroders own estimates and assumptions and the outcome may differ from other sustainability tools and measures.

The Fund will invest at least 40% of its assets in sustainable investments. A sustainable investment is classified as having an environmental or social objective depending on whether the relevant issuer has a higher score in Schroders' proprietary tool relative to its applicable peer group for its environmental indicators or its social indicators. In each case, indicators are comprised of both "costs" and "benefits".

**#2 Other** includes cash which is treated as neutral for sustainability purposes. #2 also includes investments that are not covered by Schroders' proprietary sustainability tool and so do not contribute towards the Fund's overall level of avoided emissions. As #1 states a minimum proportion that is in practice expected to be higher, the proportion stated in #2 is expected to be lower.

Minimum safeguards are applied where relevant to Money Market Investments and other investments by restricting (as appropriate) investments in counterparties where there are ownership links or exposure to higher risk countries (for the purpose of money laundering, terrorist financing, bribery, corruption, tax evasion and sanctions risks). A firm-wide risk assessment considers the risk rating of each jurisdiction; which includes reference to a number of public statements, indices and world governance indicators issued by the UN, the European Union, the UK Government, the Financial Action Task Force and several Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), such as Transparency International and the Basel Committee.

In addition, new counterparties are reviewed by Schroders' credit risk team and approval of a new counterparty is based on a holistic review of the various sources of information available, including, but not limited to, quality of management, ownership structure, location, regulatory and social environment to which each counterparty is subject, and the degree of development of the local banking system and its regulatory framework. Ongoing monitoring is performed through a Schroders' proprietary tool, which supports the analysis of a counterparty's management of environmental, social and governance trends and challenges. Any significant deterioration in the profile of the counterparty in Schroders' proprietary tool would lead to further analysis and potential exclusion by Schroders' credit risk team.



**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the investments of the financial product used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product.

**#2 Other** includes the remaining investments of the financial product which are neither aligned with the environmental or social characteristics, nor are qualified as sustainable investments.

The category **#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** covers:

- The sub-category **#1A Sustainable** covers sustainable investments with environmental or social objectives.
- The sub-category **#1B Other E/S characteristics** covers investments aligned with the environmental or social characteristics that do not qualify as sustainable investments.

#1 The minimum proportion stated applies in normal market conditions.

● **How does the use of derivatives attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?**

The Fund may use derivatives that are scored in Schroders' proprietary tool to meet the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted by the Fund, as such derivatives would contribute to the Fund's sustainability score (whether such individual investment has a positive or a negative score).



**To what minimum extent are sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?**

There is no minimum extent to which the Fund's sustainable investments with an environmental objective are aligned with the Taxonomy. Consequently, taxonomy alignment of this Fund's investments has not been calculated and has as a result been deemed to constitute 0% of the Fund's portfolio.

At the date of this prospectus, it is not yet possible to commit to the Fund maintaining a minimum alignment with the Taxonomy, as the Investment Manager is currently not in a position to accurately determine to what extent the Fund's investments are in taxonomy-aligned environmentally sustainable activities. However it is expected that the Fund invests in companies and economic activities that contribute to the environmental objectives of climate change mitigation and climate change adaptation within the meaning of the Taxonomy.

In future it is expected that the Fund will assess and report on the extent to which its underlying investments are in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the Taxonomy, along with information relating to the proportion of enabling and transitional activities. This Prospectus will be updated once it is possible in the Investment Manager's opinion to accurately disclose to what extent the Fund's investments are in Taxonomy-aligned environmentally sustainable activities, including the proportions of investments in enabling and transitional activities selected for the Fund.

● **Does the financial product invest in fossil gas and/or nuclear energy related activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy<sup>1</sup>?**

- ☐ Yes:
- ☐ In fossil gas ☐ In nuclear energy
- ☒ No

<sup>1</sup> Fossil gas and/or nuclear related activities will only comply with the EU Taxonomy where they contribute to limiting climate change ("climate change mitigation") and do not significantly harm any EU Taxonomy objective – see explanatory note in the left-hand margin. The full criteria for fossil gas and nuclear energy economic activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy are laid down in Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1214.

the end of 2035. For **nuclear energy**, the criteria include comprehensive safety and waste management rules.

Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

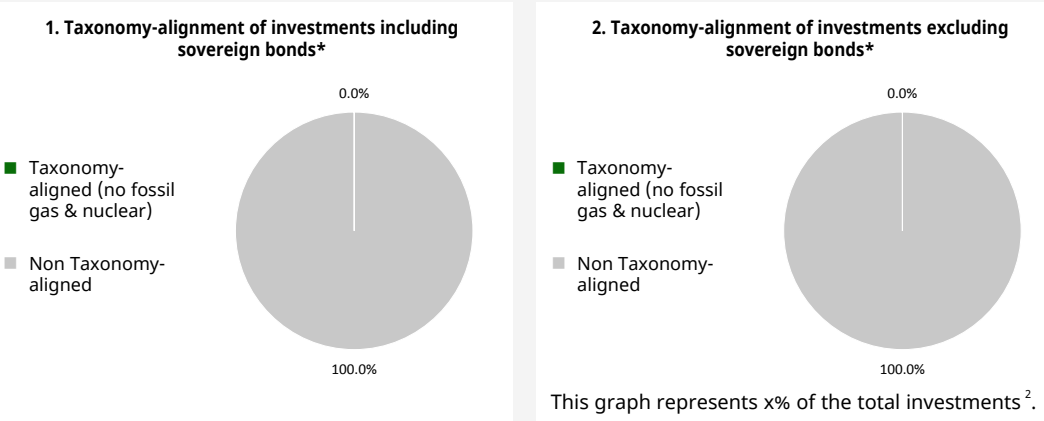
- **turnover** reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee companies
- **capital expenditure** (CapEx) showing the green investments made by investee companies, e.g. for a transition to a green economy.
- **operational expenditure** (OpEx) reflecting green operational activities of investee companies.

**Enabling activities** directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective.

**Transitional activities** are activities for which low-carbon alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.

are sustainable investments with an environmental objective that **do not take into account the criteria** for environmentally

The two graphs below show in green the minimum percentage of investments that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the Taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy-alignment in relation to all the investments of the financial product including sovereign bonds, while the second graph shows the Taxonomy-alignment only in relation to the investments of the financial product other than sovereign bonds.



\* For the purpose of these graphs, 'sovereign bonds' consist of all sovereign exposures

● **What is the minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities?**

As per the above, at the date of this Prospectus the share of investments by the Fund in transitional and enabling activities is currently deemed to constitute 0% of the Fund's portfolio.



**What is the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?**

The Fund commits to invest at least 1% of its assets in sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

<sup>2</sup> As there is no Taxonomy-alignment, there is no impact on the graph if sovereign bonds are excluded (i.e. the percentage of Taxonomy-aligned investments remains 0%) and the Management Company therefore believes that there is no need to mention this information.



### What is the minimum share of socially sustainable investments?

The Fund commits to invest at least 1% of its assets in sustainable investments with a social objective.



### What investments are included under “#2 Other”, what is their purpose and are there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

**#2 Other** includes cash which is treated as neutral for sustainability purposes. #2 also includes investments that are not covered by Schroders’ proprietary sustainability tool and so do not contribute towards the Fund’s overall level of avoided emissions.

Minimum safeguards are applied where relevant to Money Market Investments and other investments by restricting (as appropriate) investments in counterparties where there are ownership links or exposure to higher risk countries (for the purpose of money laundering, terrorist financing, bribery, corruption, tax evasion and sanctions risks). A firm-wide risk assessment considers the risk rating of each jurisdiction; which includes reference to a number of public statements, indices and world governance indicators issued by the UN, the European Union, the UK Government, the Financial Action Task Force and several Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), such as Transparency International and the Basel Committee.

In addition, new counterparties are reviewed by Schroders’ credit risk team and approval of a new counterparty is based on a holistic review of the various sources of information available, including, but not limited to, quality of management, ownership structure, location, regulatory and social environment to which each counterparty is subject, and the degree of development of the local banking system and its regulatory framework. Ongoing monitoring is performed through a Schroders’ proprietary tool, which supports the analysis of a counterparty’s management of environmental, social and governance trends and challenges. Any significant deterioration in the profile of the counterparty in Schroders’ proprietary tool would lead to further analysis and potential exclusion by Schroders’ credit risk team.



### Is a specific index designated as a reference benchmark to determine whether this financial product is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes?

**Reference benchmarks** are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the environmental or social characteristics that they promote.

- **How is the reference benchmark continuously aligned with each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?**

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- **How is the alignment of the investment strategy with the methodology of the index ensured on a continuous basis?**

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- **How does the designated index differ from a relevant broad market index?**

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- **Where can the methodology used for the calculation of the designated index be found?**

This question is not applicable for the Fund.



### Where can I find more product specific information online?

More product-specific information can be found on the webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

Pre-contractual disclosure for the financial products referred to in Article 8, paragraphs 1, 2 and 2a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 6, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852

**Product name:** **Schroder International Selection Fund Global Climate Leaders**

**Legal entity identifier:** **549300VTE2QMTP9FYD10**

## Environmental and/or social characteristics

**Sustainable investment** means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good governance practices.

The **EU Taxonomy** is a classification system laid down in Regulation (EU) 2020/852, establishing a list of **environmentally sustainable economic activities**. That Regulation does not lay down a list of socially sustainable economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.

Does this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?	
●● <input type="checkbox"/> Yes	●○ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
<input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with an environmental objective: __%</b> <div style="margin-left: 20px;"> <input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy              <input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy         </div> <input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with a social objective __%</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> It <b>promotes Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics</b> and while it does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will have a minimum proportion of <b>50.00%</b> of sustainable investments <div style="margin-left: 20px;"> <input type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy              <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy              <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> with a social objective         </div> <input type="checkbox"/> It promotes E/S characteristics, but <b>will not make any sustainable investments</b>



## What environmental and/or social characteristics are promoted by this financial product?

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the MSCI All Country World (Net TR) Index, based on the Investment Manager's rating system. This benchmark (which is a broad market index) does not take into account the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted by the Fund and is not used to attain the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted by the Fund.

The sustainability score is measured by Schroders' proprietary tool that provides an estimate of the net "impact" that an issuer may create in terms of social and environmental "costs" or "benefits". It does this by using certain indicators with respect to that issuer, and quantifying them positively (for example by paying 'fair wages') and negatively (for example the carbon an issuer emits) to produce an aggregate notional measure of the effect that the relevant underlying issuer has on society and the environment. It does this using third party data as well as Schroders own estimates and assumptions and the outcome may differ from other sustainability tools and measures. Examples of such indicators are greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

The result is expressed as an aggregate score, specifically a notional percentage (positive or negative) of sales of the relevant underlying issuer. For example, a score of +2% would mean an issuer contributes \$2 of relative notional positive impact (i.e. benefits to society) per \$100 of sales. The sustainability score of the Fund is a composite of the sustainability indicators. It constitutes the aggregate of the scores of all issuers in the Fund's portfolio measured by Schroders' proprietary tool.

The Fund invests in companies that have set targets in relation to the decarbonisation of their business consistent with limiting climate change to 1.5°C warming or less under the Paris Agreement.

The Fund invests at least 50% of its assets in sustainable investments, which are investments that the Investment Manager expects to contribute towards the advancement of one or more environmental and/or social objective (s).

### ● What sustainability indicators are used to measure the attainment of each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

The Investment Manager monitors compliance with the characteristic to maintain a higher overall sustainability score than the MSCI All Country World (Net TR) Index by reference to the weighted average sustainability score of the Fund in Schroders' proprietary tool compared against the weighted average sustainability score of the MSCI All Country World (Net TR) Index in Schroders' proprietary tool over the

**Sustainability indicators** measure how the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product are attained.



previous ~~six months~~six-month period, based on month-end data. The overall sustainability score aggregates the effect of sustainability indicators including but not limited to greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

The Investment Manager monitors compliance with the characteristic to invest in companies that have set targets in relation to the decarbonisation of their business by reviewing the Fund's investments' specific scope 1 and 2 emissions reduction targets on a periodic basis. The Investment Manager draws information from company sustainability reports, company climate disclosure as reported by the Carbon Disclosure Project (CDP), the Science Based Targets Initiative (SBTi) and other third party data vendors in performing this review.

The Investment Manager monitors compliance with the characteristic to invest at least 50% of its assets in sustainable investments by reference to the sustainability score of each asset in Schroders' proprietary tool. Compliance with this is monitored daily via our automated compliance controls. The Fund also applies certain exclusions, with which the Investment Manager monitors compliance on an ongoing basis via its portfolio compliance framework.

● ***What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?***

In respect of the proportion of the Fund's portfolio that is invested in sustainable investments, each sustainable investment demonstrates a net positive effect across a range of environmental or social objectives, as scored by Schroders' proprietary tool. The environmental or social objectives of the sustainable investments that the Fund partially intends to make may include, but are not limited to, increasing environmental and/or social benefits such as greater water access or fair pay and reducing environmental, and/or social costs such as carbon emissions or food waste. For example, greater water access as measured by Schroders' proprietary tool are the estimated societal benefits of the provision of clean drinking water to human health.

● ***How do the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make, not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?***

The Investment Manager's approach to investing in issuers that do not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective includes the following:

- Firm-wide investment exclusions apply to Schroders funds. These relate to international conventions on cluster munitions, anti-personnel mines, and chemical and biological weapons and a list of those companies that are excluded is available at <https://www.schroders.com/en/sustainability/active-ownership/group-exclusions/>. Firm-wide exclusions also apply to companies generating more than 20% of their revenue from thermal coal mining.
- The Fund excludes companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to tobacco and thermal coal.
- The Fund excludes companies that are assessed by Schroders to have breached one or more 'global norms' thereby causing significant environmental or social harm; these companies comprise Schroders' 'global norms' breach list. Schroders' determination of whether a company has been involved in such a breach considers relevant principles such as those contained in the UN Global Compact (UNGC) principles, the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights. The 'global norms' breach list may be informed by assessments performed by third party providers and by proprietary research, where relevant to a particular situation.
- The Fund may also apply certain other exclusions in addition to those summarised above.

Further information on all of the Fund's investment exclusions is to be found under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

● ***How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?***

When seeking to identify significant harm, Schroders' approach to taking into account the Principal Adverse Impacts (PAI) indicators involves a quantitative and a qualitative assessment. Where it is not considered appropriate or feasible to set quantitative thresholds, the Investment Manager engages, where relevant. Investee companies deemed not to satisfy the quantitative thresholds would generally be excluded, unless on a case-by-case basis the data is deemed not representative of a company's performance in the relevant area.

This framework is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability and quality of the data evolves.

Our approach includes:

1. **Quantitative:** this includes indicators where specific thresholds have been established:

**Principal adverse impacts** are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anticorruption and antibribery matters.

- Via the application of exclusions. This approach is relevant to **PAI 4** (Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector), **PAI 5** (Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production) and **PAI 14** (Exposure to controversial weapons). Further, the following PAIs are assessed as part of Schroders' 'global norms' breach list exclusion (which seeks to exclude companies where significant harm is occurring):
  - **PAI 7** (Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas)
  - **PAI 8** (Emissions to water)
  - **PAI 9** (Hazardous waste and radioactive waste ratio)
  - **PAI 10** (Violations of UN Global Compact principles and Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises)
  - **PAI 11** (Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and Voluntary)
  - **PAI 14** in Table 3 (Number of identified cases of severe human rights issues and incidents)
- Via the application of an alert system flag if the relevant indicator(s) exceeds a threshold. These quantitative thresholds to assess significant harm are established centrally by our Sustainable Investment team and monitored systematically. This approach applies to indicators where we have segmented the population into harm groups to establish a threshold, such as carbon related PAI metrics, **PAI 1** (GHG emissions), **PAI 2** (Carbon footprint) and **Voluntary PAI 4 in Table 2** (Investing in companies without carbon emission reduction initiatives). **PAI 3** (GHG intensity of investee companies) operates in a similar way but the threshold is based on a revenue metric. A threshold for **PAI 6** (Energy consumption intensity per high impact climate sector) is established based on the ~~above-mentioned~~ carbon measures. A similar approach has been taken for **PAI 15** (GHG intensity). **PAI 16** (Investee countries subject to social violations) also operates in the same way but based on data availability regarding social violations. Through this process the relevant issuer(s) that is/are deemed not to satisfy the quantitative thresholds is/are flagged to the Investment Manager for consideration, whose response may involve selling the holdings(s) or maintaining the position if on a case-by-case basis the data is deemed not representative of a company's performance in the relevant area. Investee companies deemed to cause significant harm are excluded from the Fund.
- 2. **Qualitative:** This includes PAI indicators where Schroders' believes that the data available does not enable us to make a quantitative determination regarding whether significant harm is done so as to warrant excluding an investment. In such cases, the Investment Manager engages wherever possible with the company or companies held, in accordance with the priorities documented in Schroders' Engagement Blueprint and/or voting policy. This approach applies to indicators such as **PAI 12** (Unadjusted gender pay gap) and **PAI 13** (Board gender diversity), where we engage and may use our voting rights where we consider appropriate. Both board gender diversity and disclosure of gender pay gap information are captured in our Engagement Blueprint.

● ***How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:***

Companies on Schroders' 'global norms' breach list cannot be categorised as sustainable investments. Schroders' determination of whether a company should be included on such list considers the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, among other relevant principles. The 'global norms' breach list is informed by third party providers and proprietary research, where relevant.

*The EU Taxonomy sets out a "do not significant harm" principle by which Taxonomy-aligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives and is accompanied by specific EU criteria.*

*The "do not significant harm" principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.*

*Any other sustainable investments must also not significantly harm any environmental or social objectives.*



## Does this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

☒ Yes, the Investment Manager's approach to considering principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors involves classifying the indicators into three categories:

The Investment Manager's approach to considering principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors differs depending on the relevant indicator. Some indicators are considered via the application of exclusions, some are considered via the investment process (where data is available via Schroders PAI dashboard and via other external data sources) and some are considered via engagement. Further details are provided below. PAIs are considered as part of pre-investment through the application of exclusions. These include:

- Controversial weapons: PAI 14 (Exposure to controversial weapons (anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, chemical weapons and biological weapons))
- Schroders' 'global norms' breach list, which covers: PAI 7 (Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas), PAI 8 (Emissions to water), PAI 9 (Hazardous waste and radioactive waste ratio), PAI 10 (Violations of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises), PAI 11 (Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises) and PAI 16 (Investee countries subject to social violations)
- Companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to thermal coal: PAI 4 (Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector) and PAI 5 (Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production)

The Fund's exclusions regarding:

- Fossil fuels: PAI 4 (Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector) and PAI 5 (Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production). The Fund will not invest in companies on the Carbon Underground 200 list or companies with significant exposure to fossil fuels defined as those with 5% or more of their revenues coming from fossil fuel extraction and production.

Compliance with these thresholds is monitored via the Investment Manager's portfolio compliance framework. PAIs are also considered through integration in the investment process.

The Fund considers climate change criteria at the stock level as part of the sustainability assessment in the investment process. This covers greenhouse gas emissions, carbon footprint, greenhouse gas intensity of investment companies and energy consumption intensity per high impact climate sector investing in companies without carbon emission reduction initiatives (PAIs 1, 2, 3, 6 & PAI 4 from Annex 1 Table 2).

As part of our stock analysis, we consider how a firm is managing its environmental footprint (including its impact on the climate), as well as how the company plans to reduce its GHG emissions. No single metric determines the overall assessment of a company's climate profile. The Fund evaluates a variety of different metrics – from both internal and external data sources (including a Schroders' proprietary tool) – to determine whether a company is adequately managing its climate risks.

PAI 12 (unadjusted gender pay gap) and PAI 13 (board gender diversity) are considered as part of our good governance framework using data from our internal proprietary tool.

All PAI indicators are monitored via Schroders' PAI dashboard.

PAIs are also considered post-investment through engagement where the Investment Manager engages in line with the approach and expectations set out in Schroders Engagement Blueprint, which outlines our approach to active ownership.

The investment team aims to engage with several issuers on net zero carbon emissions targets (PAI 1, 2, 3). The Fund also aims to engage with several issuers, where relevant, on procuring renewable energy for energy consumption (PAI 5). Through our engagement activity we seek to understand the ambition and scale of emission reduction targets and steps being taken to meet climate goals. We are encouraging companies to set clear emissions reduction targets for all three scopes of emissions, including independent verification, and where targets are already set, to encourage integration of these targets into company remuneration policies. Where issuers are flagged on lack of data availability for any PAIs, the Investment Manager may engage with issuers where the primary focus is to increase reporting or to understand further a potential sustainability-related risk that has been identified.

Our approach is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability, and quality, of PAI data evolves. The Management Company's statement on principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors is available at <https://api.schroders.com/document-store/id/ffcb39bb-96cb-4e56-9461-deba9a493e85>. The Fund level information is disclosed or will be (as applicable) in the Fund's annual report.

1. Set thresholds: these involve very explicit thresholds for considering an investment to be a "sustainable investment". For example, PAI 10 on violations of UNGC principles.
2. Active ownership: these involve indicators on which we have a plan to engage with the underlying holding as set out in the Schroders Group document <https://mybrand.schroders.com/m/3222ea4ed44a1f2c/original/schroders-engagement-blueprint.pdf>, outlining our approach to active ownership. For example, PAI 1, 2 and 3 covering GHG emissions and PAI 13 on board gender diversity.
3. Improve coverage: these involve indicators where we consider data coverage to be too sparse to properly consider them and our focus is primarily on engaging with the underlying holdings to increase reporting. For example, PAI 7 on biodiversity, PAI 9 on hazardous waste ratio and PAI 12 on the gender pay gap.

Our approach is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability, and quality, of PAI data evolves.

The Management Company's statement on principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors is available at <https://mybrand.schroders.com/m/467910ac8e6da45c/original/Statement-on-principal-adverse-impacts-of-investment-decisions-on-sustainability-factors.pdf>. The Fund level information is disclosed or will be (as applicable) in the Fund's annual report.

☐ No



## What investment strategy does this financial product follow?

**The investment strategy** guides investment decisions based on factors such as investment objectives and risk tolerance.

The sustainable investment strategy used by the Investment Manager is as follows:

The Fund is actively managed and invests at least two-thirds of its assets in equity and equity related securities of companies worldwide.

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the MSCI All Country World (Net TR) Index, based on the Investment Manager's rating system.

The Fund invests in companies that have set targets in relation to the decarbonisation of their business consistent with limiting climate change to 1.5°C warming or less under the Paris Agreement.

The Fund does not directly invest in certain activities, industries or groups of issuers above the limits listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

The Fund invests in companies that have good governance practices, as determined by the Investment Manager's rating criteria.

The Fund may invest in companies that the Investment Manager believes will improve their sustainability practices within a reasonable timeframe, typically up to two years.

The Investment Manager may also engage with companies held by the Fund to challenge identified areas of weakness on sustainability issues. More details on the Investment Manager's approach to sustainability and its engagement with companies are available on the webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/>

The Fund may invest directly in China B-Shares and China H Shares and may invest up to 30% of its assets (on a net basis) directly or indirectly (for example via participatory notes) in China A-Shares through Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect and Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect and shares listed on the STAR Board and the ChiNext.

The Fund may also invest up to one-third of its assets directly or indirectly in other securities (including other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies, Investment Funds, warrants and Money Market Investments, and hold cash.

The Fund may use derivatives with the aim of reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently.

The Investment Manager applies sustainability criteria when selecting investments for the Fund.

When deciding whether a company is eligible for the Fund's portfolio, the Investment Manager will assess it against a number of criteria which include but are not limited to the company's emissions reduction target and whether the Investment Manager believes that the company is an ambitious and clear climate leader within its industry. The Investment Manager will decide on a case by case basis whether a company is eligible for inclusion in the Fund's investment universe, based on this assessment. The Investment Manager's decision will focus on ratings in the areas that are most relevant to the particular business of that company.

The Investment Manager performs its own analysis of information provided by the companies, including information provided in company sustainability reports and other relevant company material. The research draws information from a wide variety of publicly available corporate information and company meetings, broker reports and outputs from industry bodies, research organisations, think tanks, legislators, consultants, NGOs and academics. Third party research is used as a secondary consideration, and generally provides a source of challenge or endorsement for the Investment Manager's proprietary view.

The Investment Manager ensures that at least 90% of the portion of the Fund's Net Asset Value composed of investments in companies is rated against the sustainability criteria. As a result of the application of sustainability criteria, at least 20% of the Fund's potential investment universe is excluded from the selection of investments.

For the purposes of this test, the potential investment universe is the core universe of issuers that the Investment Manager may select for the Fund prior to the application of sustainability criteria, in accordance with the other limitations of the Investment Objective and Policy. This universe is comprised of equity and equity related securities of companies worldwide.

### ● **What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?**

The following binding elements are applied throughout the investment process:

- The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the MSCI All Country World (Net TR) Index based on the Investment Manager's rating criteria.
- The Fund invests at least 50% of its assets in sustainable investments and such investments do not cause significant environmental or social harm.
- The Fund invests in companies that have set targets in relation to the decarbonisation of their business consistent with limiting climate change to 1.5°C warming or less under the Paris Agreement.

- Exclusions are applied to direct investments in companies. The Fund applies certain exclusions relating to international conventions on cluster munitions, antipersonnel mines, and chemical and biological weapons. The Fund also excludes companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to tobacco and thermal coal, especially companies that generate at least 10% of their revenues from tobacco production, companies that generate at least 25% of their revenues from the tobacco value chain (such as suppliers, distributors, retailers and licensors), companies that generate at least 10% of their revenues from thermal coal mining and companies that generate at least 30% of their revenues from coal fired power generation. The Fund excludes companies that are assessed by Schroders to have breached one or more 'global norms' thereby causing significant environmental or social harm; these companies comprise Schroders' 'global norms' breach list. Further, the Fund may apply other exclusions as listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>
- The Fund invests in companies that have good governance practices, as determined by the Investment Manager's rating criteria.
- The Investment Manager ensures that at least 90% of the portion of the Fund's Net Asset Value composed of investments in companies is rated against the sustainability criteria.
- As a result of the application of sustainability criteria, at least 20% of the Fund's potential investment universe is excluded from the selection of investments.

● **What is the committed minimum rate to reduce the scope of the investments considered prior to the application of that investment strategy?**

As a result of the application of the Fund's sustainability criteria, at least 20% of the Fund's potential investment universe is excluded from the selection of investments. For the purposes of this test, the potential investment universe is the core universe of issuers that the Investment Manager may select for the Fund prior to the application of sustainability criteria, in accordance with the other limitations of the Investment Objective and Policy.

● **What is the policy to assess good governance practices of the investee companies?**

In order to assess good governance practices, a central Good Governance Test is applied. This test is based on a data-driven quantitative framework, which uses a scorecard to assess companies across the categories of sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff, and tax compliance. Schroders has defined a number of criteria across these pillars.

Compliance with the test is monitored centrally and companies which do not pass this test cannot be held by the Fund, unless the Investment Manager has agreed that the issuer demonstrates good governance based on additional insights beyond that quantitative analysis.

**Good governance** practices include sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff and tax compliance.



**Asset allocation** describes the share of investments in specific assets.

## What is the asset allocation planned for this financial product?

The planned composition of the Fund's investments that are used to meet its environmental or social characteristics are summarised below.

**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the minimum proportion of the Fund's assets used to attain the environmental or social characteristics, which is equal to 70%. The Fund commits to maintain a higher overall sustainability score than the MSCI All Country World (Net TR) Index, and so the Fund's investments that are scored by Schroders' proprietary sustainability tool are included within the minimum proportion stated in #1 on the basis that they will contribute to the Fund's sustainability score (whether such individual investment has a positive or a negative score). Also included within #1 is the minimum proportion of assets that are invested in sustainable investments, as indicated in #1A. The minimum proportions stated apply in normal market conditions. The actual proportion stated in #1 is expected to be higher.

The sustainability score is measured by Schroders' proprietary tool that provides an estimate of the net "impact" that an issuer may create in terms of social and environmental "costs" or "benefits". It does this by using certain indicators with respect to that issuer, and quantifying them positively and negatively to produce an aggregate notional measure of the effect that the relevant underlying issuer may have on society and the environment. Examples of such indicators are greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

The Fund will invest at least 50% of its assets in sustainable investments. A sustainable investment is classified as having an environmental or social objective depending on whether the relevant issuer has a higher score in Schroders' proprietary tool relative to its applicable peer group for its environmental indicators or its social indicators. In each case, indicators are comprised of both "costs" and "benefits".

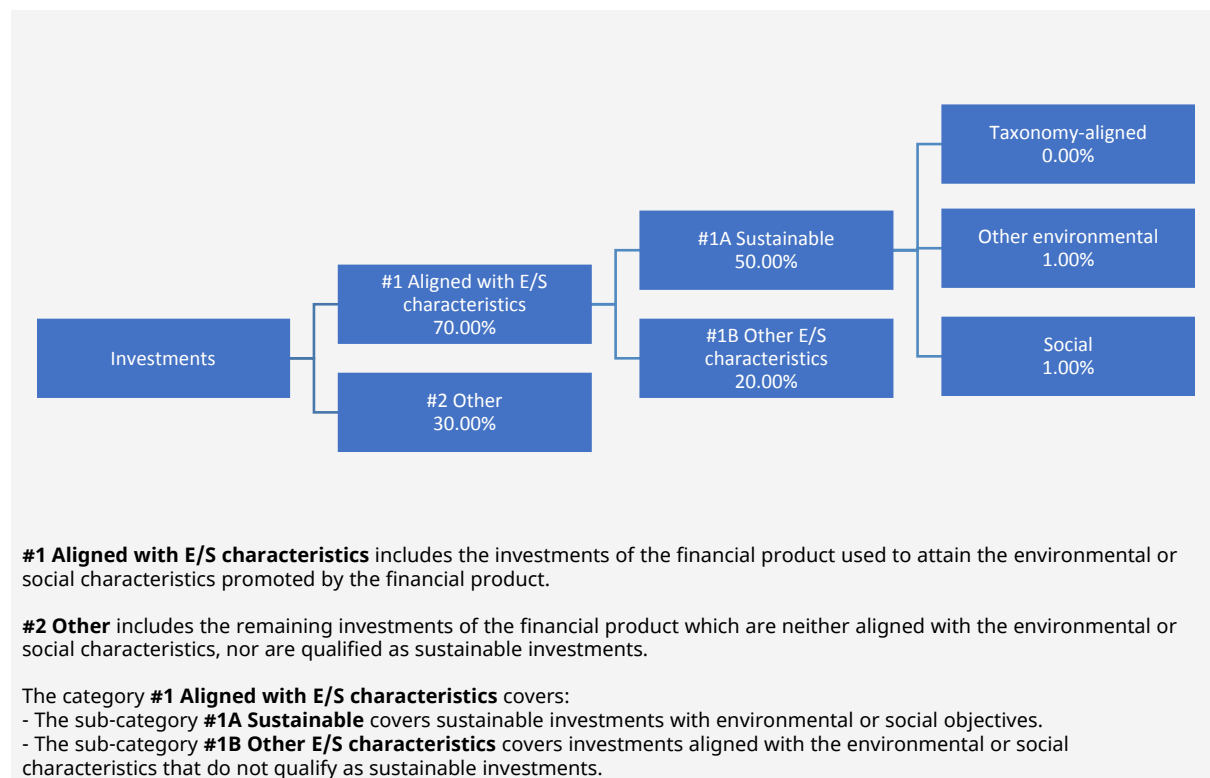
**#2 Other** includes cash which is treated as neutral for sustainability purposes. #2 also includes investments that are not scored by Schroders' proprietary sustainability tool and so do not contribute towards the Fund's sustainability score. As #1 states a minimum proportion that is in practice expected to be higher, the proportion stated in #2 is expected to be lower.

Minimum safeguards are applied where relevant to Money Market Investments and other investments by restricting (as appropriate) investments in counterparties where there are ownership links or exposure to higher risk countries (for the purpose of money laundering, terrorist financing, bribery, corruption, tax evasion and



sanctions risks). A firm-wide risk assessment considers the risk rating of each jurisdiction; which includes reference to a number of public statements, indices and world governance indicators issued by the UN, the European Union, the UK Government, the Financial Action Task Force and several Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), such as Transparency International and the Basel Committee.

In addition, new counterparties are reviewed by Schroders' credit risk team and approval of a new counterparty is based on a holistic review of the various sources of information available, including, but not limited to, quality of management, ownership structure, location, regulatory and social environment to which each counterparty is subject, and the degree of development of the local banking system and its regulatory framework. Ongoing monitoring is performed through a Schroders' proprietary tool, which supports the analysis of a counterparty's management of environmental, social and governance trends and challenges. Any significant deterioration in the profile of the counterparty in Schroders' proprietary tool would lead to further analysis and potential exclusion by Schroders' credit risk team.



#1 The minimum proportion stated applies in normal market conditions.

### ● **How does the use of derivatives attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?**

The Fund may use derivatives that are scored in Schroders' proprietary tool to meet the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted by the Fund, as such derivatives would contribute to the Fund's sustainability score (whether such individual investment has a positive or a negative score).



### **To what minimum extent are sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?**

At the date of this Prospectus, it is not yet possible to commit to the Fund maintaining a minimum alignment with the Taxonomy, as the Investment Manager is currently not in a position to accurately determine to what extent the Fund's investments are in Taxonomy-aligned environmentally sustainable activities. Taxonomy alignment of this Fund's investments has therefore not been calculated and as a result has been deemed to constitute 0% of the Fund's portfolio.

In future it is expected that the Fund will assess and report on the extent to which its underlying investments are in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the Taxonomy, along with information relating to the proportion of enabling and transitional activities. This Prospectus will be updated once it is possible in the Investment Manager's opinion to accurately disclose to what extent the Fund's investments are in Taxonomy-aligned environmentally sustainable activities, including the proportions of investments in enabling and transitional activities selected for the Fund.



To comply with the EU Taxonomy, the criteria for **fossil gas** include limitations on emissions and switching to renewable power or low-carbon fuels by the end of 2035. For **nuclear energy**, the criteria include comprehensive safety and waste management rules.

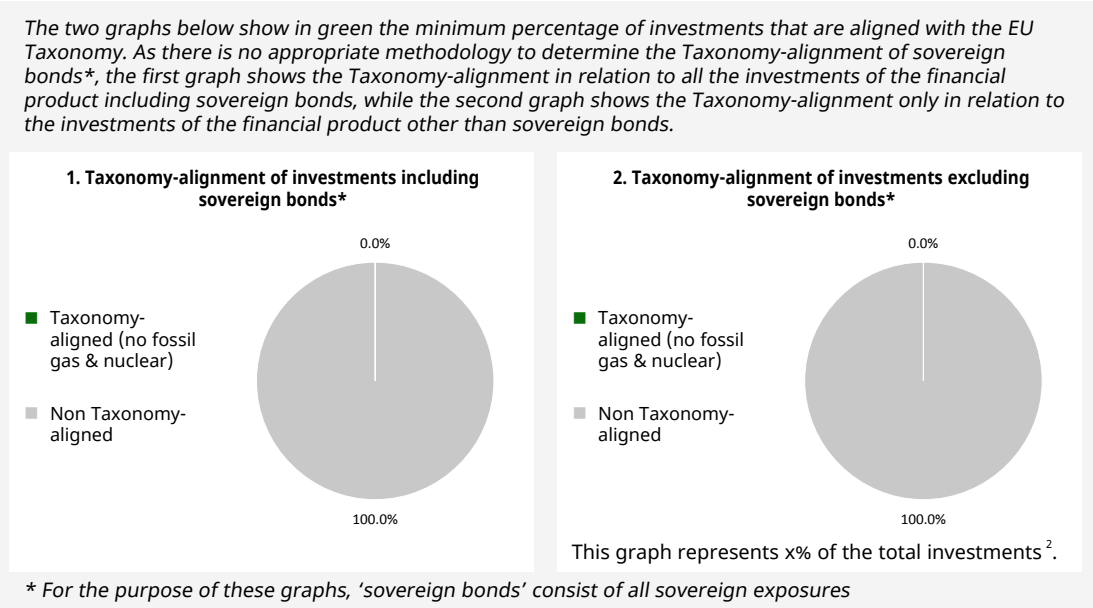
Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

- **turnover** reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee companies
- **capital expenditure** (CapEx) showing the green investments made by investee companies, e.g. for a transition to a green economy.
- **operational expenditure** (OpEx) reflecting green operational activities of investee companies.

**Enabling activities** directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective.

**Transitional activities** are activities for which low-carbon alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.

- **Does the financial product invest in fossil gas and/or nuclear energy related activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy<sup>1</sup>?**
  - ☐ Yes:
    - ☐ In fossil gas ☐ In nuclear energy
  - ☒ No



- **What is the minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities?**

As per the above, at the date of this Prospectus the share of investments by the Fund in transitional and enabling activities is currently deemed to constitute 0% of the Fund's portfolio.

<sup>1</sup> Fossil gas and/or nuclear related activities will only comply with the EU Taxonomy where they contribute to limiting climate change ("climate change mitigation") and do not significantly harm any EU Taxonomy objective – see explanatory note in the left-hand margin. The full criteria for fossil gas and nuclear energy economic activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy are laid down in Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1214.

<sup>2</sup> As there is no Taxonomy-alignment, there is no impact on the graph if sovereign bonds are excluded (i.e. the percentage of Taxonomy-aligned investments remains 0%) and the Management Company therefore believes that there is no need to mention this information.



## What is the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

The Fund commits to invest at least 1% of its assets in sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy.



are sustainable investments with an environmental objective that **do not take into account the criteria** for environmentally sustainable economic activities under the EU Taxonomy.



## What is the minimum share of socially sustainable investments?

The Fund commits to invest at least 1% of its assets in sustainable investments with a social objective.



## What investments are included under “#2 Other”, what is their purpose and are there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

**#2 Other** includes cash which is treated as neutral for sustainability purposes. #2 also includes investments that are not scored by Schroders' proprietary sustainability tools and so do not contribute towards the Fund's sustainability score.

Minimum safeguards are applied where relevant to Money Market Investments and other investments by restricting (as appropriate) investments in counterparties where there are ownership links or exposure to higher risk countries (for the purpose of money laundering, terrorist financing, bribery, corruption, tax evasion and sanctions risks). A firm-wide risk assessment considers the risk rating of each jurisdiction; which includes reference to a number of public statements, indices and world governance indicators issued by the UN, the European Union, the UK Government, the Financial Action Task Force and several Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), such as Transparency International and the Basel Committee.

In addition, new counterparties are reviewed by Schroders' credit risk team and approval of a new counterparty is based on a holistic review of the various sources of information available, including, but not limited to, quality of management, ownership structure, location, regulatory and social environment to which each counterparty is subject, and the degree of development of the local banking system and its regulatory framework. Ongoing monitoring is performed through a Schroders' proprietary tool, which supports the analysis of a counterparty's management of environmental, social and governance trends and challenges. Any significant deterioration in the profile of the counterparty in Schroders' proprietary tool would lead to further analysis and potential exclusion by Schroders' credit risk team.



## Is a specific index designated as a reference benchmark to determine whether this financial product is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes?

**Reference benchmarks** are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the environmental or social characteristics that they promote.

- **How is the reference benchmark continuously aligned with each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?**

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- **How is the alignment of the investment strategy with the methodology of the index ensured on a continuous basis?**

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- ***How does the designated index differ from a relevant broad market index?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- ***Where can the methodology used for the calculation of the designated index be found?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.



## **Where can I find more product specific information online?**

More product-specific information can be found on the webpage: <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

Pre-contractual disclosure for the financial products referred to in Article 8, paragraphs 1, 2 and 2a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 6, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852

**Product name:** **Schroder International Selection Fund Global Corporate Bond**

**Legal entity identifier:** **1YK3XMIPDXWQ8KR0SJ46**

## Environmental and/or social characteristics

<p><b>Sustainable investment</b> means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good governance practices.</p>	<p><b>Does this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?</b></p> <p> <input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Yes</b> <input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>No</b> </p>		
<p>The <b>EU Taxonomy</b> is a classification system laid down in Regulation (EU) 2020/852, establishing a list of <b>environmentally sustainable economic activities</b>. That Regulation does not lay down a list of socially sustainable economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.</p>	<table border="1"> <tr> <td data-bbox="258 436 869 1052"> <p><input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with an environmental objective: __%</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with a social objective __%</b></p> </td><td data-bbox="869 436 1487 1052"> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> It <b>promotes Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics</b> and while it does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will have a minimum proportion of <b>10.00%</b> of sustainable investments</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> with a social objective</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> It promotes E/S characteristics, but <b>will not make any sustainable investments</b></p> </td></tr> </table>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with an environmental objective: __%</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with a social objective __%</b></p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> It <b>promotes Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics</b> and while it does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will have a minimum proportion of <b>10.00%</b> of sustainable investments</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> with a social objective</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> It promotes E/S characteristics, but <b>will not make any sustainable investments</b></p>
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## What environmental and/or social characteristics are promoted by this financial product?

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the Bloomberg Global Aggregate – Corporate index Hedged to USD, based on the Investment Manager’s rating system. This benchmark (which is a broad market index) does not take into account the environmental and social characteristics promoted by the Fund.

The sustainability score is measured by Schroders’ proprietary tool that provides an estimate of the net “impact” that an issuer may create in terms of social and environmental “costs” or “benefits”. It does this by using certain indicators with respect to that issuer, and quantifying them positively and negatively to produce an aggregate notional measure of the effect that the relevant underlying issuer may have on society and the environment. It does this using third party data as well as Schroders own estimates and assumptions and the outcome may differ from other sustainability tools and measures. Examples of such indicators are greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

The result is expressed as an aggregate score of the sustainability indicators for each issuer, specifically a notional percentage (positive or negative) of sales or GDP of the relevant underlying issuer. For example, a score of +2% would mean an issuer contributes \$2 of relative notional positive impact (i.e. benefits to society) per \$100 of sales or GDP. The sustainability score of the Fund is derived from the scores of all issuers in the Fund’s portfolio measured by Schroders’ proprietary tool.

The Fund invests at least 10% of its assets in sustainable investments, which are investments that the Investment Manager expects to contribute towards the advancement of one or more environmental and/or social objective (s).

### ● **What sustainability indicators are used to measure the attainment of each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?**

The Investment Manager monitors compliance with the characteristic to maintain a higher overall sustainability score than the Bloomberg Global Aggregate – Corporate index Hedged to USD by reference to the weighted average sustainability score of the Fund in Schroders’ proprietary tool compared against the weighted average sustainability score of the Bloomberg Global Aggregate – Corporate index Hedged to USD in Schroders’ proprietary tool over the previous six month period, based on month-end data. The overall sustainability score aggregates the effect of sustainability indicators including but not limited to greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

**Sustainability indicators** measure how the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product are attained.

The Investment Manager monitors compliance with the characteristic to invest at least 10% of its assets in sustainable investments by reference to (i) the sustainability score of each asset in Schroders' proprietary tool and/ or (ii) whether the asset is classified as a green, social and/ or sustainable bond. Compliance with this is monitored daily via our automated compliance controls. The Fund also applies certain exclusions, with which the Investment Manager monitors compliance on an ongoing basis via its portfolio compliance framework.

● ***What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?***

In respect of the proportion of the Fund's portfolio that is invested in sustainable investments, each sustainable investment either (i) demonstrates a net positive effect across a range of environmental or social objectives, as scored by Schroders' proprietary tool and/or (ii) is classified as a green, social and/ or sustainable bond using a third-party data source. The environmental or social objectives of the sustainable investments that the Fund partially intends to make may include, but are not limited to, increasing environmental and/or social benefits such as greater water access or fair pay and reducing environmental, and/or social costs such as carbon emissions or food waste. For example, greater water access as measured by Schroders' proprietary tool are the estimated societal benefits of the provision of clean drinking water to human health. The environmental or social objectives of green, social and/or sustainable bonds may include, but are not limited to, climate change mitigation, renewable energy initiatives, natural resource conservation, access to finance and affordable housing projects.

● ***How do the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make, not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?***

The Investment Manager's approach to investing in issuers that do not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective includes the following:

- Firm-wide investment exclusions apply to Schroders funds. These relate to international conventions on cluster munitions, anti-personnel mines, and chemical and biological weapons and a list of those companies that are excluded is available at <https://www.schroders.com/en/sustainability/active-ownership/group-exclusions/>. Firm-wide exclusions also apply to companies generating more than 20% of their revenue from thermal coal mining.
- The Fund excludes companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to tobacco and thermal coal.
- The Fund excludes companies that are assessed by Schroders to have breached one or more 'global norms' thereby causing significant environmental or social harm; these companies comprise Schroders' 'global norms' breach list. Schroders' determination of whether a company has been involved in such a breach considers relevant principles such as those contained in the UN Global Compact (UNGC) principles, the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights. The 'global norms' breach list may be informed by assessments performed by third party providers and by proprietary research, where relevant to a particular situation. In exceptional circumstances a derogation may be applied in order to allow the Fund to continue to hold a company on Schroders' 'global norms' breach list, for example where the stated investment strategy of the Fund may otherwise be compromised. Any such company cannot be categorised as a sustainable investment.
- The Fund may also apply certain other exclusions in addition to those summarised above.

Further information on all of the Fund's investment exclusions is to be found under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>.

● ***How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?***

When seeking to identify significant harm, Schroders' approach to taking into account the Principal Adverse Impacts (PAI) indicators involves a quantitative and a qualitative assessment. Where it is not considered appropriate or feasible to set quantitative thresholds, the Investment Manager engages, where relevant. Investee companies deemed not to satisfy the quantitative thresholds would generally be excluded, unless on a case-by-case basis the data is deemed not representative of a company's performance in the relevant area.

This framework is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability and quality of the data evolves.

Our approach includes:

1. **Quantitative:** this includes indicators where specific thresholds have been established:

**Principal adverse impacts** are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anticorruption and antibribery matters.

- Via the application of exclusions. This approach is relevant to **PAI 4** (Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector), **PAI 5** (Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production) and **PAI 14** (Exposure to controversial weapons). Further, the following PAIs are assessed as part of Schroders' 'global norms' breach list exclusion (which seeks to exclude companies where significant harm is occurring):
  - **PAI 7** (Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas)
  - **PAI 8** (Emissions to water)
  - **PAI 9** (Hazardous waste and radioactive waste ratio)
  - **PAI 10** (Violations of UN Global Compact principles and Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises)
  - **PAI 11** (Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and Voluntary)
  - **PAI 14** in Table 3 (Number of identified cases of severe human rights issues and incidents)
- Via the application of an alert system flag if the relevant indicator(s) exceeds a threshold. These quantitative thresholds to assess significant harm are established centrally by our Sustainable Investment team and monitored systematically. This approach applies to indicators where we have segmented the population into harm groups to establish a threshold, such as carbon related PAI metrics, **PAI 1** (GHG emissions), **PAI 2** (Carbon footprint) and **Voluntary PAI 4 in Table 2** (Investing in companies without carbon emission reduction initiatives). **PAI 3** (GHG intensity of investee companies) operates in a similar way but the threshold is based on a revenue metric. A threshold for **PAI 6** (Energy consumption intensity per high impact climate sector) is established based on the ~~above-mentioned~~ carbon measures. A similar approach has been taken for **PAI 15** (GHG intensity). **PAI 16** (Investee countries subject to social violations) also operates in the same way but based on data availability regarding social violations. Through this process the relevant issuer(s) that is/are deemed not to satisfy the quantitative thresholds is/are flagged to the Investment Manager for consideration, whose response may involve selling the holdings(s) or maintaining the position if on a case-by-case basis the data is deemed not representative of a company's performance in the relevant area. Investee companies deemed to cause significant harm are excluded from the Fund.
- 2. **Qualitative:** This includes PAI indicators where Schroders' believes that the data available does not enable us to make a quantitative determination regarding whether significant harm is done so as to warrant excluding an investment. In such cases, the Investment Manager engages wherever possible with the company or companies held, in accordance with the priorities documented in Schroders' Engagement Blueprint and/or voting policy. This approach applies to indicators such as **PAI 12** (Unadjusted gender pay gap) and **PAI 13** (Board gender diversity), where we engage and may use our voting rights where we consider appropriate. Both board gender diversity and disclosure of gender pay gap information are captured in our Engagement Blueprint.

● ***How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:***

Companies on Schroders' 'global norm' breach list cannot be categorised as sustainable investments. Schroders' determination of whether a company should be included on such list considers the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, among other relevant principles. The 'global norms' breach list is informed by third party providers and proprietary research, where relevant.

*The EU Taxonomy sets out a "do not significant harm" principle by which Taxonomy-aligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives and is accompanied by specific EU criteria.*

*The "do not significant harm" principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.*

*Any other sustainable investments must also not significantly harm any environmental or social objectives.*



## Does this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

☒ Yes, the Investment Manager's approach to considering principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors involves classifying the indicators into three categories:



The Investment Manager's approach to considering principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors differs depending on the relevant indicator. Some indicators are considered via the application of exclusions, some are considered via the investment process (where data is available via Schroders PAI dashboard and via other external data sources) and some are considered via engagement. Further details are provided below.

PAIs are considered as part of pre-investment through the application of exclusions. These include:

- Controversial weapons: PAI 14 (Exposure to controversial weapons (anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, chemical weapons and biological weapons)).
- Schroders' 'global norms' breach list, which covers: PAI 7 (Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas), PAI 8 (Emissions to water), PAI 9 (Hazardous waste and radioactive waste ratio), PAI 10 (Violations of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises), PAI 11 (Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises) and PAI 16 (Investee countries subject to social violations).
- Companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to thermal coal: PAI 4 (Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector) and PAI 5 (Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production).

Compliance with these thresholds is monitored via the Investment Manager's portfolio compliance framework.

PAIs are also considered through integration in the issuer analysis as part of the investment process. Schroders' proprietary tool is used which incorporates several PAIs as a component of its scoring methodology. For example, PAI 1 (GHG emissions), PAI 2 (Carbon footprint) and PAI 3 (GHG intensity of investee companies), are included as part of a company's overall environmental score, which is used as part of our issuers analysis within the investment process. All PAI indicators are monitored via Schroders PAI dashboard.

PAIs are also considered post-investment through engagement where the Investment Manager engages in line with the approach and expectations set out in Schroders Engagement Blueprint, which outlines our approach to active ownership. The Investment Manager may engage with selective investee companies on a range on environmental related topics, such as climate alignment, targets, and transition plans. These relate to environmental PAIs including PAI 1 (GHG emissions), PAI 2 (Carbon footprint) and PAI 3 (GHG intensity of investee companies). Where issuers are flagged on lack of data availability, the Investment Manager may engage with issuers where the primary focus is to increase reporting, quality and availability of PAI data.

Our approach is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability, and quality, of PAI data evolves. The Management Company's statement on principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors is available at <https://api.schroders.com/document-store/id/ffcb39bb-96cb-4e56-9461-deba9a493e85>. The Fund level information is disclosed or will be disclosed (as applicable) in the Fund's annual report.

1. Set thresholds: these involve very explicit thresholds for considering an investment to be a "sustainable investment". For example, PAI 10 on violations of UNGC principles.

2. Active ownership: these involve indicators on which we have a plan to engage with the underlying holding as set out in the Schroders Group document <https://mybrand.schroders.com/m/3222ea4ed44a1f2c/original/schroders-engagement-blueprint.pdf>, outlining our approach to active ownership. For example, PAI 1, 2 and 3 covering GHG emissions and PAI 13 on board gender diversity.

3. Improve coverage: these involve indicators where we consider data coverage to be too sparse to properly consider them and our focus is primarily on engaging with the underlying holdings to increase reporting. For example, PAI 7 on biodiversity, PAI 9 on hazardous waste ratio and PAI 12 on the gender pay gap.

Our approach is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability, and quality, of PAI data evolves.

The Management Company's statement on principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors is available at <https://mybrand.schroders.com/m/467910ac8e6da45c/original/Statement-on-principal-adverse-impacts-of-investment-decisions-on-sustainability-factors.pdf>. The Fund level information is disclosed or will be (as applicable) in the Fund's annual report.

☐ No



## What investment strategy does this financial product follow?

**The investment strategy** guides investment decisions based on factors such as investment objectives and risk tolerance.

The sustainable investment strategy used by the Investment Manager is as follows:

The Fund is actively managed and invests at least two-thirds of its assets in fixed and floating rate securities denominated in various currencies and issued by companies worldwide.

The Fund invests in the full credit spectrum of fixed income investments. The Fund may invest:

- up to 40% of its assets in securities that have a below investment grade credit rating (as measured by Standard & Poor's or any equivalent grade of other credit rating agencies for rated bonds and implied Schroders ratings for non-rated bonds);
- up to 20% of its assets in securities issued by governments and government agencies; and
- up to 10% of its assets in contingent convertible bonds.

The Fund may also invest up to one-third of its assets directly or indirectly in other securities (including other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies, Investment Funds, warrants and Money Market Investments, and hold cash.

The Fund may use derivatives, long and short, with the aim of achieving investment gains, reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently. The Fund may use leverage.

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the Bloomberg Global Aggregate – Corporate index Hedged to USD, based on the Investment Manager’s rating criteria.

The Fund does not directly invest in certain activities, industries or groups of issuers above the limits listed under “Sustainability-Related Disclosure” on the Fund’s webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

The Investment Manager applies governance and sustainability criteria when selecting investments for the Fund. The strategy aims to identify issuers demonstrating good or improving sustainability credentials, and those that impose a high cost on the environment and society. This involves:

– The exclusion of issuers with certain exposure to specific activities that the Investment Manager considers environmentally destructive or socially damaging, violate human rights and/ or have demonstrated gross misconduct that the Investment Manager deems to have businesses that are materially damaging to the climate and impose unjustifiable social costs.

– The inclusion of issuers that the Investment Manager considers are well placed to deliver demonstrate stable and improving sustainability trajectories relative to their industry peers, and issuers demonstrating good governance based on the Investment Manager’s sustainability rating methodology.

The Investment Manager may also engage with companies to encourage transparency, the transition to a circular economy with lower carbon emissions intensity and responsible social behaviour that promotes sustainable growth and alpha generation.

The primary sources of information used to perform the analysis are the Investment Manager’s proprietary tools and research, third-party research, NGO reports and expert networks. The Investment Manager also performs its own analysis of publicly available information provided by the companies, including information provided in company sustainability reports and other relevant company material.

More details on the Investment Manager’s approach to sustainability and its engagement with companies are available on the webpage

<https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/>

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than its investment universe, based on the Investment Manager’s rating system.

The Investment Manager ensures that at least:

– 90% of the portion of the Fund’s NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in developed countries; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with an investment grade credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by developed countries; and

– 75% of the portion of the Fund’s NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in emerging countries; equities issued by small and medium companies; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with a high yield credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by emerging countries,

is rated against the sustainability criteria. For the purposes of this test, small companies are those with market capitalisation below €5 billion, medium companies are those between €5 billion and €10 billion and large companies are those above €10 billion.

### ● ***What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?***

The following binding elements are applied throughout the investment process:

- The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the Bloomberg Global Aggregate – Corporate index Hedged to USD based on the Investment Manager’s rating criteria.
- The Fund invests at least 10% of its assets in sustainable investments and such investments do not cause significant environmental or social harm.
- Exclusions are applied to direct investments in companies. The Fund applies certain exclusions relating to international conventions on cluster munitions, antipersonnel mines, and chemical and biological weapons. The Fund also excludes companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to tobacco and thermal coal, especially companies that generate at least 10% of their revenues from tobacco production, companies that generate at least 25% of their revenues from the tobacco value chain (such as suppliers, distributors, retailers and licensors), companies that generate at least 10% of their revenues from thermal coal mining and companies that generate at least 30% of their revenues from coal fired power generation. The Fund excludes companies that are assessed by Schroders to have breached one or more ‘global norms’ thereby causing significant environmental or social harm; these companies comprise Schroders’ ‘global norms’ breach list. In exceptional circumstances a derogation may be applied in order to allow the Fund to continue to hold a company on Schroders’ ‘global norms’ breach list, for example where the stated investment strategy of the Fund may otherwise be compromised. Any such company cannot be categorised as a sustainable investment. Further, the Fund may apply other exclusions as listed under “Sustainability-Related Disclosure” on the Fund’s webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>
- The Fund invests in companies that have good governance practices, as determined by the Investment Manager’s rating criteria.

The Investment Manager ensures that at least:

- 90% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in developed countries; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with an investment grade credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by developed countries; and
- 75% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in emerging countries; equities issued by small and medium companies; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with a high yield credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by emerging countries,

is rated against the sustainability criteria.

● **What is the committed minimum rate to reduce the scope of the investments considered prior to the application of that investment strategy?**

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

● **What is the policy to assess good governance practices of the investee companies?**

In order to assess good governance practices, a central Good Governance Test is applied. This test is based on a data-driven quantitative framework, which uses a scorecard to assess companies across the categories of sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff, and tax compliance. Schroders has defined a number of criteria across these pillars.

Compliance with the test is monitored centrally and companies which do not pass this test cannot be held by the Fund, unless the Investment Manager has agreed that the issuer demonstrates good governance based on additional insights beyond that quantitative analysis.

**Good governance** practices include sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff and tax compliance.



**Asset allocation** describes the share of investments in specific assets.

## What is the asset allocation planned for this financial product?

The planned composition of the Fund's investments that are used to meet its environmental or social characteristics are summarised below.

**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the minimum proportion of the Fund's assets used to attain the environmental or social characteristics, which is equal to 60%. The Fund commits to maintain a higher overall sustainability score than the Bloomberg Global Aggregate – Corporate Index Hedged to USD, and so the Fund's investments that are scored by Schroders' proprietary sustainability tool are included within the minimum proportion stated in #1 on the basis that they will contribute to the Fund's sustainability score (whether such individual investment has a positive or a negative score). Also included within #1 are any green, social or sustainable bonds that are not scored by Schroders' proprietary sustainability tool. is the minimum proportion of assets that are invested in sustainable investments, as indicated in #1A. The minimum proportions stated apply in normal market conditions. The actual proportion stated in #1 is expected to be higher.

The sustainability score is measured by Schroders' proprietary tool that provides an estimate of the net "impact" that an issuer may create in terms of social and environmental "costs" or "benefits". It does this by using certain indicators with respect to that issuer, and quantifying them positively and negatively to produce an aggregate notional measure of the effect that the relevant underlying issuer may have on society and the environment. Examples of such indicators are greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

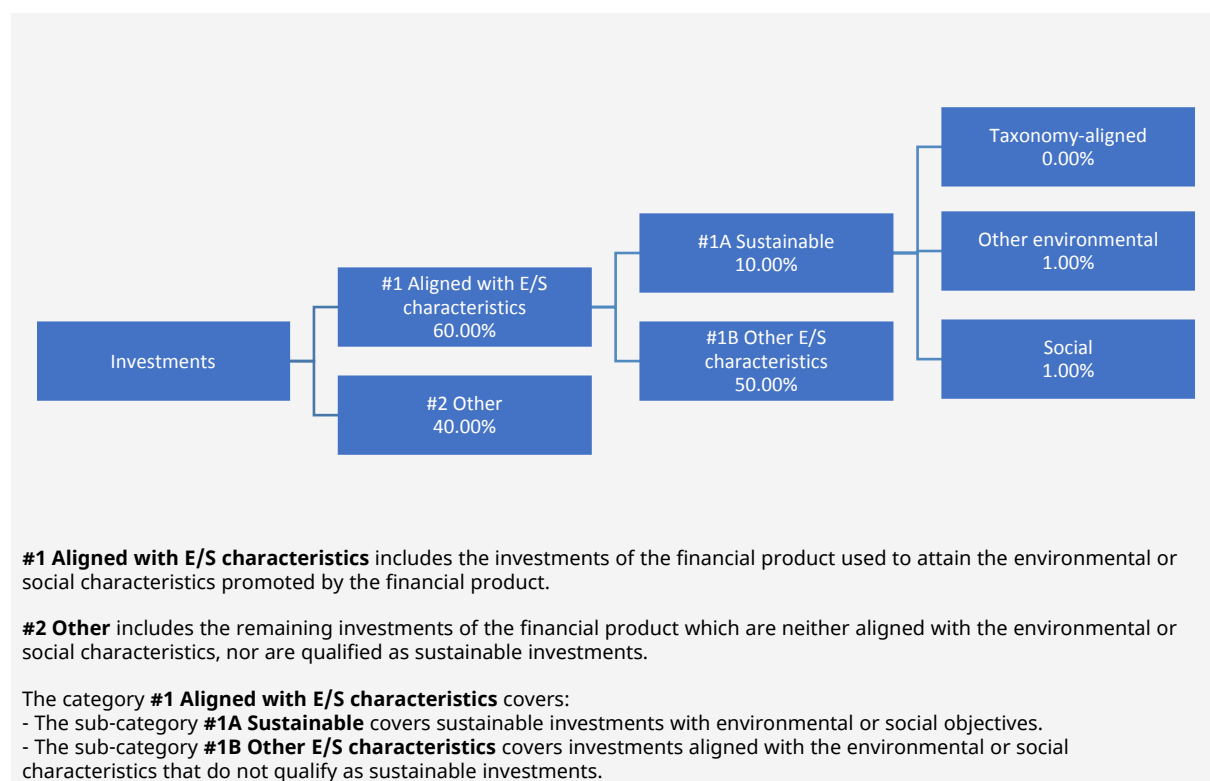
The Fund will invest at least 10% of its assets in sustainable investments. Each sustainable investment (i) demonstrates a net positive effect across a range of environmental or social objectives, as scored by Schroders' proprietary tool or (ii) is classified as a green, social and/ or sustainable bond using a third-party data source. With the exception of any green or social bonds, which will be classified as having an environmental or social objective respectively, a sustainable investment is classified as having an environmental or social objective depending on whether the relevant issuer has a higher score in Schroders' proprietary tool relative to its applicable peer group for its environmental indicators or its social indicators. In each case, indicators are comprised of both "costs" and "benefits".

**#2 Other** includes cash which is treated as neutral for sustainability purposes. #2 also includes other investments that are not scored by Schroders' proprietary sustainability tool and so do not contribute towards the Fund's sustainability score. As #1 states a minimum proportion that is in practice expected to be higher, the proportion stated in #2 is expected to be lower.

Minimum safeguards are applied where relevant to investments by restricting (as appropriate) investments in counterparties where there are ownership links or exposure to higher risk countries (for the purpose of money laundering, terrorist financing, bribery, corruption, tax evasion and sanctions risks). A firm-wide risk assessment considers the risk rating of each jurisdiction; which includes reference to a number of public statements, indices and world governance indicators issued by the UN, the European Union, the UK Government, the Financial Action Task Force and several Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), such as Transparency International and the Basel Committee.

In addition, new counterparties are reviewed by Schroders' credit risk team and approval of a new counterparty is based on a holistic review of the various sources of information available, including, but not limited to, quality of management, ownership structure, location, regulatory and social environment to which each counterparty is subject, and the degree of development of the local banking system and its regulatory framework. Ongoing

monitoring is performed through a Schroders' proprietary tool, which supports the analysis of a counterparty's management of environmental, social and governance trends and challenges. Any significant deterioration in the profile of the counterparty in Schroders' proprietary tool would lead to further analysis and potential exclusion by Schroders' credit risk team.



#1 The minimum proportion stated applies in normal market conditions.

### ● **How does the use of derivatives attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?**

Single name credit default swaps are used as a proxy for direct investments which would otherwise be held by the Fund in line with its sustainability criteria. Such derivatives are therefore used to attain the Fund's sustainability score in Schroders proprietary tool which is one of the binding elements of the Fund. The Fund may use other derivatives that are scored in Schroders' proprietary tool to meet the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted by the Fund, as such derivatives would contribute to the Fund's sustainability score (whether such individual investment has a positive or a negative score).



### **To what minimum extent are sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?**

There is no minimum extent to which the Fund's investments (including transitional and enabling activities) with an environmental objective are aligned with the Taxonomy. Taxonomy alignment of this Fund's investments has therefore not been calculated and has as a result been deemed to constitute 0% of the Fund's portfolio.

In future it is expected that the Fund will assess and report on the extent to which its underlying investments are in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the Taxonomy, along with information relating to the proportion of enabling and transitional activities. This Prospectus will be updated once it is possible in the Investment Manager's opinion to accurately disclose to what extent the Fund's investments are in Taxonomy-aligned environmentally sustainable activities, including the proportions of investments in enabling and transitional activities selected for the Fund.

### ● **Does the financial product invest in fossil gas and/or nuclear energy related activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy<sup>1</sup>?**

☐ Yes:

☐ In fossil gas ☐ In nuclear energy

To comply with the EU Taxonomy, the criteria for **fossil gas** include limitations on emissions and switching to

<sup>1</sup> Fossil gas and/or nuclear related activities will only comply with the EU Taxonomy where they contribute to limiting climate change ("climate change mitigation") and do not significantly harm any EU Taxonomy objective – see explanatory note in the left-hand margin. The full criteria for fossil gas and nuclear energy economic activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy are laid down in Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1214.

☒ No

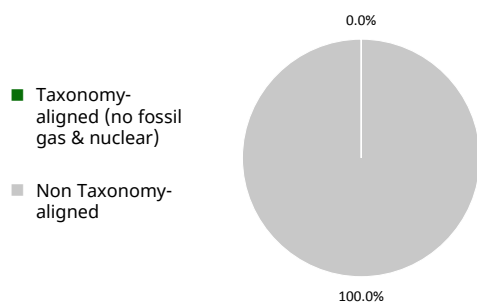
renewable power or low-carbon fuels by the end of 2035. For **nuclear energy**, the criteria include comprehensive safety and waste management rules.

Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

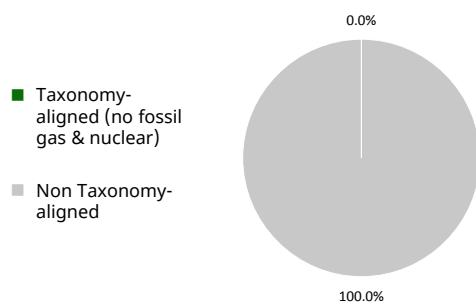
- **turnover** reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee companies
- **capital expenditure** (CapEx) showing the green investments made by investee companies, e.g. for a transition to a green economy.
- **operational expenditure** (OpEx) reflecting green operational activities of investee companies.

The two graphs below show in green the minimum percentage of investments that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the Taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy-alignment in relation to all the investments of the financial product including sovereign bonds, while the second graph shows the Taxonomy-alignment only in relation to the investments of the financial product other than sovereign bonds.

1. Taxonomy-alignment of investments including sovereign bonds\*



2. Taxonomy-alignment of investments excluding sovereign bonds\*



This graph represents x% of the total investments<sup>2</sup>.

\* For the purpose of these graphs, 'sovereign bonds' consist of all sovereign exposures

**Enabling activities** directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective.

**Transitional activities** are activities for which low-carbon alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.

### ● What is the minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities?

As per the above, at the date of this Prospectus the share of investments by the Fund in transitional and enabling activities is currently deemed to constitute 0% of the Fund's portfolio.



### What is the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

The Fund commits to invest at least 1% of its assets in sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy.



are sustainable investments with an environmental objective that **do not take into account the criteria** for environmentally

<sup>2</sup> As there is no Taxonomy-alignment, there is no impact on the graph if sovereign bonds are excluded (i.e. the percentage of Taxonomy-aligned investments remains 0%) and the Management Company therefore believes that there is no need to mention this information.



## What is the minimum share of socially sustainable investments?

The Fund commits to invest at least 1% of its assets in sustainable investments with a social objective.



## What investments are included under “#2 Other”, what is their purpose and are there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

**#2 Other** includes cash which is treated as neutral for sustainability purposes. #2 also includes other investments that are not scored by Schroders’ proprietary sustainability tools and so do not contribute towards the Fund’s sustainability score.

Minimum safeguards are applied where relevant to investments by restricting (as appropriate) investments in counterparties where there are ownership links or exposure to higher risk countries (for the purpose of money laundering, terrorist financing, bribery, corruption, tax evasion and sanctions risks). A firm-wide risk assessment considers the risk rating of each jurisdiction; which includes reference to a number of public statements, indices and world governance indicators issued by the UN, the European Union, the UK Government, the Financial Action Task Force and several Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), such as Transparency International and the Basel Committee.

In addition, new counterparties are reviewed by Schroders’ credit risk team and approval of a new counterparty is based on a holistic review of the various sources of information available, including, but not limited to, quality of management, ownership structure, location, regulatory and social environment to which each counterparty is subject, and the degree of development of the local banking system and its regulatory framework. Ongoing monitoring is performed through a Schroders’ proprietary tool, which supports the analysis of a counterparty’s management of environmental, social and governance trends and challenges. Any significant deterioration in the profile of the counterparty in Schroders’ proprietary tool would lead to further analysis and potential exclusion by Schroders’ credit risk team.



## Is a specific index designated as a reference benchmark to determine whether this financial product is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes?

**Reference benchmarks** are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the environmental or social characteristics that they promote.

- **How is the reference benchmark continuously aligned with each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?**

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- **How is the alignment of the investment strategy with the methodology of the index ensured on a continuous basis?**

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- **How does the designated index differ from a relevant broad market index?**

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- **Where can the methodology used for the calculation of the designated index be found?**

This question is not applicable for the Fund.



## Where can I find more product specific information online?

More product-specific information can be found on the webpage: <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>



Pre-contractual disclosure for the financial products referred to in Article 8, paragraphs 1, 2 and 2a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 6, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852

**Product name:** **Schroder International Selection Fund Global Credit High Income**

**Legal entity identifier:** **GLW6BQ1WNCTANKN6GW68**

## Environmental and/or social characteristics

<p><b>Sustainable investment</b> means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good governance practices.</p>	<p><b>Does this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?</b></p> <p> <input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Yes</b> <input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>No</b> </p>		
<p>The <b>EU Taxonomy</b> is a classification system laid down in Regulation (EU) 2020/852, establishing a list of <b>environmentally sustainable economic activities</b>. That Regulation does not lay down a list of socially sustainable economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.</p>	<table border="1"> <tr> <td data-bbox="258 436 869 1052"> <p><input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with an environmental objective: __%</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with a social objective __%</b></p> </td><td data-bbox="869 436 1482 1052"> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> It <b>promotes Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics</b> and while it does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will have a minimum proportion of <b>10.00%</b> of sustainable investments</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> with a social objective</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> It promotes E/S characteristics, but <b>will not make any sustainable investments</b></p> </td></tr> </table>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with an environmental objective: __%</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with a social objective __%</b></p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> It <b>promotes Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics</b> and while it does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will have a minimum proportion of <b>10.00%</b> of sustainable investments</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> with a social objective</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> It promotes E/S characteristics, but <b>will not make any sustainable investments</b></p>
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## What environmental and/or social characteristics are promoted by this financial product?

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the Bloomberg Multiverse ex Treasury BBB+ to CCC+ USD, EUR, GBP index, based on the Investment Manager's rating system. This benchmark (which is a broad market index) does not take into account the environmental and social characteristics promoted by the Fund.

The sustainability score is measured by Schroders' proprietary tool that provides an estimate of the net "impact" that an issuer may create in terms of social and environmental "costs" or "benefits". It does this by using certain indicators with respect to that issuer, and quantifying them positively and negatively to produce an aggregate notional measure of the effect that the relevant underlying issuer may have on society and the environment. It does this using third party data as well as Schroders own estimates and assumptions and the outcome may differ from other sustainability tools and measures. Examples of such indicators are greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

The result is expressed as an aggregate score of the sustainability indicators for each issuer, specifically a notional percentage (positive or negative) of sales or GDP of the relevant underlying issuer. For example, a score of +2% would mean an issuer contributes \$2 of relative notional positive impact (i.e. benefits to society) per \$100 of sales or GDP. The sustainability score of the Fund is derived from the scores of all issuers in the Fund's portfolio measured by Schroders' proprietary tool.

The Fund invests at least 10% of its assets in sustainable investments, which are investments that the Investment Manager expects to contribute towards the advancement of one or more environmental and/or social objective (s).

### ● **What sustainability indicators are used to measure the attainment of each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?**

The Investment Manager monitors compliance with the characteristic to maintain a higher overall sustainability score than the Bloomberg Multiverse ex Treasury BBB+ to CCC+ USD, EUR, GBP index by reference to the weighted average sustainability score of the Fund in Schroders' proprietary tool compared against the weighted average sustainability score of the Bloomberg Multiverse ex Treasury BBB+ to CCC+ USD, EUR, GBP index in Schroders' proprietary tool over the previous six month period, based on month-end data. The overall sustainability score aggregates the effect of sustainability indicators including but not limited to greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

**Sustainability indicators** measure how the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product are attained.

The Investment Manager monitors compliance with the characteristic to invest at least 10% of its assets in sustainable investments by reference to (i) the sustainability score of each asset in Schroders' proprietary tool and/ or (ii) whether the asset is classified as a green, social and/ or sustainable bond. Compliance with this is monitored daily via our automated compliance controls. The Fund also applies certain exclusions, with which the Investment Manager monitors compliance on an ongoing basis via its portfolio compliance framework.

● ***What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?***

In respect of the proportion of the Fund's portfolio that is invested in sustainable investments, each sustainable investment either (i) demonstrates a net positive effect across a range of environmental or social objectives, as scored by Schroders' proprietary tool and/ or (ii) is classified as a green, social and/ or sustainable bond using a third-party data source. The environmental or social objectives of the sustainable investments that the Fund partially intends to make may include, but are not limited to, increasing environmental and/ or social benefits such as greater water access or fair pay and reducing environmental, and/ or social costs such as carbon emissions or food waste. For example, greater water access as measured by Schroders' proprietary tool are the estimated societal benefits of the provision of clean drinking water to human health. The environmental or social objectives of green, social and/ or sustainable bonds may include, but are not limited to, climate change mitigation, renewable energy initiatives, natural resource conservation, access to finance and affordable housing projects.

● ***How do the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make, not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?***

The Investment Manager's approach to investing in issuers that do not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective includes the following:

- Firm-wide investment exclusions apply to Schroders funds. These relate to international conventions on cluster munitions, anti-personnel mines, and chemical and biological weapons and a list of those companies that are excluded is available at <https://www.schroders.com/en/sustainability/active-ownership/group-exclusions/>. Firm-wide exclusions also apply to companies generating more than 20% of their revenue from thermal coal mining.
- The Fund excludes companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to tobacco and thermal coal.
- The Fund excludes companies that are assessed by Schroders to have breached one or more 'global norms' thereby causing significant environmental or social harm; these companies comprise Schroders' 'global norms' breach list. Schroders' determination of whether a company has been involved in such a breach considers relevant principles such as those contained in the UN Global Compact (UNGC) principles, the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights. The 'global norms' breach list may be informed by assessments performed by third party providers and by proprietary research, where relevant to a particular situation. In exceptional circumstances a derogation may be applied in order to allow the Fund to continue to hold a company on Schroders' 'global norms' breach list, for example where the stated investment strategy of the Fund may otherwise be compromised. Any such company cannot be categorised as a sustainable investment.
- The Fund may also apply certain other exclusions in addition to those summarised above.

Further information on all of the Fund's investment exclusions is to be found under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>.

● ***How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?***

When seeking to identify significant harm, Schroders' approach to taking into account the Principal Adverse Impacts (PAI) indicators involves a quantitative and a qualitative assessment. Where it is not considered appropriate or feasible to set quantitative thresholds, the Investment Manager engages, where relevant. Investee companies deemed not to satisfy the quantitative thresholds would generally be excluded, unless on a case-by-case basis the data is deemed not representative of a company's performance in the relevant area.

This framework is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability and quality of the data evolves.

Our approach includes:

1. **Quantitative:** this includes indicators where specific thresholds have been established:

**Principal adverse impacts** are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anticorruption and antibribery matters.

- Via the application of exclusions. This approach is relevant to **PAI 4** (Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector), **PAI 5** (Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production) and **PAI 14** (Exposure to controversial weapons). Further, the following PAIs are assessed as part of Schroders' 'global norms' breach list exclusion (which seeks to exclude companies where significant harm is occurring):
  - **PAI 7** (Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas)
  - **PAI 8** (Emissions to water)
  - **PAI 9** (Hazardous waste and radioactive waste ratio)
  - **PAI 10** (Violations of UN Global Compact principles and Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises)
  - **PAI 11** (Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and Voluntary)
  - **PAI 14** in Table 3 (Number of identified cases of severe human rights issues and incidents)
- Via the application of an alert system flag if the relevant indicator(s) exceeds a threshold. These quantitative thresholds to assess significant harm are established centrally by our Sustainable Investment team and monitored systematically. This approach applies to indicators where we have segmented the population into harm groups to establish a threshold, such as carbon related PAI metrics, **PAI 1** (GHG emissions), **PAI 2** (Carbon footprint) and **Voluntary PAI 4 in Table 2** (Investing in companies without carbon emission reduction initiatives). **PAI 3** (GHG intensity of investee companies) operates in a similar way but the threshold is based on a revenue metric. A threshold for **PAI 6** (Energy consumption intensity per high impact climate sector) is established based on the ~~above-mentioned~~ carbon measures. A similar approach has been taken for **PAI 15** (GHG intensity). **PAI 16** (Investee countries subject to social violations) also operates in the same way but based on data availability regarding social violations. Through this process the relevant issuer(s) that is/are deemed not to satisfy the quantitative thresholds is/are flagged to the Investment Manager for consideration, whose response may involve selling the holdings(s) or maintaining the position if on a case-by-case basis the data is deemed not representative of a company's performance in the relevant area. Investee companies deemed to cause significant harm are excluded from the Fund.
- 2. **Qualitative:** This includes PAI indicators where Schroders' believes that the data available does not enable us to make a quantitative determination regarding whether significant harm is done so as to warrant excluding an investment. In such cases, the Investment Manager engages wherever possible with the company or companies held, in accordance with the priorities documented in Schroders' Engagement Blueprint and/or voting policy. This approach applies to indicators such as **PAI 12** (Unadjusted gender pay gap) and **PAI 13** (Board gender diversity), where we engage and may use our voting rights where we consider appropriate. Both board gender diversity and disclosure of gender pay gap information are captured in our Engagement Blueprint.

● ***How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:***

Companies on Schroders' 'global norms' breach list cannot be categorised as sustainable investments. Schroders' determination of whether a company should be included on such list considers the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, among other relevant principles. The 'global norms' breach list is informed by third party providers and proprietary research, where relevant.

*The EU Taxonomy sets out a "do not significant harm" principle by which Taxonomy-aligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives and is accompanied by specific EU criteria.*

*The "do not significant harm" principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.*

*Any other sustainable investments must also not significantly harm any environmental or social objectives.*



## Does this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

☒ Yes, the Investment Manager's approach to considering principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors involves classifying the indicators into three categories:

The Investment Manager's approach to considering principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors differs depending on the relevant indicator. Some indicators are considered via the application of exclusions, some are considered via the investment process (where data is available via Schroders PAI dashboard and via other external data sources) and some are considered via engagement. Further details are provided below. PAIs are considered as part of pre-investment through the application of exclusions. These include:

- Controversial weapons: PAI 14 (Exposure to controversial weapons (anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, chemical weapons and biological weapons)).
- Schroders' 'global norms' breach list, which covers: PAI 7 (Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas), PAI 8 (Emissions to water), PAI 9 (Hazardous waste and radioactive waste ratio), PAI 10 (Violations of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises), PAI 11 (Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises) and PAI 16 (Investee countries subject to social violations).
- Companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to thermal coal: PAI 4 (Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector) and PAI 5 (Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production).

Compliance with these thresholds is monitored via the Investment Manager's portfolio compliance framework. PAIs are also considered through integration in the investment process as Schroders' proprietary tool incorporates several PAIs as a component of its scoring methodology. In assessing an issuers' overall environmental score PAI 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 are included. All PAI indicators are monitored via Schroders PAI dashboard.

PAIs are also considered post-investment through engagement where the Investment Manager engages in line with the approach and expectations set out in Schroders Engagement Blueprint, which outlines our approach to active ownership. The Investment Manager may engage with selected issuers held by the Fund on PAIs 1, 2, 3 and 4. We aim to engage with several issuers on net zero carbon emissions targets (PAI 1, 2) and procuring renewable energy (PAI 5).

Our approach is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability, and quality, of PAI data evolves. The Management Company's statement on principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors is available at <https://api.schroders.com/document-store/id/ffcb39bb-96cb-4e56-9461-deba9a493e85>. The Fund level information is disclosed or will be disclosed (as applicable) in the Fund's annual report.

1. Set thresholds: these involve very explicit thresholds for considering an investment to be a "sustainable investment". For example, PAI 10 on violations of UNGC principles.
2. Active ownership: these involve indicators on which we have a plan to engage with the underlying holding as set out in the Schroders Group document, accessed via <https://mybrand.schroders.com/m/3222ea4ed44a1f2c/original/schroders-engagement-blueprint.pdf>, outlining our approach to active ownership. For example, PAI 1, 2 and 3 covering GHG emissions and PAI 13 on board gender diversity.
3. Improve coverage: these involve indicators where we consider data coverage to be too sparse to properly consider them and our focus is primarily on engaging with the underlying holdings to increase reporting. For example, PAI 7 on biodiversity, PAI 9 on hazardous waste ratio and PAI 12 on the gender pay gap.

Our approach is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability, and quality, of PAI data evolves.

The Management Company's statement on principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors is available at <https://mybrand.schroders.com/m/467910ac8e6da45c/original/Statement-on-principal-adverse-impacts-of-investment-decisions-on-sustainability-factors.pdf>. The Fund level information is disclosed or will be (as applicable) in the Fund's annual report.

☐ No



## What investment strategy does this financial product follow?

**The investment strategy** guides investment decisions based on factors such as investment objectives and risk tolerance.

The sustainable investment strategy used by the Investment Manager is as follows:

The Fund is actively managed and invests at least two-thirds of its assets in fixed and floating rate investment grade and high yield securities issued by governments, government agencies, supra-nationals and companies worldwide, including emerging market countries.

The Fund may invest:

- in excess of 50% of its assets in securities that have a below investment grade credit rating (as measured by Standard & Poor's or any equivalent grade of other credit rating agencies for rated bonds and implied Schroders ratings for non-rated bonds);
- up to 20% of its assets in asset-backed securities and mortgage-backed securities;
- up to 10% of its assets in convertible bonds (including contingent convertible bonds);
- up to 10% of its assets in open-ended Investment Funds; and
- in Money Market Investments and hold cash.

The Investment Manager aims to mitigate losses by diversifying the Fund's asset allocation away from areas of the market identified as having a high risk of material negative return.

The Fund may also invest up to one-third of its assets directly or indirectly in other securities (including other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies, and warrants.

The Fund may use derivatives, long and short, with the aim of achieving investment gains, reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently.

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the Bloomberg Multiverse ex Treasury BBB+ to CCC + USD, EUR, GBP index based on the Investment Manager's rating criteria.

The Fund does not directly invest in certain activities, industries or groups of issuers above the limits listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

The Investment Manager applies governance and sustainability criteria when selecting investments for the Fund. The strategy aims to identify issuers demonstrating good or improving sustainability credentials, and those that impose a high cost on the environment and society. This involves:

– The exclusion of issuers with certain exposure to specific activities that the Investment Manager considers environmentally destructive or socially damaging, violate human rights and/ or have demonstrated gross misconduct ~~issuers that the Investment Manager deems to have businesses that are materially damaging to the climate and impose unjustifiable social costs.~~

– The inclusion of issuers that the Investment Manager considers are well placed to deliver demonstrate ~~stable and improving sustainability trajectories relative to their industry peers, and issuers demonstrating good governance based on the Investment Manager's sustainability rating methodology.~~

The Investment Manager may also engage with companies to encourage transparency, the transition to a circular economy with lower carbon emissions intensity and responsible social behaviour that promotes sustainable growth and alpha generation.

The primary sources of information used to perform the analysis are the Investment Manager's proprietary tools and research, third-party research, NGO reports and expert networks. The Investment Manager also performs its own analysis of publicly available information provided by the companies, including information provided in company sustainability reports and other relevant company material.

More details on the Investment Manager's approach to sustainability and its engagement with companies are available on the webpage

<https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-res-reports/disclosures-and-statements/>

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than its investment universe, based on the Investment Manager's rating system.

The Investment Manager ensures that at least:

– 90% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in developed countries; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with an investment grade credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by developed countries; and

– 75% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in emerging countries; equities issued by small and medium companies; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with a high yield credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by emerging countries,

is rated against the sustainability criteria. For the purposes of this test, small companies are those with market capitalisation below €5 billion, medium companies are those between €5 billion and €10 billion and large companies are those above €10 billion.

### ● ***What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?***

The following binding elements are applied throughout the investment process:

- The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the Bloomberg Multiverse ex Treasury BBB+ to CCC+ USD, EUR, GBP index based on the Investment Manager's rating criteria.
- The Fund invests at least 10% of its assets in sustainable investments and such investments do not cause significant environmental or social harm.
- Exclusions are applied to direct investments in companies. The Fund applies certain exclusions relating to international conventions on cluster munitions, antipersonnel mines, and chemical and biological weapons. The Fund also excludes companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to tobacco and thermal coal, especially companies that generate at least 10% of their revenues from tobacco production, companies that generate at least 25% of their revenues from the tobacco value chain (such as suppliers, distributors, retailers and licensors), companies that generate at least 10% of their revenues from thermal coal mining and companies that generate at least 30% of their revenues from coal fired power generation. The Fund excludes companies that are assessed by Schroders to have breached one or more 'global norms' thereby causing significant environmental or social harm; these companies comprise Schroders' 'global norms' breach list. In exceptional circumstances a derogation may be applied in order to allow the Fund to continue to hold a company on Schroders' 'global norms' breach list, for example where the stated investment strategy of the Fund may otherwise be compromised. Any such company cannot be categorised as a sustainable investment. Further, the Fund may apply other exclusions as listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>.
- The Fund invests in companies that have good governance practices, as determined by the Investment Manager's rating criteria.



The Investment Manager ensures that at least:

- 90% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in developed countries; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with an investment grade credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by developed countries; and
- 75% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in emerging countries; equities issued by small and medium companies; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with a high yield credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by emerging countries, held in the Fund's portfolio are rated against the sustainability criteria, is rated against the sustainability criteria.

● **What is the committed minimum rate to reduce the scope of the investments considered prior to the application of that investment strategy?**

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

● **What is the policy to assess good governance practices of the investee companies?**

In order to assess good governance practices, a central Good Governance Test is applied. This test is based on a data-driven quantitative framework, which uses a scorecard to assess companies across the categories of sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff, and tax compliance. Schroders has defined a number of criteria across these pillars.

Compliance with the test is monitored centrally and companies which do not pass this test cannot be held by the Fund, unless the Investment Manager has agreed that the issuer demonstrates good governance based on additional insights beyond that quantitative analysis.

**Good governance** practices include sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff and tax compliance.



**Asset allocation** describes the share of investments in specific assets.

## What is the asset allocation planned for this financial product?

The planned composition of the Fund's investments that are used to meet its environmental or social characteristics are summarised below.

**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the minimum proportion of the Fund's assets used to attain the environmental or social characteristics, which is equal to 60%. The Fund commits to maintain a higher overall sustainability score than the Bloomberg Multiverse ex Treasury BBB+ to CCC+ USD, EUR, GBP index, and so the Fund's investments that are scored by Schroders' proprietary sustainability tool are included within the minimum proportion stated in #1 on the basis that they will contribute to the Fund's sustainability score (whether such individual investment has a positive or a negative score). Also included within #1 are any green, social or sustainable bonds that are not scored by Schroders' proprietary sustainability tool. is not The minimum proportion of assets that are invested in sustainable investments, as indicated in #1A. The minimum proportions stated apply in normal market conditions. The actual proportion stated in #1 is expected to be higher.

The sustainability score is measured by Schroders' proprietary tool that provides an estimate of the net "impact" that an issuer may create in terms of social and environmental "costs" or "benefits". It does this by using certain indicators with respect to that issuer, and quantifying them positively and negatively to produce an aggregate notional measure of the effect that the relevant underlying issuer may have on society and the environment. Examples of such indicators are greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

The Fund will invest at least 10% of its assets in sustainable investments. Each sustainable investment (i) demonstrates a net positive effect across a range of environmental or social objectives, as scored by Schroders' proprietary tool or (ii) is classified as a green, social and/ or sustainable bond using a third-party data source. With the exception of any green or social bonds, which will be classified as having an environmental or social objective respectively, a sustainable investment is classified as having an environmental or social objective depending on whether the relevant issuer has a higher score in Schroders' proprietary tool relative to its applicable peer group for its environmental indicators or its social indicators. In each case, indicators are comprised of both "costs" and "benefits".

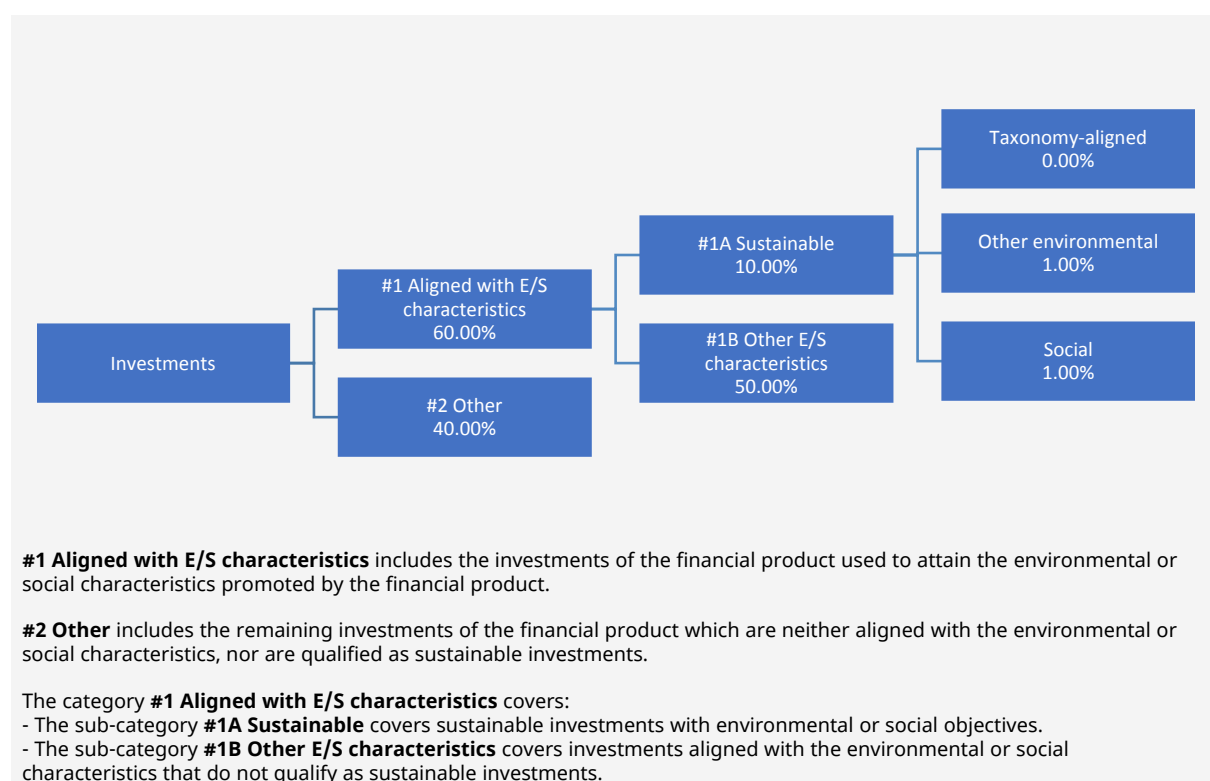
**#2 Other** includes cash which is treated as neutral for sustainability purposes. #2 also includes other investments that are not scored by Schroders' proprietary sustainability tool and so do not contribute towards the Fund's sustainability score. As #1 states a minimum proportion that is in practice expected to be higher, the proportion stated in #2 is expected to be lower.

Minimum safeguards are applied where relevant to investments by restricting (as appropriate) investments in counterparties where there are ownership links or exposure to higher risk countries (for the purpose of money laundering, terrorist financing, bribery, corruption, tax evasion and sanctions risks). A firm-wide risk assessment considers the risk rating of each jurisdiction; which includes reference to a number of public statements, indices and world governance indicators issued by the UN, the European Union, the UK Government, the Financial Action Task Force and several Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), such as Transparency International and the Basel Committee.

In addition, new counterparties are reviewed by Schroders' credit risk team and approval of a new counterparty is based on a holistic review of the various sources of information available, including, but not limited to, quality of management, ownership structure, location, regulatory and social environment to which each counterparty is subject, and the degree of development of the local banking system and its regulatory framework. Ongoing



monitoring is performed through a Schroders' proprietary tool, which supports the analysis of a counterparty's management of environmental, social and governance trends and challenges. Any significant deterioration in the profile of the counterparty in Schroders' proprietary tool would lead to further analysis and potential exclusion by Schroders' credit risk team.



#1 The minimum proportion stated applies in normal market conditions.

### ● **How does the use of derivatives attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?**

Single name credit default swaps are used as a proxy for direct investments which would otherwise be held by the Fund in line with its sustainability criteria. Such derivatives are therefore used to attain the Fund's sustainability score in Schroders proprietary tool which is one of the binding elements of the Fund. The Fund may use other derivatives that are scored in Schroders' proprietary tool to meet the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted by the Fund, as such derivatives would contribute to the Fund's sustainability score (whether such individual investment has a positive or a negative score).



### **To what minimum extent are sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?**

There is no minimum extent to which the Fund's investments (including transitional and enabling activities) with an environmental objective are aligned with the Taxonomy. Taxonomy alignment of this Fund's investments has therefore not been calculated and has as a result been deemed to constitute 0% of the Fund's portfolio.

In future it is expected that the Fund will assess and report on the extent to which its underlying investments are in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the Taxonomy, along with information relating to the proportion of enabling and transitional activities. This Prospectus will be updated once it is possible in the Investment Manager's opinion to accurately disclose to what extent the Fund's investments are in Taxonomy-aligned environmentally sustainable activities, including the proportions of investments in enabling and transitional activities selected for the Fund.

### ● **Does the financial product invest in fossil gas and/or nuclear energy related activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy<sup>1</sup>?**

☐ Yes:

☐ In fossil gas ☐ In nuclear energy

<sup>1</sup> Fossil gas and/or nuclear related activities will only comply with the EU Taxonomy where they contribute to limiting climate change ("climate change mitigation") and do not significantly harm any EU Taxonomy objective – see explanatory note in the left-hand margin. The full criteria for fossil gas and nuclear energy economic activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy are laid down in Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1214.

☒ No

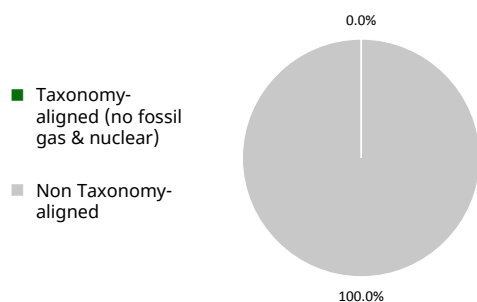
renewable power or low-carbon fuels by the end of 2035. For **nuclear energy**, the criteria include comprehensive safety and waste management rules.

Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

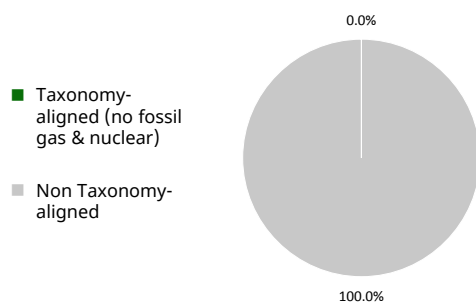
- **turnover** reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee companies
- **capital expenditure** (CapEx) showing the green investments made by investee companies, e.g. for a transition to a green economy.
- **operational expenditure** (OpEx) reflecting green operational activities of investee companies.

The two graphs below show in green the minimum percentage of investments that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the Taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy-alignment in relation to all the investments of the financial product including sovereign bonds, while the second graph shows the Taxonomy-alignment only in relation to the investments of the financial product other than sovereign bonds.

1. Taxonomy-alignment of investments including sovereign bonds\*



2. Taxonomy-alignment of investments excluding sovereign bonds\*



This graph represents x% of the total investments<sup>2</sup>.

\* For the purpose of these graphs, 'sovereign bonds' consist of all sovereign exposures

**Enabling activities** directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective.

**Transitional activities** are activities for which low-carbon alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.

### ● What is the minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities?

As per the above, at the date of this Prospectus the share of investments by the Fund in transitional and enabling activities is currently deemed to constitute 0% of the Fund's portfolio.



### What is the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

The Fund commits to invest at least 1% of its assets in sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy.



are sustainable investments with an environmental objective that **do not take into account the criteria** for environmentally

<sup>2</sup> As there is no Taxonomy-alignment, there is no impact on the graph if sovereign bonds are excluded (i.e. the percentage of Taxonomy-aligned investments remains 0%) and the Management Company therefore believes that there is no need to mention this information.



## What is the minimum share of socially sustainable investments?

The Fund commits to invest at least 1% of its assets in sustainable investments with a social objective.



## What investments are included under “#2 Other”, what is their purpose and are there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

**#2 Other** includes cash which is treated as neutral for sustainability purposes. #2 also includes other investments that are not scored by Schroders’ proprietary sustainability tools and so do not contribute towards the Fund’s sustainability score.

Minimum safeguards are applied where relevant to investments by restricting (as appropriate) investments in counterparties where there are ownership links or exposure to higher risk countries (for the purpose of money laundering, terrorist financing, bribery, corruption, tax evasion and sanctions risks). A firm-wide risk assessment considers the risk rating of each jurisdiction; which includes reference to a number of public statements, indices and world governance indicators issued by the UN, the European Union, the UK Government, the Financial Action Task Force and several Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), such as Transparency International and the Basel Committee.

In addition, new counterparties are reviewed by Schroders’ credit risk team and approval of a new counterparty is based on a holistic review of the various sources of information available, including, but not limited to, quality of management, ownership structure, location, regulatory and social environment to which each counterparty is subject, and the degree of development of the local banking system and its regulatory framework. Ongoing monitoring is performed through a Schroders’ proprietary tool, which supports the analysis of a counterparty’s management of environmental, social and governance trends and challenges. Any significant deterioration in the profile of the counterparty in Schroders’ proprietary tool would lead to further analysis and potential exclusion by Schroders’ credit risk team.



## Is a specific index designated as a reference benchmark to determine whether this financial product is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes?

**Reference benchmarks** are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the environmental or social characteristics that they promote.

- **How is the reference benchmark continuously aligned with each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?**

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- **How is the alignment of the investment strategy with the methodology of the index ensured on a continuous basis?**

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- **How does the designated index differ from a relevant broad market index?**

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- **Where can the methodology used for the calculation of the designated index be found?**

This question is not applicable for the Fund.



## Where can I find more product specific information online?

More product-specific information can be found on the webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>.

Pre-contractual disclosure for the financial products referred to in Article 8, paragraphs 1, 2 and 2a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 6, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852

**Product name:** **Schroder International Selection Fund Global Credit Income**

**Legal entity identifier:** **5493009U5NQCD335Y052**

## Environmental and/or social characteristics

**Sustainable investment** means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good governance practices.

The **EU Taxonomy** is a classification system laid down in Regulation (EU) 2020/852, establishing a list of **environmentally sustainable economic activities**. That Regulation does not lay down a list of socially sustainable economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.

Does this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?	
●● <input type="checkbox"/> Yes	●○ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
<input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with an environmental objective: __%</b>  <input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy  <input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> It <b>promotes Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics</b> and while it does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will have a minimum proportion of <b>10.00%</b> of sustainable investments  <input type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> with a social objective
<input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with a social objective __%</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> It promotes E/S characteristics, but <b>will not make any sustainable investments</b>



## What environmental and/or social characteristics are promoted by this financial product?

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the Bloomberg Multiverse ex Treasury A+ to B- USD Hedged index, based on the Investment Manager's rating system. This benchmark (which is a broad market index) does not take into account the environmental and social characteristics promoted by the Fund.

The sustainability score is measured by Schroders' proprietary tool that provides an estimate of the net "impact" that an issuer may create in terms of social and environmental "costs" or "benefits". It does this by using certain indicators with respect to that issuer, and quantifying them positively and negatively to produce an aggregate notional measure of the effect that the relevant underlying issuer may have on society and the environment. It does this using third party data as well as Schroders own estimates and assumptions and the outcome may differ from other sustainability tools and measures. Examples of such indicators are greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

The result is expressed as an aggregate score of the sustainability indicators for each issuer, specifically a notional percentage (positive or negative) of sales or GDP of the relevant underlying issuer. For example, a score of +2% would mean an issuer contributes \$2 of relative notional positive impact (i.e. benefits to society) per \$100 of sales or GDP. The sustainability score of the Fund is derived from the scores of all issuers in the Fund's portfolio measured by Schroders' proprietary tool.

The Fund invests at least 10% of its assets in sustainable investments, which are investments that the Investment Manager expects to contribute towards the advancement of one or more environmental and/or social objective (s).

### ● What sustainability indicators are used to measure the attainment of each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

The Investment Manager monitors compliance with the characteristic to maintain a higher overall sustainability score than the Bloomberg Multiverse ex Treasury A+ to B- USD Hedged index by reference to the weighted average sustainability score of the Fund in Schroders' proprietary tool compared against the weighted average sustainability score of the Bloomberg Multiverse ex Treasury A+ to B- USD Hedged index in Schroders' proprietary tool over the previous six month period, based on month-end data. The overall sustainability score aggregates the effect of sustainability indicators including but not limited to greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

**Sustainability indicators** measure how the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product are attained.

The Investment Manager monitors compliance with the characteristic to invest at least 10% of its assets in sustainable investments by reference to (i) the sustainability score of each asset in Schroders' proprietary tool and/or (ii) whether the asset is classified as a green, social and/ or sustainable bond. Compliance with this is monitored daily via our automated compliance controls.

The Fund also applies certain exclusions, with which the Investment Manager monitors compliance on an ongoing basis via its portfolio compliance framework.

● ***What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?***

In respect of the proportion of the Fund's portfolio that is invested in sustainable investments, each sustainable investment either (i) demonstrates a net positive effect across a range of environmental or social objectives, as scored by Schroders' proprietary tool and/or (ii) is classified as a green, social and/ or sustainable bond using a third-party data source. The environmental or social objectives of the sustainable investments that the Fund partially intends to make may include, but are not limited to, increasing environmental and/or social benefits such as greater water access or fair pay and reducing environmental, and/or social costs such as carbon emissions or food waste. For example, greater water access as measured by Schroders' proprietary tool are the estimated societal benefits of the provision of clean drinking water to human health. The environmental or social objectives of green, social and/or sustainable bonds may include, but are not limited to, climate change mitigation, renewable energy initiatives, natural resource conservation, access to finance and affordable housing projects.

● ***How do the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make, not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?***

The Investment Manager's approach to investing in issuers that do not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective includes the following:

- Firm-wide investment exclusions apply to Schroders funds. These relate to international conventions on cluster munitions, anti-personnel mines, and chemical and biological weapons and a list of those companies that are excluded is available at <https://www.schroders.com/en/sustainability/active-ownership/group-exclusions/>. Firm-wide exclusions also apply to companies generating more than 20% of their revenue from thermal coal mining.
- The Fund excludes companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to tobacco and thermal coal.
- The Fund excludes companies that are assessed by Schroders to have breached one or more 'global norms' thereby causing significant environmental or social harm; these companies comprise Schroders' 'global norms' breach list. Schroders' determination of whether a company has been involved in such a breach considers relevant principles such as those contained in the UN Global Compact (UNGC) principles, the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights. The 'global norms' breach list may be informed by assessments performed by third party providers and by proprietary research, where relevant to a particular situation. In exceptional circumstances a derogation may be applied in order to allow the Fund to continue to hold a company on Schroders' 'global norms' breach list, for example where the stated investment strategy of the Fund may otherwise be compromised. Any such company cannot be categorised as a sustainable investment.
- The Fund may also apply certain other exclusions in addition to those summarised above.

Further information on all of the Fund's investment exclusions is to be found under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage, accessed via <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>.

● ***How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?***

When seeking to identify significant harm, Schroders' approach to taking into account the Principal Adverse Impacts (PAI) indicators involves a quantitative and a qualitative assessment. Where it is not considered appropriate or feasible to set quantitative thresholds, the Investment Manager engages, where relevant. Investee companies deemed not to satisfy the quantitative thresholds would generally be excluded, unless on a case-by-case basis the data is deemed not representative of a company's performance in the relevant area.

This framework is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability and quality of the data evolves.

Our approach includes:

1. **Quantitative:** this includes indicators where specific thresholds have been established:

**Principal adverse impacts** are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anticorruption and antibribery matters.

- Via the application of exclusions. This approach is relevant to **PAI 4** (Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector), **PAI 5** (Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production) and **PAI 14** (Exposure to controversial weapons). Further, the following PAIs are assessed as part of Schroders' 'global norms' breach list exclusion (which seeks to exclude companies where significant harm is occurring):
  - **PAI 7** (Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas)
  - **PAI 8** (Emissions to water)
  - **PAI 9** (Hazardous waste and radioactive waste ratio)
  - **PAI 10** (Violations of UN Global Compact principles and Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises)
  - **PAI 11** (Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and Voluntary)
  - **PAI 14** in Table 3 (Number of identified cases of severe human rights issues and incidents)
- Via the application of an alert system flag if the relevant indicator(s) exceeds a threshold. These quantitative thresholds to assess significant harm are established centrally by our Sustainable Investment team and monitored systematically. This approach applies to indicators where we have segmented the population into harm groups to establish a threshold, such as carbon related PAI metrics, **PAI 1** (GHG emissions), **PAI 2** (Carbon footprint) and **Voluntary PAI 4 in Table 2** (Investing in companies without carbon emission reduction initiatives). **PAI 3** (GHG intensity of investee companies) operates in a similar way but the threshold is based on a revenue metric. A threshold for **PAI 6** (Energy consumption intensity per high impact climate sector) is established based on the ~~above-mentioned~~ carbon measures. A similar approach has been taken for **PAI 15** (GHG intensity). **PAI 16** (Investee countries subject to social violations) also operates in the same way but based on data availability regarding social violations. Through this process the relevant issuer(s) that is/are deemed not to satisfy the quantitative thresholds is/are flagged to the Investment Manager for consideration, whose response may involve selling the holdings(s) or maintaining the position if on a case-by-case basis the data is deemed not representative of a company's performance in the relevant area. Investee companies deemed to cause significant harm are excluded from the Fund.
- 2. **Qualitative:** This includes PAI indicators where Schroders' believes that the data available does not enable us to make a quantitative determination regarding whether significant harm is done so as to warrant excluding an investment. In such cases, the Investment Manager engages wherever possible with the company or companies held, in accordance with the priorities documented in Schroders' Engagement Blueprint and/or voting policy. This approach applies to indicators such as **PAI 12** (Unadjusted gender pay gap) and **PAI 13** (Board gender diversity), where we engage and may use our voting rights where we consider appropriate. Both board gender diversity and disclosure of gender pay gap information are captured in our Engagement Blueprint.

● ***How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:***

Companies on Schroders' 'global norms' breach list cannot be categorised as sustainable investments. Schroders' determination of whether a company should be included on such list considers the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, among other relevant principles. The 'global norms' breach list is informed by third party providers and proprietary research, where relevant.

*The EU Taxonomy sets out a "do not significant harm" principle by which Taxonomy-aligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives and is accompanied by specific EU criteria.*

*The "do not significant harm" principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.*

*Any other sustainable investments must also not significantly harm any environmental or social objectives.*



## Does this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

☒ Yes, the Investment Manager's approach to considering principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors involves classifying the indicators into three categories:



The Investment Manager's approach to considering principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors differs depending on the relevant indicator. Some indicators are considered via the application of exclusions, some are considered via the investment process (where data is available via Schroders PAI dashboard and via other external data sources) and some are considered via engagement. Further details are provided below. PAIs are considered as part of pre-investment through the application of exclusions. These include:

- Controversial weapons: PAI 14 (Exposure to controversial weapons (anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, chemical weapons and biological weapons)).
- Schroders' 'global norms' breach list, which covers: PAI 7 (Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas), PAI 8 (Emissions to water), PAI 9 (Hazardous waste and radioactive waste ratio), PAI 10 (Violations of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises), PAI 11 (Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises) and PAI 16 (Investee countries subject to social violations).
- Companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to thermal coal: PAI 4 (Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector) and PAI 5 (Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production).

Compliance with these thresholds is monitored via the Investment Manager's portfolio compliance framework. PAIs are also considered through integration in the investment process as Schroders' proprietary tool incorporates several PAIs as a component of its scoring methodology. In assessing an issuers' overall environmental score PAI 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 are included. All PAI indicators are monitored via Schroders PAI dashboard.

PAIs are also considered post-investment through engagement where the Investment Manager engages in line with the approach and expectations set out in Schroders Engagement Blueprint, which outlines our approach to active ownership. The Investment Manager may engage with selected issuers held by the Fund on PAIs 1, 2, 3 and 4. We aim to engage with several issuers on net zero carbon emissions targets (PAI 1, 2) and procuring renewable energy (PAI 5).

Our approach is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability, and quality, of PAI data evolves. The Management Company's statement on principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors is available at <https://api.schroders.com/document-store/id/ffcb39bb-96cb-4e56-9461-deba9a493e85>. The Fund level information is disclosed or will be disclosed (as applicable) in the Fund's annual report.

1. Set thresholds: these involve very explicit thresholds for considering an investment to be a "sustainable investment". For example, PAI 10 on violations of UNGC principles.
2. Active ownership: these involve indicators on which we have a plan to engage with the underlying holding as set out in the Schroders Group document, accessed via <https://mybrand.schroders.com/m/3222ea4ed44a1f2c/original/schroders-engagement-blueprint.pdf>, outlining our approach to active ownership. For example, PAI 1, 2 and 3 covering GHG emissions and PAI 13 on board gender diversity.
3. Improve coverage: these involve indicators where we consider data coverage to be too sparse to properly consider them and our focus is primarily on engaging with the underlying holdings to increase reporting. For example, PAI 7 on biodiversity, PAI 9 on hazardous waste ratio and PAI 12 on the gender pay gap.

Our approach is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability, and quality, of PAI data evolves.

The Management Company's statement on principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors is available at <https://mybrand.schroders.com/m/467910ac8e6da45c/original/Statement-on-principal-adverse-impacts-of-investment-decisions-on-sustainability-factors.pdf>. The Fund level information is disclosed or will be (as applicable) in the Fund's annual report.

☐ No



## What investment strategy does this financial product follow?

**The investment strategy** guides investment decisions based on factors such as investment objectives and risk tolerance.

The sustainable investment strategy used by the Investment Manager is as follows:

The Fund is actively managed and invests at least two-thirds of its assets in fixed and floating rate investment grade and high yield securities issued by governments, government, supra-nationals and companies worldwide, including emerging market countries.

The Fund may invest:

- in excess of 50% of its assets in securities that have a below investment grade credit rating (as measured by Standard & Poor's or any equivalent grade of other credit rating agencies for rated bonds and implied Schroders ratings for non-rated bonds);
- up to 20% of its assets in asset-backed securities and mortgage-backed securities;
- up to 10% of its assets in convertible bonds (including contingent convertible bonds); and
- up to 10% of its assets in open-ended Investment Funds.

The Investment Manager aims to mitigate losses by diversifying the Fund's asset allocation away from areas of the market identified as having a high risk of material negative return.

The Fund may also invest up to one-third of its assets directly or indirectly in other securities (including other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies, warrants and Money Market Investments, and hold cash.

The Fund may use derivatives, long and short, with the aim of achieving investment gains, reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently.

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than Bloomberg Multiverse ex Treasury A+ to B- USD Hedged index, based on the Investment Manager's rating system.

The Fund does not directly invest in certain activities, industries or groups of issuers above the limits listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage, accessed via <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>.

The Investment Manager applies governance and sustainability criteria when selecting investments for the Fund. The strategy aims to identify issuers demonstrating good or improving sustainability credentials, and those that impose a high cost on the environment and society. This involves:

– The exclusion of issuers with certain exposure to specific activities that the Investment Manager considers environmentally destructive or socially damaging, violate human rights and/ or have demonstrated gross misconduct that the Investment Manager deems to have businesses that are materially damaging to the climate and impose unjustifiable social costs.

– The inclusion of issuers that the Investment Manager considers are well placed to deliver demonstrate stable and improving sustainability trajectories relative to their industry peers, and issuers demonstrating good governance based on the Investment Manager's sustainability rating methodology.

The Investment Manager may also engage with companies to encourage transparency, the transition to a circular economy with lower carbon emissions intensity and responsible social behaviour that promotes sustainable growth and alpha generation.

The primary sources of information used to perform the analysis are the Investment Manager's proprietary tools and research, third-party research, NGO reports and expert networks. The Investment Manager also performs its own analysis of publicly available information provided by the companies, including information provided in company sustainability reports and other relevant company material.

More details on the Investment Manager's approach to sustainability and its engagement with companies are available on the webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/>

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than its investment universe, based on the Investment Manager's rating system.

The Investment Manager ensures that at least:

– 90% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with an investment grade credit rating; sovereign debt issued by developed countries; and equities issued by large companies domiciled in developed countries; and

– 75% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with a high yield credit rating; sovereign debt issued by emerging countries equities issued by large companies domiciled in emerging countries; equities issued by small and medium companies,

is rated against the sustainability criteria. For the purposes of this test, small companies are those with market capitalisation below €5 billion, medium companies are those between €5 billion and €10 billion and large companies are those above €10 billion.

### ● ***What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?***

The following binding elements are applied throughout the investment process:

- The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the Bloomberg Multiverse ex Treasury A + to B- USD Hedged index based on the Investment Manager's rating criteria.
- The Fund invests at least 10% of its assets in sustainable investments and such investments do not cause significant environmental or social harm.
- Exclusions are applied to direct investments in companies. The Fund applies certain exclusions relating to international conventions on cluster munitions, antipersonnel mines, and chemical and biological weapons. The Fund also excludes companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to tobacco and thermal coal, especially companies that generate at least 10% of their revenues from tobacco production, companies that generate at least 25% of their revenues from the tobacco value chain (such as suppliers, distributors, retailers and licensors), companies that generate at least 10% of their revenues from thermal coal mining and companies that generate at least 30% of their revenues from coal fired power generation. The Fund excludes companies that are assessed by Schroders to have breached one or more 'global norms' thereby causing significant environmental or social harm; these companies comprise Schroders' 'global norms' breach list. In exceptional circumstances a derogation may be applied in order to allow the Fund to continue to hold a company on Schroders' 'global norms' breach list, for example where the stated investment strategy of the Fund may otherwise be compromised. Any such company cannot be categorised as a sustainable investment. Further, the Fund may apply other exclusions as listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>. The Fund invests in companies that have good governance practices, as determined by the Investment Manager's rating criteria.

The Investment Manager ensures that at least:

- 90% of the portion of the Fund’s NAV composed of fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with an investment grade credit rating; sovereign debt issued by developed countries; and equities issued by large companies domiciled in developed countries; and
- 75% of the portion of the Fund’s NAV composed of fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with a high yield credit rating; sovereign debt issued by emerging countries equities issued by large companies domiciled in emerging countries; equities issued by small and medium companies, is rated against the sustainability criteria.

● **What is the committed minimum rate to reduce the scope of the investments considered prior to the application of that investment strategy?**

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

● **What is the policy to assess good governance practices of the investee companies?**

In order to assess good governance practices, a central Good Governance Test is applied. This test is based on a data-driven quantitative framework, which uses a scorecard to assess companies across the categories of sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff, and tax compliance. Schroders has defined a number of criteria across these pillars.

Compliance with the test is monitored centrally and companies which do not pass this test cannot be held by the Fund, unless the Investment Manager has agreed that the issuer demonstrates good governance based on additional insights beyond that quantitative analysis.

**Good governance** practices include sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff and tax compliance.



**Asset allocation** describes the share of investments in specific assets.

## What is the asset allocation planned for this financial product?

The planned composition of the Fund’s investments that are used to meet its environmental or social characteristics are summarised below.

**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the minimum proportion of the Fund’s assets used to attain the environmental or social characteristics, which is equal to 60%. The Fund commits to maintain a higher overall sustainability score than the Bloomberg Multiverse ex Treasury A+ to B- USD Hedged index, and so the Fund’s investments that are scored by Schroders’ proprietary sustainability tool are included within the minimum proportion stated in #1 on the basis that they will contribute to the Fund’s sustainability score (whether such individual investment has a positive or a negative score). Also included within #1 are any green, social or sustainability bonds that are not scored by Schroders’ proprietary sustainability tool. ~~is not~~ The minimum proportion of assets that are invested in sustainable investments, ~~is~~ indicated in #1A. The minimum proportions stated apply in normal market conditions. The actual proportion stated in #1 is expected to be higher.

The sustainability score is measured by Schroders’ proprietary tool that provides an estimate of the net “impact” that an issuer may create in terms of social and environmental “costs” or “benefits”. It does this by using certain indicators with respect to that issuer, and quantifying them positively and negatively to produce an aggregate notional measure of the effect that the relevant underlying issuer may have on society and the environment. Examples of such indicators are greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

The Fund will invest at least 10% of its assets in sustainable investments. Each sustainable investment (i) demonstrates a net positive effect across a range of environmental or social objectives, as scored by Schroders’ proprietary tool or (ii) is classified as a green, social and/ or sustainable bond using a third-party data source.

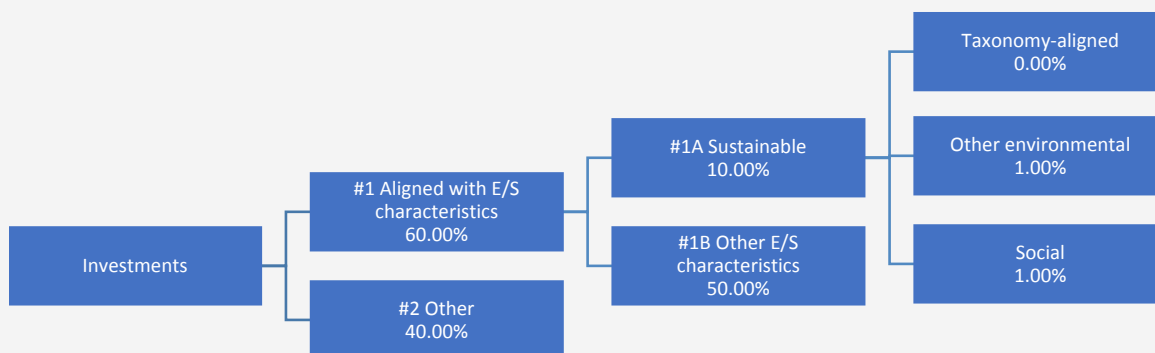
With the exception of any green or social bonds, which will be classified as having an environmental or social objective respectively, a sustainable investment is classified as having an environmental or social objective depending on whether the relevant issuer has a higher score in Schroders’ proprietary tool relative to its applicable peer group for its environmental indicators or its social indicators. In each case, indicators are comprised of both “costs” and “benefits”.

**#2 Other** includes cash which is treated as neutral for sustainability purposes. #2 also includes other investments that are not scored by Schroders’ proprietary sustainability tool and so do not contribute towards the Fund’s sustainability score. As #1 states a minimum proportion that is in practice expected to be higher, the proportion stated in #2 is expected to be lower.

Minimum safeguards are applied where relevant to investments by restricting (as appropriate) investments in counterparties where there are ownership links or exposure to higher risk countries (for the purpose of money laundering, terrorist financing, bribery, corruption, tax evasion and sanctions risks). A firm-wide risk assessment considers the risk rating of each jurisdiction; which includes reference to a number of public statements, indices and world governance indicators issued by the UN, the European Union, the UK Government, the Financial Action Task Force and several Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), such as Transparency International and the Basel Committee.

In addition, new counterparties are reviewed by Schroders’ credit risk team and approval of a new counterparty is based on a holistic review of the various sources of information available, including, but not limited to, quality of management, ownership structure, location, regulatory and social environment to which each counterparty is subject, and the degree of development of the local banking system and its regulatory framework. Ongoing monitoring is performed through a Schroders’ proprietary tool, which supports the analysis of a counterparty’s

management of environmental, social and governance trends and challenges. Any significant deterioration in the profile of the counterparty in Schroders' proprietary tool would lead to further analysis and potential exclusion by Schroders' credit risk team.



**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the investments of the financial product used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product.

**#2 Other** includes the remaining investments of the financial product which are neither aligned with the environmental or social characteristics, nor are qualified as sustainable investments.

The category **#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** covers:

- The sub-category **#1A Sustainable** covers sustainable investments with environmental or social objectives.
- The sub-category **#1B Other E/S characteristics** covers investments aligned with the environmental or social characteristics that do not qualify as sustainable investments.

#1 The minimum proportion stated applies in normal market conditions.

### ● **How does the use of derivatives attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?**

Single name credit default swaps are used as a proxy for direct investments which would otherwise be held by the Fund in line with its sustainability criteria. Such derivatives are therefore used to attain the Fund's sustainability score in Schroders proprietary tool which is one of the binding elements of the Fund. The Fund may use other derivatives that are scored in Schroders' proprietary tool to meet the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted by the Fund, as such derivatives would contribute to the Fund's sustainability score (whether such individual investment has a positive or a negative score).



### **To what minimum extent are sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?**

There is no minimum extent to which the Fund's investments (including transitional and enabling activities) with an environmental objective are aligned with the Taxonomy. Taxonomy alignment of this Fund's investments has therefore not been calculated and has as a result been deemed to constitute 0% of the Fund's portfolio.

In future it is expected that the Fund will assess and report on the extent to which its underlying investments are in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the Taxonomy, along with information relating to the proportion of enabling and transitional activities. This Prospectus will be updated once it is possible in the Investment Manager's opinion to accurately disclose to what extent the Fund's investments are in Taxonomy-aligned environmentally sustainable activities, including the proportions of investments in enabling and transitional activities selected for the Fund.

### ● **Does the financial product invest in fossil gas and/or nuclear energy related activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy<sup>1</sup>?**

☐ Yes:

☐ In fossil gas ☐ In nuclear energy

☒ No

To comply with the EU Taxonomy, the criteria for **fossil gas** include limitations on emissions and switching to renewable power or

<sup>1</sup> Fossil gas and/or nuclear related activities will only comply with the EU Taxonomy where they contribute to limiting climate change ("climate change mitigation") and do not significantly harm any EU Taxonomy objective – see explanatory note in the left-hand margin. The full criteria for fossil gas and nuclear energy economic activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy are laid down in Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1214.

low-carbon fuels by the end of 2035. For **nuclear energy**, the criteria include comprehensive safety and waste management rules.

Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

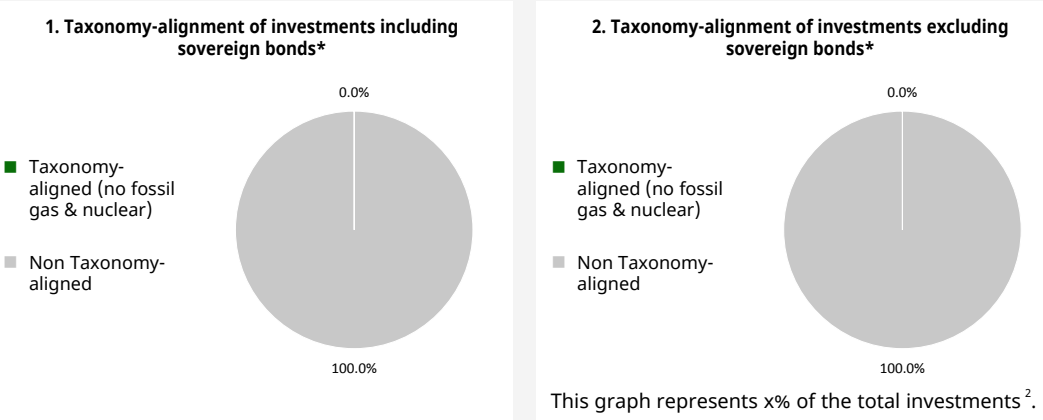
- **turnover** reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee companies
- **capital expenditure** (CapEx) showing the green investments made by investee companies, e.g. for a transition to a green economy.
- **operational expenditure** (OpEx) reflecting green operational activities of investee companies.

**Enabling activities** directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective.

**Transitional activities** are activities for which low-carbon alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.

 are sustainable investments with an environmental objective that **do not take into account the criteria** for environmentally

The two graphs below show in green the minimum percentage of investments that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the Taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy-alignment in relation to all the investments of the financial product including sovereign bonds, while the second graph shows the Taxonomy-alignment only in relation to the investments of the financial product other than sovereign bonds.



\* For the purpose of these graphs, 'sovereign bonds' consist of all sovereign exposures

- **What is the minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities?**  
As per the above, at the date of this Prospectus the share of investments by the Fund in transitional and enabling activities is currently deemed to constitute 0% of the Fund's portfolio.



- **What is the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?**  
The Fund commits to invest at least 1% of its assets in sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

<sup>2</sup> As there is no Taxonomy-alignment, there is no impact on the graph if sovereign bonds are excluded (i.e. the percentage of Taxonomy-aligned investments remains 0%) and the Management Company therefore believes that there is no need to mention this information.



## What is the minimum share of socially sustainable investments?

The Fund commits to invest at least 1% of its assets in sustainable investments with a social objective.



## What investments are included under “#2 Other”, what is their purpose and are there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

**#2 Other** includes cash which is treated as neutral for sustainability purposes. #2 also includes other investments that are not scored by Schroders’ proprietary sustainability tools and so do not contribute towards the Fund’s sustainability score.

Minimum safeguards are applied where relevant to investments by restricting (as appropriate) investments in counterparties where there are ownership links or exposure to higher risk countries (for the purpose of money laundering, terrorist financing, bribery, corruption, tax evasion and sanctions risks). A firm-wide risk assessment considers the risk rating of each jurisdiction; which includes reference to a number of public statements, indices and world governance indicators issued by the UN, the European Union, the UK Government, the Financial Action Task Force and several Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), such as Transparency International and the Basel Committee.

In addition, new counterparties are reviewed by Schroders’ credit risk team and approval of a new counterparty is based on a holistic review of the various sources of information available, including, but not limited to, quality of management, ownership structure, location, regulatory and social environment to which each counterparty is subject, and the degree of development of the local banking system and its regulatory framework. Ongoing monitoring is performed through a Schroders’ proprietary tool, which supports the analysis of a counterparty’s management of environmental, social and governance trends and challenges. Any significant deterioration in the profile of the counterparty in Schroders’ proprietary tool would lead to further analysis and potential exclusion by Schroders’ credit risk team.



## Is a specific index designated as a reference benchmark to determine whether this financial product is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes?

**Reference benchmarks** are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the environmental or social characteristics that they promote.

- **How is the reference benchmark continuously aligned with each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?**

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- **How is the alignment of the investment strategy with the methodology of the index ensured on a continuous basis?**

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- **How does the designated index differ from a relevant broad market index?**

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- **Where can the methodology used for the calculation of the designated index be found?**

This question is not applicable for the Fund.



## Where can I find more product specific information online?

More product-specific information can be found on the webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>.



Pre-contractual disclosure for the financial products referred to in Article 8, paragraphs 1, 2 and 2a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 6, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852

**Product name:** **Schroder International Selection Fund Global Disruption**

**Legal entity identifier:** **549300CM155Z70045B78**

## Environmental and/or social characteristics

<p><b>Sustainable investment</b> means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good governance practices.</p>	<p><b>Does this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?</b></p> <p> <input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <b>Yes</b> <input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <b>No</b> </p>		
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## What environmental and/or social characteristics are promoted by this financial product?

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the MSCI AC World (Net TR) index, based on the Investment Manager's rating system. This benchmark (which is a broad market index) does not take into account the environmental and social characteristics promoted by the Fund.

The sustainability score is measured by Schroders' proprietary tool that provides an estimate of the net "impact" that an issuer may create in terms of social and environmental "costs" or "benefits". It does this by using certain indicators with respect to that issuer, and quantifying them positively and negatively to produce an aggregate notional measure of the effect that the relevant underlying issuer may have on society and the environment. It does this using third party data as well as Schroders own estimates and assumptions and the outcome may differ from other sustainability tools and measures. Examples of such indicators are greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

The result is expressed as an aggregate score of the sustainability indicators for each issuer, specifically a notional percentage (positive or negative) of sales of the relevant underlying issuer. For example, a score of +2% would mean an issuer contributes \$2 of relative notional positive impact (i.e. benefits to society) per \$100 of sales. The sustainability score of the Fund is derived from the scores of all issuers in the Fund's portfolio measured by Schroders' proprietary tool.

The Fund invests at least 25% of its assets in sustainable investments, which are investments that the Investment Manager expects to contribute towards the advancement of one or more environmental and/or social objective (s).

### ● **What sustainability indicators are used to measure the attainment of each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?**

The Investment Manager monitors compliance with the characteristic to maintain a higher overall sustainability score than the MSCI AC World (Net TR) index by reference to the weighted average sustainability score of the Fund in Schroders' proprietary tool compared against the weighted average sustainability score of the MSCI AC World (Net TR) index in Schroders' proprietary tool over the previous six month period, based on month-end data. The overall sustainability score aggregates the effect of sustainability indicators including but not limited to greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

**Sustainability indicators** measure how the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product are attained.

The Investment Manager monitors compliance with the characteristic to invest at least 25% of its assets in sustainable investments by reference to the sustainability score of each asset in Schroders' proprietary tool. Compliance with this is monitored daily via our automated compliance controls. The Fund also applies certain exclusions, with which the Investment Manager monitors compliance on an ongoing basis via its portfolio compliance framework.

● ***What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?***

In respect of the proportion of the Fund's portfolio that is invested in sustainable investments, each sustainable investment demonstrates a net positive effect across a range of environmental or social objectives, as scored by Schroders' proprietary tool. The environmental or social objectives of the sustainable investments that the Fund partially intends to make may include, but are not limited to, increasing environmental and/or social benefits such as greater water access or fair pay and reducing environmental, and/or social costs such as carbon emissions or food waste. For example, greater water access as measured by Schroders' proprietary tool are the estimated societal benefits of the provision of clean drinking water to human health.

● ***How do the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make, not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?***

The Investment Manager's approach to investing in issuers that do not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective includes the following:

- Firm-wide investment exclusions apply to Schroders funds. These relate to international conventions on cluster munitions, anti-personnel mines, and chemical and biological weapons and a list of those companies that are excluded is available at <https://www.schroders.com/en/sustainability/active-ownership/group-exclusions/>. Firm-wide exclusions also apply to companies generating more than 20% of their revenue from thermal coal mining.
- The Fund excludes companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to tobacco and thermal coal.
- The Fund excludes companies that are assessed by Schroders to have breached one or more 'global norms' thereby causing significant environmental or social harm; these companies comprise Schroders' 'global norms' breach list. Schroders' determination of whether a company has been involved in such a breach considers relevant principles such as those contained in the UN Global Compact (UNGC) principles, the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights. The 'global norms' breach list may be informed by assessments performed by third party providers and by proprietary research, where relevant to a particular situation. In exceptional circumstances a derogation may be applied in order to allow the Fund to continue to hold a company on Schroders' 'global norms' breach list, for example where the stated investment strategy of the Fund may otherwise be compromised. Any such company cannot be categorised as a sustainable investment.
- The Fund may also apply certain other exclusions in addition to those summarised above.

Further information on all of the Fund's investment exclusions is to be found under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>.

● ***How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?***

When seeking to identify significant harm, Schroders' approach to taking into account the Principal Adverse Impacts (PAI) indicators involves a quantitative and a qualitative assessment. Where it is not considered appropriate or feasible to set quantitative thresholds, the Investment Manager engages, where relevant. Investee companies deemed not to satisfy the quantitative thresholds would generally be excluded, unless on a case-by-case basis the data is deemed not representative of a company's performance in the relevant area.

This framework is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability and quality of the data evolves.

Our approach includes:

1. **Quantitative:** this includes indicators where specific thresholds have been established:

- Via the application of exclusions. This approach is relevant to **PAI 4** (Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector), **PAI 5** (Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production) and **PAI 14** (Exposure to controversial weapons). Further, the following PAIs are assessed as part of Schroders 'global norms' breach list exclusion (which seeks to exclude companies where significant harm is occurring):

**Principal adverse impacts** are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anticorruption and antibribery matters.

- **PAI 7** (Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas)
- **PAI 8** (Emissions to water)
- **PAI 9** (Hazardous waste and radioactive waste ratio)
- **PAI 10** (Violations of UN Global Compact principles and Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises)
- **PAI 11** (Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and Voluntary)
- **PAI 14** in Table 3 (Number of identified cases of severe human rights issues and incidents)
- Via the application of an alert system flag if the relevant indicator(s) exceeds a threshold. These quantitative thresholds to assess significant harm are established centrally by our Sustainable Investment team and monitored systematically. This approach applies to indicators where we have segmented the population into harm groups to establish a threshold, such as carbon related PAI metrics, **PAI 1** (GHG emissions), **PAI 2** (Carbon footprint) and **Voluntary PAI 4 in Table 2** (Investing in companies without carbon emission reduction initiatives). **PAI 3** (GHG intensity of investee companies) operates in a similar way but the threshold is based on a revenue metric. A threshold for **PAI 6** (Energy consumption intensity per high impact climate sector) is established based on the ~~above mentioned~~ carbon measures. A similar approach has been taken for **PAI 15** (GHG intensity). **PAI 16** (Investee countries subject to social violations) also operates in the same way but based on data availability regarding social violations. Through this process the relevant issuer(s) that is/are deemed not to satisfy the quantitative thresholds is/are flagged to the Investment Manager for consideration, whose response may involve selling the holdings(s) or maintaining the position if on a case-by-case basis the data is deemed not representative of a company's performance in the relevant area. Investee companies deemed to cause significant harm are excluded from the Fund.
- 2. **Qualitative:** This includes PAI indicators where Schroders' believes that the data available does not enable us to make a quantitative determination regarding whether significant harm is done so as to warrant excluding an investment. In such cases, the Investment Manager engages wherever possible with the company or companies held, in accordance with the priorities documented in Schroders' Engagement Blueprint and/or voting policy. This approach applies to indicators such as **PAI 12** (Unadjusted gender pay gap) and **PAI 13** (Board gender diversity), where we engage and may use our voting rights where we consider appropriate. Both board gender diversity and disclosure of gender pay gap information are captured in our Engagement Blueprint.

● ***How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:***

Companies on Schroders' 'global norms' breach list cannot be categorised as sustainable investments. Schroders' determination of whether a company should be included on such list considers the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, among other relevant principles. The 'global norms' breach list is informed by third party providers and proprietary research, where relevant.

*The EU Taxonomy sets out a "do not significant harm" principle by which Taxonomy-aligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives and is accompanied by specific EU criteria.*

*The "do not significant harm" principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.*

*Any other sustainable investments must also not significantly harm any environmental or social objectives.*



## Does this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

☒ Yes, ~~the Investment Manager's approach to considering principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors involves classifying the indicators into three categories:~~

~~The Investment Manager's approach to considering principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors differs depending on the relevant indicator. Some indicators are considered via the application of exclusions, some are considered via the investment process (where data is available via Schroders PAI dashboard and via other external data sources) and some are considered via engagement. Further details are provided below.~~

~~PAIs are considered as part of pre-investment through the application of exclusions. These include:~~

- Controversial weapons: PAI 14 (Exposure to controversial weapons, such as anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, chemical weapons and biological weapons).
- Schroders' 'global norms' breach list, which covers: PAI 7 (Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas), PAI 8 (Emissions to water), PAI 9 (Hazardous waste and radioactive waste ratio), PAI 10 (Violations of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises), PAI 11 (Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises) and PAI 16 (Investee countries subject to social violations).
- Companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to thermal coal: PAI 4 (Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector) and PAI 5 (Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production).

Compliance with these thresholds is monitored via the Investment Manager's portfolio compliance framework. PAIs are also considered through integration in the investment process. As part of the investment process, Schroders' proprietary tool is used which incorporates several PAIs as a component of its scoring methodology. For example, PAI 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 (Greenhouse gas emissions) and PAI 4 from Annex 1 Table 2 (Investments in companies without carbon emission reduction initiatives) are included as part of a company's overall environmental score. These PAIs, amongst others, are embedded within our investment process, informing our view on business risk and long-term growth drivers. PAI 13 (Board gender diversity) are also considered as part of our assessment of good governance, management quality and company strategy. PAI 6, PAI 4 from Annex 1 Table 2 and PAI 14 from Annex 1 Table 3 (Number of identified cases of severe human rights issues and incidents) are considered relative to industry peers and poor performance issuers on these metrics/ indicators received higher risk scores in our assessment and formed the basis of our engagement activities.

All PAI indicators are monitored via Schroders' PAI dashboard.

PAIs are also considered post-investment through engagement where the Investment Manager engages in line with the approach and expectations set out in the Schroders Engagement Blueprint, which outlines our approach to active ownership.

Where issuers are flagged on lack of data availability for any PAIs, the Investment Manager may engage with issuers where the primary focus is to increase reporting.

Our approach is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability, and quality, of PAI data evolves. The Management Company's statement on principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors is available at <https://api.schroders.com/document-store/id/ffcb39bb-96cb-4e56-9461-deba9a493e85>. The Fund level information is disclosed or will be disclosed (as applicable) in the Fund's annual report.

1. Set thresholds: these involve very explicit thresholds for considering an investment to be a "sustainable investment". For example, PAI 10 on violations of UNGC principles.
2. Active ownership: these involve indicators on which we have a plan to engage with the underlying holding as set out in the Schroders Group document, accessed via <https://mybrand.schroders.com/m/3222ea4ed44a1f2c/original/schroders-engagement-blueprint.pdf>, outlining our approach to active ownership. For example, PAI 1, 2 and 3 covering GHG emissions and PAI 13 on board gender diversity.
3. Improve coverage: these involve indicators where we consider data coverage to be too sparse to properly consider them and our focus is primarily on engaging with the underlying holdings to increase reporting. For example, PAI 7 on biodiversity, PAI 9 on hazardous waste ratio and PAI 12 on the gender pay gap.

Our approach is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability, and quality, of PAI data evolves.

The Management Company's statement on principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors is available at <https://mybrand.schroders.com/m/467910ac8e6da45c/original/Statement-on-principal-adverse-impacts-of-investment-decisions-on-sustainability-factors.pdf>. The Fund level information is disclosed or will be (as applicable) in the Fund's annual report.

☐ No



## What investment strategy does this financial product follow?

**The investment strategy** guides investment decisions based on factors such as investment objectives and risk tolerance.

The sustainable investment strategy used by the Investment Manager is as follows:

The Fund is actively managed and invests at least two-thirds of its assets in equity and equity related securities of companies worldwide.

Disruption typically means innovation (whether due to technology or otherwise) which changes a particular industry by creating new markets, products or service models. Disruption can be observed in many industries such as e-commerce, media & communications and banking & payments. The Investment Manager believes that companies benefitting from disruptive innovation, either as the disruptor or otherwise, can experience a rapid acceleration in, and durability of, growth. The Investment Manager seeks to invest in companies benefiting from disruption before this is fully reflected in market expectations.

The Fund may also invest up to one-third of its assets directly or indirectly in other securities (including other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies, Investment Funds, warrants and Money Market Investments, and hold cash.

The Fund may use derivatives with the aim of reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently.

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the MSCI AC World (Net TR) index based on the Investment Manager's rating criteria.

The Fund does not directly invest in certain activities, industries or groups of issuers above the limits listed under “Sustainability-Related Disclosure” on the Fund’s webpage, accessed via <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

The Investment Manager applies governance and sustainability criteria when selecting investments for the Fund.

The Investment Manager evaluates issuers against a range of environmental, social and governance factors in order to decide whether an issuer is eligible for the Fund’s portfolio. This analysis is performed by global sector specialists and local analyst teams and is supported by Schroders’ dedicated Sustainable Investment team. The Investment Manager uses Schroders’ proprietary sustainability tools to provide a baseline assessment that contributes to the overall ESG appraisal of a company. Additionally, meetings with company management inform the Investment Manager’s view, providing further insights on corporate culture and senior management commitment to corporate social responsibility, with third party ESG research used primarily as a benchmarking exercise to confirm proprietary analysis.

More details on the Investment Manager’s approach to sustainability and its engagement with companies are available on the webpage

<https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/>

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than its investment universe, based on the Investment Manager’s rating system.

The Investment Manager ensures that at least:

- 90% of the portion of the Fund’s NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in developed countries; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with an investment grade credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by developed countries; and

- 75% of the portion of the Fund’s NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in emerging countries; equities issued by small and medium companies; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with a high yield credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by emerging countries,

is rated against the sustainability criteria.

For the purposes of this test, small companies are those with market capitalisation below €5 billion, medium companies are those between €5 billion and €10 billion and large companies are those above €10 billion.

● ***What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?***

The following binding elements are applied throughout the investment process:

- The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the MSCI AC World (Net TR) index based on the Investment Manager’s rating criteria.
- The Fund invests at least 25% of its assets in sustainable investments and such investments do not cause significant environmental or social harm.
- Exclusions are applied to direct investments in companies. The Fund applies certain exclusions relating to international conventions on cluster munitions, antipersonnel mines, and chemical and biological weapons. The Fund also excludes companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to tobacco and thermal coal, especially companies that generate at least 10% of their revenues from tobacco production, companies that generate at least 25% of their revenues from the tobacco value chain (such as suppliers, distributors, retailers and licensors), companies that generate at least 10% of their revenues from thermal coal mining and companies that generate at least 30% of their revenues from coal fired power generation. The Fund excludes companies that are assessed by Schroders to have breached one or more ‘global norms’ thereby causing significant environmental or social harm; these companies comprise Schroders’ ‘global norms’ breach list. In exceptional circumstances a derogation may be applied in order to allow the Fund to continue to hold a company on Schroders’ ‘global norms’ breach list, for example where the stated investment strategy of the Fund may otherwise be compromised. Any such company cannot be categorised as a sustainable investment. Further, the Fund may apply other exclusions as listed under “Sustainability-Related Disclosure” on the Fund’s webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>. The Fund invests in companies that have good governance practices, as determined by the Investment Manager’s rating criteria.

The Investment Manager ensures that at least:

- 90% of the portion of the Fund’s NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in developed countries; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with an investment grade credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by developed countries; and
- 75% of the portion of the Fund’s NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in emerging countries; equities issued by small and medium companies; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with a high yield credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by emerging countries,

is rated against the sustainability criteria.



- **What is the committed minimum rate to reduce the scope of the investments considered prior to the application of that investment strategy?**

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- **What is the policy to assess good governance practices of the investee companies?**

In order to assess good governance practices, a central Good Governance Test is applied. This test is based on a data-driven quantitative framework, which uses a scorecard to assess companies across the categories of sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff, and tax compliance. Schroders has defined a number of criteria across these pillars.

Compliance with the test is monitored centrally and companies which do not pass this test cannot be held by the Fund, unless the Investment Manager has agreed that the issuer demonstrates good governance based on additional insights beyond that quantitative analysis.

**Good governance** practices include sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff and tax compliance.



**Asset allocation** describes the share of investments in specific assets.

## What is the asset allocation planned for this financial product?

The planned composition of the Fund's investments that are used to meet its environmental or social characteristics are summarised below.

**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the minimum proportion of the Fund's assets used to attain the environmental or social characteristics, which is equal to 70%. The Fund commits to maintain a higher overall sustainability score than the MSCI AC World (Net TR) index, and so the Fund's investments that are scored by Schroders' proprietary sustainability tool are included within the minimum proportion stated in #1 on the basis that they will contribute to the Fund's sustainability score (whether such individual investment has a positive or a negative score). Also included within #1 is the minimum proportion of assets that are invested in sustainable investments, as indicated in #1A. The minimum proportions stated apply in normal market conditions. The actual proportion stated in #1 is expected to be higher.

The sustainability score is measured by Schroders' proprietary tool that provides an estimate of the net "impact" that an issuer may create in terms of social and environmental "costs" or "benefits". It does this by using certain indicators with respect to that issuer, and quantifying them positively and negatively to produce an aggregate notional measure of the effect that the relevant underlying issuer may have on society and the environment. Examples of such indicators are greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

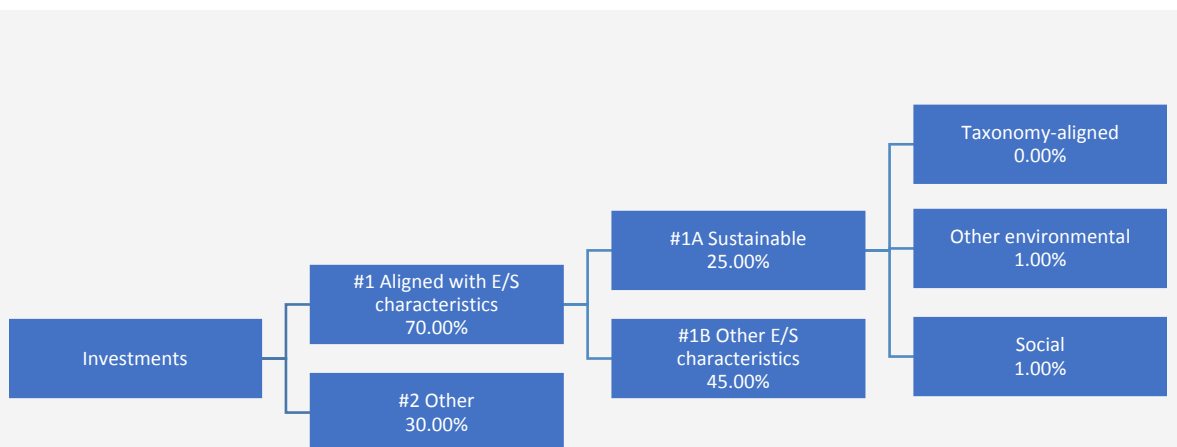
The Fund will invest at least 25% of its assets in sustainable investments. A sustainable investment is classified as having an environmental or social objective depending on whether the relevant issuer has a higher score in Schroders' proprietary tool relative to its applicable peer group for its environmental indicators or its social indicators. In each case, indicators are comprised of both "costs" and "benefits".

**#2 Other** includes cash which is treated as neutral for sustainability purposes. #2 also includes investments that are not scored by Schroders' proprietary sustainability tool and so do not contribute towards the Fund's sustainability score. As #1 states a minimum proportion that is in practice expected to be higher, the proportion stated in #2 is expected to be lower.

Minimum safeguards are applied where relevant to Money Market Investments and other investments by restricting (as appropriate) investments in counterparties where there are ownership links or exposure to higher risk countries (for the purpose of money laundering, terrorist financing, bribery, corruption, tax evasion and sanctions risks). A firm-wide risk assessment considers the risk rating of each jurisdiction; which includes reference to a number of public statements, indices and world governance indicators issued by the UN, the European Union, the UK Government, the Financial Action Task Force and several Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), such as Transparency International and the Basel Committee.

In addition, new counterparties are reviewed by Schroders' credit risk team and approval of a new counterparty is based on a holistic review of the various sources of information available, including, but not limited to, quality of management, ownership structure, location, regulatory and social environment to which each counterparty is subject, and the degree of development of the local banking system and its regulatory framework. Ongoing monitoring is performed through a Schroders' proprietary tool, which supports the analysis of a counterparty's management of environmental, social and governance trends and challenges. Any significant deterioration in the profile of the counterparty in Schroders' proprietary tool would lead to further analysis and potential exclusion by Schroders' credit risk team.





**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the investments of the financial product used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product.

**#2 Other** includes the remaining investments of the financial product which are neither aligned with the environmental or social characteristics, nor are qualified as sustainable investments.

The category **#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** covers:

- The sub-category **#1A Sustainable** covers sustainable investments with environmental or social objectives.
- The sub-category **#1B Other E/S characteristics** covers investments aligned with the environmental or social characteristics that do not qualify as sustainable investments.

#1 The minimum proportion stated applies in normal market conditions.

● **How does the use of derivatives attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?**

The Fund may use derivatives that are scored in Schroders' proprietary tool to meet the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted by the Fund, as such derivatives would contribute to the Fund's sustainability score (whether such individual investment has a positive or a negative score).



**To what minimum extent are sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?**

There is no minimum extent to which the Fund's investments (including transitional and enabling activities) with an environmental objective are aligned with the Taxonomy. Taxonomy alignment of this Fund's investments has therefore not been calculated and has as a result been deemed to constitute 0% of the Fund's portfolio.

In future it is expected that the Fund will assess and report on the extent to which its underlying investments are in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the Taxonomy, along with information relating to the proportion of enabling and transitional activities. This Prospectus will be updated once it is possible in the Investment Manager's opinion to accurately disclose to what extent the Fund's investments are in Taxonomy-aligned environmentally sustainable activities, including the proportions of investments in enabling and transitional activities selected for the Fund.

● **Does the financial product invest in fossil gas and/or nuclear energy related activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy<sup>1</sup>?**

☐ Yes:

☐ In fossil gas ☐ In nuclear energy

☒ No

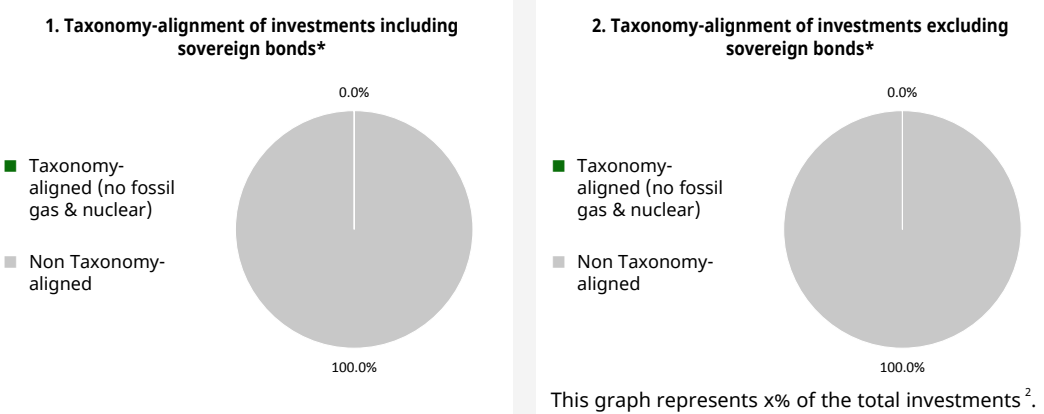
To comply with the EU Taxonomy, the criteria for **fossil gas** include limitations on emissions and switching to renewable power or low-carbon fuels by the end of 2035. For **nuclear energy**, the criteria include comprehensive safety and waste management rules.

<sup>1</sup> Fossil gas and/or nuclear related activities will only comply with the EU Taxonomy where they contribute to limiting climate change ("climate change mitigation") and do not significantly harm any EU Taxonomy objective – see explanatory note in the left-hand margin. The full criteria for fossil gas and nuclear energy economic activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy are laid down in Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1214.

Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

- **turnover** reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee companies
- **capital expenditure** (CapEx) showing the green investments made by investee companies, e.g. for a transition to a green economy.
- **operational expenditure** (OpEx) reflecting green operational activities of investee companies.

The two graphs below show in green the minimum percentage of investments that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the Taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy-alignment in relation to all the investments of the financial product including sovereign bonds, while the second graph shows the Taxonomy-alignment only in relation to the investments of the financial product other than sovereign bonds.



\* For the purpose of these graphs, 'sovereign bonds' consist of all sovereign exposures

**Enabling activities** directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective.

**Transitional activities** are activities for which low-carbon alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.

● **What is the minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities?**

As per the above, at the date of this Prospectus the share of investments by the Fund in transitional and enabling activities is currently deemed to constitute 0% of the Fund’s portfolio.



**What is the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?**

The Fund commits to invest at least 1% of its assets in sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy.



are sustainable investments with an environmental objective that **do not take into account the criteria** for environmentally sustainable economic activities under the EU Taxonomy.

<sup>2</sup> As there is no Taxonomy-alignment, there is no impact on the graph if sovereign bonds are excluded (i.e. the percentage of Taxonomy-aligned investments remains 0%) and the Management Company therefore believes that there is no need to mention this information.



## What is the minimum share of socially sustainable investments?

The Fund commits to invest at least 1% of its assets in sustainable investments. Within this overall commitment, there is no minimum commitment to invest in sustainable investments with a social objective.



## What investments are included under “#2 Other”, what is their purpose and are there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

**#2 Other** includes cash which is treated as neutral for sustainability purposes. #2 also includes investments that are not scored by Schroders’ proprietary sustainability tools and so do not contribute towards the Fund’s sustainability score.

Minimum safeguards are applied where relevant to Money Market Investments and other investments by restricting (as appropriate) investments in counterparties where there are ownership links or exposure to higher risk countries (for the purpose of money laundering, terrorist financing, bribery, corruption, tax evasion and sanctions risks). A firm-wide risk assessment considers the risk rating of each jurisdiction; which includes reference to a number of public statements, indices and world governance indicators issued by the UN, the European Union, the UK Government, the Financial Action Task Force and several Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), such as Transparency International and the Basel Committee.

In addition, new counterparties are reviewed by Schroders’ credit risk team and approval of a new counterparty is based on a holistic review of the various sources of information available, including, but not limited to, quality of management, ownership structure, location, regulatory and social environment to which each counterparty is subject, and the degree of development of the local banking system and its regulatory framework. Ongoing monitoring is performed through a Schroders’ proprietary tool, which supports the analysis of a counterparty’s management of environmental, social and governance trends and challenges. Any significant deterioration in the profile of the counterparty in Schroders’ proprietary tool would lead to further analysis and potential exclusion by Schroders’ credit risk team.



## Is a specific index designated as a reference benchmark to determine whether this financial product is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes?

**Reference benchmarks** are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the environmental or social characteristics that they promote.

- ***How is the reference benchmark continuously aligned with each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- ***How is the alignment of the investment strategy with the methodology of the index ensured on a continuous basis?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- ***How does the designated index differ from a relevant broad market index?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- ***Where can the methodology used for the calculation of the designated index be found?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.



## Where can I find more product specific information online?

More product-specific information can be found on the webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

Pre-contractual disclosure for the financial products referred to in Article 8, paragraphs 1, 2 and 2a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 6, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852

**Product name:** **Schroder International Selection Fund Global Diversified Growth**

**Legal entity identifier:** **UILX05PRFETP70QYCX05**

## Environmental and/or social characteristics

**Sustainable investment** means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good governance practices.

The **EU Taxonomy** is a classification system laid down in Regulation (EU) 2020/852, establishing a list of **environmentally sustainable economic activities**. That Regulation does not lay down a list of socially sustainable economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.

### Does this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?

<input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <b>Yes</b>	<input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <b>No</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with an environmental objective: ___%</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> It <b>promotes Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics</b> and while it does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will have a minimum proportion of <b>10.00%</b> of sustainable investments
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<input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with a social objective ___%</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> with a social objective
	<input type="checkbox"/> It promotes E/S characteristics, but <b>will not make any sustainable investments</b>



## What environmental and/or social characteristics are promoted by this financial product?

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than a bespoke asset-weighted blend of MSCI World Index (hedged to EUR), MSCI Emerging Market Index (hedged to EUR), Barclays Global Aggregate Corporate Bond Index (hedged to EUR), Barclays Global High Yield excl CMBS & EMD 2% Index (hedged to EUR), ICE BofA US Treasury Index (hedged to EUR), JPM GBI Emerging Market Index - EM Local (hedged to EUR), JPM EMBI Index EM Hard Currency (hedged to EUR), **Thomson-ReutersFTSE** Global Convertible Bonds Index (hedged to EUR), based on the Investment Manager's rating system. The component benchmarks (which are each respectively a broad market index) do not take into account the environmental and social characteristics promoted by the Fund. The blend will evolve over time in line with the actual asset allocation of the Fund.

The sustainability score is measured by Schroders' proprietary tool that provides an estimate of the net "impact" that an issuer may create in terms of social and environmental "costs" or "benefits". It does this by using certain indicators with respect to that issuer, and quantifying them positively and negatively to produce an aggregate notional measure of the effect that the relevant underlying issuer may have on society and the environment. It does this using third party data as well as Schroders own estimates and assumptions and the outcome may differ from other sustainability tools and measures. Examples of such indicators are greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

The result is expressed as an aggregate score of the sustainability indicators for each issuer, specifically a notional percentage (positive or negative) of sales or GDP of the relevant underlying issuer. For example, a score of +2% would mean an issuer contributes \$2 of relative notional positive impact (i.e. benefits to society) per \$100 of sales or GDP. The sustainability score of the Fund is derived from the scores of all issuers in the Fund's portfolio measured by Schroders' proprietary tool.

The Fund invests at least 10% of its assets in sustainable investments, which are investments that the Investment Manager expects to contribute towards the advancement of one or more environmental and/or social objective (s).

### What sustainability indicators are used to measure the attainment of each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

The Investment Manager monitors compliance with the characteristic to maintain a higher overall sustainability score than the blend of the named benchmarks by reference to the weighted average sustainability score of the Fund in Schroders' proprietary tool compared against the weighted average sustainability score of the blend of the named benchmarks that reflects the Fund's asset allocation. Both

**Sustainability indicators** measure how the environmental or social characteristics

promoted by the financial product are attained.

scores are based on month-end data over the previous ~~six months~~six-month period. The overall sustainability score aggregates the effect of sustainability indicators including but not limited to greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

The Investment Manager monitors compliance with the characteristic to invest at least 10% of its assets in sustainable investments by reference to (i) the sustainability score of each asset in Schroders' proprietary tool and/ or (ii) whether the asset is classified as a green, social and/ or sustainable bond. Compliance with this is monitored daily via our automated compliance controls.

The Fund also applies certain exclusions, with which the Investment Manager monitors compliance on an ongoing basis via its portfolio compliance framework.

● ***What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?***

In respect of the proportion of the Fund's portfolio that is invested in sustainable investments, each sustainable investment either (i) demonstrates a net positive effect across a range of environmental or social objectives, as scored by Schroders' proprietary tool and/or (ii) is classified as a green, social and/ or sustainable bond using a third-party data source. The environmental or social objectives of the sustainable investments that the Fund partially intends to make may include, but are not limited to, increasing environmental and/or social benefits such as greater water access or fair pay and reducing environmental, and/or social costs such as carbon emissions or food waste. For example, greater water access as measured by Schroders' proprietary tool are the estimated societal benefits of the provision of clean drinking water to human health. The environmental or social objectives of green, social and/or sustainable bonds may include, but are not limited to, climate change mitigation, renewable energy initiatives, natural resource conservation, access to finance and affordable housing projects.

● ***How do the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make, not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?***

The Investment Manager's approach to investing in issuers that do not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective includes the following:

- Firm-wide investment exclusions apply to Schroders funds. These relate to international conventions on cluster munitions, anti-personnel mines, and chemical and biological weapons and a list of those companies that are excluded is available at <https://www.schroders.com/en/sustainability/active-ownership/group-exclusions/>. Firm-wide exclusions also apply to companies generating more than 20% of their revenue from thermal coal mining.
- The Fund excludes companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to tobacco and thermal coal.
- The Fund excludes companies that are assessed by Schroders to have breached one or more 'global norms' thereby causing significant environmental or social harm; these companies comprise Schroders' 'global norms' breach list. Schroders' determination of whether a company has been involved in such a breach considers relevant principles such as those contained in the UN Global Compact (UNGC) principles, the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights. The 'global norms' breach list may be informed by assessments performed by third party providers and by proprietary research, where relevant to a particular situation. In exceptional circumstances a derogation may be applied in order to allow the Fund to continue to hold a company on Schroders' 'global norms' breach list, for example where the stated investment strategy of the Fund may otherwise be compromised. Any such company cannot be categorised as a sustainable investment.
- The Fund may also apply certain other exclusions in addition to those summarised above.

Further information on all of the Fund's investment exclusions is to be found under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage, accessed via <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>.

● ***How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?***

When seeking to identify significant harm, Schroders' approach to taking into account the Principal Adverse Impacts (PAI) indicators involves a quantitative and a qualitative assessment. Where it is not considered appropriate or feasible to set quantitative thresholds, the Investment Manager engages, where relevant. Investee companies deemed not to satisfy the quantitative thresholds would generally be excluded, unless on a case-by-case basis the data is deemed not representative of a company's performance in the relevant area.

This framework is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability and quality of the data evolves.

Our approach includes:

**Principal adverse impacts** are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anticorruption and antibribery matters.

1. **Quantitative:** this includes indicators where specific thresholds have been established:

- Via the application of exclusions. This approach is relevant to **PAI 4** (Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector), **PAI 5** (Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production) and **PAI 14** (Exposure to controversial weapons). Further, the following PAIs are assessed as part of Schroders' 'global norms' breach list exclusion (which seeks to exclude companies where significant harm is occurring):
  - **PAI 7** (Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas)
  - **PAI 8** (Emissions to water)
  - **PAI 9** (Hazardous waste and radioactive waste ratio)
  - **PAI 10** (Violations of UN Global Compact principles and Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises)
  - **PAI 11** (Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and Voluntary)
  - **PAI 14** in Table 3 (Number of identified cases of severe human rights issues and incidents)
- Via the application of an alert system flag if the relevant indicator(s) exceeds a threshold. These quantitative thresholds to assess significant harm are established centrally by our Sustainable Investment team and monitored systematically. This approach applies to indicators where we have segmented the population into harm groups to establish a threshold, such as carbon related PAI metrics, **PAI 1** (GHG emissions), **PAI 2** (Carbon footprint) and **Voluntary PAI 4 in Table 2** (Investing in companies without carbon emission reduction initiatives). **PAI 3** (GHG intensity of investee companies) operates in a similar way but the threshold is based on a revenue metric. A threshold for **PAI 6** (Energy consumption intensity per high impact climate sector) is established based on the ~~above-mentioned~~ carbon measures. A similar approach has been taken for **PAI 15** (GHG intensity). **PAI 16** (Investee countries subject to social violations) also operates in the same way but based on data availability regarding social violations. Through this process the relevant issuer(s) that is/are deemed not to satisfy the quantitative thresholds is/are flagged to the Investment Manager for consideration, whose response may involve selling the holdings(s) or maintaining the position if on a case-by-case basis the data is deemed not representative of a company's performance in the relevant area. Investee companies deemed to cause significant harm are excluded from the Fund.

2. **Qualitative:** This includes PAI indicators where Schroders' believes that the data available does not enable us to make a quantitative determination regarding whether significant harm is done so as to warrant excluding an investment. In such cases, the Investment Manager engages wherever possible with the company or companies held, in accordance with the priorities documented in Schroders' Engagement Blueprint and/or voting policy. This approach applies to indicators such as **PAI 12** (Unadjusted gender pay gap) and **PAI 13** (Board gender diversity), where we engage and may use our voting rights where we consider appropriate. Both board gender diversity and disclosure of gender pay gap information are captured in our Engagement Blueprint.

● ***How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:***

Companies on Schroders' 'global norms' breach list cannot be categorised as sustainable investments. Schroders' determination of whether a company should be included on such list considers the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, among other relevant principles. The 'global norms' breach list is informed by third party providers and proprietary research, where relevant.

*The EU Taxonomy sets out a "do not significant harm" principle by which Taxonomy-aligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives and is accompanied by specific EU criteria.*

The "do not significant harm" principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.

*Any other sustainable investments must also not significantly harm any environmental or social objectives.*





## Does this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

☒ Yes, the Investment Manager's approach to considering principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors involves classifying the indicators into three categories:

The Fund allocates its assets across multiple underlying strategies. Some PAIs are considered at the Fund level, whilst other PAIs are considered at the level of the underlying strategies by the relevant investment manager where applicable.

Some PAIs are considered as part of pre-investment through the application of exclusions applied at the Fund level. These include:

- Controversial weapons (PAI 14 - Exposure to controversial weapons (anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, chemical weapons and biological weapons)).

- Schroders' 'global norms' breach list, which covers: PAI 7 (Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas), PAI 8 (Emissions to water), PAI 9 (Hazardous waste and radioactive waste ratio), PAI 10 (Violations of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises), PAI 11 (Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises) and PAI 16 (Investee countries subject to social violations).

- Companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to thermal coal: (PAI 4 (Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector), PAI 5 (Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production) – applied to relevant underlying strategies.

Compliance with these thresholds is monitored via the Investment Manager's portfolio compliance framework.

Where appropriate PAIs are also considered through integration in the investment process, specifically the stock selection process in underlying strategies. For example the global equity strategy considers PAIs in the following way:

- Schroders' proprietary tool, which is used as part of screening the investment universe and for providing a maximum that can be invested in each company, incorporates several PAIs as a component of its scoring methodology. In assessing an issuer's overall environmental score, PAIs 1, 2 and 3 are included. In assessing an issuer's overall social score, PAIs 12 and 13 are included.

The investment team monitors all PAI indicators via Schroders' PAI dashboard.

Other PAIs are considered via active ownership, which where relevant is performed indirectly via the underlying investment managers. Where applicable, based on the underlying strategies and the relevant investment manager's own investment process, PAIs are considered post-investment through engagement in line with the approach and expectations set out in Schroders Engagement Blueprint.

Examples of PAIs captured via this approach include PAI 1 (GHG emissions), PAI 2 (Carbon footprint), PAI 3 (GHG intensity of investee companies) and PAI 13 (Board gender diversity).

Our approach is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability, and quality, of PAI data evolves. The Management Company's statement on principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors is available at <https://api.schroders.com/document-store/id/ffcb39bb-96cb-4e56-9461-deba9a493e85>. The Fund level information is disclosed or will be disclosed (as applicable) in the Fund's annual report.

1. Set thresholds: these involve very explicit thresholds for considering an investment to be a "sustainable investment". For example, PAI 10 on violations of UNGC principles.

2. Active ownership: these involve indicators on which we have a plan to engage with the underlying holding as set out in the Schroders Group document, accessed via <https://mybrand.schroders.com/m/3222ea4ed44a1f2c/original/schroders-engagement-blueprint.pdf>, outlining our approach to active ownership. For example, PAI 1, 2 and 3 covering GHG emissions and PAI 13 on board gender diversity.

3. Improve coverage: these involve indicators where we consider data coverage to be too sparse to properly consider them and our focus is primarily on engaging with the underlying holdings to increase reporting. For example, PAI 7 on biodiversity, PAI 9 on hazardous waste ratio and PAI 12 on the gender pay gap.

Our approach is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability, and quality, of PAI data evolves.

The Management Company's statement on principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors is available at <https://mybrand.schroders.com/m/467910ac8e6da45c/original/Statement-on-principal-adverse-impacts-of-investment-decisions-on-sustainability-factors.pdf>. The Fund level information is disclosed or will be (as applicable) in the Fund's annual report.

☐ No



## What investment strategy does this financial product follow?

The sustainable investment strategy used by the Investment Manager is as follows:

The Fund is actively managed and invests directly or indirectly through derivatives or open-ended Investment Funds (including other Schroder Funds) and Exchange Traded Funds in a wide range of assets including equity and fixed income securities and Alternative Asset Classes.

**The investment strategy** guides investment decisions based on factors such as investment objectives and risk tolerance.

The Fund may invest in sub-investment grade securities (being securities with a credit rating below investment grade as measured by Standard & Poor's or any equivalent grade of other credit rating agencies). The Fund may invest up to 20% of its assets in asset-backed securities and mortgage-backed securities.

The Fund intends to use derivatives (including total return swaps), long and short, with the aim of achieving investment gains, reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently.

Where the Fund uses total return swaps and contracts for difference, the underlying consists of instruments in which the Fund may invest according to its Investment Objective and Investment Policy. In particular, the aim is to use total return swaps and contracts for difference on a temporary basis in market conditions including but not limited to during periods of expanding global economic growth and rising inflation or elevated geopolitical risk, or when credit spreads are expected to widen such during periods of falling economic growth, rising interest rates or elevated geopolitical risk. Contracts for difference and total return swaps are intended to be used to gain long and short exposure on equity and equity related securities, fixed and floating rate securities and commodity indices. The gross exposure of total return swaps and contracts for difference will not exceed 25% and is expected to remain within the range of 0% to 15% of the Net Asset Value. In certain circumstances this proportion may be higher.

The Fund may invest up to 100% of its assets in open-ended Investment Funds (including other Schroder Funds). The Fund may invest in another fund that charges a performance fee.

The Fund may invest in Money Market Investments and hold cash.

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than a bespoke asset-weighted blend\* of MSCI World Index (hedged to EUR), MSCI Emerging Market Index (hedged to EUR), Barclays Global Aggregate Corporate Bond Index (hedged to EUR), Barclays Global High Yield excl CMBS & EMD 2% Index (hedged to EUR), ICE BofA US Treasury Index (hedged to EUR), JPM GBI Emerging Market Index - EM Local (hedged to EUR), JPM EMBI Index EM Hard Currency (hedged to EUR), ~~Thomson Reuters~~ FTSE Global Convertible Bonds Index (hedged to EUR), based on the Investment Manager's rating system. The blend will evolve over time in line with the actual asset allocation of the Fund.

The Fund does not directly invest in certain activities, industries or groups of issuers above the limits listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage, accessed via <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

The Investment Manager applies governance and sustainability criteria when selecting investments for the Fund. The investable universe is assessed using a number of proprietary tools, as well as external rating services.

The Investment Manager will assess companies against a variety of environmental, social and governance metrics, taking into account issues such as climate change, environmental performance, labour standards and board composition. The Investment Manager will decide whether an investment is eligible for inclusion taking into account the overall ESG score. The multi-asset nature of the Fund means that the Investment Manager will analyse the ESG scores across asset classes as an input into the asset allocation of the Fund. The Investment Manager may select investments, which it deems to contribute to one or more environmental or social objectives, provided that they do no significant harm to any other environmental or social objectives.

The sources of information used to perform the analysis include information provided by the companies, such as company sustainability reports and other relevant company material, as well as Schroders' proprietary sustainability tools and third-party data.

More details on the Investment Manager's approach to sustainability and its engagement with companies are available on the webpage

<https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/>

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than its investment universe, based on the Investment Manager's rating system.

The Investment Manager ensures that at least:

- 90% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in developed countries; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with an investment grade credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by developed countries; and
- 75% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in emerging countries; equities issued by small and medium companies; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with a high yield credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by emerging countries,

is rated against the sustainability criteria.

For the purposes of this test, small companies are those with market capitalisation below €5 billion, medium companies are those between €5 billion and €10 billion and large companies are those above €10 billion.

### ● **What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?**

The following binding elements are applied throughout the investment process:

- The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than a bespoke asset-weighted blend of MSCI World Index (hedged to EUR), MSCI Emerging Market Index (hedged to EUR), Barclays Global Aggregate Corporate Bond Index (hedged to EUR), Barclays Global High Yield excl CMBS & EMD 2% Index (hedged to EUR), ICE BofA US Treasury Index (hedged to EUR), JPM GBI Emerging Market Index

- EM Local (hedged to EUR), JPM EMBI Index EM Hard Currency (hedged to EUR), **Thomson Reuters FTSE** Global Convertible Bonds Index (hedged to EUR) based on the Investment Manager's rating criteria.

- The Fund invests at least 10% of its assets in sustainable investments and such investments do not cause significant environmental or social harm.
- Exclusions are applied to direct investments in companies. The Fund applies certain exclusions relating to international conventions on cluster munitions, antipersonnel mines, and chemical and biological weapons. The Fund also excludes companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to tobacco and thermal coal, especially companies that generate at least 10% of their revenues from tobacco production, companies that generate at least 25% of their revenues from the tobacco value chain (such as suppliers, distributors, retailers and licensors), companies that generate at least 10% of their revenues from thermal coal mining and companies that generate at least 30% of their revenues from coal fired power generation. The Fund excludes companies that are assessed by Schroders to have breached one or more 'global norms' thereby causing significant environmental or social harm; these companies comprise Schroders' 'global norms' breach list. In exceptional circumstances a derogation may be applied in order to allow the Fund to continue to hold a company on Schroders' 'global norms' breach list, for example where the stated investment strategy of the Fund may otherwise be compromised. Any such company cannot be categorised as a sustainable investment. Further, the Fund may apply other exclusions as listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>
- The Fund invests in companies that have good governance practices, as determined by the Investment Manager's rating criteria.

-The Investment Manager ensures that at least:

- 90% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in developed countries; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with an investment grade credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by developed countries; and

- 75% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in emerging countries; equities issued by small and medium companies; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with a high yield credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by emerging countries,

is **rated** against the sustainability criteria.

### ● **What is the committed minimum rate to reduce the scope of the investments considered prior to the application of that investment strategy?**

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

### ● **What is the policy to assess good governance practices of the investee companies?**

In order to assess good governance practices, a central Good Governance Test is applied. This test is based on a data-driven quantitative framework, which uses a scorecard to assess companies across the categories of sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff, and tax compliance. Schroders has defined a number of criteria across these pillars.

Compliance with the test is monitored centrally and companies which do not pass this test cannot be held by the Fund, unless the Investment Manager has agreed that the issuer demonstrates good governance based on additional insights beyond that quantitative analysis.

**Good governance** practices include sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff and tax compliance.



## **What is the asset allocation planned for this financial product?**

**Asset allocation** describes the share of investments in specific assets.

The planned composition of the Fund's investments that are used to meet its environmental or social characteristics are summarised below.

**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the minimum proportion of the Fund's assets used to attain the environmental or social characteristics, which is equal to 60%. The Fund commits to maintain a higher overall sustainability score than the MSCI World Index (hedged to EUR), MSCI Emerging Market Index (hedged to EUR), Barclays Global Aggregate Corporate Bond Index (hedged to EUR), Barclays Global High Yield excl CMBS & EMD 2% Index (hedged to EUR), ICE BofA US Treasury Index (hedged to EUR), JPM GBI Emerging Market Index - EM Local (hedged to EUR), JPM EMBI Index EM Hard Currency (hedged to EUR), **Thomson Reuters FTSE** Global Convertible Bonds Index (hedged to EUR), and so the Fund's investments that are scored by Schroders' proprietary sustainability tool are included within the minimum proportion stated in #1 on the basis that they will contribute to the Fund's sustainability score (whether such individual investment has a positive or a negative score). Also included within #1 **are any green, social or sustainable bonds that are not scored by Schroders' proprietary sustainability tool.** is ~~t~~<sup>a</sup>The minimum proportion of assets that are invested in sustainable investments; ~~a~~<sup>i</sup> is indicated in #1A. The minimum proportions stated apply in normal market conditions. The actual proportion stated in #1 is expected to be higher.

The sustainability score is measured by Schroders' proprietary tool that provides an estimate of the net "impact" that an issuer may create in terms of social and environmental "costs" or "benefits". It does this by using certain indicators with respect to that issuer, and quantifying them positively and negatively to produce an aggregate notional measure of the effect that the relevant underlying issuer may have on society and the environment. Examples of such indicators are greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

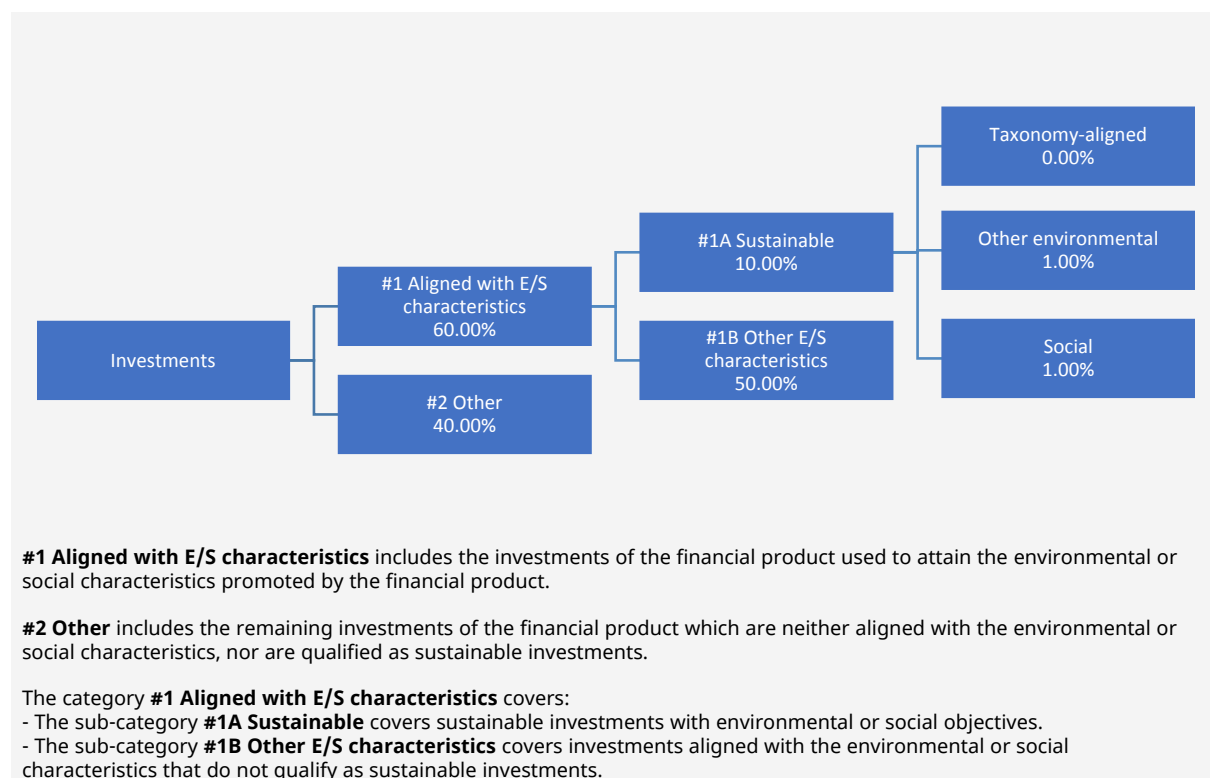
The Fund will invest at least 10% of its assets in sustainable investments. Each sustainable investment (i) demonstrates a net positive effect across a range of environmental or social objectives, as scored by Schroders' proprietary tool or (ii) is classified as a green, social and/ or sustainable bond using a third-party data source.

With the exception of any green or social bonds, which will be classified as having an environmental or social objective respectively, a sustainable investment is classified as having an environmental or social objective depending on whether the relevant issuer has a higher score in Schroders' proprietary tool relative to its applicable peer group for its environmental indicators or its social indicators. In each case, indicators are comprised of both "costs" and "benefits".

**#2 Other** includes cash which is treated as neutral for sustainability purposes. #2 also includes other investments that are not scored by Schroders' proprietary sustainability tool and so do not contribute towards the Fund's sustainability score. As #1 states a minimum proportion that is in practice expected to be higher, the proportion stated in #2 is expected to be lower.

Minimum safeguards are applied where relevant to investments by restricting (as appropriate) investments in counterparties where there are ownership links or exposure to higher risk countries (for the purpose of money laundering, terrorist financing, bribery, corruption, tax evasion and sanctions risks). A firm-wide risk assessment considers the risk rating of each jurisdiction; which includes reference to a number of public statements, indices and world governance indicators issued by the UN, the European Union, the UK Government, the Financial Action Task Force and several Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), such as Transparency International and the Basel Committee.

In addition, new counterparties are reviewed by Schroders' credit risk team and approval of a new counterparty is based on a holistic review of the various sources of information available, including, but not limited to, quality of management, ownership structure, location, regulatory and social environment to which each counterparty is subject, and the degree of development of the local banking system and its regulatory framework. Ongoing monitoring is performed through a Schroders' proprietary tool, which supports the analysis of a counterparty's management of environmental, social and governance trends and challenges. Any significant deterioration in the profile of the counterparty in Schroders' proprietary tool would lead to further analysis and potential exclusion by Schroders' credit risk team.



#1 The minimum proportion stated applies in normal market conditions.

● **How does the use of derivatives attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?**

Derivatives such as equity index futures may be used as a proxy for direct investments which would otherwise be held by the Fund in line with its sustainability criteria. Such derivatives may therefore be used to attain the Fund's sustainability score in Schroders' proprietary tool which is one of the binding elements of the Fund. The Fund may use derivatives that are scored in Schroders' proprietary tool to meet the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted by the Fund, as such derivatives would contribute to the Fund's sustainability score (whether such individual investment has a positive or a negative score).



**To what minimum extent are sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?**

There is no minimum extent to which the Fund's investments (including transitional and enabling activities) with an environmental objective are aligned with the Taxonomy. Taxonomy alignment of this Fund's investments has therefore not been calculated and has as a result been deemed to constitute 0% of the Fund's portfolio.

In future it is expected that the Fund will assess and report on the extent to which its underlying investments are in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the Taxonomy, along with information relating to the proportion of enabling and transitional activities. This Prospectus will be updated once it is possible in the Investment Manager's opinion to accurately disclose to what extent the Fund's investments are in Taxonomy-aligned environmentally sustainable activities, including the proportions of investments in enabling and transitional activities selected for the Fund.

● **Does the financial product invest in fossil gas and/or nuclear energy related activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy<sup>1</sup>?**

- ☐ Yes:
- ☐ In fossil gas ☐ In nuclear energy
- ☒ No

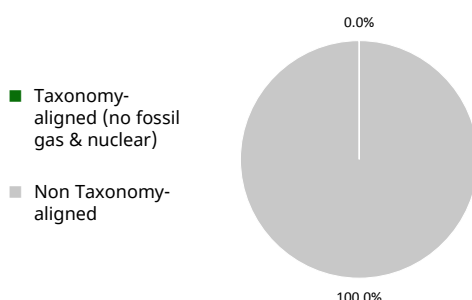
To comply with the EU Taxonomy, the criteria for **fossil gas** include limitations on emissions and switching to renewable power or low-carbon fuels by the end of 2035. For **nuclear energy**, the criteria include comprehensive safety and waste management rules.

Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

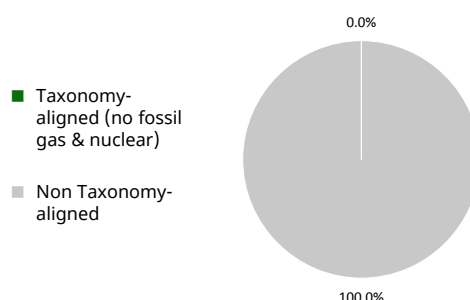
- **turnover** reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee companies
- **capital expenditure** (CapEx) showing the green investments made by investee companies, e.g. for a transition to a green economy.
- **operational expenditure** (OpEx) reflecting green operational activities of investee companies.

The two graphs below show in green the minimum percentage of investments that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the Taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy-alignment in relation to all the investments of the financial product including sovereign bonds, while the second graph shows the Taxonomy-alignment only in relation to the investments of the financial product other than sovereign bonds.

**1. Taxonomy-alignment of investments including sovereign bonds\***



**2. Taxonomy-alignment of investments excluding sovereign bonds\***



This graph represents x% of the total investments<sup>2</sup>.

\* For the purpose of these graphs, 'sovereign bonds' consist of all sovereign exposures

<sup>1</sup> Fossil gas and/or nuclear related activities will only comply with the EU Taxonomy where they contribute to limiting climate change ("climate change mitigation") and do not significantly harm any EU Taxonomy objective – see explanatory note in the left-hand margin. The full criteria for fossil gas and nuclear energy economic activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy are laid down in Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1214.

<sup>2</sup> As there is no Taxonomy-alignment, there is no impact on the graph if sovereign bonds are excluded (i.e. the percentage of Taxonomy-aligned investments remains 0%) and the Management Company therefore believes that there is no need to mention this information.

**Enabling activities** directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective.

**Transitional activities** are activities for which low-carbon alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.

● **What is the minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities?**

As per the above, at the date of this Prospectus the share of investments by the Fund in transitional and enabling activities is currently deemed to constitute 0% of the Fund's portfolio.



**What is the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?**

The Fund commits to invest at least 1% of its assets in sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy.



are sustainable investments with an environmental objective that **do not take into account the criteria** for environmentally sustainable economic activities under the EU Taxonomy.



**What is the minimum share of socially sustainable investments?**

The Fund commits to invest at least 1% of its assets in sustainable investments with a social objective.



**What investments are included under “#2 Other”, what is their purpose and are there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?**

**#2 Other** includes cash which is treated as neutral for sustainability purposes. #2 also includes other investments that are not scored by Schroders' proprietary sustainability tools and so do not contribute towards the Fund's sustainability score.

Minimum safeguards are applied where relevant to investments by restricting (as appropriate) investments in counterparties where there are ownership links or exposure to higher risk countries (for the purpose of money laundering, terrorist financing, bribery, corruption, tax evasion and sanctions risks). A firm-wide risk assessment considers the risk rating of each jurisdiction; which includes reference to a number of public statements, indices and world governance indicators issued by the UN, the European Union, the UK Government, the Financial Action Task Force and several Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), such as Transparency International and the Basel Committee.

In addition, new counterparties are reviewed by Schroders' credit risk team and approval of a new counterparty is based on a holistic review of the various sources of information available, including, but not limited to, quality of management, ownership structure, location, regulatory and social environment to which each counterparty is subject, and the degree of development of the local banking system and its regulatory framework. Ongoing monitoring is performed through a Schroders' proprietary tool, which supports the analysis of a counterparty's management of environmental, social and governance trends and challenges. Any significant deterioration in the profile of the counterparty in Schroders' proprietary tool would lead to further analysis and potential exclusion by Schroders' credit risk team.





## Is a specific index designated as a reference benchmark to determine whether this financial product is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes?

**Reference benchmarks** are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the environmental or social characteristics that they promote.

- ***How is the reference benchmark continuously aligned with each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- ***How is the alignment of the investment strategy with the methodology of the index ensured on a continuous basis?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- ***How does the designated index differ from a relevant broad market index?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- ***Where can the methodology used for the calculation of the designated index be found?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.



## Where can I find more product specific information online?

More product-specific information can be found on the webpage: <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

Pre-contractual disclosure for the financial products referred to in Article 8, paragraphs 1, 2 and 2a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 6, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852

**Product name:** **Schroder International Selection Fund Global Emerging Market Opportunities**

**Legal entity identifier:** **JU8KRPJWHOMRDH5KVI22**

## Environmental and/or social characteristics

<p><b>Sustainable investment</b> means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good governance practices.</p>	<p><b>Does this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?</b></p> <p> <input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Yes</b> <input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>No</b> </p>		
<p>The <b>EU Taxonomy</b> is a classification system laid down in Regulation (EU) 2020/852, establishing a list of <b>environmentally sustainable economic activities</b>. That Regulation does not lay down a list of socially sustainable economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.</p>	<table border="1"> <tr> <td data-bbox="258 436 869 1052"> <p><input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with an environmental objective: __%</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with a social objective __%</b></p> </td><td data-bbox="869 436 1482 1052"> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> It <b>promotes Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics</b> and while it does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will have a minimum proportion of <b>25.00%</b> of sustainable investments</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> with a social objective</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> It promotes E/S characteristics, but <b>will not make any sustainable investments</b></p> </td></tr> </table>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with an environmental objective: __%</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with a social objective __%</b></p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> It <b>promotes Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics</b> and while it does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will have a minimum proportion of <b>25.00%</b> of sustainable investments</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> with a social objective</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> It promotes E/S characteristics, but <b>will not make any sustainable investments</b></p>
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## What environmental and/or social characteristics are promoted by this financial product?

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the MSCI Emerging Markets (Net TR) index, based on the Investment Manager's rating system. This benchmark (which is a broad market index) does not take into account the environmental and social characteristics promoted by the Fund.

The sustainability score is measured by Schroders' proprietary tool that provides an estimate of the net "impact" that an issuer may create in terms of social and environmental "costs" or "benefits". It does this by using certain indicators with respect to that issuer, and quantifying them positively and negatively to produce an aggregate notional measure of the effect that the relevant underlying issuer may have on society and the environment. It does this using third party data as well as Schroders own estimates and assumptions and the outcome may differ from other sustainability tools and measures. Examples of such indicators are greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

The result is expressed as an aggregate score of the sustainability indicators for each issuer, specifically a notional percentage (positive or negative) of sales of the relevant underlying issuer. For example, a score of +2% would mean an issuer contributes \$2 of relative notional positive impact (i.e. benefits to society) per \$100 of sales. The sustainability score of the Fund is derived from the scores of all issuers in the Fund's portfolio measured by Schroders' proprietary tool.

The Fund invests at least 25% of its assets in sustainable investments, which are investments that the Investment Manager expects to contribute towards the advancement of one or more environmental and/or social objective (s).

### What sustainability indicators are used to measure the attainment of each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

The Investment Manager monitors compliance with the characteristic to maintain a higher overall sustainability score than the MSCI Emerging Markets (Net TR) index by reference to the weighted average sustainability score of the Fund in Schroders' proprietary tool compared against the weighted average sustainability score of the MSCI Emerging Markets (Net TR) index in Schroders' proprietary tool over the previous ~~six months~~**six-month** period, based on month-end data. The overall sustainability score aggregates the effect of sustainability indicators including but not limited to greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

**Sustainability indicators** measure how the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product are attained.

The Investment Manager monitors compliance with the characteristic to invest at least 25% of its assets in sustainable investments by reference to the sustainability score of each asset in Schroders' proprietary tool. Compliance with this is monitored daily via our automated compliance controls. The Fund also applies certain exclusions, with which the Investment Manager monitors compliance on an ongoing basis via its portfolio compliance framework.

● ***What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?***

In respect of the proportion of the Fund's portfolio that is invested in sustainable investments, each sustainable investment demonstrates a net positive effect across a range of environmental or social objectives, as scored by Schroders' proprietary tool. The environmental or social objectives of the sustainable investments that the Fund partially intends to make may include, but are not limited to, increasing environmental and/or social benefits such as greater water access or fair pay and reducing environmental, and/or social costs such as carbon emissions or food waste. For example, greater water access as measured by Schroders' proprietary tool are the estimated societal benefits of the provision of clean drinking water to human health.

● ***How do the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make, not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?***

The Investment Manager's approach to investing in issuers that do not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective includes the following:

- Firm-wide investment exclusions apply to Schroders funds. These relate to international conventions on cluster munitions, anti-personnel mines, and chemical and biological weapons and a list of those companies that are excluded is available at <https://www.schroders.com/en/sustainability/active-ownership/group-exclusions/>. Firm-wide exclusions also apply to companies generating more than 20% of their revenue from thermal coal mining.
- The Fund excludes companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to tobacco and thermal coal.
- The Fund excludes companies that are assessed by Schroders to have breached one or more 'global norms' thereby causing significant environmental or social harm; these companies comprise Schroders' 'global norms' breach list. Schroders' determination of whether a company has been involved in such a breach considers relevant principles such as those contained in the UN Global Compact (UNGC) principles, the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights. The 'global norms' breach list may be informed by assessments performed by third party providers and by proprietary research, where relevant to a particular situation. In exceptional circumstances a derogation may be applied in order to allow the Fund to continue to hold a company on Schroders' 'global norms' breach list, for example where the stated investment strategy of the Fund may otherwise be compromised. Any such company cannot be categorised as a sustainable investment.
- The Fund may also apply certain other exclusions in addition to those summarised above.

Further information on all of the Fund's investment exclusions is to be found under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>.

● ***How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?***

When seeking to identify significant harm, Schroders' approach to taking into account the Principal Adverse Impacts (PAI) indicators involves a quantitative and a qualitative assessment. Where it is not considered appropriate or feasible to set quantitative thresholds, the Investment Manager engages, where relevant. Investee companies deemed not to satisfy the quantitative thresholds would generally be excluded, unless on a case-by-case basis the data is deemed not representative of a company's performance in the relevant area.

This framework is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability and quality of the data evolves.

Our approach includes:

1. **Quantitative:** this includes indicators where specific thresholds have been established:

- Via the application of exclusions. This approach is relevant to **PAI 4** (Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector), **PAI 5** (Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production) and **PAI 14** (Exposure to controversial weapons). Further, the following PAIs are assessed as part of Schroders 'global norms' breach list exclusion (which seeks to exclude companies where significant harm is occurring):

**Principal adverse impacts** are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anticorruption and antibribery matters.

- **PAI 7** (Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas)
- **PAI 8** (Emissions to water)
- **PAI 9** (Hazardous waste and radioactive waste ratio)
- **PAI 10** (Violations of UN Global Compact principles and Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises)
- **PAI 11** (Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and Voluntary)
- **PAI 14** in Table 3 (Number of identified cases of severe human rights issues and incidents)
- Via the application of an alert system flag if the relevant indicator(s) exceeds a threshold. These quantitative thresholds to assess significant harm are established centrally by our Sustainable Investment team and monitored systematically. This approach applies to indicators where we have segmented the population into harm groups to establish a threshold, such as carbon related PAI metrics, **PAI 1** (GHG emissions), **PAI 2** (Carbon footprint) and **Voluntary PAI 4 in Table 2** (Investing in companies without carbon emission reduction initiatives). **PAI 3** (GHG intensity of investee companies) operates in a similar way but the threshold is based on a revenue metric. A threshold for **PAI 6** (Energy consumption intensity per high impact climate sector) is established based on the ~~above-mentioned~~ carbon measures. A similar approach has been taken for **PAI 15** (GHG intensity). **PAI 16** (Investee countries subject to social violations) also operates in the same way but based on data availability regarding social violations. Through this process the relevant issuer(s) that is/are deemed not to satisfy the quantitative thresholds is/are flagged to the Investment Manager for consideration, whose response may involve selling the holdings(s) or maintaining the position if on a case-by-case basis the data is deemed not representative of a company's performance in the relevant area. Investee companies deemed to cause significant harm are excluded from the Fund.
- 2. **Qualitative:** This includes PAI indicators where Schroders' believes that the data available does not enable us to make a quantitative determination regarding whether significant harm is done so as to warrant excluding an investment. In such cases, the Investment Manager engages wherever possible with the company or companies held, in accordance with the priorities documented in Schroders' Engagement Blueprint and/or voting policy. This approach applies to indicators such as **PAI 12** (Unadjusted gender pay gap) and **PAI 13** (Board gender diversity), where we engage and may use our voting rights where we consider appropriate. Both board gender diversity and disclosure of gender pay gap information are captured in our Engagement Blueprint.

● ***How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:***

Companies on Schroders' 'global norms' breach list cannot be categorised as sustainable investments. Schroders' determination of whether a company should be included on such list considers the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, among other relevant principles. The 'global norms' breach list is informed by third party providers and proprietary research, where relevant.

*The EU Taxonomy sets out a "do not significant harm" principle by which Taxonomy-aligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives and is accompanied by specific EU criteria.*

*The "do not significant harm" principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.*

*Any other sustainable investments must also not significantly harm any environmental or social objectives.*



## Does this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

☒ Yes, ~~the Investment Manager's approach to considering principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors involves classifying the indicators into three categories:~~

~~The Investment Manager's approach to considering principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors differs depending on the relevant indicator. Some indicators are considered via the application of exclusions, some are considered via the investment process (where data is available via Schroders PAI dashboard and via other external data sources) and some are considered via engagement. Further details are provided below. PAIs are considered as part of pre-investment through the application of exclusions. These include:~~  
~~- Controversial weapons: PAI 14 (Exposure to controversial weapons (anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, chemical weapons and biological weapons))~~

- Schroders' 'global norms' breach list, which covers: PAI 7 (Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas), PAI 8 (Emissions to water), PAI 9 (Hazardous waste and radioactive waste ratio), PAI 10 (Violations of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises), PAI 11 (Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises) and PAI 16 (Investee countries subject to social violations)

- Companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to thermal coal: PAI 4 (Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector) and PAI 5 (Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production)

Compliance with these thresholds is monitored via the Investment Manager's portfolio compliance framework. PAIs are also considered through integration in the investment process through the bottom up stock analysis at a company level. The emerging markets investment team has a number of proprietary tools to aid ESG analysis. At the company level, Schroders proprietary tool is the main repository for the team's ESG analysis. Schroders proprietary tool provides a systematic framework for analysing a company's relationship with its stakeholders and the sustainability of its business model. It contains more than 250 metrics drawn from company reports and other sources that assess a company's performance in specific areas.

PAIs 1,2,3 (Greenhouse gas emissions), 9 (Hazardous waste and radioactive waste ratio) and; 13 (Board gender diversity) are specifically considered as part of the Schroders proprietary tool analysis where appropriate and material to the business. In the case of PAIs 8 (Emissions to water) and 12 (Unadjusted gender pay gap) the availability of data is very limited so it is not widely used within Schroders proprietary tool but monitored instead at the overall portfolio level.

All PAI indicators are monitored via Schroders PAI dashboard. We review the PAI data in the PAI dashboard regularly as part of the monthly ESG risk meeting which formally reviews portfolio level ESG characteristics. PAIs are also considered post-investment through engagement where the Investment Manager engages in line with the approach and expectations set out in Schroders Engagement Blueprint, which outlines our approach to active ownership.

The Investment Manager may engage with selected issuers held by the Fund on PAIs. For example, we aim to engage with several issuers on net zero carbon emissions targets (PAI 1,2,3), procuring renewable energy (PAI 5) and further topics of engagement may include board gender diversity which relates to PAI 13.

Where issuers are flagged on lack of data availability on PAIs, the Investment Manager may engage with issuers where the primary focus is to increase reporting, quality and availability of PAI data.

Our approach is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability, and quality, of PAI data evolves. The Management Company's statement on principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors is available at <https://api.schroders.com/document-store/id/ffcb39bb-96cb-4e56-9461-deba9a493e85>. The Fund level information is disclosed or will be disclosed (as applicable) in the Fund's annual report.

1. Set thresholds: these involve very explicit thresholds for considering an investment to be a "sustainable investment". For example, PAI 10 on violations of UNGC principles:

2. Active ownership: these involve indicators on which we have a plan to engage with the underlying holding as set out in the Schroders Group document, accessed via <https://mybrand.schroders.com/m/3222ea4ed44a1f2c/original/schroders-engagement-blueprint.pdf>, outlining our approach to active ownership. For example, PAI 1, 2 and 3 covering GHG emissions and PAI 13 on board gender diversity:

3. Improve coverage: these involve indicators where we consider data coverage to be too sparse to properly consider them and our focus is primarily on engaging with the underlying holdings to increase reporting. For example, PAI 7 on biodiversity, PAI 9 on hazardous waste ratio and PAI 12 on the gender pay gap:

Our approach is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability, and quality, of PAI data evolves:

The Management Company's statement on principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors is available at <https://mybrand.schroders.com/m/467910ac8e6da45c/original/Statement-on-principal-adverse-impacts-of-investment-decisions-on-sustainability-factors.pdf>. The Fund level information is disclosed or will be (as applicable) in the Fund's annual report:

☐ No



## What investment strategy does this financial product follow?

**The investment strategy** guides investment decisions based on factors such as investment objectives and risk tolerance.

The sustainable investment strategy used by the Investment Manager is as follows:

The Fund is actively managed and invests at least two-thirds of its assets in equity and equity related securities of companies in emerging market countries worldwide.

The Fund may invest up to 40% of its assets in cash and global bonds in order to protect returns when the Investment Manager believes stock markets are expected to be particularly weak.

The Fund may invest directly in China-B Share and China H-Shares and may invest less than 20% of its assets (on a net basis) directly or indirectly (for example via participatory notes) in China A-Shares through Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect and Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect and shares listed on the STAR Board and the ChiNext.

The Fund may also invest up to one-third of its assets directly or indirectly in other securities (including other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies, Investment Funds, warrants and Money Market Investments, and hold cash.

The Fund may use derivatives with the aim of achieving investment gains, reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently.

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the MSCI Emerging Markets (Net TR) index, based on the Investment Manager's rating criteria.

The Fund does not directly invest in certain activities, industries or groups of issuers above the limits listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage, accessed via <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

The Investment Manager applies governance and sustainability criteria when selecting investments for the Fund.

The Investment Manager performs due diligence on potential holdings, including meetings with management, and assesses the company's governance, environmental and social profile across a range of factors. This process is supported by quantitative analysis provided by Schroders' proprietary sustainability tools, which are key inputs to assess how existing and potential investments for the portfolio are meeting the Fund's sustainability criteria.

In some cases, companies which fall below the sustainability criteria may still be eligible for investment if, as a result of proprietary analysis and ongoing engagement with management, the Investment Manager believes the company will meet its sustainability criteria within a realistic time horizon.

For a company to be eligible to be held in the Fund, it is expected to show a commitment to its stakeholders, including customers, employees, suppliers, shareholders and regulators. The Fund selects companies whose businesses demonstrate good governance and aim to treat stakeholders equitably.

The sources of information used to perform the analysis include information provided by the companies, such as company sustainability reports and other relevant company material, as well as Schroders' proprietary sustainability tools and third-party data and reports.

More details on the Investment Manager's approach to sustainability and its engagement with companies are available on the webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/>

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than its investment universe, based on the Investment Manager's rating system.

The Investment Manager ensures that at least:

- 90% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in developed countries; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with an investment grade credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by developed countries; and

- 75% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in emerging countries; equities issued by small and medium companies; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with a high yield credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by emerging countries,

is rated against the sustainability criteria. For the purposes of this test, small companies are those with market capitalisation below €5 billion, medium companies are those between €5 billion and €10 billion and large companies are those above €10 billion.

### ● ***What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?***

The following binding elements are applied throughout the investment process:

- The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the MSCI Emerging Markets (Net TR) index based on the Investment Manager's rating criteria.
- The Fund invests at least 25% of its assets in sustainable investments and such investments do not cause significant environmental or social harm.
- Exclusions are applied to direct investments in companies. The Fund applies certain exclusions relating to international conventions on cluster munitions, antipersonnel mines, and chemical and biological weapons. The Fund also excludes companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to tobacco and thermal coal, especially companies that generate at least 10% of their revenues from tobacco production, companies that generate at least 25% of their revenues from the tobacco value chain (such as suppliers, distributors, retailers and licensors), companies that generate at least 10% of their revenues from thermal coal mining and companies that generate at least 30% of their revenues from coal fired power generation. The Fund excludes companies that are assessed by Schroders to have breached one or more 'global norms' thereby causing significant environmental or social harm; these companies comprise Schroders' 'global norms' breach list. In exceptional circumstances a derogation may be applied in order to allow the Fund to continue to hold a company on Schroders' 'global norms' breach list, for example where the stated investment strategy of the Fund may otherwise be compromised. Any such company cannot be categorised as a sustainable investment. Further, the Fund may apply other exclusions as listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>
- The Fund invests in companies that have good governance practices, as determined by the Investment Manager's rating criteria.

The Investment Manager ensures that at least:

- 90% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in developed countries; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with an investment grade credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by developed countries; and



- 75% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in emerging countries; equities issued by small and medium companies; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with a high yield credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by emerging countries,

is rated against the sustainability criteria.

● **What is the committed minimum rate to reduce the scope of the investments considered prior to the application of that investment strategy?**

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

● **What is the policy to assess good governance practices of the investee companies?**

In order to assess good governance practices, a central Good Governance Test is applied. This test is based on a data-driven quantitative framework, which uses a scorecard to assess companies across the categories of sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff, and tax compliance. Schroders has defined a number of criteria across these pillars.

Compliance with the test is monitored centrally and companies which do not pass this test cannot be held by the Fund, unless the Investment Manager has agreed that the issuer demonstrates good governance based on additional insights beyond that quantitative analysis.

**Good governance** practices include sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff and tax compliance.



## What is the asset allocation planned for this financial product?

**Asset allocation** describes the share of investments in specific assets.

The planned composition of the Fund's investments that are used to meet its environmental or social characteristics are summarised below.

**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the minimum proportion of the Fund's assets used to attain the environmental or social characteristics, which is equal to 70%. The Fund commits to maintain a higher overall sustainability score than the MSCI Emerging Markets (Net TR) index, and so the Fund's investments that are scored by Schroders' proprietary sustainability tool are included within the minimum proportion stated in #1 on the basis that they will contribute to the Fund's sustainability score (whether such individual investment has a positive or a negative score). Also included within #1 is the minimum proportion of assets that are invested in sustainable investments, as indicated in #1A. The minimum proportions stated apply in normal market conditions. The actual proportion stated in #1 is expected to be higher.

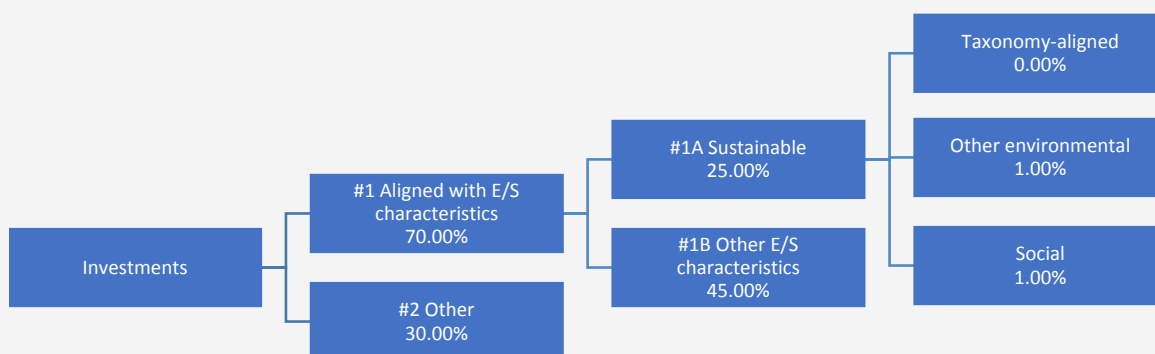
The sustainability score is measured by Schroders' proprietary tool that provides an estimate of the net "impact" that an issuer may create in terms of social and environmental "costs" or "benefits". It does this by using certain indicators with respect to that issuer, and quantifying them positively and negatively to produce an aggregate notional measure of the effect that the relevant underlying issuer may have on society and the environment. Examples of such indicators are greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

The Fund will invest at least 25% of its assets in sustainable investments. A sustainable investment is classified as having an environmental or social objective depending on whether the relevant issuer has a higher score in Schroders' proprietary tool relative to its applicable peer group for its environmental indicators or its social indicators. In each case, indicators are comprised of both "costs" and "benefits".

**#2 Other** includes cash which is treated as neutral for sustainability purposes. #2 also includes investments that are not scored by Schroders' proprietary sustainability tool and so do not contribute towards the Fund's sustainability score. As #1 states a minimum proportion that is in practice expected to be higher, the proportion stated in #2 is expected to be lower.

Minimum safeguards are applied where relevant to Money Market Investments and other investments by restricting (as appropriate) investments in counterparties where there are ownership links or exposure to higher risk countries (for the purpose of money laundering, terrorist financing, bribery, corruption, tax evasion and sanctions risks). A firm-wide risk assessment considers the risk rating of each jurisdiction; which includes reference to a number of public statements, indices and world governance indicators issued by the UN, the European Union, the UK Government, the Financial Action Task Force and several Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), such as Transparency International and the Basel Committee.

In addition, new counterparties are reviewed by Schroders' credit risk team and approval of a new counterparty is based on a holistic review of the various sources of information available, including, but not limited to, quality of management, ownership structure, location, regulatory and social environment to which each counterparty is subject, and the degree of development of the local banking system and its regulatory framework. Ongoing monitoring is performed through a Schroders' proprietary tool, which supports the analysis of a counterparty's management of environmental, social and governance trends and challenges. Any significant deterioration in the profile of the counterparty in Schroders' proprietary tool would lead to further analysis and potential exclusion by Schroders' credit risk team.



**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the investments of the financial product used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product.

**#2 Other** includes the remaining investments of the financial product which are neither aligned with the environmental or social characteristics, nor are qualified as sustainable investments.

The category **#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** covers:

- The sub-category **#1A Sustainable** covers sustainable investments with environmental or social objectives.
- The sub-category **#1B Other E/S characteristics** covers investments aligned with the environmental or social characteristics that do not qualify as sustainable investments.

#1 The minimum proportion stated applies in normal market conditions.

### ● **How does the use of derivatives attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?**

The Fund may use derivatives that are scored in Schroders' proprietary tool to meet the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted by the Fund, as such derivatives would contribute to the Fund's sustainability score (whether such individual investment has a positive or a negative score).



### **To what minimum extent are sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?**

There is no minimum extent to which the Fund's investments (including transitional and enabling activities) with an environmental objective are aligned with the Taxonomy. Taxonomy alignment of this Fund's investments has therefore not been calculated and has as a result been deemed to constitute 0% of the Fund's portfolio.

In future it is expected that the Fund will assess and report on the extent to which its underlying investments are in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the Taxonomy, along with information relating to the proportion of enabling and transitional activities. This Prospectus will be updated once it is possible in the Investment Manager's opinion to accurately disclose to what extent the Fund's investments are in Taxonomy-aligned environmentally sustainable activities, including the proportions of investments in enabling and transitional activities selected for the Fund.

### ● **Does the financial product invest in fossil gas and/or nuclear energy related activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy<sup>1</sup>?**

☐ Yes:

☐ In fossil gas ☐ In nuclear energy

☒ No

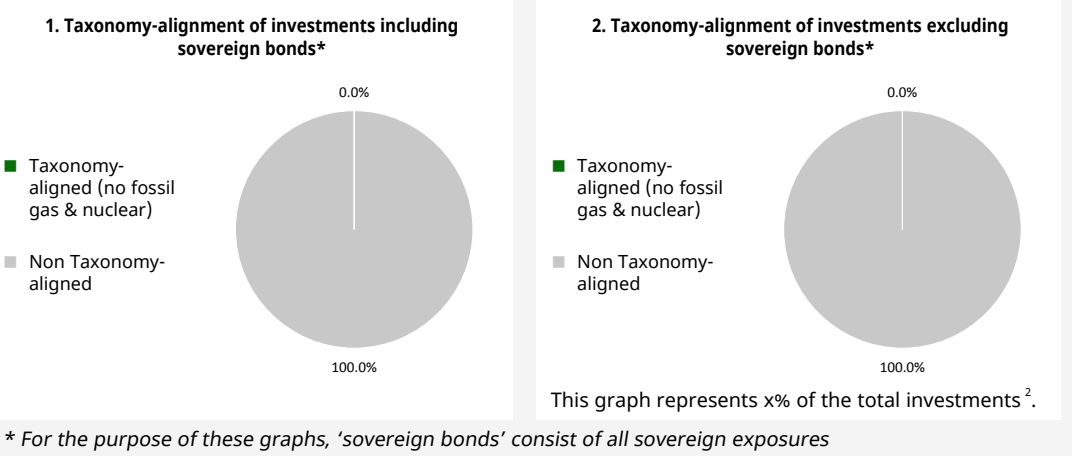
To comply with the EU Taxonomy, the criteria for **fossil gas** include limitations on emissions and switching to renewable power or low-carbon fuels by the end of 2035. For **nuclear energy**, the criteria include comprehensive safety and waste management rules.

<sup>1</sup> Fossil gas and/or nuclear related activities will only comply with the EU Taxonomy where they contribute to limiting climate change ("climate change mitigation") and do not significantly harm any EU Taxonomy objective – see explanatory note in the left-hand margin. The full criteria for fossil gas and nuclear energy economic activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy are laid down in Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1214.

Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

- **turnover** reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee companies
- **capital expenditure** (CapEx) showing the green investments made by investee companies, e.g. for a transition to a green economy.
- **operational expenditure** (OpEx) reflecting green operational activities of investee companies.

The two graphs below show in green the minimum percentage of investments that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the Taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy-alignment in relation to all the investments of the financial product including sovereign bonds, while the second graph shows the Taxonomy-alignment only in relation to the investments of the financial product other than sovereign bonds.



**Enabling activities** directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective.

- **What is the minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities?**  
As per the above, at the date of this Prospectus the share of investments by the Fund in transitional and enabling activities is currently deemed to constitute 0% of the Fund's portfolio.

**Transitional activities** are activities for which low-carbon alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.



**What is the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?**  
The Fund commits to invest at least 1% of its assets in sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

are sustainable investments with an environmental objective that **do not take into account the criteria** for environmentally sustainable economic activities under the EU Taxonomy.

<sup>2</sup> As there is no Taxonomy-alignment, there is no impact on the graph if sovereign bonds are excluded (i.e. the percentage of Taxonomy-aligned investments remains 0%) and the Management Company therefore believes that there is no need to mention this information.



## What is the minimum share of socially sustainable investments?

The Fund commits to invest at least 1% of its assets in sustainable investments with a social objective.



## What investments are included under “#2 Other”, what is their purpose and are there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

**#2 Other** includes cash which is treated as neutral for sustainability purposes. #2 also includes investments that are not scored by Schroders’ proprietary sustainability tools and so do not contribute towards the Fund’s sustainability score.

Minimum safeguards are applied where relevant to Money Market Investments and other investments by restricting (as appropriate) investments in counterparties where there are ownership links or exposure to higher risk countries (for the purpose of money laundering, terrorist financing, bribery, corruption, tax evasion and sanctions risks). A firm-wide risk assessment considers the risk rating of each jurisdiction; which includes reference to a number of public statements, indices and world governance indicators issued by the UN, the European Union, the UK Government, the Financial Action Task Force and several Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), such as Transparency International and the Basel Committee.

In addition, new counterparties are reviewed by Schroders’ credit risk team and approval of a new counterparty is based on a holistic review of the various sources of information available, including, but not limited to, quality of management, ownership structure, location, regulatory and social environment to which each counterparty is subject, and the degree of development of the local banking system and its regulatory framework. Ongoing monitoring is performed through a Schroders’ proprietary tool, which supports the analysis of a counterparty’s management of environmental, social and governance trends and challenges. Any significant deterioration in the profile of the counterparty in Schroders’ proprietary tool would lead to further analysis and potential exclusion by Schroders’ credit risk team.



## Is a specific index designated as a reference benchmark to determine whether this financial product is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes?

**Reference benchmarks** are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the environmental or social characteristics that they promote.

- ***How is the reference benchmark continuously aligned with each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- ***How is the alignment of the investment strategy with the methodology of the index ensured on a continuous basis?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- ***How does the designated index differ from a relevant broad market index?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- ***Where can the methodology used for the calculation of the designated index be found?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.



## Where can I find more product specific information online?

More product-specific information can be found on the webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

Pre-contractual disclosure for the financial products referred to in Article 8, paragraphs 1, 2 and 2a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 6, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852

**Product name:** **Schroder International Selection Fund Global Emerging Markets Smaller Companies**

**Legal entity identifier:** **549300F4FWZAJKH8YQ10**

## Environmental and/or social characteristics

**Sustainable investment** means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good governance practices.

The **EU Taxonomy** is a classification system laid down in Regulation (EU) 2020/852, establishing a list of **environmentally sustainable economic activities**. That Regulation does not lay down a list of socially sustainable economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.

Does this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?	
●● <input type="checkbox"/> Yes	●○ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
<input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with an environmental objective: __%</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> It <b>promotes Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics</b> and while it does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will have a minimum proportion of <b>25.00%</b> of sustainable investments
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<input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with a social objective __%</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> with a social objective
	<input type="checkbox"/> It promotes E/S characteristics, but <b>will not make any sustainable investments</b>



## What environmental and/or social characteristics are promoted by this financial product?

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the MSCI Emerging Markets Small Cap (Net TR) index, based on the Investment Manager's rating system. This benchmark (which is a broad market index) does not take into account the environmental and social characteristics promoted by the Fund.

The sustainability score is measured by Schroders' proprietary tool that provides an estimate of the net "impact" that an issuer may create in terms of social and environmental "costs" or "benefits". It does this by using certain indicators with respect to that issuer, and quantifying them positively and negatively to produce an aggregate notional measure of the effect that the relevant underlying issuer may have on society and the environment. It does this using third party data as well as Schroders own estimates and assumptions and the outcome may differ from other sustainability tools and measures. Examples of such indicators are greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

The result is expressed as an aggregate score of the sustainability indicators for each issuer, specifically a notional percentage (positive or negative) of sales of the relevant underlying issuer. For example, a score of +2% would mean an issuer contributes \$2 of relative notional positive impact (i.e. benefits to society) per \$100 of sales. The sustainability score of the Fund is derived from the scores of all issuers in the Fund's portfolio measured by Schroders' proprietary tool.

The Fund invests at least 25% of its assets in sustainable investments, which are investments that the Investment Manager expects to contribute towards the advancement of one or more environmental and/or social objective (s).

### ● What sustainability indicators are used to measure the attainment of each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

The Investment Manager monitors compliance with the characteristic to maintain a higher overall sustainability score than the MSCI Emerging Markets Small Cap (Net TR) index by reference to the weighted average sustainability score of the Fund in Schroders' proprietary tool compared against the weighted average sustainability score of the MSCI Emerging Markets Small Cap (Net TR) index in Schroders' proprietary tool over the previous six month period, based on month-end data. The overall sustainability score aggregates the effect of sustainability indicators including but not limited to greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

**Sustainability indicators** measure how the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product are attained.

The Investment Manager monitors compliance with the characteristic to invest at least 25% of its assets in sustainable investments by reference to the sustainability score of each asset in Schroders' proprietary tool. Compliance with this is monitored daily via our automated compliance controls. The Fund also applies certain exclusions, with which the Investment Manager monitors compliance on an ongoing basis via its portfolio compliance framework.

● ***What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?***

In respect of the proportion of the Fund's portfolio that is invested in sustainable investments, each sustainable investment demonstrates a net positive effect across a range of environmental or social objectives, as scored by Schroders' proprietary tool. The environmental or social objectives of the sustainable investments that the Fund partially intends to make may include, but are not limited to, increasing environmental and/or social benefits such as greater water access or fair pay and reducing environmental, and/or social costs such as carbon emissions or food waste. For example, greater water access as measured by Schroders' proprietary tool are the estimated societal benefits of the provision of clean drinking water to human health.

● ***How do the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make, not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?***

The Investment Manager's approach to investing in issuers that do not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective includes the following:

- Firm-wide investment exclusions apply to Schroders funds. These relate to international conventions on cluster munitions, anti-personnel mines, and chemical and biological weapons and a list of those companies that are excluded is available at <https://www.schroders.com/en/sustainability/active-ownership/group-exclusions/>. Firm-wide exclusions also apply to companies generating more than 20% of their revenue from thermal coal mining.
- The Fund excludes companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to tobacco and thermal coal.
- The Fund excludes companies that are assessed by Schroders to have breached one or more 'global norms' thereby causing significant environmental or social harm; these companies comprise Schroders' 'global norms' breach list. Schroders' determination of whether a company has been involved in such a breach considers relevant principles such as those contained in the UN Global Compact (UNGC) principles, the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights. The 'global norms' breach list may be informed by assessments performed by third party providers and by proprietary research, where relevant to a particular situation. In exceptional circumstances a derogation may be applied in order to allow the Fund to continue to hold a company on Schroders' 'global norms' breach list, for example where the stated investment strategy of the Fund may otherwise be compromised. Any such company cannot be categorised as a sustainable investment.
- The Fund may also apply certain other exclusions in addition to those summarised above.

Further information on all of the Fund's investment exclusions is to be found under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>.

● ***How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?***

When seeking to identify significant harm, Schroders' approach to taking into account the Principal Adverse Impacts (PAI) indicators involves a quantitative and a qualitative assessment. Where it is not considered appropriate or feasible to set quantitative thresholds, the Investment Manager engages, where relevant. Investee companies deemed not to satisfy the quantitative thresholds would generally be excluded, unless on a case-by-case basis the data is deemed not representative of a company's performance in the relevant area.

This framework is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability and quality of the data evolves.

Our approach includes:

1. **Quantitative:** this includes indicators where specific thresholds have been established:

- Via the application of exclusions. This approach is relevant to **PAI 4** (Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector), **PAI 5** (Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production) and **PAI 14** (Exposure to controversial weapons). Further, the following PAIs are assessed as part of Schroders 'global norms' breach list exclusion (which seeks to exclude companies where significant harm is occurring):

**Principal adverse impacts** are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anticorruption and antibribery matters.



- **PAI 7** (Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas)
- **PAI 8** (Emissions to water)
- **PAI 9** (Hazardous waste and radioactive waste ratio)
- **PAI 10** (Violations of UN Global Compact principles and Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises)
- **PAI 11** (Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and Voluntary)
- **PAI 14** in Table 3 (Number of identified cases of severe human rights issues and incidents)
- Via the application of an alert system flag if the relevant indicator(s) exceeds a threshold. These quantitative thresholds to assess significant harm are established centrally by our Sustainable Investment team and monitored systematically. This approach applies to indicators where we have segmented the population into harm groups to establish a threshold, such as carbon related PAI metrics, **PAI 1** (GHG emissions), **PAI 2** (Carbon footprint) and **Voluntary PAI 4 in Table 2** (Investing in companies without carbon emission reduction initiatives). **PAI 3** (GHG intensity of investee companies) operates in a similar way but the threshold is based on a revenue metric. A threshold for **PAI 6** (Energy consumption intensity per high impact climate sector) is established based on the ~~above-mentioned~~ carbon measures. A similar approach has been taken for **PAI 15** (GHG intensity). **PAI 16** (Investee countries subject to social violations) also operates in the same way but based on data availability regarding social violations. Through this process the relevant issuer(s) that is/are deemed not to satisfy the quantitative thresholds is/are flagged to the Investment Manager for consideration, whose response may involve selling the holdings(s) or maintaining the position if on a case-by-case basis the data is deemed not representative of a company's performance in the relevant area. Investee companies deemed to cause significant harm are excluded from the Fund.
- 2. **Qualitative:** This includes PAI indicators where Schroders' believes that the data available does not enable us to make a quantitative determination regarding whether significant harm is done so as to warrant excluding an investment. In such cases, the Investment Manager engages wherever possible with the company or companies held, in accordance with the priorities documented in Schroders' Engagement Blueprint and/or voting policy. This approach applies to indicators such as **PAI 12** (Unadjusted gender pay gap) and **PAI 13** (Board gender diversity), where we engage and may use our voting rights where we consider appropriate. Both board gender diversity and disclosure of gender pay gap information are captured in our Engagement Blueprint.

● ***How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:***

Companies on Schroders' 'global norms' breach list cannot be categorised as sustainable investments. Schroders' determination of whether a company should be included on such list considers the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, among other relevant principles. The 'global norms' breach list of excluded companies is informed by third party providers and proprietary research, where relevant.

*The EU Taxonomy sets out a "do not significant harm" principle by which Taxonomy-aligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives and is accompanied by specific EU criteria.*

*The "do not significant harm" principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.*

*Any other sustainable investments must also not significantly harm any environmental or social objectives.*



## Does this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

☒ Yes, ~~the Investment Manager's approach to considering principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors involves classifying the indicators into three categories:~~

~~The Investment Manager's approach to considering principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors differs depending on the relevant indicator. Some indicators are considered via the application of exclusions, some are considered via the investment process (where data is available via Schroders PAI dashboard and via other external data sources) and some are considered via engagement. Further details are provided below. PAIs are considered as part of pre-investment through the application of exclusions. These include:~~  
~~- Controversial weapons: PAI 14 (Exposure to controversial weapons (anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, chemical weapons and biological weapons)).~~

- Schroders' 'global norms' breach list, which covers: PAI 7 (Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas), PAI 8 (Emissions to water), PAI 9 (Hazardous waste and radioactive waste ratio), PAI 10 (Violations of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises), PAI 11 (Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises) and PAI 16 (Investee countries subject to social violations).  
 - Companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to thermal coal: PAI 4 (Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector) and PAI 5 (Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production).

Compliance with these thresholds is monitored via the Investment Manager's portfolio compliance framework. PAIs are also considered through integration in the investment process through the bottom up stock analysis at a company level. The emerging markets investment team has a number of proprietary tools to aid ESG analysis. At the company level, Schroders proprietary tool is the main repository for the team's ESG analysis. Schroders proprietary tool provides a systematic framework for analysing a company's relationship with its stakeholders and the sustainability of its business model. It contains more than 250 metrics drawn from company reports and other sources that assess a company's performance in specific areas.

PAIs 1,2,3 (Greenhouse gas emissions), 9 (Hazardous waste and radioactive waste ratio) and; 13 (Board gender diversity) are specifically considered as part of the Schroders proprietary tool analysis where appropriate and material to the business. In the case of PAIs 8 (Emissions to water) and 12 (Unadjusted gender pay gap) the availability of data is very limited so it is not widely used within Schroders proprietary tool but monitored instead at the overall portfolio level.

All PAI indicators are monitored via Schroders PAI dashboard. We review the PAI data in the PAI dashboard regularly as part of the monthly ESG risk meeting which formally reviews portfolio level ESG characteristics. PAIs are also considered post-investment through engagement where the Investment Manager engages in line with the approach and expectations set out in Schroders Engagement Blueprint, which outlines our approach to active ownership.

The Investment Manager may engage with selected issuers held by the Fund on PAIs. For example, we aim to engage with several issuers on net zero carbon emissions targets (PAI 1,2,3), procuring renewable energy (PAI 5) and further topics of engagement may include board gender diversity which relates to PAI 13.

Where issuers are flagged on lack of data availability on PAIs, the Investment Manager may engage with issuers where the primary focus is to increase reporting, quality and availability of PAI data.

Our approach is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability, and quality, of PAI data evolves. The Management Company's statement on principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors is available at <https://api.schroders.com/document-store/id/ffcb39bb-96cb-4e56-9461-deba9a493e85>. The Fund level information is disclosed or will be disclosed (as applicable) in the Fund's annual report.

1. Set thresholds: these involve very explicit thresholds for considering an investment to be a "sustainable investment". For example, PAI 10 on violations of UNGC principles.

2. Active ownership: these involve indicators on which we have a plan to engage with the underlying holding as set out in the Schroders Group document, accessed via <https://mybrand.schroders.com/m/3222ea4ed44a1f2c/original/schroders-engagement-blueprint.pdf>, outlining our approach to active ownership. For example, PAI 1, 2 and 3 covering GHG emissions and PAI 13 on board gender diversity.

3. Improve coverage: these involve indicators where we consider data coverage to be too sparse to properly consider them and our focus is primarily on engaging with the underlying holdings to increase reporting. For example, PAI 7 on biodiversity, PAI 9 on hazardous waste ratio and PAI 12 on the gender pay gap.

Our approach is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability, and quality, of PAI data evolves.

The Management Company's statement on principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors is available at <https://mybrand.schroders.com/m/467910ac8e6da45c/original/Statement-on-principal-adverse-impacts-of-investment-decisions-on-sustainability-factors.pdf>. The Fund level information is disclosed or will be (as applicable) in the Fund's annual report.

☐ No



## What investment strategy does this financial product follow?

**The investment strategy** guides investment decisions based on factors such as investment objectives and risk tolerance.

The sustainable investment strategy used by the Investment Manager is as follows:

The Fund is actively managed and invests at least two-thirds of its assets in equity and equity related securities of small-sized companies of global emerging market countries, including companies outside these countries which have a substantial business exposure to global emerging markets.

Small-sized companies are companies which, at the time of purchase, are considered to be in the bottom 30% by market capitalisation of the global emerging market companies.

**The Fund typically holds 60-120 companies.\***

**\* As of May 8 2024 the above holding range will no longer apply**

The Fund may invest directly in China B-Shares and China H-Shares and may invest up to 30% of its assets (on a net basis) directly or indirectly (for example via participatory notes) in China A-Shares through Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect and Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect and shares listed on the STAR Board and the ChiNext.

The Fund may also invest up to one-third of its assets directly or indirectly in other securities (including other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies, Investment Funds, warrants and Money Market Investments, and hold cash.

The Fund may use derivatives with the aim of achieving investment gains, reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently.

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the MSCI Emerging Markets Small Cap (Net TR) index, based on the Investment Manager's rating criteria.

The Fund does not directly invest in certain activities, industries or groups of issuers above the limits listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage, accessed via <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

The Investment Manager applies governance and sustainability criteria when selecting investments for the Fund.

The Investment Manager performs due diligence on potential holdings, including meetings with management, and assesses the company's governance, environmental and social profile across a range of factors. This process is supported by quantitative analysis provided by Schroders' proprietary sustainability tools, which are key inputs to assess how existing and potential investments for the portfolio are meeting the Fund's sustainability criteria. In some cases, companies which fall below the sustainability criteria may still be eligible for investment if, as a result of proprietary analysis and ongoing engagement with management, the Investment Manager believes the company will meet its sustainability criteria within a realistic time horizon.

For a company to be eligible to be held in the Fund, it is expected to show a commitment to its stakeholders, including customers, employees, suppliers, shareholders and regulators. The Fund selects companies whose businesses demonstrate good governance and aim to treat stakeholders equitably.

The sources of information used to perform the analysis include information provided by the companies, such as company sustainability reports and other relevant company material, as well as Schroders' proprietary sustainability tools and third-party data and reports.

More details on the Investment Manager's approach to sustainability and its engagement with companies are available on the webpage

<https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/>

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than its investment universe, based on the Investment Manager's rating system.

The Investment Manager ensures that at least:

- 90% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in developed countries; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with an investment grade credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by developed countries; and

- 75% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in emerging countries; equities issued by small and medium companies; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with a high yield credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by emerging countries,

is rated against the sustainability criteria. For the purposes of this test, small companies are those with market capitalisation below €5 billion, medium companies are those between €5 billion and €10 billion and large companies are those above €10 billion.

● ***What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?***

The following binding elements are applied throughout the investment process:

- The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the MSCI Emerging Markets Small Cap (Net TR) index based on the Investment Manager's rating criteria.
- The Fund invests at least 25% of its assets in sustainable investments and such investments do not cause significant environmental or social harm.
- Exclusions are applied to direct investments in companies. The Fund applies certain exclusions relating to international conventions on cluster munitions, antipersonnel mines, and chemical and biological weapons. The Fund also excludes companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to tobacco and thermal coal, especially companies that generate at least 10% of their revenues from tobacco production, companies that generate at least 25% of their revenues from the tobacco value chain (such as suppliers, distributors, retailers and licensors), companies that generate at least 10% of their revenues from thermal coal mining and companies that generate at least 30% of their revenues from coal fired power generation. The Fund excludes companies that are assessed by Schroders to have breached one or more 'global norms' thereby causing significant environmental or social harm; these companies comprise Schroders' 'global norms' breach list. In exceptional circumstances a derogation may be applied in order to allow the Fund to continue to hold a company on Schroders' 'global norms' breach list, for example where the stated investment strategy of the Fund may otherwise be compromised. Any such company cannot be categorised as a sustainable investment. Further, the Fund may apply other exclusions as listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

- The Fund invests in companies that have good governance practices, as determined by the Investment Manager's rating criteria.

The Investment Manager ensures that at least:

- 90% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in developed countries; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with an investment grade credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by developed countries; and
- 75% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in emerging countries; equities issued by small and medium companies; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with a high yield credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by emerging countries,

is rated against the sustainability criteria.

● **What is the committed minimum rate to reduce the scope of the investments considered prior to the application of that investment strategy?**

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

● **What is the policy to assess good governance practices of the investee companies?**

In order to assess good governance practices, a central Good Governance Test is applied. This test is based on a data-driven quantitative framework, which uses a scorecard to assess companies across the categories of sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff, and tax compliance. Schroders has defined a number of criteria across these pillars.

Compliance with the test is monitored centrally and companies which do not pass this test cannot be held by the Fund, unless the Investment Manager has agreed that the issuer demonstrates good governance based on additional insights beyond that quantitative analysis.

**Good governance** practices include sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff and tax compliance.



## What is the asset allocation planned for this financial product?

**Asset allocation** describes the share of investments in specific assets.

The planned composition of the Fund's investments that are used to meet its environmental or social characteristics are summarised below.

**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the minimum proportion of the Fund's assets used to attain the environmental or social characteristics, which is equal to 70%. The Fund commits to maintain a higher overall sustainability score than the MSCI Emerging Markets Small Cap (Net TR) index, and so the Fund's investments that are scored by Schroders' proprietary sustainability tool are included within the minimum proportion stated in #1 on the basis that they will contribute to the Fund's sustainability score (whether such individual investment has a positive or a negative score). Also included within #1 is the minimum proportion of assets that are invested in sustainable investments, as indicated in #1A. The minimum proportions stated apply in normal market conditions. The actual proportion stated in #1 is expected to be higher.

The sustainability score is measured by Schroders' proprietary tool that provides an estimate of the net "impact" that an issuer may create in terms of social and environmental "costs" or "benefits". It does this by using certain indicators with respect to that issuer, and quantifying them positively and negatively to produce an aggregate notional measure of the effect that the relevant underlying issuer may have on society and the environment. Examples of such indicators are greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

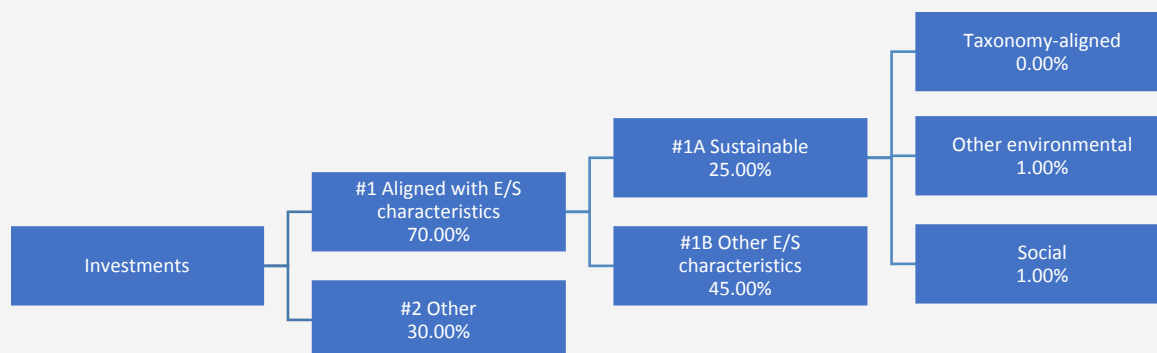
The Fund will invest at least 25% of its assets in sustainable investments. A sustainable investment is classified as having an environmental or social objective depending on whether the relevant issuer has a higher score in Schroders' proprietary tool relative to its applicable peer group for its environmental indicators or its social indicators. In each case, indicators are comprised of both "costs" and "benefits".

**#2 Other** includes cash which is treated as neutral for sustainability purposes. #2 also includes investments that are not scored by Schroders' proprietary sustainability tool and so do not contribute towards the Fund's sustainability score. As #1 states a minimum proportion that is in practice expected to be higher, the proportion stated in #2 is expected to be lower.

Minimum safeguards are applied where relevant to Money Market Investments and other investments by restricting (as appropriate) investments in counterparties where there are ownership links or exposure to higher risk countries (for the purpose of money laundering, terrorist financing, bribery, corruption, tax evasion and sanctions risks). A firm-wide risk assessment considers the risk rating of each jurisdiction; which includes reference to a number of public statements, indices and world governance indicators issued by the UN, the European Union, the UK Government, the Financial Action Task Force and several Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), such as Transparency International and the Basel Committee.

In addition, new counterparties are reviewed by Schroders' credit risk team and approval of a new counterparty is based on a holistic review of the various sources of information available, including, but not limited to, quality of management, ownership structure, location, regulatory and social environment to which each counterparty is subject, and the degree of development of the local banking system and its regulatory framework. Ongoing monitoring is performed through a Schroders' proprietary tool, which supports the analysis of a counterparty's

management of environmental, social and governance trends and challenges. Any significant deterioration in the profile of the counterparty in Schroders' proprietary tool would lead to further analysis and potential exclusion by Schroders' credit risk team.



**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the investments of the financial product used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product.

**#2 Other** includes the remaining investments of the financial product which are neither aligned with the environmental or social characteristics, nor are qualified as sustainable investments.

The category **#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** covers:

- The sub-category **#1A Sustainable** covers sustainable investments with environmental or social objectives.
- The sub-category **#1B Other E/S characteristics** covers investments aligned with the environmental or social characteristics that do not qualify as sustainable investments.

#1 The minimum proportion stated applies in normal market conditions.

● **How does the use of derivatives attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?**

The Fund may use derivatives that are scored in Schroders' proprietary tool to meet the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted by the Fund, as such derivatives would contribute to the Fund's sustainability score (whether such individual investment has a positive or a negative score).



**To what minimum extent are sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?**

There is no minimum extent to which the Fund's investments (including transitional and enabling activities) with an environmental objective are aligned with the Taxonomy. Taxonomy alignment of this Fund's investments has therefore not been calculated and has as a result been deemed to constitute 0% of the Fund's portfolio.

In future it is expected that the Fund will assess and report on the extent to which its underlying investments are in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the Taxonomy, along with information relating to the proportion of enabling and transitional activities. This Prospectus will be updated once it is possible in the Investment Manager's opinion to accurately disclose to what extent the Fund's investments are in Taxonomy-aligned environmentally sustainable activities, including the proportions of investments in enabling and transitional activities selected for the Fund.

● **Does the financial product invest in fossil gas and/or nuclear energy related activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy<sup>1</sup>?**

- ☐ Yes:
- ☐ In fossil gas ☐ In nuclear energy
- ☒ No

To comply with the EU Taxonomy, the criteria for **fossil gas** include limitations on emissions and switching to renewable power or low-carbon fuels by the end of 2035. For **nuclear energy**, the criteria include

<sup>1</sup> Fossil gas and/or nuclear related activities will only comply with the EU Taxonomy where they contribute to limiting climate change ("climate change mitigation") and do not significantly harm any EU Taxonomy objective – see explanatory note in the left-hand margin. The full criteria for fossil gas and nuclear energy economic activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy are laid down in Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1214.

comprehensive safety and waste management rules.

Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

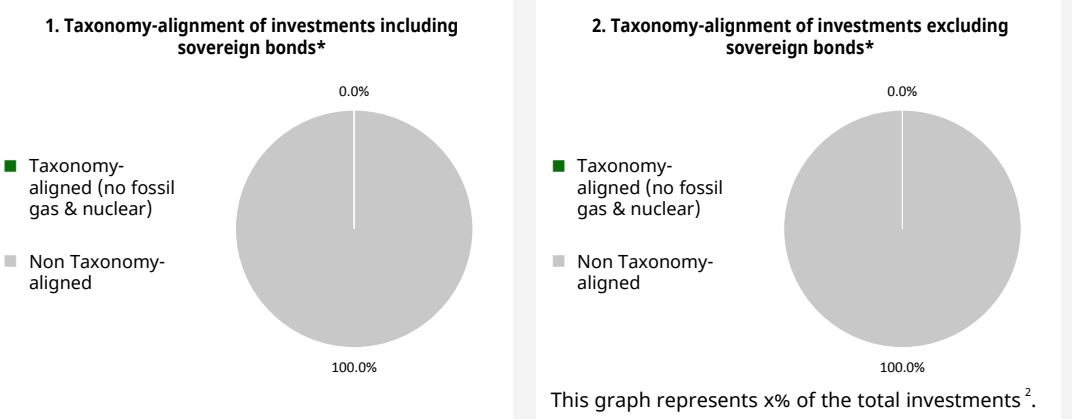
- **turnover** reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee companies
- **capital expenditure** (CapEx) showing the green investments made by investee companies, e.g. for a transition to a green economy.
- **operational expenditure** (OpEx) reflecting green operational activities of investee companies.

**Enabling activities** directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective.

**Transitional activities** are activities for which low-carbon alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.

are sustainable investments with an environmental objective that **do not take into account the criteria** for environmentally sustainable economic activities under the EU Taxonomy.

The two graphs below show in green the minimum percentage of investments that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the Taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy-alignment in relation to all the investments of the financial product including sovereign bonds, while the second graph shows the Taxonomy-alignment only in relation to the investments of the financial product other than sovereign bonds.



\* For the purpose of these graphs, 'sovereign bonds' consist of all sovereign exposures

● **What is the minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities?**

As per the above, at the date of this Prospectus the share of investments by the Fund in transitional and enabling activities is currently deemed to constitute 0% of the Fund's portfolio.



**What is the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?**

The Fund commits to invest at least 1% of its assets in sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

<sup>2</sup> As there is no Taxonomy-alignment, there is no impact on the graph if sovereign bonds are excluded (i.e. the percentage of Taxonomy-aligned investments remains 0%) and the Management Company therefore believes that there is no need to mention this information.





## What is the minimum share of socially sustainable investments?

The Fund commits to invest at least 1% of its assets in sustainable investments with a social objective.



## What investments are included under “#2 Other”, what is their purpose and are there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

**#2 Other** includes cash which is treated as neutral for sustainability purposes. #2 also includes investments that are not scored by Schroders’ proprietary sustainability tools and so do not contribute towards the Fund’s sustainability score.

Minimum safeguards are applied where relevant to Money Market Investments and other investments by restricting (as appropriate) investments in counterparties where there are ownership links or exposure to higher risk countries (for the purpose of money laundering, terrorist financing, bribery, corruption, tax evasion and sanctions risks). A firm-wide risk assessment considers the risk rating of each jurisdiction; which includes reference to a number of public statements, indices and world governance indicators issued by the UN, the European Union, the UK Government, the Financial Action Task Force and several Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), such as Transparency International and the Basel Committee.

In addition, new counterparties are reviewed by Schroders’ credit risk team and approval of a new counterparty is based on a holistic review of the various sources of information available, including, but not limited to, quality of management, ownership structure, location, regulatory and social environment to which each counterparty is subject, and the degree of development of the local banking system and its regulatory framework. Ongoing monitoring is performed through a Schroders’ proprietary tool, which supports the analysis of a counterparty’s management of environmental, social and governance trends and challenges. Any significant deterioration in the profile of the counterparty in Schroders’ proprietary tool would lead to further analysis and potential exclusion by Schroders’ credit risk team.



## Is a specific index designated as a reference benchmark to determine whether this financial product is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes?

**Reference benchmarks** are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the environmental or social characteristics that they promote.

- ***How is the reference benchmark continuously aligned with each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- ***How is the alignment of the investment strategy with the methodology of the index ensured on a continuous basis?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- ***How does the designated index differ from a relevant broad market index?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- ***Where can the methodology used for the calculation of the designated index be found?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.



## Where can I find more product specific information online?

More product-specific information can be found on the webpage: <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

Pre-contractual disclosure for the financial products referred to in Article 9, paragraphs 1 to 4a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 5, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852

**Product name:** **Schroder International Selection Fund Global Energy Transition**

**Legal entity identifier:** **549300IS8ME9YA6EM043**

## Sustainable investment objective

**Sustainable investment** means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good Governance practices.

The **EU Taxonomy** is a classification system laid down in Regulation (EU) 2020/852, establishing a list of **environmentally sustainable economic activities**. For the time being, it does not include a list of socially sustainable economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.

### Does this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with an environmental objective: 75.00%</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> It <b>promotes Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics</b> and while it does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will have a minimum proportion of ___% of sustainable investments
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<input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with a social objective ___%</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> with a social objective
	<input type="checkbox"/> It promotes E/S characteristics, but <b>will not make any sustainable investments</b>

The Fund commits to invest at least 90% of its assets in sustainable investments. Within this overall commitment, there is a minimum commitment to invest at least 75% of its assets in sustainable investments with an environmental objective.



## What is the sustainable investment objective of this financial product?

The Fund's sustainable investment objective is to invest its assets in sustainable investments which are investments in companies worldwide that (i) generate at least 50% of their revenue from activities that contribute towards the global transition towards lower-carbon and more sustainable sources of energy, such as lower-carbon energy production, distribution, storage, transport and associated supply chain, material provider and technology companies or (ii) generate a lower percentage of their revenue from these activities where the Investment Manager considers they are playing critical roles in the energy transition based on the company's capital expenditure, operating expenditure or market share. At least 75% of the Fund's assets will be invested in companies of the type described in (i). The Fund may also invest in investments that the Investment Manager deems to be neutral under its sustainability criteria, such as cash and Money Market Investments and derivatives used with the aim of reducing risk (hedging) or managing the Fund more efficiently.

No reference benchmark has been designated for the purpose of attaining the sustainable investment objective.

At the date of this Prospectus, it is not yet possible to commit to the Fund maintaining a minimum alignment with the Taxonomy, as the Investment Manager is currently not in a position to accurately determine to what extent the Fund's investments are in taxonomy-aligned environmentally sustainable activities. Taxonomy alignment of this Fund's investments has therefore not been calculated and has as a result been deemed to constitute 0% of the Fund's portfolio. However, it is expected that the Fund invests in companies and economic activities that contribute to the environmental objectives of climate change mitigation and climate change adaptation within the meaning of the Taxonomy.

In future it is therefore expected that the Fund will assess and report on the extent to which its underlying investments are in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the Taxonomy, along with information relating to the proportion of enabling and transitional activities. This Prospectus will be updated once it is possible in the Investment Manager's opinion to accurately disclose to what extent the Fund's investments are in Taxonomy-aligned environmentally sustainable activities, including the proportions of investments in enabling and transitional activities selected for the Fund.

**Sustainability indicators** measure how the sustainable objectives of this financial product are attained.

● **What sustainability indicators are used to measure the attainment of the sustainable investment objective of this financial product?**

The Investment Manager is responsible for determining whether an investment meets the criteria of a sustainable investment. The Investment Manager's approach in this assessment considers whether a certain percentage of the relevant issuer's revenues, capital expenditure, operating expenditure or market share contributes to an environmental or social objective (as applicable). The output of the Investment Strategy outlined below is the production of the list of investments that meet the selection criteria, this represents the investment universe. Compliance with the minimum percentage in sustainable investments is monitored daily via our automated compliance controls. The Fund also applies certain exclusions, with which the Investment Manager monitors compliance on an ongoing basis via its portfolio compliance framework.

The Investment Manager uses different sustainability indicators to measure the impact contribution at an investee company level. In particular, the Investment Manager use a quantitative screening tool to identify companies that derive a certain percentage of their revenues, capital expenditure, operating expenditure or market share from their main activity that is associated with specific energy transition activities: including (1) renewable energy equipment; (2) renewable energy generation; (3) transmission and distribution; (4) batteries, storage and other equipment; (5) hydrogen; (6) electrical equipment and energy; and (7) clean mobility.

Subsequently, the Investment Manager uses a number of indicators to derive a sustainability score out of ten for each company. Based on this score, each company is placed within one of the following categories: (1) Best-in-class, (2) Neutral and (3) Laggard. The indicators used to determine the score include but are not limited to metrics such as carbon intensity, board gender diversity and management remuneration. The information is drawn from company management meetings, publicly available corporate information as well as the Investment Manager's internal proprietary tools.

● **How do sustainable investments not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?**

The Investment Manager's approach to investing in issuers that do not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective includes the following:

- Firm-wide investment exclusions apply to Schroders funds. These relate to international conventions on cluster munitions, anti-personnel mines, and chemical and biological weapons and a list of those companies that are excluded is available at <https://www.schroders.com/en/sustainability/active-ownership/group-exclusions/>. Firm-wide exclusions also apply to companies generating more than 20% of their revenue from thermal coal mining.
- The Fund excludes companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to tobacco and thermal coal.
- The Fund excludes companies that are assessed by Schroders to have breached one or more 'global norms' thereby causing significant environmental or social harm; these companies comprise Schroders' 'global norms' breach list. Schroders' determination of whether a company has been involved in such a breach considers relevant principles such as those contained in the UN Global Compact (UNGC) principles, the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights. The 'global norms' breach list may be informed by assessments performed by third party providers and by proprietary research, where relevant to a particular situation.
- The Fund may also apply certain other exclusions in addition to those summarised above.

Further information on all of the Fund's investment exclusions is to be found under "Sustainability -Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre> .

● **How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?**

**Principal adverse impacts** are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anticorruption and antibribery matters.

When seeking to identify significant harm, Schroders' approach to taking into account the Principal Adverse Impacts (PAI) indicators involves a quantitative and a qualitative assessment. Where it is not considered appropriate or feasible to set quantitative thresholds, the Investment Manager engages, where relevant. Investee companies deemed not to satisfy the quantitative thresholds would generally be excluded, unless on a case-by-case basis the data is deemed not representative of a company's performance in the relevant area.

This framework is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability and quality of the data evolves.

Our approach includes:

1. **Quantitative:** this includes indicators where specific thresholds have been established:

- Via the application of exclusions. This approach is relevant to **PAI 4** (Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector), **PAI 5** (Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production) and **PAI 14** (Exposure to controversial weapons). Further, the following PAIs are assessed as part of Schroders' 'global norms' breach list exclusion (which seeks to exclude companies where significant harm is occurring):
  - **PAI 7** (Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas)
  - **PAI 8** (Emissions to water)
  - **PAI 9** (Hazardous waste and radioactive waste ratio)
  - **PAI 10** (Violations of UN Global Compact principles and Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises)
  - **PAI 11** (Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and Voluntary)
  - **PAI 14** in Table 3 (Number of identified cases of severe human rights issues and incidents)
- Via the application of an alert system flag if the relevant indicator(s) exceeds a threshold. These quantitative thresholds to assess significant harm are established centrally by our Sustainable Investment team and monitored systematically. This approach applies to indicators where we have segmented the population into harm groups to establish a threshold, such as carbon related PAI metrics, **PAI 1** (GHG emissions), **PAI 2** (Carbon footprint) and **Voluntary PAI 4 in Table 2** (Investing in companies without carbon emission reduction initiatives). **PAI 3** (GHG intensity of investee companies) operates in a similar way but the threshold is based on a revenue metric. A threshold for **PAI 6** (Energy consumption intensity per high impact climate sector) is established based on the ~~above-mentioned~~ carbon measures. A similar approach has been taken for **PAI 15** (GHG intensity). **PAI 16** (Investee countries subject to social violations) also operates in the same way but based on data availability regarding social violations. Through this process the relevant issuer(s) that is/are deemed not to satisfy the quantitative thresholds is/are flagged to the Investment Manager for consideration, whose response may involve selling the holdings(s) or maintaining the position if on a case-by-case basis the data is deemed not representative of a company's performance in the relevant area. Investee companies deemed to cause significant harm are excluded from the Fund.
- 2. **Qualitative:** This includes PAI indicators where Schroders' believes that the data available does not enable us to make a quantitative determination regarding whether significant harm is done so as to warrant excluding an investment. In such cases, the Investment Manager engages wherever possible with the company or companies held, in accordance with the priorities documented in Schroders' Engagement Blueprint and/or voting policy. This approach applies to indicators such as **PAI 12** (Unadjusted gender pay gap) and **PAI 13** (Board gender diversity), where we engage and may use our voting rights where we consider appropriate. Both board gender diversity and disclosure of gender pay gap information are captured in our Engagement Blueprint.

● ***How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights?***

Companies on Schroders' 'global norms' breach list cannot be categorised as sustainable investments. Schroders' determination of whether a company should be included on such list considers the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, among other relevant principles. The 'global norms' breach list is informed by third party providers and proprietary research, where relevant.



## Does this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

☒ **Yes,** the Investment Manager's approach to considering principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors involves classifying the indicators into three categories:

The Investment Manager's approach to considering principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors differs depending on the relevant indicator. Some indicators are considered via the application of exclusions, some are considered via the investment process (where data is available via Schroders PAI dashboard and via other external data sources) and some are considered via engagement. Further details are provided below.

PAIs are considered as part of pre-investment through the application of exclusions. These include:

- Controversial weapons: PAI 14 (Exposure to controversial weapons (anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, chemical weapons and biological weapons))
- Schroders' 'global norms' breach list, which covers: PAI 7 (Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas), PAI 8 (Emissions to water), PAI 9 (Hazardous waste and radioactive waste ratio), PAI 10 (Violations of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises), PAI 11 (Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises) and PAI 16 (Investee countries subject to social violations)

- Companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to thermal coal: PAI 4 (Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector) and PAI 5 (Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production)

The Fund's exclusions regarding:

Fossil fuels: PAI 4 (Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector) and PAI 5 (Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production). The Fund will not invest in any company directly involved in fossil fuels. Compliance with these thresholds is monitored via the Investment Manager's portfolio compliance framework. PAIs are also considered through integration in the investment process.

Greenhouse gas emissions, carbon footprint, greenhouse gas intensity of investment companies: PAI 1,2 & 3:

The Fund considers climate change criteria in its analysis as part of the 'environmental management' component of the stakeholder analysis. This covers greenhouse gas emissions, avoided emissions, carbon footprint and greenhouse gas intensity of investment companies: PAIs 1,2 & 3.

As part of our analysis, we consider how a firm is managing its environmental footprint (including its impact on the climate), as well as its potential exposure to the effects of long-term climate change. While no single climate change metric determines the overall assessment of a company's environmental management score, the Fund evaluates a variety of different metrics – from both internal and external data sources (including the internal a Schroders' proprietary tool) – to determine whether a company is adequately managing its climate and environmental risks.

PAIs 12 (Unadjusted gender pay gap) and 13 (Board gender diversity) are considered as part of our investment process using data from a Schroders' proprietary tool.

All PAI indicators are monitored via Schroders' PAI dashboard.

PAIs are also considered post-investment through engagement where the Investment Manager engages in line with the approach and expectations set out in Schroders Engagement Blueprint, which outlines our approach to active ownership.

The investment team aims to engage with several issuers on net zero carbon emissions targets (PAI 1,2).

Through our engagement activity we seek to understand different areas, such as the speed and scale of emission reduction targets and steps being taken to meet climate goals. We are encouraging companies to set clear emissions reduction targets for all three scopes of emissions and where targets are already set, to confirm these targets are properly integrated into company remuneration policies.

Where issuers are flagged on lack of data availability for any PAIs, the Investment Manager may engage with issuers where the primary focus is to increase reporting.

Our approach is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability, and quality, of PAI data evolves. The Management Company's statement on principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors is available at <https://api.schroders.com/document-store/id/ffcb39bb-96cb-4e56-9461-deba9a493e85>. The Fund level information is disclosed or will be disclosed (as applicable) in the Fund's annual report.

1. Set thresholds: these involve very explicit thresholds for considering an investment to be a "sustainable investment". For example, PAI 10 on violations of UNGC principles.

2. Active ownership: these involve indicators on which we have a plan to engage with the underlying holding as set out in the Schroders Group document, accessed via <https://mybrand.schroders.com/m/3222ea4ed44a1f2c/original/schroders-engagement-blueprint.pdf>, outlining our approach to active ownership. For example, PAI 1, 2 and 3 covering GHG emissions and PAI 13 on board gender diversity.

3. Improve coverage: these involve indicators where we consider data coverage to be too sparse to properly consider them and our focus is primarily on engaging with the underlying holdings to increase reporting. For example, PAI 7 on biodiversity, PAI 9 on hazardous waste ratio and PAI 12 on the gender pay gap.

Our approach is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability, and quality, of PAI data evolves.

The Management Company's statement on principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors is available at <https://mybrand.schroders.com/m/467910ac8e6da45c/original/Statement-on-principal-adverse-impacts-of-investment-decisions-on-sustainability-factors.pdf>. The Fund level information is disclosed or will be (as applicable) in the Fund's annual report.

☐ No



## What investment strategy does this financial product follow?

**The investment strategy** guides investment decisions based on factors such as investment objectives and risk tolerance.

The sustainable investment strategy used by the Investment Manager is as follows:

The Fund is actively managed and invests its assets in (i) sustainable investments, which are investments in companies that (a) generate at least 50% of their revenue from activities that contribute towards the global transition towards lower-carbon sources of energy, such as lower carbon energy production, distribution, storage, transport and associated supply chain, material provider and technology companies or (b) generate a lower percentage of their revenue from these activities where the Investment Manager considers they are playing critical roles in the transition based on the company's capital expenditure, operating expenditure or market share, and (ii) investments that the Investment Manager deems to be neutral under its sustainability criteria such as cash and Money Market Investments and derivatives used with the aim of reducing risk (hedging) or managing the Fund more efficiently.

The Fund does not directly invest in certain activities, industries or groups of issuers above the limits listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage, accessed via <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre> which includes companies that generate any revenue from fossil fuel and nuclear power.

The Fund invests in companies that do not cause significant environmental or social harm and have good governance practices, as determined by the Investment Manager's rating criteria.



The Investment Manager may also engage with companies held by the Fund to challenge identified areas of weakness on sustainability issues. More details on the Investment Manager's approach to sustainability and its engagement with companies are available on the webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/>

The Fund invests at least two-thirds of its assets in a concentrated range of equity and equity related securities of companies worldwide. The Fund typically holds fewer than 60 companies.

The Fund may also invest up to one-third of its assets directly or indirectly in other securities (including other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies, Investment Funds, warrants and Money Market Investments, and hold cash.

The Fund may use derivatives with the aim of reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently.

The Investment Manager applies sustainability criteria when selecting investments for the Fund.

Companies are assessed against eight ESG criteria: (1) management quality; (2) balance sheet sustainability; (3) corporate governance; (4) regulatory risk management; (5) supply chain management; (6) customer management; (7) employee management; and (8) environmental management. The company will receive an overall score out of ten and is placed within one of the following categories based on this score:

- 'Lagging' (score of 1 – 3): Companies that show poor corporate governance, unconvincing management, weak balance sheets, poor stakeholder relations, and fail to demonstrate an awareness of ESG issues they face;
- 'Neutral' (score of 4 – 6): Companies that show adequate corporate governance, suitable management, reasonably robust balance sheets, have reasonable relationships with stakeholders and some awareness of ESG issues. These companies do not exhibit ESG risks necessarily, but at the same time are not best in class companies with the potential to maintain market leading growth;
- 'Best-in-class' (score of 7 – 10): Companies that have strong corporate governance, quality management, strong balance sheets, good relationships with stakeholders and a good awareness and management of ESG issues. These companies should be able to attract the best employees, to continue to lead the industry in terms of productivity, have strong supply chain links, acting as the 'supplier of choice' for customers, and are mindful of their environmental impact.

The Fund will generally only invest in companies that are rated as 'neutral' or 'best-in-class'.

The Investment Manager performs its own analysis of information provided by the companies, including information provided in company sustainability reports and other relevant company material. Third party research is used by the team as a secondary consideration, and generally provides a source of challenge or endorsement for their own view.

The Investment Manager ensures that at least 90% of the portion of the Fund's Net Asset Value composed of investments in companies is rated against the sustainability criteria.

### ● ***What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain the sustainable investment objective?***

The following binding elements are applied throughout the investment process:

- The Fund invests at least 90% of its assets in sustainable investments, which are investments in companies that (i) generate at least 50% of their revenue from activities that contribute towards the global transition towards lower-carbon and more sustainable sources of energy, such as lower carbon energy production, distribution, storage, transport and associated supply chain, material provider and technology companies or (ii) generate a lower percentage of their revenue from these activities where the Investment Manager considers they are playing critical roles in the energy transition based on the company's capital expenditure, operating expenditure or market share. At least 75% of the Fund's assets will be invested in companies of the type described in (i).
- Exclusions are applied to direct investments in companies. The Fund applies certain exclusions relating to international conventions on cluster munitions, anti-personnel mines, and chemical and biological weapons. The Fund also excludes companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to tobacco and thermal coal, especially companies that generate revenues from tobacco production or any other part of the tobacco value chain (suppliers, distributors, retailers, licensors), and companies that generate revenues from thermal coal mining and coal fired power generation. The Fund excludes companies that are assessed by Schroders to have breached one or more 'global norms' thereby causing significant environmental or social harm; these companies comprise Schroders' 'global norms' breach list. Details of the revenue thresholds together with certain other exclusions the Fund applies are listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>
- The Fund invests in companies that do not cause significant environmental or social harm and have good governance practices, as determined by the Investment Manager's rating criteria.
- The Investment Manager ensures that at least 90% of the portion of the Fund's Net Asset Value composed of investments in companies is rated against the sustainability criteria.



**Good governance** practices include sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff and tax compliance.

- **What is the policy to assess good governance practices of the investee companies?**  
In order to assess good governance practices, a central Good Governance Test is applied. This test is based on a data-driven quantitative framework, which uses a scorecard to assess companies across the categories of sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff, and tax compliance. Schroders has defined a number of criteria across these pillars.  
Compliance with the test is monitored centrally and companies which do not pass this test cannot be held by the Fund, unless the Investment Manager has agreed that the issuer demonstrates good governance based on additional insights beyond that quantitative analysis.

**Asset allocation** describes the share of investments in specific assets.

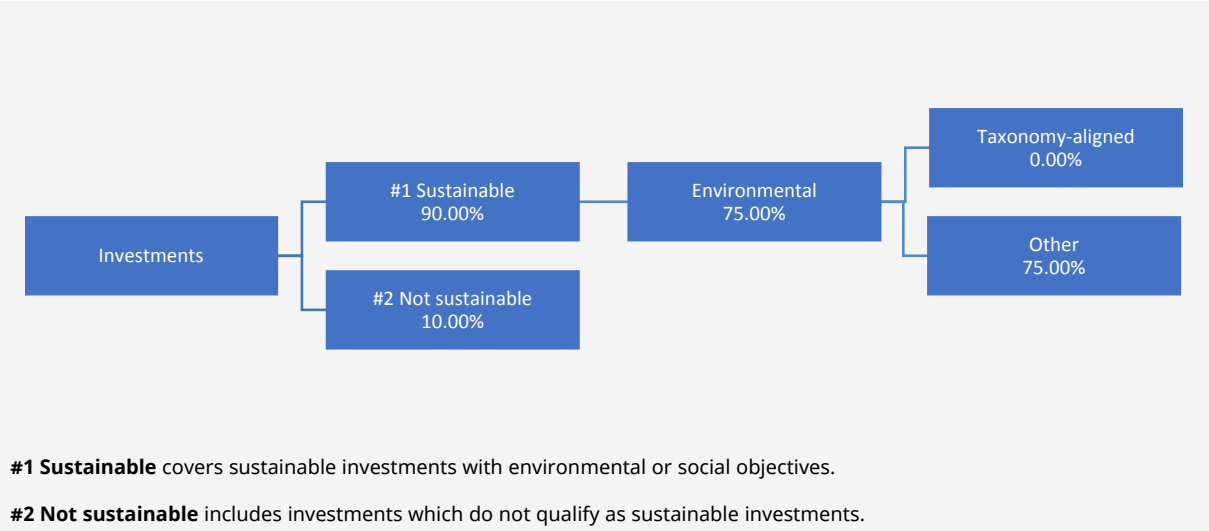
## What is the asset allocation and the minimum share of sustainable investments?

The planned composition of the Fund’s investments that are used to meet its sustainable investment objective are summarised below. The Fund invests at least 90% of its assets in sustainable investments, which means included in **#1 Sustainable** are investments in companies worldwide that (i) generate at least 50% of their revenue from activities that contribute towards the global transition towards lower-carbon sources of energy, such as lower-carbon energy production, distribution, storage, transport and associated supply chain, material provider and technology companies or (ii) generate a lower percentage of their revenue from these activities where the Investment Manager considers they are playing critical roles in the energy transition based on the company’s capital expenditure, operating expenditure or market share. The minimum proportion stated applies in normal market conditions.

**#2 Not sustainable** includes investments that are treated as neutral for sustainability purposes, such as cash and Money Market Investments and derivatives used with the aim of reducing risk (hedging) or managing the Fund more efficiently.

Minimum safeguards are applied where relevant to Money Market Investments and derivatives used with the aim of reducing risk (hedging) by restricting (as appropriate) investments in counterparties where there are ownership links or exposure to higher risk countries (for the purpose of money laundering, terrorist financing, bribery, corruption, tax evasion and sanctions risks). A firm-wide risk assessment considers the risk rating of each jurisdiction; which includes reference to a number of public statements, indices and world governance indicators issued by the UN, the European Union, the UK Government, the Financial Action Task Force and several Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), such as Transparency International and the Basel Committee.

In addition, new counterparties are reviewed by Schroders’ credit risk team and approval of a new counterparty is based on a holistic review of the various sources of information available, including, but not limited to, quality of management, ownership structure, location, regulatory and social environment to which each counterparty is subject, and the degree of development of the local banking system and its regulatory framework. Ongoing monitoring is performed through a Schroders’ proprietary tool, which supports the analysis of a counterparty’s management of environmental, social and governance trends and challenges. Any significant deterioration in the profile of the counterparty in Schroders’ proprietary tool would lead to further analysis and potential exclusion by Schroders’ credit risk team.



- **How does the use of derivatives attain the sustainable investment objective?**  
This question is not applicable for the Fund.



## To what minimum extent are sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

There is no minimum extent to which the Fund's sustainable investments with an environmental objective are aligned with the Taxonomy. Consequently, taxonomy alignment of this Fund's investments has not been calculated and has as a result been deemed to constitute 0% of the Fund's portfolio.

At the date of this prospectus, it is not yet possible to commit to the Fund maintaining a minimum alignment with the Taxonomy, as the Investment Manager is currently not in a position to accurately determine to what extent the Fund's investments are in taxonomy-aligned environmentally sustainable activities. However it is expected that the Fund invests in companies and economic activities that contribute to the environmental objectives of climate change mitigation and climate change adaptation within the meaning of the Taxonomy.

In future it is expected that the Fund will assess and report on the extent to which its underlying investments are in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the Taxonomy, along with information relating to the proportion of enabling and transitional activities. This Prospectus will be updated once it is possible in the Investment Manager's opinion to accurately disclose to what extent the Fund's investments are in Taxonomy-aligned environmentally sustainable activities, including the proportions of investments in enabling and transitional activities selected for the Fund.

### ● Does the financial product invest in fossil gas and/or nuclear energy related activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy<sup>1</sup>?

☐ Yes:

☐ In fossil gas ☐ In nuclear energy

☒ No

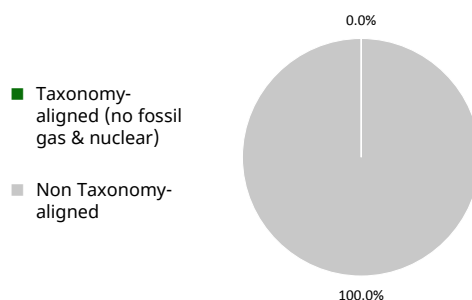
To comply with the EU Taxonomy, the criteria for **fossil gas** include limitations on emissions and switching to renewable power or low-carbon fuels by the end of 2035. For **nuclear energy**, the criteria include comprehensive safety and waste management rules.

Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

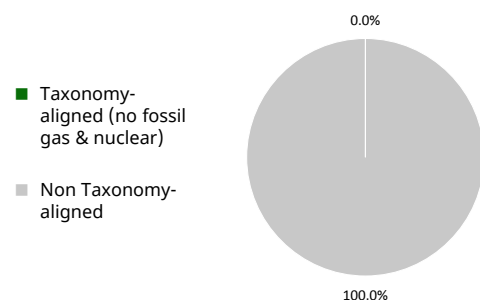
- **turnover** reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee companies
- **capital expenditure** (CapEx) showing the green investments made by investee companies, e.g. for a transition to a green economy.
- **operational expenditure** (OpEx) reflecting green operational activities of investee companies.

The two graphs below show in green the minimum percentage of investments that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the Taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy-alignment in relation to all the investments of the financial product including sovereign bonds, while the second graph shows the Taxonomy-alignment only in relation to the investments of the financial product other than sovereign bonds.

1. Taxonomy-alignment of investments including sovereign bonds\*



2. Taxonomy-alignment of investments excluding sovereign bonds\*



This graph represents x% of the total investments<sup>2</sup>.

\* For the purpose of these graphs, 'sovereign bonds' consist of all sovereign exposures

### ● What is the minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities?

As per the above, at the date of this Prospectus the share of investments by the Fund in transitional and enabling activities is currently deemed to constitute 0% of the Fund's portfolio.

<sup>1</sup> Fossil gas and/or nuclear related activities will only comply with the EU Taxonomy where they contribute to limiting climate change ("climate change mitigation") and do not significantly harm any EU Taxonomy objective – see explanatory note in the left-hand margin. The full criteria for fossil gas and nuclear energy economic activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy are laid down in Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1214.

<sup>2</sup> As there is no Taxonomy-alignment, there is no impact on the graph if sovereign bonds are excluded (i.e. the percentage of Taxonomy-aligned investments remains 0%) and the Management Company therefore believes that there is no need to mention this information.

contribution to an environmental objective.

**Transitional activities** are activities for which low-carbon alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.

 are environmentally sustainable investments that **do not take into account the criteria** for environmentally sustainable economic activities under the EU Taxonomy.



### What is the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

The minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy is 75%. As stated above this Prospectus will be updated once it is possible in the Investment Manager’s opinion to accurately disclose to what extent the Fund’s sustainable investments with an environmental objective are aligned with the EU Taxonomy.



### What is the minimum share of sustainable investments with a social objective?

This question is not applicable for the Fund.



### What investments are included under “#2 Not sustainable”, what is their purpose and are there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

#2 Not Sustainable includes investments that are treated as neutral for sustainability purposes, such as cash and Money Market Investments and derivatives used with the aim of reducing risk (hedging) or managing the Fund more efficiently.

Minimum safeguards are applied where relevant to Money Market Investments and derivatives used with the aim of reducing risk (hedging) by restricting (as appropriate) investments in counterparties where there are ownership links or exposure to higher risk countries (for the purpose of money laundering, terrorist financing, bribery, corruption, tax evasion and sanctions risks). A firm-wide risk assessment considers the risk rating of each jurisdiction; which includes reference to a number of public statements, indices and world governance indicators issued by the UN, the European Union, the UK Government, the Financial Action Task Force and several Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), such as Transparency International and the Basel Committee.

In addition, new counterparties are reviewed by Schroders’ credit risk team and approval of a new counterparty is based on a holistic review of the various sources of information available, including, but not limited to, quality of management, ownership structure, location, regulatory and social environment to which each counterparty is subject, and the degree of development of the local banking system and its regulatory framework. Ongoing monitoring is performed through a Schroders’ proprietary tool, which supports the analysis of a counterparty’s management of environmental, social and governance trends and challenges. Any significant deterioration in the profile of the counterparty in Schroders’ proprietary tool would lead to further analysis and potential exclusion by Schroders’ credit risk team.



## Is a specific index designated as a reference benchmark to meet the sustainable investment objective?

**Reference benchmarks** are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the sustainable investment objective.

- *How does the reference benchmark take into account sustainability factors in a way that is continuously aligned with the sustainable investment objective?*

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- *How is the alignment of the investment strategy with the methodology of the index ensured on a continuous basis?*

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- *How does the designated index differ from a relevant broad market index?*

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- *Where can the methodology used for the calculation of the designated index be found?*

This question is not applicable for the Fund.



## Where can I find more product specific information online?

More product-specific information can be found on the webpage: <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

Pre-contractual disclosure for the financial products referred to in Article 8, paragraphs 1, 2 and 2a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 6, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852

**Product name:** [Schroder International Selection Fund Global Equity](#)

**Legal entity identifier:** [W98SM5I2EG2S17ELT606](#)

## Environmental and/or social characteristics

<p><b>Sustainable investment</b> means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good governance practices.</p>	<p><b>Does this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?</b></p>	
<p>The <b>EU Taxonomy</b> is a classification system laid down in Regulation (EU) 2020/852, establishing a list of <b>environmentally sustainable economic activities</b>. That Regulation does not lay down a list of socially sustainable economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.</p>	<p><input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Yes</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with an environmental objective: ___%</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with a social objective ___%</b></p>	<p><input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>No</b></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> It <b>promotes Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics</b> and while it does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will have a minimum proportion of <b>25.00%</b> of sustainable investments</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> with a social objective</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> It promotes E/S characteristics, but <b>will not make any sustainable investments</b></p>



## What environmental and/or social characteristics are promoted by this financial product?

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the MSCI All Country (AC) World (Net TR) index, based on the Investment Manager's rating system. This benchmark (which is a broad market index) does not take into account the environmental and social characteristics promoted by the Fund.

The sustainability score is measured by Schroders' proprietary tool that provides an estimate of the net "impact" that an issuer may create in terms of social and environmental "costs" or "benefits". It does this by using certain indicators with respect to that issuer, and quantifying them positively and negatively to produce an aggregate notional measure of the effect that the relevant underlying issuer may have on society and the environment. It does this using third party data as well as Schroders own estimates and assumptions and the outcome may differ from other sustainability tools and measures. Examples of such indicators are greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

The result is expressed as an aggregate score of the sustainability indicators for each issuer, specifically a notional percentage (positive or negative) of sales of the relevant underlying issuer. For example, a score of +2% would mean an issuer contributes \$2 of relative notional positive impact (i.e. benefits to society) per \$100 of sales. The sustainability score of the Fund is derived from the scores of all issuers in the Fund's portfolio measured by Schroders' proprietary tool.

The Fund invests at least 25% of its assets in sustainable investments, which are investments that the Investment Manager expects to contribute towards the advancement of one or more environmental and/or social objective (s).

### ● **What sustainability indicators are used to measure the attainment of each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?**

The Investment Manager monitors compliance with the characteristic to maintain a higher overall sustainability score than the MSCI All Country (AC) World (Net TR) index by reference to the weighted average sustainability score of the Fund in Schroders' proprietary tool compared against the weighted average sustainability score of the MSCI All Country (AC) World (Net TR) index in Schroders' proprietary tool over the previous six month period, based on month-end data. The overall sustainability score aggregates the effect of sustainability indicators including but not limited to greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

**Sustainability indicators** measure how the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product are attained.

The Investment Manager monitors compliance with the characteristic to invest at least 25% of its assets in sustainable investments by reference to the sustainability score of each asset in Schroders' proprietary tool. Compliance with this is monitored daily via our automated compliance controls. The Fund also applies certain exclusions, with which the Investment Manager monitors compliance on an ongoing basis via its portfolio compliance framework.

● ***What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?***

In respect of the proportion of the Fund's portfolio that is invested in sustainable investments, each sustainable investment demonstrates a net positive effect across a range of environmental or social objectives, as scored by Schroders' proprietary tool. The environmental or social objectives of the sustainable investments that the Fund partially intends to make may include, but are not limited to, increasing environmental and/or social benefits such as greater water access or fair pay and reducing environmental, and/or social costs such as carbon emissions or food waste. For example, greater water access as measured by Schroders' proprietary tool are the estimated societal benefits of the provision of clean drinking water to human health.

● ***How do the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make, not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?***

The Investment Manager's approach to investing in issuers that do not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective includes the following:

- Firm-wide investment exclusions apply to Schroders funds. These relate to international conventions on cluster munitions, anti-personnel mines, and chemical and biological weapons and a list of those companies that are excluded is available at <https://www.schroders.com/en/sustainability/active-ownership/group-exclusions/>. Firm-wide exclusions also apply to companies generating more than 20% of their revenue from thermal coal mining.
- The Fund excludes companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to tobacco and thermal coal.
- The Fund excludes companies that are assessed by Schroders to have breached one or more 'global norms' thereby causing significant environmental or social harm; these companies comprise Schroders' 'global norms' breach list. Schroders' determination of whether a company has been involved in such a breach considers relevant principles such as those contained in the UN Global Compact (UNG) principles, the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights. The 'global norms' breach list may be informed by assessments performed by third party providers and by proprietary research, where relevant to a particular situation. In exceptional circumstances a derogation may be applied in order to allow the Fund to continue to hold a company on Schroders' 'global norms' breach list, for example where the stated investment strategy of the Fund may otherwise be compromised. Any such company cannot be categorised as a sustainable investment.
- The Fund may also apply certain other exclusions in addition to those summarised above.

Further information on all of the Fund's investment exclusions is to be found under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>.

● ***How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?***

When seeking to identify significant harm, Schroders' approach to taking into account the Principal Adverse Impacts (PAI) indicators involves a quantitative and a qualitative assessment. Where it is not considered appropriate or feasible to set quantitative thresholds, the Investment Manager engages, where relevant. Investee companies deemed not to satisfy the quantitative thresholds would generally be excluded, unless on a case-by-case basis the data is deemed not representative of a company's performance in the relevant area.

This framework is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability and quality of the data evolves.

Our approach includes:

1. **Quantitative:** this includes indicators where specific thresholds have been established:

- Via the application of exclusions. This approach is relevant to **PAI 4** (Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector), **PAI 5** (Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production) and **PAI 14** (Exposure to controversial weapons). Further, the following PAIs are assessed as part of Schroders 'global norms' breach list exclusion (which seeks to exclude companies where significant harm is occurring):

**Principal adverse impacts** are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anticorruption and antibribery matters.



- **PAI 7** (Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas)
- **PAI 8** (Emissions to water)
- **PAI 9** (Hazardous waste and radioactive waste ratio)
- **PAI 10** (Violations of UN Global Compact principles and Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises)
- **PAI 11** (Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and Voluntary)
- **PAI 14** in Table 3 (Number of identified cases of severe human rights issues and incidents)
- Via the application of an alert system flag if the relevant indicator(s) exceeds a threshold. These quantitative thresholds to assess significant harm are established centrally by our Sustainable Investment team and monitored systematically. This approach applies to indicators where we have segmented the population into harm groups to establish a threshold, such as carbon related PAI metrics, **PAI 1** (GHG emissions), **PAI 2** (Carbon footprint) and **Voluntary PAI 4 in Table 2** (Investing in companies without carbon emission reduction initiatives). **PAI 3** (GHG intensity of investee companies) operates in a similar way but the threshold is based on a revenue metric. A threshold for **PAI 6** (Energy consumption intensity per high impact climate sector) is established based on the ~~above mentioned~~ carbon measures. A similar approach has been taken for **PAI 15** (GHG intensity). **PAI 16** (Investee countries subject to social violations) also operates in the same way but based on data availability regarding social violations. Through this process the relevant issuer(s) that is/are deemed not to satisfy the quantitative thresholds is/are flagged to the Investment Manager for consideration, whose response may involve selling the holdings(s) or maintaining the position if on a case-by-case basis the data is deemed not representative of a company's performance in the relevant area. Investee companies deemed to cause significant harm are excluded from the Fund.
- 2. **Qualitative:** This includes PAI indicators where Schroders' believes that the data available does not enable us to make a quantitative determination regarding whether significant harm is done so as to warrant excluding an investment. In such cases, the Investment Manager engages wherever possible with the company or companies held, in accordance with the priorities documented in Schroders' Engagement Blueprint and/or voting policy. This approach applies to indicators such as **PAI 12** (Unadjusted gender pay gap) and **PAI 13** (Board gender diversity), where we engage and may use our voting rights where we consider appropriate. Both board gender diversity and disclosure of gender pay gap information are captured in our Engagement Blueprint.

● ***How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:***

Companies on Schroders' 'global norms' breach list cannot be categorised as sustainable investments. Schroders' determination of whether a company should be included on such list considers the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, among other relevant principles. The 'global norms' breach list is informed by third party providers and proprietary research, where relevant.

*The EU Taxonomy sets out a "do not significant harm" principle by which Taxonomy-aligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives and is accompanied by specific EU criteria.*

*The "do not significant harm" principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.*

*Any other sustainable investments must also not significantly harm any environmental or social objectives.*



## Does this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

☒ Yes, ~~the Investment Manager's approach to considering principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors involves classifying the indicators into three categories:~~

~~The Investment Manager's approach to considering principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors differs depending on the relevant indicator. Some indicators are considered via the application of exclusions, some are considered via the investment process (where data is available via Schroders PAI dashboard and via other external data sources) and some are considered via engagement. Further details are provided below.~~

~~PAIs are considered as part of pre-investment through the application of exclusions. These include:~~

- Controversial weapons: PAI 14 (Exposure to controversial weapons, such as anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, chemical weapons and biological weapons)
- Schroders' 'global norms' breach list, which covers: PAI 7 (Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas), PAI 8 (Emissions to water), PAI 9 (Hazardous waste and radioactive waste ratio), PAI 10 (Violations of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises), PAI 11 (Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises) and PAI 16 (Investee countries subject to social violations)
- Companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to thermal coal: PAI 4 (Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector) and PAI 5 (Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production)

Compliance with these thresholds is monitored via the Investment Manager's portfolio compliance framework. PAIs are also considered through integration in the investment process. As part of the investment process, Schroders' proprietary tool is used which incorporates several PAIs as a component of its scoring methodology. For example, PAI 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 (Greenhouse gas emissions) and PAI 4 from Annex 1 Table 2 (Investments in companies without carbon emission reduction initiatives) are included as part of a company's overall environmental score. These PAIs, amongst others, are embedded within our investment process, informing our view on business risk and long-term growth drivers. PAI 13 (Board gender diversity) are also considered as part of our assessment of good governance, management quality and company strategy. PAI 6, PAI 4 from Annex 1 Table 2 and PAI 14 from Annex 1 Table 3 (Number of identified cases of severe human rights issues and incidents) are considered relative to industry peers and poor performance issuers on these metrics/ indicators received higher risk scores in our assessment and formed the basis of our engagement activities.

All PAI indicators are monitored via Schroders' PAI dashboard.

PAIs are also considered post-investment through engagement where the Investment Manager engages in line with the approach and expectations set out in the Schroders Engagement Blueprint, which outlines our approach to active ownership.

Where issuers are flagged on lack of data availability for any PAIs, the Investment Manager may engage with issuers where the primary focus is to increase reporting.

Our approach is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability, and quality, of PAI data evolves. The Management Company's statement on principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors is available at <https://api.schroders.com/document-store/id/ffcb39bb-96cb-4e56-9461-deba9a493e85>. The Fund level information is disclosed or will be disclosed (as applicable) in the Fund's annual report.

1. **Set thresholds:** these involve very explicit thresholds for considering an investment to be a "sustainable investment". For example, PAI 10 on violations of UNGC principles.
2. **Active ownership:** these involve indicators on which we have a plan to engage with the underlying holding as set out in the Schroders Group document, accessed via <https://mybrand.schroders.com/m/3222ea4ed44a1f2c/original/schroders-engagement-blueprint.pdf>, outlining our approach to active ownership. For example, PAI 1, 2 and 3 covering GHG emissions and PAI 13 on board gender diversity.
3. **Improve coverage:** these involve indicators where we consider data coverage to be too sparse to properly consider them and our focus is primarily on engaging with the underlying holdings to increase reporting. For example, PAI 7 on biodiversity, PAI 9 on hazardous waste ratio and PAI 12 on the gender pay gap.

Our approach is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability, and quality, of PAI data evolves.

The Management Company's statement on principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors is available at <https://mybrand.schroders.com/m/467910ac8e6da45c/original/Statement-on-principal-adverse-impacts-of-investment-decisions-on-sustainability-factors.pdf>. The Fund level information is disclosed or will be (as applicable) in the Fund's annual report.

☐ No



## What investment strategy does this financial product follow?

**The investment strategy** guides investment decisions based on factors such as investment objectives and risk tolerance.

The sustainable investment strategy used by the Investment Manager is as follows:

The Fund is actively managed and invests at least two-thirds of its assets in equity and equity related securities of companies worldwide.

The Investment Manager seeks to identify companies that it believes will deliver future earnings growth above the level expected by the market typically on a three to five year horizon (we refer to this as 'a positive growth gap').

The Fund may also invest up to one-third of its assets directly or indirectly in other securities (including other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies, Investment Funds, warrants and Money Market Investments, and hold cash.

The Fund may use derivatives with the aim of reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently.

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the MSCI All Country (AC) World (Net TR) index based on the Investment Manager's rating criteria.

The Fund does not directly invest in certain activities, industries or groups of issuers above the limits listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage, accessed via <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

The Investment Manager applies governance and sustainability criteria when selecting investments for the Fund. The Investment Manager evaluates issuers against a range of environmental, social and governance factors in order to decide whether an issuer is eligible for the Fund's portfolio. This analysis is performed by global sector specialists and local analyst teams and is supported by Schroders' dedicated Sustainable Investment team. The Investment Manager uses Schroders' proprietary sustainability tools to provide a baseline assessment that contributes to the overall ESG appraisal of a company. Additionally, meetings with company management inform the Investment Manager's view, providing further insights on corporate culture and senior management commitment to corporate social responsibility. While it is not necessary for every investment selected to exhibit positive ESG characteristics, the Investment Manager will ensure that in aggregate, the portfolio demonstrates a positive score relative to the benchmark specified in the investment policy.

More details on the Investment Manager's approach to sustainability and its engagement with companies are available on the webpage

<https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/>

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than its investment universe, based on the Investment Manager's rating system.

The Investment Manager ensures that at least:

- 90% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in developed countries; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with an investment grade credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by developed countries; and

- 75% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in emerging countries; equities issued by small and medium companies; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with a high yield credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by emerging countries,

is rated against the sustainability criteria. For the purposes of this test, small companies are those with market capitalisation below €5 billion, medium companies are those between €5 billion and €10 billion and large companies are those above €10 billion.

### ● **What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?**

The following binding elements are applied throughout the investment process:

- The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the MSCI All Country (AC) World (Net TR) index based on the Investment Manager's rating criteria.
- The Fund invests at least 25% of its assets in sustainable investments and such investments do not cause significant environmental or social harm.
- Exclusions are applied to direct investments in companies. The Fund applies certain exclusions relating to international conventions on cluster munitions, antipersonnel mines, and chemical and biological weapons. The Fund also excludes companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to tobacco and thermal coal, especially companies that generate at least 10% of their revenues from tobacco production, companies that generate at least 25% of their revenues from the tobacco value chain (such as suppliers, distributors, retailers and licensors), companies that generate at least 10% of their revenues from thermal coal mining and companies that generate at least 30% of their revenues from coal fired power generation. The Fund excludes companies that are assessed by Schroders to have breached one or more 'global norms' thereby causing significant environmental or social harm; these companies comprise Schroders' 'global norms' breach list. In exceptional circumstances a derogation may be applied in order to allow the Fund to continue to hold a company on Schroders' 'global norms' breach list, for example where the stated investment strategy of the Fund may otherwise be compromised. Any such company cannot be categorised as a sustainable investment. Further, the Fund may apply other exclusions as listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>. The Fund invests in companies that have good governance practices, as determined by the Investment Manager's rating criteria.

The Investment Manager ensures that at least:

- 90% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in developed countries; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with an investment grade credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by developed countries; and
- 75% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in emerging countries; equities issued by small and medium companies; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with a high yield credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by emerging countries,

is rated against the sustainability criteria.

### ● **What is the committed minimum rate to reduce the scope of the investments considered prior to the application of that investment strategy?**

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

**Good governance** practices include sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff and tax compliance.

● **What is the policy to assess good governance practices of the investee companies?**

In order to assess good governance practices, a central Good Governance Test is applied. This test is based on a data-driven quantitative framework, which uses a scorecard to assess companies across the categories of sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff, and tax compliance. Schroders has defined a number of criteria across these pillars.

Compliance with the test is monitored centrally and companies which do not pass this test cannot be held by the Fund, unless the Investment Manager has agreed that the issuer demonstrates good governance based on additional insights beyond that quantitative analysis.



**Asset allocation** describes the share of investments in specific assets.

**What is the asset allocation planned for this financial product?**

The planned composition of the Fund’s investments that are used to meet its environmental or social characteristics are summarised below.

**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the minimum proportion of the Fund’s assets used to attain the environmental or social characteristics, which is equal to 70%. The Fund commits to maintain a higher overall sustainability score than the MSCI All Country (AC) World (Net TR) index, and so the Fund’s investments that are scored by Schroders’ proprietary sustainability tool are included within the minimum proportion stated in #1 on the basis that they will contribute to the Fund’s sustainability score (whether such individual investment has a positive or a negative score). Also included within #1 is the minimum proportion of assets that are invested in sustainable investments, as indicated in #1A. The minimum proportions stated apply in normal market conditions. The actual proportion stated in #1 is expected to be higher.

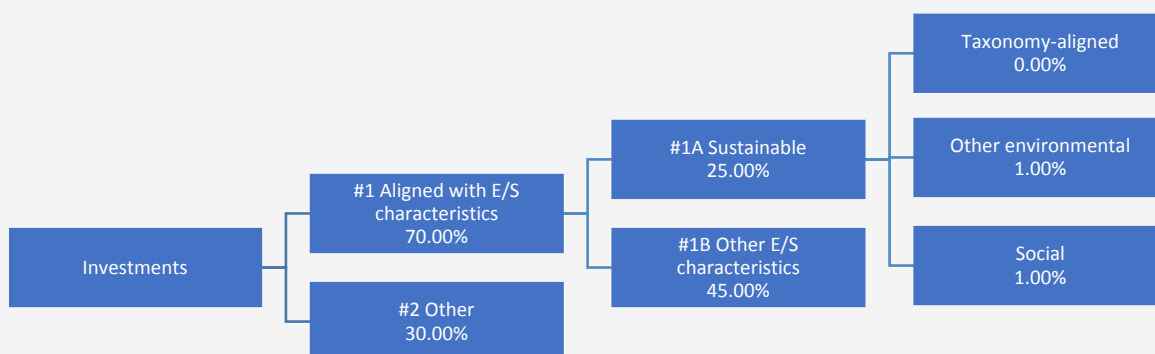
The sustainability score is measured by Schroders’ proprietary tool that provides an estimate of the net “impact” that an issuer may create in terms of social and environmental “costs” or “benefits”. It does this by using certain indicators with respect to that issuer, and quantifying them positively and negatively to produce an aggregate notional measure of the effect that the relevant underlying issuer may have on society and the environment. Examples of such indicators are greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

The Fund will invest at least 25% of its assets in sustainable investments. A sustainable investment is classified as having an environmental or social objective depending on whether the relevant issuer has a higher score in Schroders’ proprietary tool relative to its applicable peer group for its environmental indicators or its social indicators. In each case, indicators are comprised of both “costs” and “benefits”.

**#2 Other** includes cash which is treated as neutral for sustainability purposes. #2 also includes investments that are not scored by Schroders’ proprietary sustainability tool and so do not contribute towards the Fund’s sustainability score. As #1 states a minimum proportion that is in practice expected to be higher, the proportion stated in #2 is expected to be lower.

Minimum safeguards are applied where relevant to Money Market Investments and other investments by restricting (as appropriate) investments in counterparties where there are ownership links or exposure to higher risk countries (for the purpose of money laundering, terrorist financing, bribery, corruption, tax evasion and sanctions risks). A firm-wide risk assessment considers the risk rating of each jurisdiction; which includes reference to a number of public statements, indices and world governance indicators issued by the UN, the European Union, the UK Government, the Financial Action Task Force and several Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), such as Transparency International and the Basel Committee.

In addition, new counterparties are reviewed by Schroders’ credit risk team and approval of a new counterparty is based on a holistic review of the various sources of information available, including, but not limited to, quality of management, ownership structure, location, regulatory and social environment to which each counterparty is subject, and the degree of development of the local banking system and its regulatory framework. Ongoing monitoring is performed through a Schroders’ proprietary tool, which supports the analysis of a counterparty’s management of environmental, social and governance trends and challenges. Any significant deterioration in the profile of the counterparty in Schroders’ proprietary tool would lead to further analysis and potential exclusion by Schroders’ credit risk team.



**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the investments of the financial product used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product.

**#2 Other** includes the remaining investments of the financial product which are neither aligned with the environmental or social characteristics, nor are qualified as sustainable investments.

The category **#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** covers:

- The sub-category **#1A Sustainable** covers sustainable investments with environmental or social objectives.
- The sub-category **#1B Other E/S characteristics** covers investments aligned with the environmental or social characteristics that do not qualify as sustainable investments.

#1 The minimum proportion stated applies in normal market conditions.

● **How does the use of derivatives attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?**

The Fund may use derivatives that are scored in Schroders' proprietary tool to meet the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted by the Fund, as such derivatives would contribute to the Fund's sustainability score (whether such individual investment has a positive or a negative score).



**To what minimum extent are sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?**

There is no minimum extent to which the Fund's investments (including transitional and enabling activities) with an environmental objective are aligned with the Taxonomy. Taxonomy alignment of this Fund's investments has therefore not been calculated and has as a result been deemed to constitute 0% of the Fund's portfolio.

In future it is expected that the Fund will assess and report on the extent to which its underlying investments are in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the Taxonomy, along with information relating to the proportion of enabling and transitional activities. This Prospectus will be updated once it is possible in the Investment Manager's opinion to accurately disclose to what extent the Fund's investments are in Taxonomy-aligned environmentally sustainable activities, including the proportions of investments in enabling and transitional activities selected for the Fund.

● **Does the financial product invest in fossil gas and/or nuclear energy related activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy<sup>1</sup>?**

☐ Yes:

☐ In fossil gas ☐ In nuclear energy

☒ No

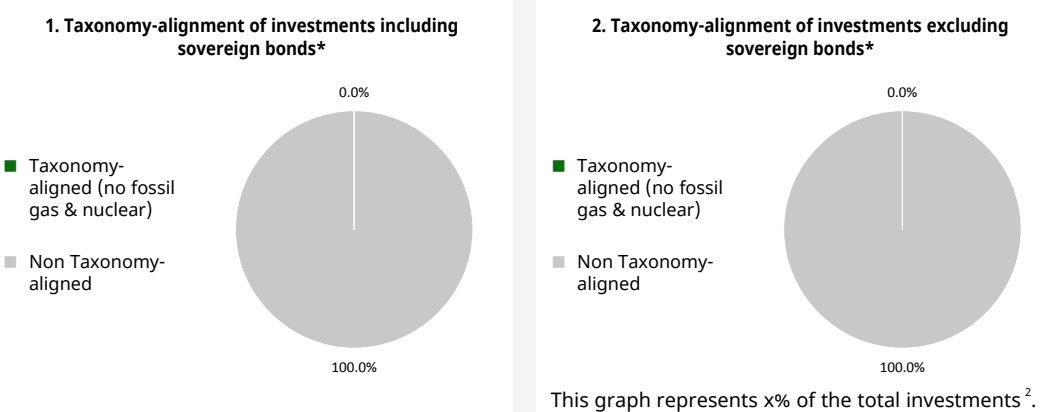
To comply with the EU Taxonomy, the criteria for **fossil gas** include limitations on emissions and switching to renewable power or low-carbon fuels by the end of 2035. For **nuclear energy**, the criteria include comprehensive safety and waste management rules.

<sup>1</sup> Fossil gas and/or nuclear related activities will only comply with the EU Taxonomy where they contribute to limiting climate change ("climate change mitigation") and do not significantly harm any EU Taxonomy objective – see explanatory note in the left-hand margin. The full criteria for fossil gas and nuclear energy economic activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy are laid down in Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1214.

Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

- **turnover** reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee companies
- **capital expenditure** (CapEx) showing the green investments made by investee companies, e.g. for a transition to a green economy.
- **operational expenditure** (OpEx) reflecting green operational activities of investee companies.

The two graphs below show in green the minimum percentage of investments that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the Taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy-alignment in relation to all the investments of the financial product including sovereign bonds, while the second graph shows the Taxonomy-alignment only in relation to the investments of the financial product other than sovereign bonds.



\* For the purpose of these graphs, 'sovereign bonds' consist of all sovereign exposures

**Enabling activities** directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective.

**Transitional activities** are activities for which low-carbon alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.

- **What is the minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities?**  
As per the above, at the date of this Prospectus the share of investments by the Fund in transitional and enabling activities is currently deemed to constitute 0% of the Fund's portfolio.



### What is the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

The Fund commits to invest at least 1% of its assets in sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy.



are sustainable investments with an environmental objective that **do not take into account the criteria** for environmentally sustainable economic activities under the EU Taxonomy.

<sup>2</sup> As there is no Taxonomy-alignment, there is no impact on the graph if sovereign bonds are excluded (i.e. the percentage of Taxonomy-aligned investments remains 0%) and the Management Company therefore believes that there is no need to mention this information.





## What is the minimum share of socially sustainable investments?

The Fund commits to invest at least 1% of its assets in sustainable investments with a social objective.



## What investments are included under “#2 Other”, what is their purpose and are there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

**#2 Other** includes cash which is treated as neutral for sustainability purposes. #2 also includes investments that are not scored by Schroders’ proprietary sustainability tools and so do not contribute towards the Fund’s sustainability score.

Minimum safeguards are applied where relevant to Money Market Investments and other investments by restricting (as appropriate) investments in counterparties where there are ownership links or exposure to higher risk countries (for the purpose of money laundering, terrorist financing, bribery, corruption, tax evasion and sanctions risks). A firm-wide risk assessment considers the risk rating of each jurisdiction; which includes reference to a number of public statements, indices and world governance indicators issued by the UN, the European Union, the UK Government, the Financial Action Task Force and several Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), such as Transparency International and the Basel Committee.

In addition, new counterparties are reviewed by Schroders’ credit risk team and approval of a new counterparty is based on a holistic review of the various sources of information available, including, but not limited to, quality of management, ownership structure, location, regulatory and social environment to which each counterparty is subject, and the degree of development of the local banking system and its regulatory framework. Ongoing monitoring is performed through a Schroders’ proprietary tool, which supports the analysis of a counterparty’s management of environmental, social and governance trends and challenges. Any significant deterioration in the profile of the counterparty in Schroders’ proprietary tool would lead to further analysis and potential exclusion by Schroders’ credit risk team.



## Is a specific index designated as a reference benchmark to determine whether this financial product is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes?

**Reference benchmarks** are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the environmental or social characteristics that they promote.

- ***How is the reference benchmark continuously aligned with each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- ***How is the alignment of the investment strategy with the methodology of the index ensured on a continuous basis?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- ***How does the designated index differ from a relevant broad market index?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- ***Where can the methodology used for the calculation of the designated index be found?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.



## Where can I find more product specific information online?

More product-specific information can be found on the webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

Pre-contractual disclosure for the financial products referred to in Article 9, paragraphs 1 to 4a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 5, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852

**Product name:** [Schroder International Selection Fund Global Equity Impact](#)

**Legal entity identifier:** [6367002HMP4ST6LJGW14](#)

## Sustainable investment objective

<p><b>Sustainable investment</b> means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good Governance practices.</p>	<p><b>Does this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?</b></p> <p> <input checked="" type="radio"/> <input checked="" type="radio"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Yes</b> <span style="margin-left: 100px;"> <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>No</b> </span> </p>	
<p>The <b>EU Taxonomy</b> is a classification system laid down in Regulation (EU) 2020/852, establishing a list of <b>environmentally sustainable economic activities</b>. That Regulation does not include a list of socially sustainable economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with an environmental objective: 10.00%</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with a social objective 10.00%</b></p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> It <b>promotes Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics</b> and while it does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will have a minimum proportion of __% of sustainable investments</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> with a social objective</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> It promotes E/S characteristics, but <b>will not make any sustainable investments</b></p>

The Fund commits to invest at least 90% of its assets in sustainable investments. Within this overall commitment, there is a minimum commitment to invest at least 10% of its assets in sustainable investments with an environmental objective and at least 10% of its assets in sustainable investments with a social objective.



## What is the sustainable investment objective of this financial product?

The Fund's sustainable investment objective is to invest its assets in companies worldwide that the Investment Manager expects to contribute positive impact by advancing an environmental or social objective linked to one or more of the UN SDGs, and to deliver returns to shareholders over the long term. The Fund may also invest in investments that the Investment Manager deems to be neutral under its sustainability criteria, such as cash and Money Market Investments and derivatives used with the aim of reducing risk (hedging) or managing the Fund more efficiently.

The Investment Manager will select companies from a universe of eligible companies that have been determined as meeting the Investment Manager's impact criteria. The impact criteria include an assessment of the company's contribution to the UN SDGs alongside the Investment Manager's assessment of the company via its proprietary scorecard. The investment process is aligned with the Operating Principles for Impact Management. No reference benchmark has been designated for the purpose of attaining the sustainable investment objective.

### ● **What sustainability indicators are used to measure the attainment of the sustainable investment objective of this financial product?**

The Investment Manager is responsible for determining whether an investment meets the criteria of a sustainable investment.

The Investment Manager uses a combination of a revenue based approach in this assessment, by considering whether a certain percentage of the relevant issuer's revenues, capital expenditure or operating expenditure contributes to an environmental or social objective (as applicable), and specific sustainability key performance indicators to assess the investment's contribution to an environmental or social objective (as applicable). The output of the Investment Strategy outlined below is the production of the list of investments that meet the selection criteria, this represents the investment universe. Compliance with the minimum percentage in sustainable investments is monitored daily via our automated compliance controls. The Fund also applies certain exclusions, with which the Investment Manager monitors compliance on an ongoing basis via its portfolio compliance framework.

The Investment Manager uses different sustainability indicators to measure the impact contribution at an

**Sustainability indicators** measure how the sustainable objectives of this financial product are attained.

investee company level. In particular, the Investment Manager uses a quantitative screening tool to identify

companies that derive a certain minimum percentage of their revenues from whose main activity is contributing to an environmental or social objective. In addition, there is a detailed impact assessment of every company via the completion of a proprietary scorecard. The impact scorecard focuses on the impact that a company's products and services are expected to have. The Investment Manager considers different aspects of impact such as: what outcome and UN SDGs the company is contributing to; who is served by the outcome (such as the relevant stakeholder or industry); an assessment of our expected contribution (including Schroders influence and engagement); and consideration of impact risks. The assessment includes tracking Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) that are used to measure and monitor the company's impact over time via an annual review.

Once these steps have been completed, the company and scorecard are then validated and approved by Schroders' Impact Assessment Group (IAG), in order for the company to be eligible for inclusion in the Fund's investible universe. The IAG consists of members from Schroders' impact and sustainable investment teams and portfolio managers from the Investment team.

### ● **How do sustainable investments not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?**

The Investment Manager's approach to investing in issuers that do not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective includes the following:

- Firm-wide investment exclusions apply to Schroders funds. These relate to international conventions on cluster munitions, anti-personnel mines, and chemical and biological weapons and a list of those companies that are excluded is available at <https://www.schroders.com/en/sustainability/active-ownership/group-exclusions/>.
- Firm-wide exclusions also apply to companies generating more than 20% of their revenue from thermal coal mining.
- The Fund excludes companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to tobacco and thermal coal.
- The Fund excludes companies that are assessed by Schroders to have breached one or more 'global norms' thereby causing significant environmental or social harm; these companies comprise Schroders' 'global norms' breach list. Schroders' determination of whether a company has been involved in such a breach considers relevant principles such as those contained in the UN Global Compact (UNGC) principles, the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights. The 'global norms' breach list may be informed by assessments performed by third party providers and by proprietary research, where relevant to a particular situation.
- The Fund may also apply certain other exclusions in addition to those summarised above.
- Further information on all of the Fund's investment exclusions is to be found under "Sustainability -Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>.

### ● **How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?**

When seeking to identify significant harm, Schroders' approach to taking into account the Principal Adverse Impacts (PAI) indicators involves a quantitative and a qualitative assessment. Where it is not considered appropriate or feasible to set quantitative thresholds, the Investment Manager engages, where relevant. Investee companies deemed not to satisfy the quantitative thresholds would generally be excluded, unless on a case-by-case basis the data is deemed not representative of a company's performance in the relevant area.

This framework is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability and quality of the data evolves.

Our approach includes:

1. **Quantitative:** this includes indicators where specific thresholds have been established:

- Via the application of exclusions. This approach is relevant to **PAI 4** (Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector), **PAI 5** (Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production) and **PAI 14** (Exposure to controversial weapons). Further, the following PAIs are assessed as part of Schroders 'global norms' breach list exclusion (which seeks to exclude companies where significant harm is occurring):
  - **PAI 7** (Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas)
  - **PAI 8** (Emissions to water)

**Principal adverse impacts** are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anticorruption and antibribery matters.

- **PAI 9** (Hazardous waste and radioactive waste ratio)
- **PAI 10** (Violations of UN Global Compact principles and Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises)
- **PAI 11** (Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and Voluntary)
- **PAI 14** in Table 3 (Number of identified cases of severe human rights issues and incidents)
- Via the application of an alert system flag if the relevant indicator(s) exceeds a threshold. These quantitative thresholds to assess significant harm are established centrally by our Sustainable Investment team and monitored systematically. This approach applies to indicators where we have segmented the population into harm groups to establish a threshold, such as carbon related PAI metrics, **PAI 1** (GHG emissions), **PAI 2** (Carbon footprint) and **Voluntary PAI 4 in Table 2** (Investing in companies without carbon emission reduction initiatives). **PAI 3** (GHG intensity of investee companies) operates in a similar way but the threshold is based on a revenue metric. A threshold for **PAI 6** (Energy consumption intensity per high impact climate sector) is established based on the ~~above-mentioned~~ carbon measures. A similar approach has been taken for **PAI 15** (GHG intensity). **PAI 16** (Investee countries subject to social violations) also operates in the same way but based on data availability regarding social violations. Through this process the relevant issuer(s) that is/are deemed not to satisfy the quantitative thresholds is/are flagged to the Investment Manager for consideration, whose response may involve selling the holdings(s) or maintaining the position if on a case-by-case basis the data is deemed not representative of a company's performance in the relevant area. Investee companies deemed to cause significant harm are excluded from the Fund.
- 2. **Qualitative:** This includes PAI indicators where Schroders' believes that the data available does not enable us to make a quantitative determination regarding whether significant harm is done so as to warrant excluding an investment. In such cases, the Investment Manager engages wherever possible with the company or companies held, in accordance with the priorities documented in Schroders' Engagement Blueprint and/or voting policy. This approach applies to indicators such as **PAI 12** (Unadjusted gender pay gap) and **PAI 13** (Board gender diversity), where we engage and may use our voting rights where we consider appropriate. Both board gender diversity and disclosure of gender pay gap information are captured in our Engagement Blueprint.

● ***How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights?***

Companies on Schroders' 'global norms' breach list cannot be categorised as sustainable investments. Schroders' determination of whether a company should be included on such list considers the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, among other relevant principles. The 'global norms' breach list is informed by third party providers and proprietary research, where relevant.



## Does this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

☒ Yes, ~~the Investment Manager's approach to considering principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors involves classifying the indicators into three categories:~~

~~The Investment Manager's approach to considering principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors differs depending on the relevant indicator. Some indicators are considered via the application of exclusions, some are considered via the investment process (where data is available via Schroders PAI dashboard and via other external data sources) and some are considered via engagement. Further details are provided below.~~

~~PAIs are considered as part of pre-investment through the application of exclusions. These include:~~

~~- Controversial weapons: PAI 14 (Exposure to controversial weapons (anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, chemical weapons and biological weapons)).~~

~~- Schroders' 'global norms' breach list, which covers: PAI 7 (Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas), PAI 8 (Emissions to water), PAI 9 (Hazardous waste and radioactive waste ratio), PAI 10 (Violations of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises), PAI 11 (Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises) and PAI 16 (Investee countries subject to social violations).~~

~~- Companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to thermal coal: PAI 4 (Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector) and PAI 5 (Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production).~~

~~Compliance with these thresholds is monitored via the Investment Manager's portfolio compliance framework.~~

~~PAIs are also considered through integration in the investment process. As part of the investment process, Schroders' proprietary tool is used which incorporates several PAIs as a component of its scoring methodology. All PAI indicators are monitored via Schroders PAI dashboard.~~

A sustainable investment analyst within the investment team regularly considers the Fund's PAI indicators on behalf of the team via Schroders PAI dashboard. The PAI data is reviewed on a monthly basis and adverse impacts of PAIs relevant to our strategy which may be of concern are flagged.

PAIs are also considered post-investment through engagement where the Investment Manager engages in line with the approach and expectations set out in Schroders Engagement Blueprint, which outlines our approach to active ownership.

The investment team's experience and knowledge about companies' histories including the establishment of strong relationships with company management teams allow us to undertake constructive and effective engagements on PAIs.

The investment team holds approximately 600 company meetings a year with a focus on the long-term viability of the company's business model, financials and governance. We typically engage on PAI 1 GHG emissions, PAI 2 Carbon Footprint, PAI 8 Emissions to water, PAI 12 Gender pay gap and PAI 13 Board gender diversity.

We have developed a voting policy in partnership with our corporate governance team. Our team takes all opinions into account, but our analyst makes the ultimate decision regarding how we vote.

Our approach is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability, and quality, of PAI data evolves. The Management Company's statement on principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors is available at <https://api.schroders.com/document-store/id/ffcb39bb-96cb-4e56-9461-deba9a493e85>. The Fund level information is disclosed or will be disclosed (as applicable) in the Fund's annual report.

1. Set thresholds: these involve very explicit thresholds for considering an investment to be a "sustainable investment". For example, PAI 10 on violations of UNGC principles:

2. Active ownership: these involve indicators on which we have a plan to engage with the underlying holding as set out in the Schroders Group document, accessed via <https://mybrand.schroders.com/m/3222ea4ed44a1f2c/original/schroders-engagement-blueprint.pdf>, outlining our approach to active ownership. For example, PAI 1, 2 and 3 covering GHG emissions and PAI 13 on board gender diversity:

3. Improve coverage: these involve indicators where we consider data coverage to be too sparse to properly consider them and our focus is primarily on engaging with the underlying holdings to increase reporting. For example, PAI 7 on biodiversity, PAI 9 on hazardous waste ratio and PAI 12 on the gender pay gap:

Our approach is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability, and quality, of PAI data evolves:

The Management Company's statement on principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors is available at <https://mybrand.schroders.com/m/467910ac8e6da45c/original/Statement-on-principal-adverse-impacts-of-investment-decisions-on-sustainability-factors.pdf>. The Fund level information is disclosed or will be (as applicable) in the Fund's annual report:

☐ No



## What investment strategy does this financial product follow?

The sustainable investment strategy used by the Investment Manager is as follows:

The Fund is actively managed and invests its assets in (i) sustainable investments, which are investments that the Investment Manager expects to contribute towards the advancement of an environmental or social objective linked to one or more of the UN SDGs, and to deliver returns to shareholders over the long term (please see the Fund Characteristics section for more details), and (ii) investments that the Investment Manager deems to be neutral under its sustainability criteria such as cash and Money Market Investments and derivatives used with the aim of reducing risk (hedging) or managing the Fund more efficiently.

The Investment Manager will select companies from a universe of eligible companies that have been determined as meeting the Investment Manager's impact criteria. The impact criteria include an assessment of a company's contribution to the UN SDGs alongside the Investment Manager's assessment of the company's impact via its proprietary impact investment management framework and tools (including an impact scorecard).

The Fund is part of Schroders' Impact Driven strategies. As such, it applies highly selective investment criteria and its investment process is aligned with the Operating Principles for Impact Management which means that an assessment of impact is embedded in the steps of the investment process. All sustainable investments in the Fund are subject to this framework.

The Fund does not directly invest in certain activities, industries or groups of issuers above the limits listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

The Fund invests in companies that do not cause significant environmental or social harm and have good governance practices, as determined by the Investment Manager's rating criteria (please see the Fund Characteristics section for more details).

The Investment Manager may also engage with companies held by the Fund to seek to improve sustainability practices and enhance social and environmental impacts generated by underlying investee companies. More details on the Investment Manager's approach to sustainability and its engagement with companies are available on the webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/>

The Fund invests at least two-thirds of its assets in equity and equity related securities of companies worldwide, including emerging markets. The Fund typically holds 40 – 80 companies.

The Fund may invest up to 15% of its assets in emerging markets.



The Fund may also invest up to one-third of its assets directly or indirectly in other securities (including other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies, Investment Funds, warrants and Money Market Investments, and hold cash (subject to the restrictions provided in Appendix I).

The Fund may use derivatives with the aim of reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently.

The Investment Manager applies sustainability criteria when selecting investments for the Fund.

Investments are composed of companies whose products and services contribute positively to at least one of the UN SDGs. In order to identify companies with a direct link to a UN SDG, the Investment Manager applies a two-step approach:

- The first is a revenue based approach that considers whether a certain percentage of the relevant company's revenues, capital expenditure or operating expenditure contributes to an environmental or social objective (as applicable).
- The second is a detailed impact assessment of the company via the completion of a proprietary impact scorecard. The Investment Manager considers different aspects of impact such as: what outcome and UN SDGs the company is contributing to; who is served by the outcome (such as the relevant stakeholder or industry); an assessment of our expected contribution (including Schroders influence and engagement); and consideration of impact risks. The assessment typically includes Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) that are used to track the company's impact over time.

**The investment strategy** guides investment decisions based on factors such as investment objectives and risk tolerance.

The company and impact scorecard are then validated and approved by Schroders' Impact Assessment Group (IAG), in order for the company to be eligible for inclusion in the Fund's investible universe. The IAG consists of members from Schroders' impact and sustainable investment teams and portfolio managers from the Investment team. There may be some limited instances where step 2 and the IAG approval may follow subsequently (such as a particularly time sensitive investment).

The Investment Manager has identified three types of companies that will typically be considered for inclusion in the portfolio.

The first type are highly innovative and impactful companies whose business model solves a direct need within the UN SDGs. These are growth companies whose solution to an UN SDG gap can be scaled.

The second type are companies that are already generating revenues that have an impact, but do not articulate or highlight that impact as a deliberate intent. We expect these companies can better articulate and measure their impact. This is expected to be the largest group in the Fund's portfolio.

The third type will tend to have the lowest level of revenue link. These are companies whose business models are transitioning towards high impact activities and where the Investment Manager sees the ability to help guide such companies on that journey with active engagement. This is expected to be the smallest group in the fund's portfolio.

The Investment Manager ensures that at least 90% of the portion of the Fund's Net Asset Value composed of investments in companies is rated against the sustainability criteria. As a result of the application of sustainability criteria, at least 20% of the Fund's potential investment universe is excluded from the selection of investments.

For the purposes of this test, the potential investment universe is the core universe of companies that the Investment Manager may select for the Fund prior to the application of sustainability criteria, in accordance with the other limitations of the Investment Objective and Policy. This universe is comprised of equity and equity related securities of companies worldwide.

### ● **What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain the sustainable investment objective?**

The following binding elements are applied throughout the investment process:

- The Fund is actively managed and invests at least 90% of its assets in sustainable investments, which are investments that the Investment Manager expects to contribute towards the advancement of an environmental or social objective linked to one or more of the UN SDGs, and to deliver returns to shareholders over the long term.
- Exclusions are applied to direct investments in companies. The Fund applies certain exclusions relating to international conventions on cluster munitions, antipersonnel mines, and chemical and biological weapons. The Fund also excludes companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to tobacco and thermal coal, especially companies that generate revenues from tobacco production or any other part of the tobacco value chain (suppliers, distributors, retailers, licensors), and companies that generate revenues from thermal coal mining and coal fired power generation. The Fund excludes companies that are assessed by Schroders to have breached one or more "global norms" thereby causing significant environmental or social harm; these companies comprise Schroders' 'global norms' breach list. Details of the revenue thresholds together with certain other exclusions the Fund applies are listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>
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**Good governance** practices include sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff and tax compliance.

### ● **What is the policy to assess good governance practices of the investee companies?**

In order to assess good governance practices, a central Good Governance Test is applied. This test is based on a data-driven quantitative framework, which uses a scorecard to assess companies across the categories of sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff, and tax compliance. Schroders has defined a number of criteria across these pillars.

Compliance with the test is monitored centrally and companies which do not pass this test cannot be held by the Fund, unless the Investment Manager has agreed that the issuer demonstrates good governance based on additional insights beyond that quantitative analysis.



**Asset allocation** describes the share of investments in specific assets.

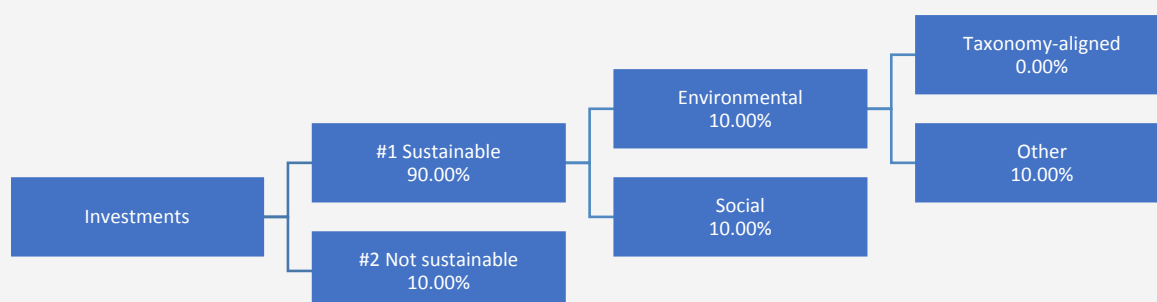
## **What is the asset allocation and the minimum share of sustainable investments?**

The planned composition of the Fund's investments that are used to meet its sustainable investment objective are summarised below. The Fund invests at least 90% of its assets in sustainable investments, which means included in **#1 Sustainable** are investments in companies that the Investment Manager expects to contribute towards the advancement of an environmental or social objective linked to one or more of the UN SDGs, and to deliver returns to shareholders over the long term. Within this overall commitment of 90%, there is a minimum commitment to invest at least 10% of its assets in sustainable investments with an environmental objective and at least 10% of its assets in sustainable investments with a social objective. The minimum proportions stated apply in normal market conditions.

**#2 Not sustainable** includes investments that are treated as neutral for sustainability purposes, such as cash and Money Market Investments and derivatives used with the aim of reducing risk (hedging) or managing the Fund more efficiently.

Minimum safeguards are applied where relevant to Money Market Investments and derivatives used with the aim of reducing risk (hedging) by restricting (as appropriate) investments in counterparties where there are ownership links or exposure to higher risk countries (for the purpose of money laundering, terrorist financing, bribery, corruption, tax evasion and sanctions risks). A firm-wide risk assessment considers the risk rating of each jurisdiction; which includes reference to a number of public statements, indices and world governance indicators issued by the UN, the European Union, the UK Government, the Financial Action Task Force and several Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), such as Transparency International and the Basel Committee.

In addition, new counterparties are reviewed by Schroders' credit risk team and approval of a new counterparty is based on a holistic review of the various sources of information available, including, but not limited to, quality of management, ownership structure, location, regulatory and social environment to which each counterparty is subject, and the degree of development of the local banking system and its regulatory framework. Ongoing monitoring is performed through a Schroders' proprietary tool, which supports the analysis of a counterparty's management of environmental, social and governance trends and challenges. Any significant deterioration in the profile of the counterparty in Schroders' proprietary tool would lead to further analysis and potential exclusion by Schroders' credit risk team.



**#1 Sustainable** covers sustainable investments with environmental or social objectives.

**#2 Not sustainable** includes investments which do not qualify as sustainable investments.

● **How does the use of derivatives attain the sustainable investment objective?**

This question is not applicable for the Fund.



**To what minimum extent are sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?**

There is no minimum extent to which the Fund's investments (including transitional and enabling activities) with an environmental objective are aligned with the Taxonomy. Taxonomy alignment of this Fund's investments has therefore not been calculated and has as a result been deemed to constitute 0% of the Fund's portfolio.

In future it is expected that the Fund will assess and report on the extent to which its underlying investments are in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the Taxonomy, along with information relating to the proportion of enabling and transitional activities. This Prospectus will be updated once it is possible in the Investment Manager's opinion to accurately disclose to what extent the Fund's investments are in Taxonomy-aligned environmentally sustainable activities, including the proportions of investments in enabling and transitional activities selected for the Fund.

● **Does the financial product invest in fossil gas and/or nuclear energy related activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy<sup>1</sup>?**

- ☐ Yes:
- ☐ In fossil gas ☐ In nuclear energy
- ☒ No

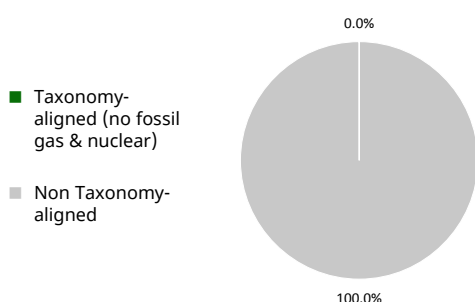
To comply with the EU Taxonomy, the criteria for **fossil gas** include limitations on emissions and switching to renewable power or low-carbon fuels by the end of 2035. For **nuclear energy**, the criteria include comprehensive safety and waste management rules.

Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

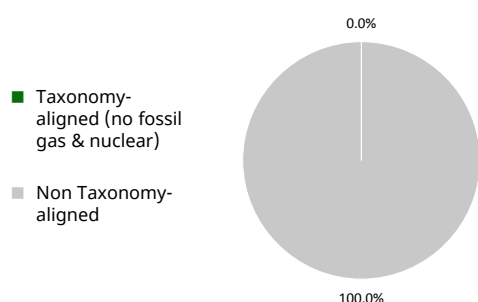
- **turnover** reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee companies
- **capital expenditure** (CapEx) showing the green investments made by investee companies, e.g. for a transition to a green economy.
- **operational expenditure** (OpEx) reflecting green operational activities of investee companies.

The two graphs below show in green the minimum percentage of investments that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the Taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy-alignment in relation to all the investments of the financial product including sovereign bonds, while the second graph shows the Taxonomy-alignment only in relation to the investments of the financial product other than sovereign bonds.

**1. Taxonomy-alignment of investments including sovereign bonds\***



**2. Taxonomy-alignment of investments excluding sovereign bonds\***



This graph represents x% of the total investments<sup>2</sup>.

\* For the purpose of these graphs, 'sovereign bonds' consist of all sovereign exposures

● **What is the minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities?**

As per the above, at the date of this Prospectus the share of investments by the Fund in transitional and enabling activities is currently deemed to constitute 0% of the Fund's portfolio.

**Enabling activities** directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective.

<sup>1</sup> Fossil gas and/or nuclear related activities will only comply with the EU Taxonomy where they contribute to limiting climate change ("climate change mitigation") and do not significantly harm any EU Taxonomy objective – see explanatory note in the left-hand margin. The full criteria for fossil gas and nuclear energy economic activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy are laid down in Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1214.

<sup>2</sup> As there is no Taxonomy-alignment, there is no impact on the graph if sovereign bonds are excluded (i.e. the percentage of Taxonomy-aligned investments remains 0%) and the Management Company therefore believes that there is no need to mention this information.

**Transitional activities** are activities for which low-carbon alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.



**What is the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?**

The Fund commits to invest at least 10% of its assets in sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy.



are environmentally sustainable investments that **do not take into account the criteria** for environmentally sustainable economic activities under the EU Taxonomy.



**What is the minimum share of sustainable investments with a social objective?**

The Fund commits to invest at least 10% of its assets in sustainable investments with a social objective.



**What investments are included under “#2 Not sustainable”, what is their purpose and are there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?**

**#2 Not Sustainable** includes investments that are treated as neutral for sustainability purposes, such as cash and Money Market Investments and derivatives used with the aim of reducing risk (hedging) or managing the Fund more efficiently.

Minimum safeguards are applied where relevant to Money Market Investments and derivatives used with the aim of reducing risk (hedging) by restricting (as appropriate) investments in counterparties where there are ownership links or exposure to higher risk countries (for the purpose of money laundering, terrorist financing, bribery, corruption, tax evasion and sanctions risks). A firm-wide risk assessment considers the risk rating of each jurisdiction; which includes reference to a number of public statements, indices and world governance indicators issued by the UN, the European Union, the UK Government, the Financial Action Task Force and several Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), such as Transparency International and the Basel Committee.

In addition, new counterparties are reviewed by Schroders’ credit risk team and approval of a new counterparty is based on a holistic review of the various sources of information available, including, but not limited to, quality of management, ownership structure, location, regulatory and social environment to which each counterparty is subject, and the degree of development of the local banking system and its regulatory framework. Ongoing monitoring is performed through a Schroders’ proprietary tool, which supports the analysis of a counterparty’s management of environmental, social and governance trends and challenges. Any significant deterioration in the profile of the counterparty in Schroders’ proprietary tool would lead to further analysis and potential exclusion by Schroders’ credit risk team.



**Is a specific index designated as a reference benchmark to meet the sustainable investment objective?**

**Reference benchmarks** are indexes to measure

- **How does the reference benchmark take into account sustainability factors in a way that is continuously aligned with the sustainable investment objective?**

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

whether the financial product attains the sustainable investment objective.

- ***How is the alignment of the investment strategy with the methodology of the index ensured on a continuous basis?***  
This question is not applicable for the Fund.
- ***How does the designated index differ from a relevant broad market index?***  
This question is not applicable for the Fund.
- ***Where can the methodology used for the calculation of the designated index be found?***  
This question is not applicable for the Fund.



## **Where can I find more product specific information online?**

More product-specific information can be found on the webpage: <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

Pre-contractual disclosure for the financial products referred to in Article 8, paragraphs 1, 2 and 2a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 6, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852

**Product name:** **Schroder International Selection Fund Global High Yield**

**Legal entity identifier:** **M6LM7N6UFRSLZ1MG8Z19**

## Environmental and/or social characteristics

**Sustainable investment** means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good governance practices.

The **EU Taxonomy** is a classification system laid down in Regulation (EU) 2020/852, establishing a list of **environmentally sustainable economic activities**. That Regulation does not lay down a list of socially sustainable economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.

**Does this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?**

<input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/>	Yes	<input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/>	No
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with an environmental objective: __%</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with a social objective __%</b></p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<p>It <b>promotes Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics</b> and while it does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will have a minimum proportion of <b>10.00%</b> of sustainable investments</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> with a social objective</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> It promotes E/S characteristics, but <b>will not make any sustainable investments</b></p>



## What environmental and/or social characteristics are promoted by this financial product?

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the Bloomberg Global HYxCMBSxEMG index USD Hedged 2% cap, based on the Investment Manager's rating system. This benchmark (which is a broad market index) does not take into account the environmental and social characteristics promoted by the Fund.

The sustainability score is measured by Schroders' proprietary tool that provides an estimate of the net "impact" that an issuer may create in terms of social and environmental "costs" or "benefits". It does this by using certain indicators with respect to that issuer, and quantifying them positively and negatively to produce an aggregate notional measure of the effect that the relevant underlying issuer may have on society and the environment. It does this using third party data as well as Schroders own estimates and assumptions and the outcome may differ from other sustainability tools and measures. Examples of such indicators are greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

The result is expressed as an aggregate score of the sustainability indicators for each issuer, specifically a notional percentage (positive or negative) of sales or GDP of the relevant underlying issuer. For example, a score of +2% would mean an issuer contributes \$2 of relative notional positive impact (i.e. benefits to society) per \$100 of sales or GDP. The sustainability score of the Fund is derived from the scores of all issuers in the Fund's portfolio measured by Schroders' proprietary tool.

The Fund invests at least 10% of its assets in sustainable investments, which are investments that the Investment Manager expects to contribute towards the advancement of one or more environmental and/or social objective (s).

### What sustainability indicators are used to measure the attainment of each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

The Investment Manager monitors compliance with the characteristic to maintain a higher overall sustainability score than the Bloomberg Global HYxCMBSxEMG index USD

Hedged 2% cap by reference to the weighted average sustainability score of the Fund in Schroders' proprietary tool compared against the weighted average sustainability score of the Bloomberg Global HYxCMBSxEMG index USD.

Hedged 2% cap in Schroders' proprietary tool over the previous ~~six-months~~six-month period, based on month-end data. The overall sustainability score aggregates the effect of sustainability indicators including but not limited to greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

The Investment Manager monitors compliance with the characteristic to invest at least 10% of its assets in sustainable investments by reference to (i) the sustainability score of each asset in Schroders' proprietary tool and/ or (ii) whether the asset is classified as a green, social and/ or sustainable bond. Compliance with this is monitored daily via our automated compliance controls. The Fund also applies certain exclusions, with which the Investment Manager monitors compliance on an ongoing basis via its portfolio compliance framework.

● ***What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?***

In respect of the proportion of the Fund's portfolio that is invested in sustainable investments, each sustainable investment either (i) demonstrates a net positive effect across a range of environmental or social objectives, as scored by Schroders' proprietary tool and/or (ii) is classified as a green, social and/ or sustainable bond using a third-party data source. The environmental or social objectives of the sustainable investments that the Fund partially intends to make may include, but are not limited to, increasing environmental and/or social benefits such as greater water access or fair pay and reducing environmental, and/or social costs such as carbon emissions or food waste. For example, greater water access as measured by Schroders' proprietary tool are the estimated societal benefits of the provision of clean drinking water to human health. The environmental or social objectives of green, social and/or sustainable bonds may include, but are not limited to, climate change mitigation, renewable energy initiatives, natural resource conservation, access to finance and affordable housing projects.

● ***How do the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make, not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?***

The Investment Manager's approach to investing in issuers that do not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective includes the following:

- Firm-wide investment exclusions apply to Schroders funds. These relate to international conventions on cluster munitions, anti-personnel mines, and chemical and biological weapons and a list of those companies that are excluded is available at <https://www.schroders.com/en/sustainability/active-ownership/group-exclusions/>. Firm-wide exclusions also apply to companies generating more than 20% of their revenue from thermal coal mining.
- The Fund excludes companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to tobacco and thermal coal.
- The Fund excludes companies that are assessed by Schroders to have breached one or more 'global norms' thereby causing significant environmental or social harm; these companies comprise Schroders' 'global norms' breach list. Schroders' determination of whether a company has been involved in such a breach considers relevant principles such as those contained in the UN Global Compact (UNGC) principles, the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights. The 'global norms' breach list may be informed by assessments performed by third party providers and by proprietary research, where relevant to a particular situation. In exceptional circumstances a derogation may be applied in order to allow the Fund to continue to hold a company on Schroders' 'global norms' breach list, for example where the stated investment strategy of the Fund may otherwise be compromised. Any such company cannot be categorised as a sustainable investment.
- The Fund may also apply certain other exclusions in addition to those summarised above.

Further information on all of the Fund's investment exclusions is to be found under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>.

● ***How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?***

When seeking to identify significant harm, Schroders' approach to taking into account the Principal Adverse Impacts (PAI) indicators involves a quantitative and a qualitative assessment. Where it is not considered appropriate or feasible to set quantitative thresholds, the Investment Manager engages, where relevant. Investee companies deemed not to satisfy the quantitative thresholds would generally be excluded, unless on a case-by-case basis the data is deemed not representative of a company's performance in the relevant area.

This framework is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability and quality of the data evolves.

Our approach includes:

1. **Quantitative:** this includes indicators where specific thresholds have been established:

**Principal adverse impacts** are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anticorruption and antibribery matters.



- Via the application of exclusions. This approach is relevant to **PAI 4** (Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector), **PAI 5** (Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production) and **PAI 14** (Exposure to controversial weapons). Further, the following PAIs are assessed as part of Schroders' 'global norms' breach list exclusion (which seeks to exclude companies where significant harm is occurring):
  - **PAI 7** (Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas)
  - **PAI 8** (Emissions to water)
  - **PAI 9** (Hazardous waste and radioactive waste ratio)
  - **PAI 10** (Violations of UN Global Compact principles and Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises)
  - **PAI 11** (Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and Voluntary)
  - **PAI 14** in Table 3 (Number of identified cases of severe human rights issues and incidents)
- Via the application of an alert system flag if the relevant indicator(s) exceeds a threshold. These quantitative thresholds to assess significant harm are established centrally by our Sustainable Investment team and monitored systematically. This approach applies to indicators where we have segmented the population into harm groups to establish a threshold, such as carbon related PAI metrics, **PAI 1** (GHG emissions), **PAI 2** (Carbon footprint) and **Voluntary PAI 4 in Table 2** (Investing in companies without carbon emission reduction initiatives). **PAI 3** (GHG intensity of investee companies) operates in a similar way but the threshold is based on a revenue metric. A threshold for **PAI 6** (Energy consumption intensity per high impact climate sector) is established based on the ~~above-mentioned~~ carbon measures. A similar approach has been taken for **PAI 15** (GHG intensity). **PAI 16** (Investee countries subject to social violations) also operates in the same way but based on data availability regarding social violations. Through this process the relevant issuer(s) that is/are deemed not to satisfy the quantitative thresholds is/are flagged to the Investment Manager for consideration, whose response may involve selling the holdings(s) or maintaining the position if on a case-by-case basis the data is deemed not representative of a company's performance in the relevant area. Investee companies deemed to cause significant harm are excluded from the Fund.
- 2. **Qualitative:** This includes PAI indicators where Schroders' believes that the data available does not enable us to make a quantitative determination regarding whether significant harm is done so as to warrant excluding an investment. In such cases, the Investment Manager engages wherever possible with the company or companies held, in accordance with the priorities documented in Schroders' Engagement Blueprint and/or voting policy. This approach applies to indicators such as **PAI 12** (Unadjusted gender pay gap) and **PAI 13** (Board gender diversity), where we engage and may use our voting rights where we consider appropriate. Both board gender diversity and disclosure of gender pay gap information are captured in our Engagement Blueprint.

● ***How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:***

Companies on Schroders' 'global norms' breach list cannot be categorised as sustainable investments. Schroders' determination of whether a company should be included on such list considers the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, among other relevant principles. The 'global norms' breach list is informed by third party providers and proprietary research, where relevant.

*The EU Taxonomy sets out a "do not significant harm" principle by which Taxonomy-aligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives and is accompanied by specific EU criteria.*

*The "do not significant harm" principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.*

*Any other sustainable investments must also not significantly harm any environmental or social objectives.*



## Does this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

☒ Yes, the Investment Manager's approach to considering principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors involves classifying the indicators into three categories:

The Investment Manager's approach to considering principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors differs depending on the relevant indicator. Some indicators are considered via the application of exclusions, some are considered via the investment process (where data is available via Schroders PAI dashboard and via other external data sources) and some are considered via engagement. Further details are provided below.

PAIs are considered as part of pre-investment through the application of exclusions. These include:

- Controversial weapons: PAI 14 (Exposure to controversial weapons (anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, chemical weapons and biological weapons)).

- Schroders' 'global norms' breach list, which covers: PAI 7 (Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas), PAI 8 (Emissions to water), PAI 9 (Hazardous waste and radioactive waste ratio), PAI 10 (Violations of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises), PAI 11 (Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises) and PAI 16 (Investee countries subject to social violations).

- Companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to thermal coal: PAI 4 (Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector) and PAI 5 (Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production).

Compliance with these thresholds is monitored via the Investment Manager's portfolio compliance framework.

PAIs are also considered through integration in the issuer analysis as part of the investment process. Schroders' proprietary tool is used which incorporates several PAIs as a component of its scoring methodology. For example, PAI 1 (GHG emissions), PAI 2 (Carbon footprint) and PAI 3 (GHG intensity of investee companies), are included as part of a company's overall environmental score, which is used as part of our issuers analysis of issuers within the investment process. All PAI indicators are monitored via Schroders PAI dashboard.

PAIs are also considered post-investment through engagement where the Investment Manager engages in line with the approach and expectations set out in Schroders Engagement Blueprint, which outlines our approach to active ownership. The Investment Manager may engage with selective investee companies on a range on environmental related topics, such as climate alignment, targets, and transition plans. These relate to environmental PAIs including PAI 1 (GHG emissions), PAI 2 (Carbon footprint) and PAI 3 (GHG intensity of investee companies). Where issuers are flagged on lack of data availability, the Investment Manager may engage with issuers where the primary focus is to increase reporting, quality and availability of PAI data.

Our approach is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability, and quality, of PAI data evolves. The Management Company's statement on principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors is available at <https://api.schroders.com/document-store/id/ffcb39bb-96cb-4e56-9461-deba9a493e85>. The Fund level information is disclosed or will be disclosed (as applicable) in the Fund's annual report.

1. Set thresholds: these involve very explicit thresholds for considering an investment to be a "sustainable investment". For example, PAI 10 on violations of UNGC principles.

2. Active ownership: these involve indicators on which we have a plan to engage with the underlying holding as set out in the Schroders Group document <https://mybrand.schroders.com/m/3222ea4ed44a1f2c/original/schroders-engagement-blueprint.pdf>, outlining our approach to active ownership. For example, PAI 1, 2 and 3 covering GHG emissions and PAI 13 on board gender diversity.

3. Improve coverage: these involve indicators where we consider data coverage to be too sparse to properly consider them and our focus is primarily on engaging with the underlying holdings to increase reporting. For example, PAI 7 on biodiversity, PAI 9 on hazardous waste ratio and PAI 12 on the gender pay gap.

Our approach is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability, and quality, of PAI data evolves.

The Management Company's statement on principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors is available at <https://mybrand.schroders.com/m/467910ac8e6da45c/original/Statement-on-principal-adverse-impacts-of-investment-decisions-on-sustainability-factors.pdf>. The Fund level information is disclosed or will be (as applicable) in the Fund's annual report.

☐ No



## What investment strategy does this financial product follow?

**The investment strategy** guides investment decisions based on factors such as investment objectives and risk tolerance.

The sustainable investment strategy used by the Investment Manager is as follows:

The Fund is actively managed and invests at least two-thirds of its assets in fixed and floating rate securities that have a below investment grade credit rating (as measured by Standard & Poor's or any equivalent grade of other credit rating agencies). The securities may be denominated in various currencies and issued by governments, government agencies, supra-nationals and companies worldwide.

The Fund may invest up to 10% of its assets in contingent convertible bonds.

The Fund may also invest up to one-third of its assets directly or indirectly in other securities (including other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies, Investment Funds, warrants and Money Market Investments, and hold cash.

The Fund may use derivatives, long and short, with the aim of achieving investment gains, reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently. The Fund may use leverage. The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the Bloomberg Global HYxCMBSxEMG index USD Hedged 2% cap, based on the Investment Manager's rating criteria.

The Fund does not directly invest in certain activities, industries or groups of issuers above the limits listed under “Sustainability-Related Disclosure” on the Fund’s webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

The Investment Manager applies governance and sustainability criteria when selecting investments for the Fund. The strategy aims to identify issuers demonstrating good or improving sustainability credentials, and those that impose a high cost on the environment and society. This involves:

– The exclusion of issuers with certain exposure to specific activities that the Investment Manager considers environmentally destructive or socially damaging, violate human rights and/ or have demonstrated gross misconduct that the Investment Manager deems to have businesses that are materially damaging to the climate and impose unjustifiable social costs.

– The inclusion of issuers that the Investment Manager considers are well placed to deliver demonstrate stable and improving sustainability trajectories relative to their industry peers, and issuers demonstrating good governance based on the Investment Manager’s sustainability rating methodology.

The Investment Manager may also engage with companies to encourage transparency, the transition to a circular economy with lower carbon emissions intensity and responsible social behaviour that promotes sustainable growth and alpha generation.

The primary sources of information used to perform the analysis are the Investment Manager’s proprietary tools and research, third-party research, NGO reports and expert networks. The Investment Manager also performs its own analysis of publicly available information provided by the companies, including information provided in company sustainability reports and other relevant company material.

More details on the Investment Manager’s approach to sustainability and its engagement with companies are available on the webpage

<https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/>

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than its investment universe, based on the Investment Manager’s rating system.

The Investment Manager ensures that at least:

– 90% of the portion of the Fund’s NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in developed countries; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with an investment grade credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by developed countries; and

– 75% of the portion of the Fund’s NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in emerging countries; equities issued by

small and medium companies; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with a high yield credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by emerging countries,

is rated against the sustainability criteria. For the purposes of this test, small companies are those with market capitalisation below €5 billion, medium companies are those between €5 billion and €10 billion and large companies are those above €10 billion.

### ● ***What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?***

The following binding elements are applied throughout the investment process:

- The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the Bloomberg Global HYxCMBSxEMG index USD

Hedged 2% cap based on the Investment Manager’s rating criteria.

- The Fund invests at least 10% of its assets in sustainable investments and such investments do not cause significant environmental or social harm.
- Exclusions are applied to direct investments in companies. The Fund applies certain exclusions relating to international conventions on cluster munitions, antipersonnel mines, and chemical and biological weapons. The Fund also excludes companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to tobacco and thermal coal, especially companies that generate at least 10% of their revenues from tobacco production, companies that generate at least 25% of their revenues from the tobacco value chain (such as suppliers, distributors, retailers and licensors), companies that generate at least 10% of their revenues from thermal coal mining and companies that generate at least 30% of their revenues from coal fired power generation. The Fund excludes companies that are assessed by Schroders to have breached one or more ‘global norms’ thereby causing significant environmental or social harm; these companies comprise Schroders’ ‘global norms’ breach list. In exceptional circumstances a derogation may be applied in order to allow the Fund to continue to hold a company on Schroders’ ‘global norms’ breach list, for example where the stated investment strategy of the Fund may otherwise be compromised. Any such company cannot be categorised as a sustainable investment. Further, the Fund may apply other exclusions as listed under “Sustainability-Related Disclosure” on the Fund’s webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>. The Fund invests in companies that have good governance practices, as determined by the Investment Manager’s rating criteria.

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than its investment universe, based on the Investment Manager's rating system.

The Investment Manager ensures that at least:

- 90% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in developed countries; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with an investment grade credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by developed countries; and
- 75% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in emerging countries; equities issued by small and medium companies; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with a high yield credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by emerging countries,

held in the Fund's portfolio are rated against the sustainability criteria.

● **What is the committed minimum rate to reduce the scope of the investments considered prior to the application of that investment strategy?**

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

● **What is the policy to assess good governance practices of the investee companies?**

In order to assess good governance practices, a central Good Governance Test is applied. This test is based on a data-driven quantitative framework, which uses a scorecard to assess companies across the categories of sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff, and tax compliance. Schroders has defined a number of criteria across these pillars.

Compliance with the test is monitored centrally and companies which do not pass this test cannot be held by the Fund, unless the Investment Manager has agreed that the issuer demonstrates good governance based on additional insights beyond that quantitative analysis.

**Good governance** practices include sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff and tax compliance.



**Asset allocation** describes the share of investments in specific assets.

## What is the asset allocation planned for this financial product?

The planned composition of the Fund's investments that are used to meet its environmental or social characteristics are summarised below.

**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the minimum proportion of the Fund's assets used to attain the environmental or social characteristics, which is equal to 60%. The Fund commits to maintain a higher overall sustainability score than the Bloomberg Global HYxCMBSxEMG index USD Hedged 2% cap, and so the Fund's investments that are scored by Schroders' proprietary sustainability tool are included within the minimum proportion stated in #1 on the basis that they will contribute to the Fund's sustainability score (whether such individual investment has a positive or a negative score). Also included within #1 are any green, social or sustainable bonds that are not scored by Schroders' proprietary sustainability tool. is tThe minimum proportion of assets that are invested in sustainable investments; is indicated in #1A. The minimum proportions stated apply in normal market conditions. The actual proportion stated in #1 is expected to be higher.

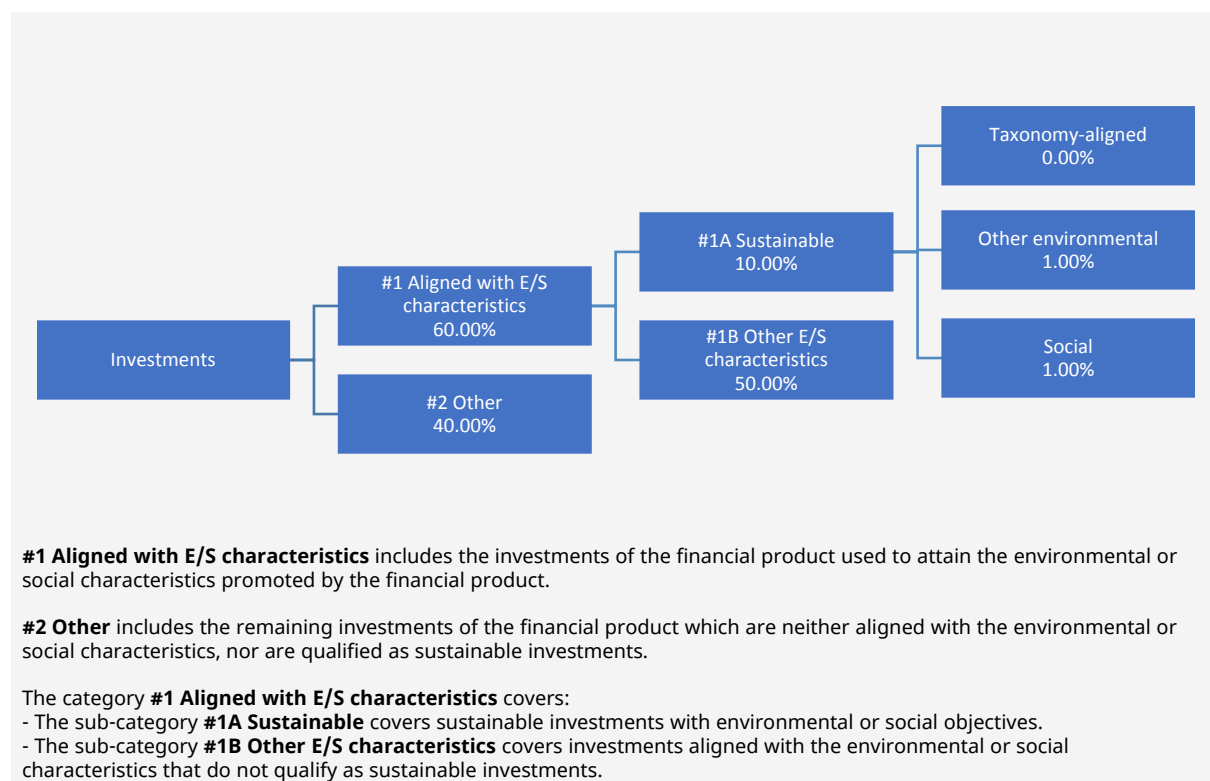
The sustainability score is measured by Schroders' proprietary tool that provides an estimate of the net "impact" that an issuer may create in terms of social and environmental "costs" or "benefits". It does this by using certain indicators with respect to that issuer, and quantifying them positively and negatively to produce an aggregate notional measure of the effect that the relevant underlying issuer may have on society and the environment. Examples of such indicators are greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

The Fund will invest at least 10% of its assets in sustainable investments. Each sustainable investment (i) demonstrates a net positive effect across a range of environmental or social objectives, as scored by Schroders' proprietary tool or (ii) is classified as a green, social and/ or sustainable bond using a third-party data source. With the exception of any green or social bonds, which will be classified as having an environmental or social objective respectively, a sustainable investment is classified as having an environmental or social objective depending on whether the relevant issuer has a higher score in Schroders' proprietary tool relative to its applicable peer group for its environmental indicators or its social indicators. In each case, indicators are comprised of both "costs" and "benefits".

**#2 Other** includes cash which is treated as neutral for sustainability purposes. #2 also includes other investments that are not scored by Schroders' proprietary sustainability tool and so do not contribute towards the Fund's sustainability score. As #1 states a minimum proportion that is in practice expected to be higher, the proportion stated in #2 is expected to be lower.

Minimum safeguards are applied where relevant to investments by restricting (as appropriate) investments in counterparties where there are ownership links or exposure to higher risk countries (for the purpose of money laundering, terrorist financing, bribery, corruption, tax evasion and sanctions risks). A firm-wide risk assessment considers the risk rating of each jurisdiction; which includes reference to a number of public statements, indices and world governance indicators issued by the UN, the European Union, the UK Government, the Financial Action Task Force and several Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), such as Transparency International and the Basel Committee.

In addition, new counterparties are reviewed by Schroders' credit risk team and approval of a new counterparty is based on a holistic review of the various sources of information available, including, but not limited to, quality of management, ownership structure, location, regulatory and social environment to which each counterparty is subject, and the degree of development of the local banking system and its regulatory framework. Ongoing monitoring is performed through a Schroders' proprietary tool, which supports the analysis of a counterparty's management of environmental, social and governance trends and challenges. Any significant deterioration in the profile of the counterparty in Schroders' proprietary tool would lead to further analysis and potential exclusion by Schroders' credit risk team.



#1 The minimum proportion stated applies in normal market conditions.

### ● **How does the use of derivatives attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?**

Single name credit default swaps are used as a proxy for direct investments which would otherwise be held by the Fund in line with its sustainability criteria. Such derivatives are therefore used to attain the Fund's sustainability score in Schroders' proprietary tool which is one of the binding elements of the Fund. The Fund may use other derivatives that are scored in Schroders' proprietary tool to meet the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted by the Fund, as such derivatives would contribute to the Fund's sustainability score (whether such individual investment has a positive or a negative score).



### **To what minimum extent are sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?**

There is no minimum extent to which the Fund's investments (including transitional and enabling activities) with an environmental objective are aligned with the Taxonomy. Taxonomy alignment of this Fund's investments has therefore not been calculated and has as a result been deemed to constitute 0% of the Fund's portfolio.

In future it is expected that the Fund will assess and report on the extent to which its underlying investments are in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the Taxonomy, along with information relating to the proportion of enabling and transitional activities. This Prospectus will be updated once it is possible in the Investment Manager's opinion to accurately disclose to what extent the Fund's investments are in Taxonomy-aligned environmentally sustainable activities, including the proportions of investments in enabling and transitional activities selected for the Fund.

To comply with the EU Taxonomy, the criteria for **fossil gas** include limitations on emissions and switching to renewable power or low-carbon fuels by the end of 2035. For **nuclear energy**, the criteria include comprehensive safety and waste management rules.

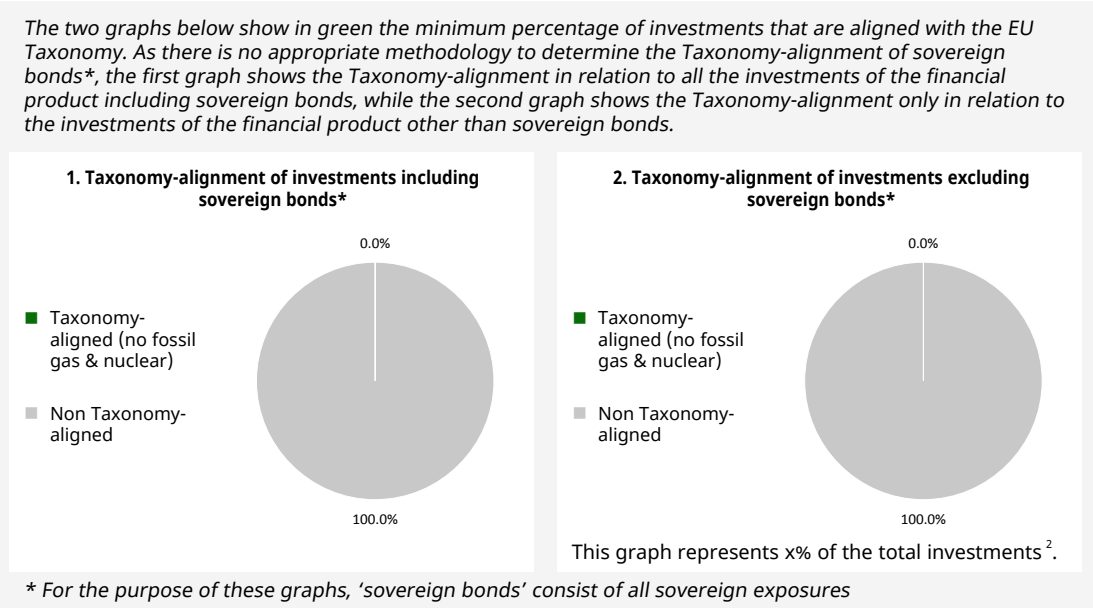
Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

- **turnover** reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee companies
- **capital expenditure** (CapEx) showing the green investments made by investee companies, e.g. for a transition to a green economy.
- **operational expenditure** (OpEx) reflecting green operational activities of investee companies.

**Enabling activities** directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective.

**Transitional activities** are activities for which low-carbon alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.

- **Does the financial product invest in fossil gas and/or nuclear energy related activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy<sup>1</sup>?**
  - ☐ Yes:
    - ☐ In fossil gas ☐ In nuclear energy
  - ☒ No



- **What is the minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities?**

As per the above, at the date of this Prospectus the share of investments by the Fund in transitional and enabling activities is currently deemed to constitute 0% of the Fund's portfolio.

<sup>1</sup> Fossil gas and/or nuclear related activities will only comply with the EU Taxonomy where they contribute to limiting climate change ("climate change mitigation") and do not significantly harm any EU Taxonomy objective – see explanatory note in the left-hand margin. The full criteria for fossil gas and nuclear energy economic activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy are laid down in Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1214.

<sup>2</sup> As there is no Taxonomy-alignment, there is no impact on the graph if sovereign bonds are excluded (i.e. the percentage of Taxonomy-aligned investments remains 0%) and the Management Company therefore believes that there is no need to mention this information.





## What is the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

The Fund commits to invest at least 1% of its assets in sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy.



are sustainable investments with an environmental objective that **do not take into account the criteria** for environmentally sustainable economic activities under the EU Taxonomy.



## What is the minimum share of socially sustainable investments?

The Fund commits to invest at least 1% of its assets in sustainable investments with a social objective.



## What investments are included under “#2 Other”, what is their purpose and are there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

**#2 Other** includes cash which is treated as neutral for sustainability purposes. #2 also includes other investments that are not scored by Schroders' proprietary sustainability tools and so do not contribute towards the Fund's sustainability score.

Minimum safeguards are applied where relevant to investments by restricting (as appropriate) investments in counterparties where there are ownership links or exposure to higher risk countries (for the purpose of money laundering, terrorist financing, bribery, corruption, tax evasion and sanctions risks). A firm-wide risk assessment considers the risk rating of each jurisdiction; which includes reference to a number of public statements, indices and world governance indicators issued by the UN, the European Union, the UK Government, the Financial Action Task Force and several Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), such as Transparency International and the Basel Committee.

In addition, new counterparties are reviewed by Schroders' credit risk team and approval of a new counterparty is based on a holistic review of the various sources of information available, including, but not limited to, quality of management, ownership structure, location, regulatory and social environment to which each counterparty is subject, and the degree of development of the local banking system and its regulatory framework. Ongoing monitoring is performed through a Schroders' proprietary tool, which supports the analysis of a counterparty's management of environmental, social and governance trends and challenges. Any significant deterioration in the profile of the counterparty in Schroders' proprietary tool would lead to further analysis and potential exclusion by Schroders' credit risk team.



## Is a specific index designated as a reference benchmark to determine whether this financial product is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes?

**Reference benchmarks** are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the environmental or social characteristics that they promote.

- **How is the reference benchmark continuously aligned with each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?**

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- **How is the alignment of the investment strategy with the methodology of the index ensured on a continuous basis?**

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- ***How does the designated index differ from a relevant broad market index?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- ***Where can the methodology used for the calculation of the designated index be found?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.



## **Where can I find more product specific information online?**

More product-specific information can be found on the webpage: <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

Pre-contractual disclosure for the financial products referred to in Article 8, paragraphs 1, 2 and 2a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 6, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852

**Product name:** **Schroder International Selection Fund Global Inflation Linked Bond**

**Legal entity identifier:** **RUBFC6653PDCGJDLQB12**

## Environmental and/or social characteristics

**Sustainable investment** means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good governance practices.

The **EU Taxonomy** is a classification system laid down in Regulation (EU) 2020/852, establishing a list of **environmentally sustainable economic activities**. That Regulation does not lay down a list of socially sustainable economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.

### Does this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?

<input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <b>Yes</b>	<input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <b>No</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with an environmental objective: __%</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> It <b>promotes Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics</b> and while it does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will have a minimum proportion of <b>10.00%</b> of sustainable investments
<input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy	<input type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy
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	<input type="checkbox"/> It promotes E/S characteristics, but <b>will not make any sustainable investments</b>



## What environmental and/or social characteristics are promoted by this financial product?

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the ICE BofA Global Governments Inflation-Linked EUR Hedged index, based on the Investment Manager's rating system. This benchmark (which is a broad market index) does not take into account the environmental and social characteristics promoted by the Fund.

The sustainability score is measured by Schroders' proprietary tool that provides an estimate of the net "impact" that an issuer may create in terms of social and environmental "costs" or "benefits". It does this by using certain indicators with respect to that issuer, and quantifying them positively and negatively to produce an aggregate notional measure of the effect that the relevant underlying issuer may have on society and the environment. It does this using third party data as well as Schroders own estimates and assumptions and the outcome may differ from other sustainability tools and measures. Examples of such indicators are greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

The result is expressed as an aggregate score of the sustainability indicators for each issuer, specifically a notional percentage (positive or negative) of sales or GDP of the relevant underlying issuer. For example, a score of +2% would mean an issuer contributes \$2 of relative notional positive impact (i.e. benefits to society) per \$100 of sales or GDP. The sustainability score of the Fund is derived from the scores of all issuers in the Fund's portfolio measured by Schroders' proprietary tool.

The Fund invests at least 10% of its assets in sustainable investments, which are investments that the Investment Manager expects to contribute towards the advancement of one or more environmental and/or social objective (s).

### What sustainability indicators are used to measure the attainment of each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

The Investment Manager monitors compliance with the characteristic to maintain a higher overall sustainability score than the ICE BofA Global Governments Inflation-Linked EUR Hedged index by reference to the weighted average sustainability score of the Fund in Schroders' proprietary tool compared against the weighted average sustainability score of the ICE BofA Global Governments Inflation-Linked EUR Hedged index in Schroders' proprietary tool over the previous six month period, based on month-end data. The overall sustainability score aggregates the effect of sustainability indicators including but not limited to greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

**Sustainability indicators** measure how the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product are attained.

The Investment Manager monitors compliance with the characteristic to invest at least 10% of its assets in sustainable investments by reference to (i) the sustainability score of each asset in Schroders' proprietary tool and/ or (ii) whether the asset is classified as a green, social and/ or sustainable bond. Compliance with this is monitored daily via our automated compliance controls.

The Fund also applies certain exclusions, with which the Investment Manager monitors compliance on an ongoing basis via its portfolio compliance framework.

● ***What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?***

In respect of the proportion of the Fund's portfolio that is invested in sustainable investments, each sustainable investment either (i) demonstrates a net positive effect across a range of environmental or social objectives, as scored by Schroders' proprietary tool and/or (ii) is classified as a green, social and/ or sustainable bond using a third-party data source. The environmental or social objectives of the sustainable investments that the Fund partially intends to make may include, but are not limited to, increasing environmental and/or social benefits such as greater water access or fair pay and reducing environmental, and/or social costs such as carbon emissions or food waste. For example, greater water access as measured by Schroders' proprietary tool are the estimated societal benefits of the provision of clean drinking water to human health. The environmental or social objectives of green, social and/or sustainable bonds may include, but are not limited to, climate change mitigation, renewable energy initiatives, natural resource conservation, access to finance and affordable housing projects.

● ***How do the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make, not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?***

The Investment Manager's approach to investing in issuers that do not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective includes the following:

- Firm-wide investment exclusions apply to Schroders funds. These relate to international conventions on cluster munitions, anti-personnel mines, and chemical and biological weapons and a list of those companies that are excluded is available at <https://www.schroders.com/en/sustainability/active-ownership/group-exclusions/>. Firm-wide exclusions also apply to companies generating more than 20% of their revenue from thermal coal mining.
- The Fund excludes companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to tobacco and thermal coal.
- The Fund excludes companies that are assessed by Schroders to have breached one or more 'global norms' thereby causing significant environmental or social harm; these companies comprise Schroders' 'global norms' breach list. Schroders' determination of whether a company has been involved in such a breach considers relevant principles such as those contained in the UN Global Compact (UNGC) principles, the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights. The 'global norms' breach list may be informed by assessments performed by third party providers and by proprietary research, where relevant to a particular situation. In exceptional circumstances a derogation may be applied in order to allow the Fund to continue to hold a company on Schroders' 'global norms' breach list, for example where the stated investment strategy of the Fund may otherwise be compromised. Any such company cannot be categorised as a sustainable investment.
- The Fund may also apply certain other exclusions in addition to those summarised above.

Further information on all of the Fund's investment exclusions is to be found under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage, accessed via <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>.

● ***How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?***

When seeking to identify significant harm, Schroders' approach to taking into account the Principal Adverse Impacts (PAI) indicators involves a quantitative and a qualitative assessment. Where it is not considered appropriate or feasible to set quantitative thresholds, the Investment Manager engages, where relevant. Investee companies deemed not to satisfy the quantitative thresholds would generally be excluded, unless on a case-by-case basis the data is deemed not representative of a company's performance in the relevant area.

This framework is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability and quality of the data evolves.

Our approach includes:

1. **Quantitative:** this includes indicators where specific thresholds have been established:

**Principal adverse impacts** are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anticorruption and antibribery matters.

- Via the application of exclusions. This approach is relevant to **PAI 4** (Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector), **PAI 5** (Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production) and **PAI 14** (Exposure to controversial weapons). Further, the following PAIs are assessed as part of Schroders' 'global norms' breach list exclusion (which seeks to exclude companies where significant harm is occurring):
  - **PAI 7** (Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas)
  - **PAI 8** (Emissions to water)
  - **PAI 9** (Hazardous waste and radioactive waste ratio)
  - **PAI 10** (Violations of UN Global Compact principles and Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises)
  - **PAI 11** (Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and Voluntary)
  - **PAI 14** in Table 3 (Number of identified cases of severe human rights issues and incidents)
- Via the application of an alert system flag if the relevant indicator(s) exceeds a threshold. These quantitative thresholds to assess significant harm are established centrally by our Sustainable Investment team and monitored systematically. This approach applies to indicators where we have segmented the population into harm groups to establish a threshold, such as carbon related PAI metrics, **PAI 1** (GHG emissions), **PAI 2** (Carbon footprint) and **Voluntary PAI 4 in Table 2** (Investing in companies without carbon emission reduction initiatives). **PAI 3** (GHG intensity of investee companies) operates in a similar way but the threshold is based on a revenue metric. A threshold for **PAI 6** (Energy consumption intensity per high impact climate sector) is established based on the ~~above-mentioned~~ carbon measures. A similar approach has been taken for **PAI 15** (GHG intensity). **PAI 16** (Investee countries subject to social violations) also operates in the same way but based on data availability regarding social violations. Through this process the relevant issuer(s) that is/are deemed not to satisfy the quantitative thresholds is/are flagged to the Investment Manager for consideration, whose response may involve selling the holdings(s) or maintaining the position if on a case-by-case basis the data is deemed not representative of a company's performance in the relevant area. Investee companies deemed to cause significant harm are excluded from the Fund.
- 2. **Qualitative:** This includes PAI indicators where Schroders' believes that the data available does not enable us to make a quantitative determination regarding whether significant harm is done so as to warrant excluding an investment. In such cases, the Investment Manager engages wherever possible with the company or companies held, in accordance with the priorities documented in Schroders' Engagement Blueprint and/or voting policy. This approach applies to indicators such as **PAI 12** (Unadjusted gender pay gap) and **PAI 13** (Board gender diversity), where we engage and may use our voting rights where we consider appropriate. Both board gender diversity and disclosure of gender pay gap information are captured in our Engagement Blueprint.

● ***How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:***

Companies on Schroders' 'global norms' breach list cannot be categorised as sustainable investments. Schroders' determination of whether a company should be included on such list considers the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, among other relevant principles. The 'global norms' breach list is informed by third party providers and proprietary research, where relevant.

*The EU Taxonomy sets out a "do not significant harm" principle by which Taxonomy-aligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives and is accompanied by specific EU criteria.*

*The "do not significant harm" principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.*

*Any other sustainable investments must also not significantly harm any environmental or social objectives.*



## Does this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

☒ Yes, the Investment Manager's approach to considering principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors involves classifying the indicators into three categories:

The Investment Manager's approach to considering principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors differs depending on the relevant indicator. Some indicators are considered via the application of exclusions, some are considered via the investment process (where data is available via Schroders' PAI dashboard and via other external data sources) and some are considered via engagement. Further details are provided below.

PAIs are considered as part of pre-investment through the application of exclusions. The nature of this Fund is such that it does not meaningfully invest in corporate bonds and hence in practice such corporate exclusions are less important than for other Funds. Nonetheless, those formally applied include Schroders firmwide corporate exclusions regarding:

- Controversial weapons: PAI 14 Exposure to controversial weapons (anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, chemical weapons and biological weapons).

- Schroders' 'global norms' breach list, which covers: PAI 7 (Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas), PAI 8 (Emissions to water), PAI 9 (Hazardous waste and radioactive waste ratio), PAI 10 (Violations of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises), PAI 11 (Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises) and PAI 16 (Investee countries subject to social violations).

- Companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to thermal coal: PAI 4 (Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector) and PAI 5 (Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production).

Compliance with these thresholds is monitored via the Investment Manager's portfolio compliance framework.

PAIs are also considered through integration in the investment process. All PAI indicators are monitored via Schroders PAI dashboard.

Schroders' proprietary tool incorporates PAIs as a component of its scoring methodology. The attractiveness of a particular sovereign issuer as an investment for the portfolio is based on its ability to pay its bondholders over the long term, so as part of our process we consider the materiality of PAIs 15 (GHG intensity) and 16 (investee countries subject to social violations) as to whether we should regard these as areas of potential concern.

PAIs are also considered post-investment through engagement where the Investment Manager engages in line with the approach and expectations set out in Schroders Engagement Blueprint, which outlines our approach to active ownership.

There tend to be fewer opportunities to engage with sovereign issuers, as opposed to corporate issuers (in which this Fund does not meaningfully invest), but nonetheless we aim to engage with sovereign and supranational issuers on a periodic basis, primarily with respect to their approach to net zero carbon strategies (relating to PAI 15, GHG intensity).

Our approach is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability, and quality, of PAI data evolves. The Management Company's statement on principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors is available at <https://api.schroders.com/document-store/id/ffcb39bb-96cb-4e56-9461-deba9a493e85>. The Fund level information is disclosed or will be disclosed (as applicable) in the Fund's annual report.

1. Set thresholds: these involve very explicit thresholds for considering an investment to be a "sustainable investment". For example, PAI 10 on violations of UNGC principles.

2. Active ownership: these involve indicators on which we have a plan to engage with the underlying holding as set out in the Schroders Group document, accessed via <https://mybrand.schroders.com/m/3222ea4ed44a1f2c/original/schroders-engagement-blueprint.pdf>, outlining our approach to active ownership. For example, PAI 1, 2 and 3 covering GHG emissions and PAI 13 on board gender diversity.

3. Improve coverage: these involve indicators where we consider data coverage to be too sparse to properly consider them and our focus is primarily on engaging with the underlying holdings to increase reporting. For example, PAI 7 on biodiversity, PAI 9 on hazardous waste ratio and PAI 12 on the gender pay gap.

Our approach is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability, and quality, of PAI data evolves.

The Management Company's statement on principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors is available at <https://mybrand.schroders.com/m/467910ac8e6da45c/original/Statement-on-principal-adverse-impacts-of-investment-decisions-on-sustainability-factors.pdf>. The Fund level information is disclosed or will be (as applicable) in the Fund's annual report.

☐ No



## What investment strategy does this financial product follow?

**The investment strategy** guides investment decisions based on factors such as investment objectives and risk tolerance.

The sustainable investment strategy used by the Investment Manager is as follows:

The Fund is actively managed and invests at least two-thirds of its assets in inflation-linked fixed income securities with an investment grade or sub-investment grade credit rating (as measured by Standard & Poor's or any equivalent grade of other credit rating agencies for rated bonds and implied Schroders ratings for non-rated bonds) issued by governments, government agencies, supra-nationals and companies worldwide.

The Fund may also invest up to one-third of its assets directly or indirectly in other securities (including other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies, Investment Funds, warrants and Money Market Investments, and hold cash.

The Fund may use derivatives, long and short, with the aim of achieving investment gains, reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently.



The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the ICE BofA Global Governments Inflation-Linked EUR Hedged index based on the Investment Manager's rating criteria.

The Fund does not directly invest in certain activities, industries or groups of issuers above the limits listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage, accessed via <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

The Investment Manager applies governance and sustainability criteria when selecting investments for the Fund. Sustainability factors are assessed – across both sovereign markets and credit allocation decisions – in tandem with macroeconomic factors throughout the Investment Manager's top-down thematic investment process.

In assessing sustainability factors for sovereign issuers, the Investment Manager considers that countries with stable and non-corrupt governments are likely to be more willing and able to service their debts, while political considerations, including the impact of social and governance factors, can influence a country's inflation and currency profile and thus have a material impact on the real value of debt. Environmental impacts – which can be more pertinent over a longer-term horizon – are also incorporated. The Investment Manager's approach includes the use of Schroders' proprietary sustainability tools to rank countries by measuring their performance against multiple sustainability related indicators.

Credit selection decisions are delegated to the Investment Manager's specialist credit investment teams, who aim to identify issuers demonstrating good or improving sustainability credentials, and those that impose a high cost on the environment and society. This involves:

- The exclusion of issuers with certain exposure to specific activities that the Investment Manager considers environmentally destructive or socially damaging, violate human rights and/ or have demonstrated gross misconduct that the Investment Manager deems to have businesses that are materially damaging to the environment or impose unjustifiable social costs.
- The inclusion of issuers that the Investment Manager considers are well placed to deliver demonstrate stable and improving sustainability trajectories relative to their industry playerspeers, and issuers demonstrating good governance based on the Investment Manager's sustainability rating methodology.

The primary sources of information used to perform this analysis are the Investment Manager's proprietary tools and research, third-party research, NGO reports and expert networks. For corporate issuers, the Investment Manager also performs its own analysis of publicly available information provided by the companies, including information provided in company sustainability reports and other relevant company material.

More details on the Investment Manager's approach to sustainability and its engagement with companies are available on the webpage

<https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/>

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than its investment universe, based on the Investment Manager's rating system.

The Investment Manager ensures that at least:

- 90% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in developed countries; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with an investment grade credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by developed countries; and
- 75% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in emerging countries; equities issued by small and medium companies; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with a high yield credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by emerging countries,

is rated against the sustainability criteria. For the purposes of this test, small companies are those with market capitalisation below €5 billion, medium companies are those between €5 billion and €10 billion and large companies are those above €10 billion.

### ● ***What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?***

The following binding elements are applied throughout the investment process:

- The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the ICE BofA Global Governments Inflation-Linked EUR Hedged index based on the Investment Manager's rating criteria.
- The Fund invests at least 10% of its assets in sustainable investments and such investments do not cause significant environmental or social harm.
- Exclusions are applied to direct investments in companies. The Fund applies certain exclusions relating to international conventions on cluster munitions, antipersonnel mines, and chemical and biological weapons. The Fund also excludes companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to tobacco and thermal coal, especially companies that generate at least 10% of their revenues from tobacco production, companies that generate at least 25% of their revenues from the tobacco value chain (such as suppliers, distributors, retailers and licensors), companies that generate at least 10% of their revenues from thermal coal mining and companies that generate at least 30% of their revenues from coal fired power generation. The Fund excludes companies that are assessed by Schroders to have breached one or more 'global norms' thereby causing significant environmental or social harm; these companies comprise Schroders' 'global norms' breach list. In exceptional circumstances a derogation may be applied in order to allow the Fund to continue to hold

a company on Schroders' 'global norms' breach list, for example where the stated investment strategy of the Fund may otherwise be compromised. Any such company cannot be categorised as a sustainable investment. Further, the Fund may apply other exclusions as listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>. The Fund invests in companies that have good governance practices, as determined by the Investment Manager's rating criteria.

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than its investment universe, based on the Investment Manager's rating system.

The Investment Manager ensures that at least:

- 90% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in developed countries; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with an investment grade credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by developed countries; and
- 75% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in emerging countries; equities issued by small and medium companies; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with a high yield credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by emerging countries,

is rated against the sustainability criteria.

● **What is the committed minimum rate to reduce the scope of the investments considered prior to the application of that investment strategy?**

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

● **What is the policy to assess good governance practices of the investee companies?**

In order to assess good governance practices, a central Good Governance Test is applied. This test is based on a data-driven quantitative framework, which uses a scorecard to assess companies across the categories of sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff, and tax compliance. Schroders has defined a number of criteria across these pillars.

Compliance with the test is monitored centrally and companies which do not pass this test cannot be held by the Fund, unless the Investment Manager has agreed that the issuer demonstrates good governance based on additional insights beyond that quantitative analysis.

**Good governance** practices include sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff and tax compliance.



**Asset allocation** describes the share of investments in specific assets.

## What is the asset allocation planned for this financial product?

The planned composition of the Fund's investments that are used to meet its environmental or social characteristics are summarised below.

**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the minimum proportion of the Fund's assets used to attain the environmental or social characteristics, which is equal to 60%. The Fund commits to maintain a higher overall sustainability score than the ICE BofA Global Governments Inflation-Linked EUR Hedged index, and so the Fund's investments that are scored by Schroders' proprietary sustainability tool are included within the minimum proportion stated in #1 on the basis that they will contribute to the Fund's sustainability score (whether such individual investment has a positive or a negative score). Also included within #1 are any green, social or sustainable bonds that are not scored by Schroders' proprietary sustainability tool. ~~is not~~ The minimum proportion of assets that are invested in sustainable investments, is indicated in #1A. The minimum proportions stated apply in normal market conditions. The actual proportion stated in #1 is expected to be higher.

The sustainability score is measured by Schroders' proprietary tool that provides an estimate of the net "impact" that an issuer may create in terms of social and environmental "costs" or "benefits". It does this by using certain indicators with respect to that issuer, and quantifying them positively and negatively to produce an aggregate notional measure of the effect that the relevant underlying issuer may have on society and the environment. Examples of such indicators are greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

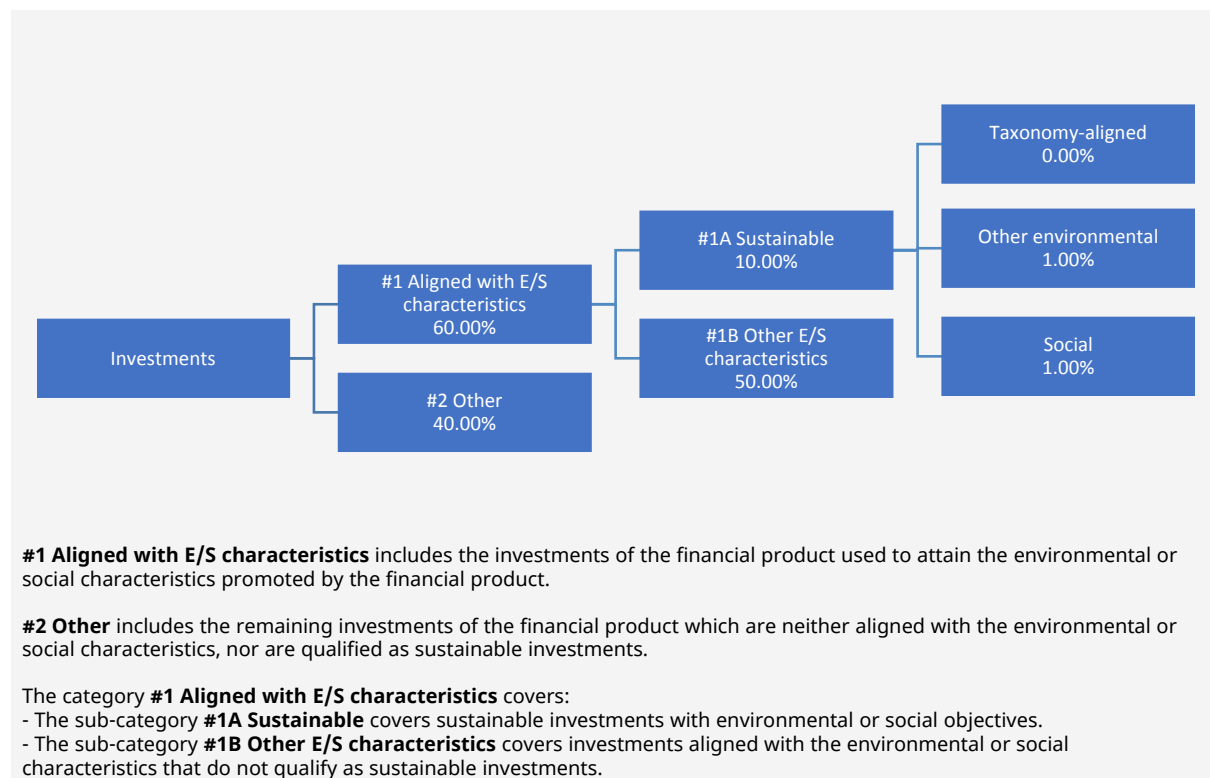
The Fund will invest at least 10% of its assets in sustainable investments. Each sustainable investment (i) demonstrates a net positive effect across a range of environmental or social objectives, as scored by Schroders' proprietary tool or (ii) is classified as a green, social and/ or sustainable bond using a third-party data source. With the exception of any green or social bonds, which will be classified as having an environmental or social objective respectively, a sustainable investment is classified as having an environmental or social objective depending on whether the relevant issuer has a higher score in Schroders' proprietary tool relative to its applicable peer group for its environmental indicators or its social indicators. In each case, indicators are comprised of both "costs" and "benefits".

**#2 Other** includes cash which is treated as neutral for sustainability purposes. #2 also includes other investments that are not scored by Schroders' proprietary sustainability tool and so do not contribute towards the Fund's sustainability score. As #1 states a minimum proportion that is in practice expected to be higher, the proportion stated in #2 is expected to be lower.

Minimum safeguards are applied where relevant to Money Market Investments and other investments by restricting (as appropriate) investments in counterparties where there are ownership links or exposure to higher risk countries (for the purpose of money laundering, terrorist financing, bribery, corruption, tax evasion and

sanctions risks). A firm-wide risk assessment considers the risk rating of each jurisdiction; which includes reference to a number of public statements, indices and world governance indicators issued by the UN, the European Union, the UK Government, the Financial Action Task Force and several Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), such as Transparency International and the Basel Committee.

In addition, new counterparties are reviewed by Schroders' credit risk team and approval of a new counterparty is based on a holistic review of the various sources of information available, including, but not limited to, quality of management, ownership structure, location, regulatory and social environment to which each counterparty is subject, and the degree of development of the local banking system and its regulatory framework. Ongoing monitoring is performed through a Schroders' proprietary tool, which supports the analysis of a counterparty's management of environmental, social and governance trends and challenges. Any significant deterioration in the profile of the counterparty in Schroders' proprietary tool would lead to further analysis and potential exclusion by Schroders' credit risk team.



#1 The minimum proportion stated applies in normal market conditions.

### ● **How does the use of derivatives attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?**

Single name credit default swaps are used as a proxy for direct investments which would otherwise be held by the Fund in line with its sustainability criteria. Such derivatives are therefore used to attain the Fund's sustainability score in Schroders proprietary tool which is one of the binding elements of the Fund. The Fund may use other derivatives that are scored in Schroders' proprietary tool to meet the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted by the Fund, as such derivatives would contribute to the Fund's sustainability score (whether such individual investment has a positive or a negative score).



### **To what minimum extent are sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?**

There is no minimum extent to which the Fund's investments (including transitional and enabling activities) with an environmental objective are aligned with the Taxonomy. Taxonomy alignment of this Fund's investments has therefore not been calculated and has as a result been deemed to constitute 0% of the Fund's portfolio.

In future it is expected that the Fund will assess and report on the extent to which its underlying investments are in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the Taxonomy, along with information relating to the proportion of enabling and transitional activities. This Prospectus will be updated once it is possible in the Investment Manager's opinion to accurately disclose to what extent the Fund's investments are in Taxonomy-aligned environmentally sustainable activities, including the proportions of investments in enabling and transitional activities selected for the Fund.

To comply with the EU Taxonomy, the criteria for **fossil gas** include limitations on emissions and switching to renewable power or low-carbon fuels by the end of 2035. For **nuclear energy**, the criteria include comprehensive safety and waste management rules.

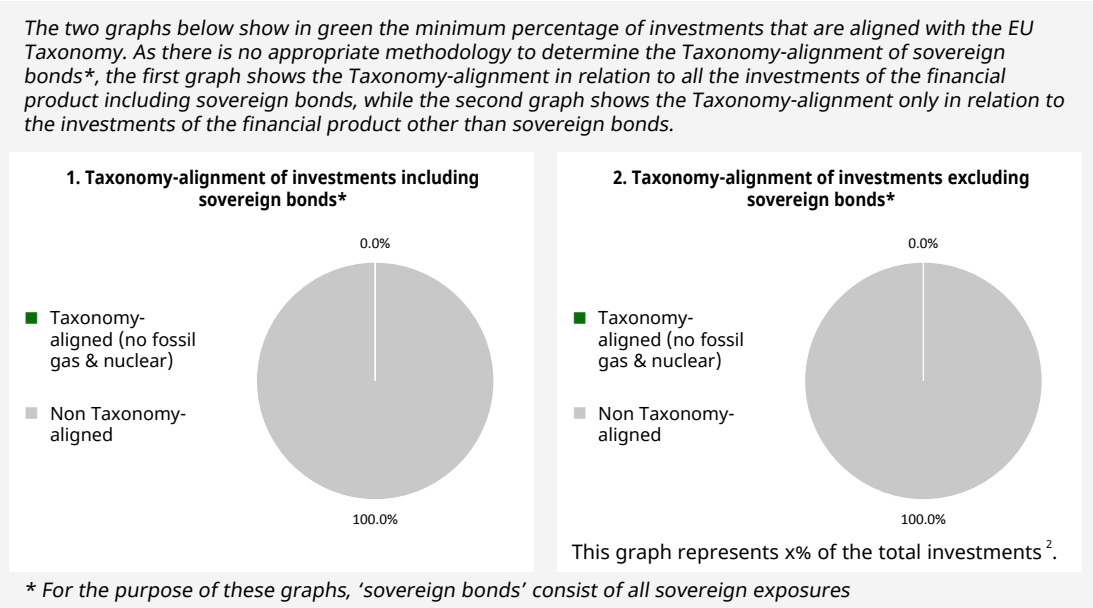
Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

- **turnover** reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee companies
- **capital expenditure** (CapEx) showing the green investments made by investee companies, e.g. for a transition to a green economy.
- **operational expenditure** (OpEx) reflecting green operational activities of investee companies.

**Enabling activities** directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective.

**Transitional activities** are activities for which low-carbon alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.

- **Does the financial product invest in fossil gas and/or nuclear energy related activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy<sup>1</sup>?**
  - ☐ Yes:
    - ☐ In fossil gas ☐ In nuclear energy
  - ☒ No



- **What is the minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities?**

As per the above, at the date of this Prospectus the share of investments by the Fund in transitional and enabling activities is currently deemed to constitute 0% of the Fund's portfolio.

<sup>1</sup> Fossil gas and/or nuclear related activities will only comply with the EU Taxonomy where they contribute to limiting climate change ("climate change mitigation") and do not significantly harm any EU Taxonomy objective – see explanatory note in the left-hand margin. The full criteria for fossil gas and nuclear energy economic activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy are laid down in Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1214.

<sup>2</sup> As there is no Taxonomy-alignment, there is no impact on the graph if sovereign bonds are excluded (i.e. the percentage of Taxonomy-aligned investments remains 0%) and the Management Company therefore believes that there is no need to mention this information.



## What is the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

The Fund commits to invest at least 1% of its assets in sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy.



are sustainable investments with an environmental objective that **do not take into account the criteria** for environmentally sustainable economic activities under the EU Taxonomy.



## What is the minimum share of socially sustainable investments?

The Fund commits to invest at least 1% of its assets in sustainable investments with a social objective.



## What investments are included under “#2 Other”, what is their purpose and are there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

**#2 Other** includes cash which is treated as neutral for sustainability purposes. #2 also includes other investments that are not scored by Schroders' proprietary sustainability tools and so do not contribute towards the Fund's sustainability score.

Minimum safeguards are applied where relevant to Money Market Investments and other investments by restricting (as appropriate) investments in counterparties where there are ownership links or exposure to higher risk countries (for the purpose of money laundering, terrorist financing, bribery, corruption, tax evasion and sanctions risks). A firm-wide risk assessment considers the risk rating of each jurisdiction; which includes reference to a number of public statements, indices and world governance indicators issued by the UN, the European Union, the UK Government, the Financial Action Task Force and several Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), such as Transparency International and the Basel Committee.

In addition, new counterparties are reviewed by Schroders' credit risk team and approval of a new counterparty is based on a holistic review of the various sources of information available, including, but not limited to, quality of management, ownership structure, location, regulatory and social environment to which each counterparty is subject, and the degree of development of the local banking system and its regulatory framework. Ongoing monitoring is performed through a Schroders' proprietary tool, which supports the analysis of a counterparty's management of environmental, social and governance trends and challenges. Any significant deterioration in the profile of the counterparty in Schroders' proprietary tool would lead to further analysis and potential exclusion by Schroders' credit risk team.



## Is a specific index designated as a reference benchmark to determine whether this financial product is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes?

**Reference benchmarks** are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the environmental or social characteristics that they promote.

- **How is the reference benchmark continuously aligned with each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?**

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- **How is the alignment of the investment strategy with the methodology of the index ensured on a continuous basis?**

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- ***How does the designated index differ from a relevant broad market index?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- ***Where can the methodology used for the calculation of the designated index be found?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.



## **Where can I find more product specific information online?**

More product-specific information can be found on the webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>



Pre-contractual disclosure for the financial products referred to in Article 8, paragraphs 1, 2 and 2a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 6, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852

**Product name:** **Schroder International Selection Fund Global Multi-Asset Balanced**

**Legal entity identifier:** **N7RNP3PDV1GDWKYBBM36**

## Environmental and/or social characteristics

<p><b>Sustainable investment</b> means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good governance practices.</p>	Does this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?	
<p>The <b>EU Taxonomy</b> is a classification system laid down in Regulation (EU) 2020/852, establishing a list of <b>environmentally sustainable economic activities</b>. That Regulation does not lay down a list of socially sustainable economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.</p>	<input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="checkbox"/> No
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## What environmental and/or social characteristics are promoted by this financial product?

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than a bespoke asset-weighted blend of MSCI World Index (hedged to EUR), MSCI Emerging Market Index (hedged to EUR), Barclays Global Aggregate Corporate Bond Index (hedged to EUR), Barclays Global High Yield excl CMBS & EMD 2% Index (hedged to EUR), ICE BofA US Treasury Index (hedged to EUR), JPM GBI Emerging Market Index - EM Local (hedged to EUR), JPM EMBI Index EM Hard Currency (hedged to EUR), **Thomson-ReutersFTSE** Global Convertible Bonds Index (hedged to EUR), based on the Investment Manager's rating system. The component benchmarks (which are each respectively a broad market index) do not take into account the environmental and social characteristics promoted by the Fund. The blend will evolve over time in line with the actual asset allocation of the Fund.

The sustainability score is measured by Schroders' proprietary tool that provides an estimate of the net "impact" that an issuer may create in terms of social and environmental "costs" or "benefits". It does this by using certain indicators with respect to that issuer, and quantifying them positively and negatively to produce an aggregate notional measure of the effect that the relevant underlying issuer may have on society and the environment. It does this using third party data as well as Schroders own estimates and assumptions and the outcome may differ from other sustainability tools and measures. Examples of such indicators are greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

The result is expressed as an aggregate score of the sustainability indicators for each issuer, specifically a notional percentage (positive or negative) of sales or GDP of the relevant underlying issuer. For example, a score of +2% would mean an issuer contributes \$2 of relative notional positive impact (i.e. benefits to society) per \$100 of sales or GDP. The sustainability score of the Fund is derived from the scores of all issuers in the Fund's portfolio measured by Schroders' proprietary tool.

The Fund invests at least 10% of its assets in sustainable investments, which are investments that the Investment Manager expects to contribute towards the advancement of one or more environmental and/or social objective (s).

### ● What sustainability indicators are used to measure the attainment of each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

The Investment Manager monitors compliance with the characteristic to maintain a higher overall sustainability score than the blend of the named benchmarks by reference to the weighted average sustainability score of the Fund in Schroders' proprietary tool compared against the weighted average sustainability score of the blend of the named benchmarks that reflects the Fund's asset allocation. Both

**Sustainability indicators** measure how the environmental or social characteristics

promoted by the financial product are attained.

scores are based on month-end data over the previous ~~six months~~six-month period. The overall sustainability score aggregates the effect of sustainability indicators including but not limited to greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

The Investment Manager monitors compliance with the characteristic to invest at least 10% of its assets in sustainable investments by reference to (i) the sustainability score of each asset in Schroders' proprietary tool and/ or (ii) whether the asset is classified as a green, social and/ or sustainable bond. Compliance with this is monitored daily via our automated compliance controls. The Fund also applies certain exclusions, with which the Investment Manager monitors compliance on an ongoing basis via its portfolio compliance framework.

● ***What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?***

In respect of the proportion of the Fund's portfolio that is invested in sustainable investments, each sustainable investment either (i) demonstrates a net positive effect across a range of environmental or social objectives, as scored by Schroders' proprietary tool and/or (ii) is classified as a green, social and/ or sustainable bond using a third-party data source. The environmental or social objectives of the sustainable investments that the Fund partially intends to make may include, but are not limited to, increasing environmental and/or social benefits such as greater water access or fair pay and reducing environmental, and/or social costs such as carbon emissions or food waste. For example, greater water access as measured by Schroders' proprietary tool are the estimated societal benefits of the provision of clean drinking water to human health. The environmental or social objectives of green, social and/or sustainable bonds may include, but are not limited to, climate change mitigation, renewable energy initiatives, natural resource conservation, access to finance and affordable housing projects.

● ***How do the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make, not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?***

The Investment Manager's approach to investing in issuers that do not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective includes the following:

- Firm-wide investment exclusions apply to Schroders funds. These relate to international conventions on cluster munitions, anti-personnel mines, and chemical and biological weapons and a list of those companies that are excluded is available at <https://www.schroders.com/en/sustainability/active-ownership/group-exclusions/>. Firm-wide exclusions also apply to companies generating more than 20% of their revenue from thermal coal mining.
- The Fund excludes companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to tobacco and thermal coal.
- The Fund excludes companies that are assessed by Schroders to have breached one or more 'global norms' thereby causing significant environmental or social harm; these companies comprise Schroders' 'global norms' breach list. Schroders' determination of whether a company has been involved in such a breach considers relevant principles such as those contained in the UN Global Compact (UNGC) principles, the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights. The 'global norms' breach list may be informed by assessments performed by third party providers and by proprietary research, where relevant to a particular situation. In exceptional circumstances a derogation may be applied in order to allow the Fund to continue to hold a company on Schroders' 'global norms' breach list, for example where the stated investment strategy of the Fund may otherwise be compromised. Any such company cannot be categorised as a sustainable investment.
- The Fund may also apply certain other exclusions in addition to those summarised above.

Further information on all of the Fund's investment exclusions is to be found under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>.

● ***How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?***

When seeking to identify significant harm, Schroders' approach to taking into account the Principal Adverse Impacts (PAI) indicators involves a quantitative and a qualitative assessment. Where it is not considered appropriate or feasible to set quantitative thresholds, the Investment Manager engages, where relevant. Investee companies deemed not to satisfy the quantitative thresholds would generally be excluded, unless on a case-by-case basis the data is deemed not representative of a company's performance in the relevant area.

This framework is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability and quality of the data evolves.

Our approach includes:

1. **Quantitative:** this includes indicators where specific thresholds have been established:

**Principal adverse impacts** are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anticorruption and antibribery matters.

- Via the application of exclusions. This approach is relevant to **PAI 4** (Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector), **PAI 5** (Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production) and **PAI 14** (Exposure to controversial weapons). Further, the following PAIs are assessed as part of Schroders' 'global norms' breach list exclusion (which seeks to exclude companies where significant harm is occurring):
  - **PAI 7** (Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas)
  - **PAI 8** (Emissions to water)
  - **PAI 9** (Hazardous waste and radioactive waste ratio)
  - **PAI 10** (Violations of UN Global Compact principles and Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises)
  - **PAI 11** (Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and Voluntary)
  - **PAI 14** in Table 3 (Number of identified cases of severe human rights issues and incidents)
- Via the application of an alert system flag if the relevant indicator(s) exceeds a threshold. These quantitative thresholds to assess significant harm are established centrally by our Sustainable Investment team and monitored systematically. This approach applies to indicators where we have segmented the population into harm groups to establish a threshold, such as carbon related PAI metrics, **PAI 1** (GHG emissions), **PAI 2** (Carbon footprint) and **Voluntary PAI 4 in Table 2** (Investing in companies without carbon emission reduction initiatives). **PAI 3** (GHG intensity of investee companies) operates in a similar way but the threshold is based on a revenue metric. A threshold for **PAI 6** (Energy consumption intensity per high impact climate sector) is established based on the ~~above-mentioned~~ carbon measures. A similar approach has been taken for **PAI 15** (GHG intensity). **PAI 16** (Investee countries subject to social violations) also operates in the same way but based on data availability regarding social violations. Through this process the relevant issuer(s) that is/are deemed not to satisfy the quantitative thresholds is/are flagged to the Investment Manager for consideration, whose response may involve selling the holdings(s) or maintaining the position if on a case-by-case basis the data is deemed not representative of a company's performance in the relevant area. Investee companies deemed to cause significant harm are excluded from the Fund.
- 2. **Qualitative:** This includes PAI indicators where Schroders' believes that the data available does not enable us to make a quantitative determination regarding whether significant harm is done so as to warrant excluding an investment. In such cases, the Investment Manager engages wherever possible with the company or companies held, in accordance with the priorities documented in Schroders' Engagement Blueprint and/or voting policy. This approach applies to indicators such as **PAI 12** (Unadjusted gender pay gap) and **PAI 13** (Board gender diversity), where we engage and may use our voting rights where we consider appropriate. Both board gender diversity and disclosure of gender pay gap information are captured in our Engagement Blueprint.

● ***How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:***

Companies on Schroders' 'global norms' breach list cannot be categorised as sustainable investments. Schroders' determination of whether a company should be included on such list considers the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, among other relevant principles. The 'global norms' breach list is informed by third party providers and proprietary research, where relevant.

*The EU Taxonomy sets out a "do not significant harm" principle by which Taxonomy-aligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives and is accompanied by specific EU criteria.*

*The "do not significant harm" principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.*

*Any other sustainable investments must also not significantly harm any environmental or social objectives.*



## Does this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

☒ Yes, the Investment Manager's approach to considering principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors involves classifying the indicators into three categories:

The Fund allocates its assets across multiple underlying strategies. Some PAIs are considered at the Fund level, whilst other PAIs are considered at the level of the underlying strategies by the relevant investment manager where applicable.

Some PAIs are considered as part of pre-investment through the application of exclusions applied at the Fund level. These include:

- Controversial weapons (PAI 14 - Exposure to controversial weapons (anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, chemical weapons and biological weapons)).

- Schrodgers' 'global norms' breach list, which covers: PAI 7 (Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas), PAI 8 (Emissions to water), PAI 9 (Hazardous waste and radioactive waste ratio), PAI 10 (Violations of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises), PAI 11 (Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises) and PAI 16 (Investee countries subject to social violations).

- Companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to thermal coal: (PAI 4 (Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector), PAI 5 (Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production) - applied to relevant underlying strategies.

Compliance with these thresholds is monitored via the Investment Manager's portfolio compliance framework.

Where appropriate PAIs are also considered through integration in the investment process, specifically the stock selection process in underlying strategies. For example the global equity strategy considers PAIs in the following way:

- Schrodgers' proprietary tool, which is used as part of screening the investment universe and for providing a maximum that can be invested in each company, incorporates several PAIs as a component of its scoring methodology. In assessing an issuer's overall environmental score, PAIs 1, 2 and 3 are included. In assessing an issuer's overall social score, PAIs 12 and 13 are included.

The investment team monitors all PAI indicators via Schrodgers' PAI dashboard.

Other PAIs are considered via active ownership, which where relevant is performed indirectly via the underlying investment managers. Where applicable, based on the underlying strategies and the relevant investment manager's own investment process, PAIs are considered post-investment through engagement in line with the approach and expectations set out in Schrodgers Engagement Blueprint.

Examples of PAIs captured via this approach include PAI 1 (GHG emissions), PAI 2 - Carbon footprint, PAI 3 - GHG intensity of investee companies and PAI 13 - Board gender diversity.

Our approach is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability, and quality, of PAI data evolves. The Management Company's statement on principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors is available at <https://api.schrodgers.com/document-store/id/ffcb39bb-96cb-4e56-9461-deba9a493e85>. The Fund level information is disclosed or will be disclosed (as applicable) in the Fund's annual report.

1. Set thresholds: these involve very explicit thresholds for considering an investment to be a "sustainable investment". For example, PAI 10 on violations of UNGC principles.

2. Active ownership: these involve indicators on which we have a plan to engage with the underlying holding as set out in the Schrodgers Group document - <https://mybrand.schrodgers.com/m/3222ea4ed44a1f2c/original/schrodgers-engagement-blueprint.pdf>, outlining our approach to active ownership. For example, PAI 1, 2 and 3 covering GHG emissions and PAI 13 on board gender diversity.

3. Improve coverage: these involve indicators where we consider data coverage to be too sparse to properly consider them and our focus is primarily on engaging with the underlying holdings to increase reporting. For example, PAI 7 on biodiversity, PAI 9 on hazardous waste ratio and PAI 12 on the gender pay gap.

Our approach is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability, and quality, of PAI data evolves.

The Management Company's statement on principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors is available at <https://mybrand.schrodgers.com/m/467910ac8e6da45c/original/Statement-on-principal-adverse-impacts-of-investment-decisions-on-sustainability-factors.pdf>. The Fund level information is disclosed or will be (as applicable) in the Fund's annual report.

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☐ No



## What investment strategy does this financial product follow?

**The investment strategy** guides investment decisions based on factors such as investment objectives and risk tolerance.

The sustainable investment strategy used by the Investment Manager is as follows:

The Fund is actively managed and invests directly or indirectly through derivatives in equity and equity-related securities, fixed income securities and Alternative Asset Classes.

Fixed income securities include fixed or floating rate securities such as government bonds, corporate bonds, emerging market debt, sub-investment grade (fixed and floating rate) securities (being securities with a credit rating below investment grade as measured by Standard & Poor's or any equivalent grade of other credit rating agencies), convertible bonds and inflation linked bonds.

The Fund intends to use derivatives (including total return swaps), long and short, with the aim of achieving investment gains, reducing risk, mitigating losses in falling markets or managing the Fund more efficiently. Where the Fund uses total return swaps and contracts for difference, the underlying consists of instruments in

which the Fund may invest according to its Investment Objective and Investment Policy. In particular, total return swaps and contracts for difference will be used on a continuous basis to gain long and short exposure on equity and equity related securities, fixed and floating rate securities and commodity indices.

The gross exposure of total return swaps and contracts for difference will not exceed 30% and is expected to remain within the range of 0% to 20% of the Net Asset Value. In certain circumstances this proportion may be higher.

The Fund may (exceptionally) hold up to 100% of its assets in cash and Money Market Investments. This will be limited to a maximum of six months (otherwise the Fund will be liquidated). During this period, the Fund will not fall within the scope of MMFR. The Fund may invest up to 10% of its assets in open-ended Investment Funds.

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than a bespoke asset-weighted blend\* of MSCI World Index (hedged to EUR), MSCI Emerging Market Index (hedged to EUR), Barclays Global Aggregate Corporate Bond Index (hedged to EUR), Barclays Global High Yield excl CMBS & EMD 2% Index (hedged to EUR), ICE BofA US Treasury Index (hedged to EUR), JPM GBI Emerging Market Index - EM Local (hedged to EUR), JPM EMBI Index EM Hard Currency (hedged to EUR), **Thomson-ReutersFTSE** Global Convertible Bonds Index (hedged to EUR), based on the Investment Manager's rating system.

\*The blend will evolve over time in line with the actual asset allocation of the Fund.

The Fund does not directly invest in certain activities, industries or groups of issuers above the limits listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage, accessed via <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

The Investment Manager applies governance and sustainability criteria when selecting investments for the Fund. The investable universe is assessed using a number of proprietary tools, as well as external rating services.

The Investment Manager will assess companies against a variety of environmental, social and governance metrics, taking into account issues such as climate change, environmental performance, labour standards and board composition. The Investment Manager will decide whether an investment is eligible for inclusion taking into account the overall ESG score. The multi-asset nature of the Fund means that the Investment Manager will analyse the ESG scores across asset classes as an input into the asset allocation of the Fund. The Investment Manager may select investments, which it deems to contribute to one or more environmental or social objectives, provided that they do no significant harm to any other environmental or social objectives.

The sources of information used to perform the analysis include information provided by the companies, such as company sustainability reports and other relevant company material, as well as Schroders' proprietary sustainability tools and third-party data.

More details on the Investment Manager's approach to sustainability and its engagement with companies are available on the webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/>

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than its investment universe, based on the Investment Manager's rating system.

The Investment Manager ensures that at least:

- 90% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in developed countries; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with an investment grade credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by developed countries; and
- 75% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in emerging countries; equities issued by small and medium companies; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with a high yield credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by emerging countries,

is rated against the sustainability criteria. For the purposes of this test, small companies are those with market capitalisation below €5 billion, medium companies are those between €5 billion and €10 billion and large companies are those above €10 billion.

### ● ***What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?***

The following binding elements are applied throughout the investment process:

- The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than a bespoke asset-weighted blend of MSCI World Index (hedged to EUR), MSCI Emerging Market Index (hedged to EUR), Barclays Global Aggregate Corporate Bond Index (hedged to EUR), Barclays Global High Yield excl CMBS & EMD 2% Index (hedged to EUR), ICE BofA US Treasury Index (hedged to EUR), JPM GBI Emerging Market Index - EM Local (hedged to EUR), JPM EMBI Index EM Hard Currency (hedged to EUR), **Thomson ReutersFTSE** Global Convertible Bonds Index (hedged to EUR) based on the Investment Manager's rating criteria.
- The Fund invests at least 10% of its assets in sustainable investments and such investments do not cause significant environmental or social harm.
- Exclusions are applied to direct investments in companies. The Fund applies certain exclusions relating to international conventions on cluster munitions, antipersonnel mines, and chemical and biological weapons. The Fund also excludes companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to tobacco and thermal coal, especially companies that generate at least 10% of their revenues from tobacco production, companies that generate at least 25% of their revenues from



the tobacco value chain (such as suppliers, distributors, retailers and licensors), companies that generate at least 10% of their revenues from thermal coal mining and companies that generate at least 30% of their revenues from coal fired power generation. The Fund excludes companies that are assessed by Schroders to have breached one or more 'global norms' thereby causing significant environmental or social harm; these companies comprise Schroders' 'global norms' breach list. In exceptional circumstances a derogation may be applied in order to allow the Fund to continue to hold a company on Schroders' 'global norms' breach list, for example where the stated investment strategy of the Fund may otherwise be compromised. Any such company cannot be categorised as a sustainable investment. Further, the Fund may apply other exclusions as listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

- The Fund invests in companies that have good governance practices, as determined by the Investment Manager's rating criteria. The Investment Manager ensures that at least:
- 90% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in developed countries; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with an investment grade credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by developed countries; and
- 75% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in emerging countries; equities issued by small and medium companies; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with a high yield credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by emerging countries,

is rated against the sustainability criteria.

● **What is the committed minimum rate to reduce the scope of the investments considered prior to the application of that investment strategy?**

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

● **What is the policy to assess good governance practices of the investee companies?**

In order to assess good governance practices, a central Good Governance Test is applied. This test is based on a data-driven quantitative framework, which uses a scorecard to assess companies across the categories of sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff, and tax compliance. Schroders has defined a number of criteria across these pillars.

Compliance with the test is monitored centrally and companies which do not pass this test cannot be held by the Fund, unless the Investment Manager has agreed that the issuer demonstrates good governance based on additional insights beyond that quantitative analysis.

**Good governance** practices include sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff and tax compliance.



## What is the asset allocation planned for this financial product?

**Asset allocation** describes the share of investments in specific assets.

The planned composition of the Fund's investments that are used to meet its environmental or social characteristics are summarised below.

**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the minimum proportion of the Fund's assets used to attain the environmental or social characteristics, which is equal to 60%. The Fund commits to maintain a higher overall sustainability score than the MSCI World Index (hedged to EUR), MSCI Emerging Market Index (hedged to EUR), Barclays Global Aggregate Corporate Bond Index (hedged to EUR), Barclays Global High Yield excl CMBS & EMD 2% Index (hedged to EUR), ICE BofA US Treasury Index (hedged to EUR), JPM GBI Emerging Market Index - EM Local (hedged to EUR), JPM EMBI Index EM Hard Currency (hedged to EUR), ~~Thomson Reuters~~FTSE Global Convertible Bonds Index (hedged to EUR), and so the Fund's investments that are scored by Schroders' proprietary sustainability tool are included within the minimum proportion stated in #1 on the basis that they will contribute to the Fund's sustainability score (whether such individual investment has a positive or a negative score). Also included within #1 are any green, social or sustainable bonds that are not scored by Schroders' proprietary sustainability tool. ~~is~~ The minimum proportion of assets that are invested in sustainable investments; ~~is~~ indicated in #1A. The minimum proportions stated apply in normal market conditions. The actual proportion stated in #1 is expected to be higher.

The sustainability score is measured by Schroders' proprietary tool that provides an estimate of the net "impact" that an issuer may create in terms of social and environmental "costs" or "benefits". It does this by using certain indicators with respect to that issuer, and quantifying them positively and negatively to produce an aggregate notional measure of the effect that the relevant underlying issuer may have on society and the environment. Examples of such indicators are greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

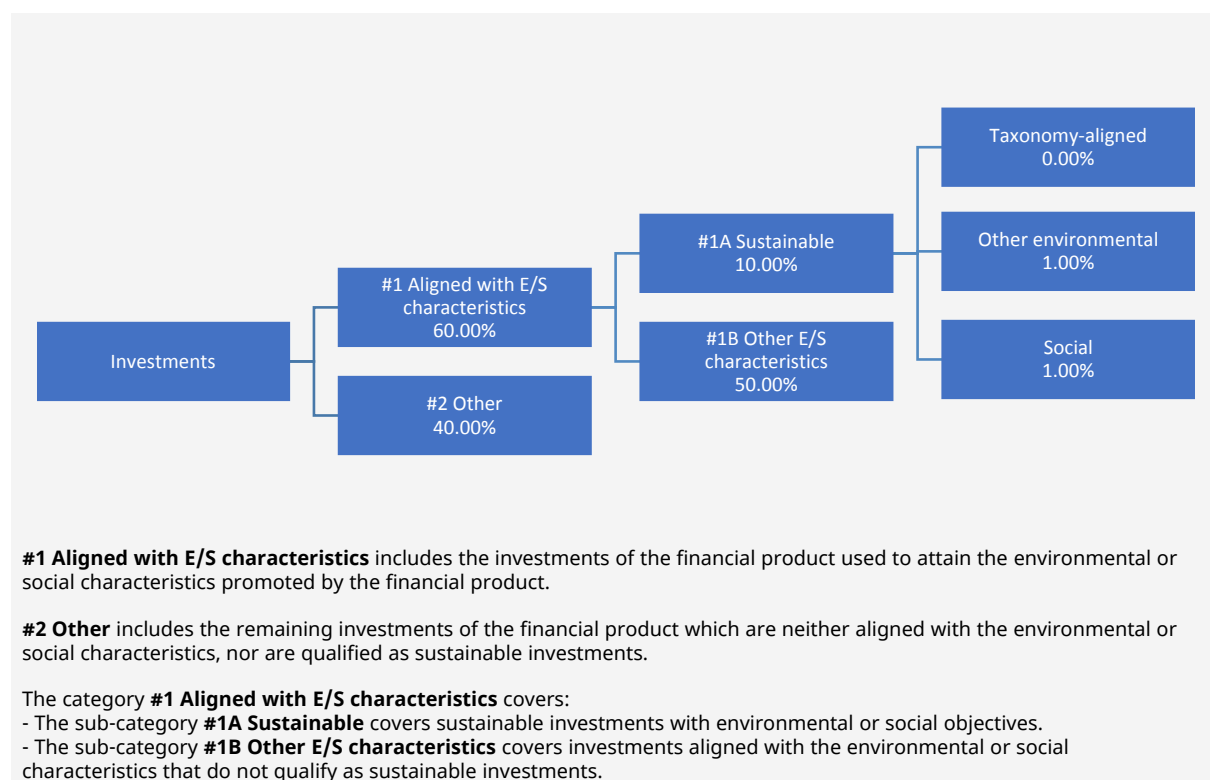
The Fund will invest at least 10% of its assets in sustainable investments. Each sustainable investment (i) demonstrates a net positive effect across a range of environmental or social objectives, as scored by Schroders' proprietary tool or (ii) is classified as a green, social and/ or sustainable bond using a third-party data source. With the exception of any green or social bonds, which will be classified as having an environmental or social objective respectively, a sustainable investment is classified as having an environmental or social objective depending on whether the relevant issuer has a higher score in Schroders' proprietary tool relative to its applicable peer group for its environmental indicators or its social indicators. In each case, indicators are comprised of both "costs" and "benefits".



**#2 Other** includes cash which is treated as neutral for sustainability purposes. #2 also includes other investments that are not scored by Schroders' proprietary sustainability tool and so do not contribute towards the Fund's sustainability score. As #1 states a minimum proportion that is in practice expected to be higher, the proportion stated in #2 is expected to be lower.

Minimum safeguards are applied where relevant to investments by restricting (as appropriate) investments in counterparties where there are ownership links or exposure to higher risk countries (for the purpose of money laundering, terrorist financing, bribery, corruption, tax evasion and sanctions risks). A firm-wide risk assessment considers the risk rating of each jurisdiction; which includes reference to a number of public statements, indices and world governance indicators issued by the UN, the European Union, the UK Government, the Financial Action Task Force and several Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), such as Transparency International and the Basel Committee.

In addition, new counterparties are reviewed by Schroders' credit risk team and approval of a new counterparty is based on a holistic review of the various sources of information available, including, but not limited to, quality of management, ownership structure, location, regulatory and social environment to which each counterparty is subject, and the degree of development of the local banking system and its regulatory framework. Ongoing monitoring is performed through a Schroders' proprietary tool, which supports the analysis of a counterparty's management of environmental, social and governance trends and challenges. Any significant deterioration in the profile of the counterparty in Schroders' proprietary tool would lead to further analysis and potential exclusion by Schroders' credit risk team.



#1 The minimum proportion stated applies in normal market conditions.

### ● **How does the use of derivatives attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?**

Derivatives such as equity index futures may be used as a proxy for direct investments which would otherwise be held by the Fund in line with its sustainability criteria. Such derivatives may therefore be used to attain the Fund's sustainability score in Schroders' proprietary tool which is one of the binding elements of the Fund. The Fund may use derivatives that are scored in Schroders' proprietary tool to meet the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted by the Fund, as such derivatives would contribute to the Fund's sustainability score (whether such individual investment has a positive or a negative score).



### **To what minimum extent are sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?**

There is no minimum extent to which the Fund's investments (including transitional and enabling activities) with an environmental objective are aligned with the Taxonomy. Taxonomy alignment of this Fund's investments has therefore not been calculated and has as a result been deemed to constitute 0% of the Fund's portfolio.

In future it is expected that the Fund will assess and report on the extent to which its underlying investments are in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the Taxonomy, along with information relating to the proportion of enabling and transitional activities. This Prospectus will be updated once it is possible in the Investment Manager's opinion to accurately disclose to what extent the Fund's investments are in Taxonomy-aligned environmentally sustainable activities, including the proportions of investments in enabling and transitional activities selected for the Fund.

● **Does the financial product invest in fossil gas and/or nuclear energy related activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy<sup>1</sup>?**

☐ Yes:

☐ In fossil gas ☐ In nuclear energy

☒ No

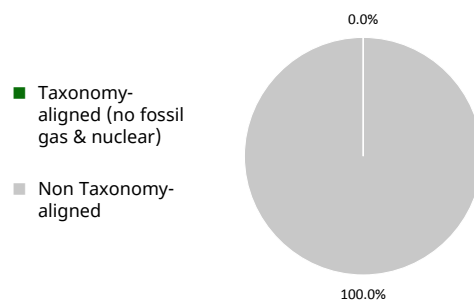
To comply with the EU Taxonomy, the criteria for **fossil gas** include limitations on emissions and switching to renewable power or low-carbon fuels by the end of 2035. For **nuclear energy**, the criteria include comprehensive safety and waste management rules.

Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

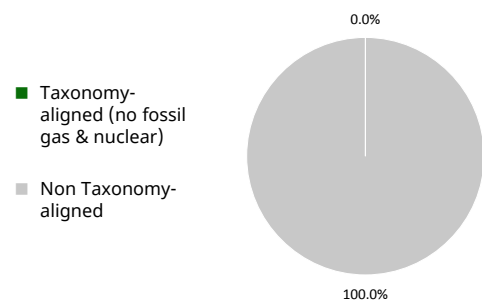
- **turnover** reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee companies
- **capital expenditure** (CapEx) showing the green investments made by investee companies, e.g. for a transition to a green economy.
- **operational expenditure** (OpEx) reflecting green operational activities of investee companies.

The two graphs below show in green the minimum percentage of investments that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the Taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy-alignment in relation to all the investments of the financial product including sovereign bonds, while the second graph shows the Taxonomy-alignment only in relation to the investments of the financial product other than sovereign bonds.

**1. Taxonomy-alignment of investments including sovereign bonds\***



**2. Taxonomy-alignment of investments excluding sovereign bonds\***



This graph represents x% of the total investments<sup>2</sup>.

\* For the purpose of these graphs, 'sovereign bonds' consist of all sovereign exposures

● **What is the minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities?**

As per the above, at the date of this Prospectus the share of investments by the Fund in transitional and enabling activities is currently deemed to constitute 0% of the Fund's portfolio.

**Enabling activities** directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective.

**Transitional activities** are activities for which low-carbon alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.

<sup>1</sup> Fossil gas and/or nuclear related activities will only comply with the EU Taxonomy where they contribute to limiting climate change ("climate change mitigation") and do not significantly harm any EU Taxonomy objective – see explanatory note in the left-hand margin. The full criteria for fossil gas and nuclear energy economic activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy are laid down in Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1214.

<sup>2</sup> As there is no Taxonomy-alignment, there is no impact on the graph if sovereign bonds are excluded (i.e. the percentage of Taxonomy-aligned investments remains 0%) and the Management Company therefore believes that there is no need to mention this information.



## What is the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

The Fund commits to invest at least 1% of its assets in sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy.



are sustainable investments with an environmental objective that **do not take into account the criteria** for environmentally sustainable economic activities under the EU Taxonomy.



## What is the minimum share of socially sustainable investments?

The Fund commits to invest at least 1% of its assets in sustainable investments with a social objective.



## What investments are included under “#2 Other”, what is their purpose and are there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

**#2 Other** includes cash which is treated as neutral for sustainability purposes. #2 also includes other investments that are not scored by Schroders' proprietary sustainability tools and so do not contribute towards the Fund's sustainability score.

Minimum safeguards are applied where relevant to investments by restricting (as appropriate) investments in counterparties where there are ownership links or exposure to higher risk countries (for the purpose of money laundering, terrorist financing, bribery, corruption, tax evasion and sanctions risks). A firm-wide risk assessment considers the risk rating of each jurisdiction; which includes reference to a number of public statements, indices and world governance indicators issued by the UN, the European Union, the UK Government, the Financial Action Task Force and several Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), such as Transparency International and the Basel Committee.

In addition, new counterparties are reviewed by Schroders' credit risk team and approval of a new counterparty is based on a holistic review of the various sources of information available, including, but not limited to, quality of management, ownership structure, location, regulatory and social environment to which each counterparty is subject, and the degree of development of the local banking system and its regulatory framework. Ongoing monitoring is performed through a Schroders' proprietary tool, which supports the analysis of a counterparty's management of environmental, social and governance trends and challenges. Any significant deterioration in the profile of the counterparty in Schroders' proprietary tool would lead to further analysis and potential exclusion by Schroders' credit risk team.



## Is a specific index designated as a reference benchmark to determine whether this financial product is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes?

**Reference benchmarks** are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the environmental or social characteristics that they promote.

- **How is the reference benchmark continuously aligned with each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?**

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- **How is the alignment of the investment strategy with the methodology of the index ensured on a continuous basis?**

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- ***How does the designated index differ from a relevant broad market index?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- ***Where can the methodology used for the calculation of the designated index be found?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.



## **Where can I find more product specific information online?**

More product-specific information can be found on the webpage: <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

Pre-contractual disclosure for the financial products referred to in Article 8, paragraphs 1, 2 and 2a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 6, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852

**Product name:** **Schroder International Selection Fund Global Multi-Asset Income**

**Legal entity identifier:** **9P2R2H6H0KS8FL2XQC82**

## Environmental and/or social characteristics

<p><b>Sustainable investment</b> means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good governance practices.</p>	<p><b>Does this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?</b></p> <p> <input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Yes</b> <input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>No</b> </p>		
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## What environmental and/or social characteristics are promoted by this financial product?

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the 30% MSCI AC World Index (USD), 40% Barclays Global Aggregate Corporate Bond Index (USD) and 30% Barclays Global High Yield excl CMBS & EMG 2% index (USD), based on the Investment Manager's rating system. This benchmark (which is a broad market index) does not take into account the environmental and social characteristics promoted by the Fund.

The sustainability score is measured by Schroders' proprietary tool that provides an estimate of the net "impact" that an issuer may create in terms of social and environmental "costs" or "benefits". It does this by using certain indicators with respect to that issuer, and quantifying them positively and negatively to produce an aggregate notional measure of the effect that the relevant underlying issuer may have on society and the environment. It does this using third party data as well as Schroders own estimates and assumptions and the outcome may differ from other sustainability tools and measures. Examples of such indicators are greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

The result is expressed as an aggregate score of the sustainability indicators for each issuer, specifically a notional percentage (positive or negative) of sales or GDP of the relevant underlying issuer. For example, a score of +2% would mean an issuer contributes \$2 of relative notional positive impact (i.e. benefits to society) per \$100 of sales or GDP. The sustainability score of the Fund is derived from the scores of all issuers in the Fund's portfolio measured by Schroders' proprietary tool.

The Fund invests at least 10% of its assets in sustainable investments, which are investments that the Investment Manager expects to contribute towards the advancement of one or more environmental and/or social objective (s).

### ● **What sustainability indicators are used to measure the attainment of each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?**

The Investment Manager monitors compliance with the characteristic to maintain a higher overall sustainability score than the 30% MSCI AC World Index (USD), 40% Barclays Global Aggregate Corporate Bond Index (USD) and 30% Barclays Global High Yield excl CMBS & EMG 2% index (USD) by reference to the weighted average sustainability score of the Fund in Schroders' proprietary tool compared against the weighted average sustainability score of the 30% MSCI AC World Index (USD), 40% Barclays Global Aggregate Corporate Bond Index (USD) and 30% Barclays Global High Yield excl CMBS & EMG 2% index

(USD) in Schroders' proprietary tool over the previous six month period, based on month-end data. The overall sustainability score aggregates the effect of sustainability indicators including but not limited to greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

The Investment Manager monitors compliance with the characteristic to invest at least 10% of its assets in sustainable investments by reference to (i) the sustainability score of each asset in Schroders' proprietary tool and/ or (ii) whether the asset is classified as a green, social and/ or sustainable bond. Compliance with this is monitored daily via our automated compliance controls. The Fund also applies certain exclusions, with which the Investment Manager monitors compliance on an ongoing basis via its portfolio compliance framework.

● ***What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?***

In respect of the proportion of the Fund's portfolio that is invested in sustainable investments, each sustainable investment either (i) demonstrates a net positive effect across a range of environmental or social objectives, as scored by Schroders' proprietary tool and/ or (ii) is classified as a green, social and/ or sustainable bond using a third-party data source. The environmental or social objectives of the sustainable investments that the Fund partially intends to make may include, but are not limited to, increasing environmental and/ or social benefits such as greater water access or fair pay and reducing environmental, and/ or social costs such as carbon emissions or food waste. For example, greater water access as measured by Schroders' proprietary tool are the estimated societal benefits of the provision of clean drinking water to human health. The environmental or social objectives of green, social and/ or sustainable bonds may include, but are not limited to, climate change mitigation, renewable energy initiatives, natural resource conservation, access to finance and affordable housing projects.

● ***How do the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make, not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?***

The Investment Manager's approach to investing in issuers that do not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective includes the following:

- Firm-wide investment exclusions apply to Schroders funds. These relate to international conventions on cluster munitions, anti-personnel mines, and chemical and biological weapons and a list of those companies that are excluded is available at <https://www.schroders.com/en/sustainability/active-ownership/group-exclusions/>. Firm-wide exclusions also apply to companies generating more than 20% of their revenue from thermal coal mining.
- The Fund excludes companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to tobacco and thermal coal.
- The Fund excludes companies that are assessed by Schroders to have breached one or more 'global norms' thereby causing significant environmental or social harm; these companies comprise Schroders' 'global norms' breach list. Schroders' determination of whether a company has been involved in such a breach considers relevant principles such as those contained in the UN Global Compact (UNGC) principles, the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights. The 'global norms' breach list may be informed by assessments performed by third party providers and by proprietary research, where relevant to a particular situation. In exceptional circumstances a derogation may be applied in order to allow the Fund to continue to hold a company on Schroders' 'global norms' breach list, for example where the stated investment strategy of the Fund may otherwise be compromised. Any such company cannot be categorised as a sustainable investment.
- The Fund may also apply certain other exclusions in addition to those summarised above.

Further information on all of the Fund's investment exclusions is to be found under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>.

● ***How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?***

When seeking to identify significant harm, Schroders' approach to taking into account the Principal Adverse Impacts (PAI) indicators involves a quantitative and a qualitative assessment. Where it is not considered appropriate or feasible to set quantitative thresholds, the Investment Manager engages, where relevant. Investee companies deemed not to satisfy the quantitative thresholds would generally be excluded, unless on a case-by-case basis the data is deemed not representative of a company's performance in the relevant area.

This framework is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability and quality of the data evolves.

Our approach includes:

1. **Quantitative:** this includes indicators where specific thresholds have been established:

**Principal adverse impacts** are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anticorruption and antibribery matters.



- Via the application of exclusions. This approach is relevant to **PAI 4** (Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector), **PAI 5** (Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production) and **PAI 14** (Exposure to controversial weapons). Further, the following PAIs are assessed as part of Schroders' 'global norms' breach list exclusion (which seeks to exclude companies where significant harm is occurring):
  - **PAI 7** (Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas)
  - **PAI 8** (Emissions to water)
  - **PAI 9** (Hazardous waste and radioactive waste ratio)
  - **PAI 10** (Violations of UN Global Compact principles and Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises)
  - **PAI 11** (Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and Voluntary)
  - **PAI 14** in Table 3 (Number of identified cases of severe human rights issues and incidents)
- Via the application of an alert system flag if the relevant indicator(s) exceeds a threshold. These quantitative thresholds to assess significant harm are established centrally by our Sustainable Investment team and monitored systematically. This approach applies to indicators where we have segmented the population into harm groups to establish a threshold, such as carbon related PAI metrics, **PAI 1** (GHG emissions), **PAI 2** (Carbon footprint) and **Voluntary PAI 4 in Table 2** (Investing in companies without carbon emission reduction initiatives). **PAI 3** (GHG intensity of investee companies) operates in a similar way but the threshold is based on a revenue metric. A threshold for **PAI 6** (Energy consumption intensity per high impact climate sector) is established based on the ~~above-mentioned~~ carbon measures. A similar approach has been taken for **PAI 15** (GHG intensity). **PAI 16** (Investee countries subject to social violations) also operates in the same way but based on data availability regarding social violations. Through this process the relevant issuer(s) that is/are deemed not to satisfy the quantitative thresholds is/are flagged to the Investment Manager for consideration, whose response may involve selling the holdings(s) or maintaining the position if on a case-by-case basis the data is deemed not representative of a company's performance in the relevant area. Investee companies deemed to cause significant harm are excluded from the Fund.
- 2. **Qualitative:** This includes PAI indicators where Schroders' believes that the data available does not enable us to make a quantitative determination regarding whether significant harm is done so as to warrant excluding an investment. In such cases, the Investment Manager engages wherever possible with the company or companies held, in accordance with the priorities documented in Schroders' Engagement Blueprint and/or voting policy. This approach applies to indicators such as **PAI 12** (Unadjusted gender pay gap) and **PAI 13** (Board gender diversity), where we engage and may use our voting rights where we consider appropriate. Both board gender diversity and disclosure of gender pay gap information are captured in our Engagement Blueprint.

● ***How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:***

Companies on Schroders' 'global norms' breach list cannot be categorised as sustainable investments. Schroders' determination of whether a company should be included on such list considers the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, among other relevant principles. The 'global norms' breach list is informed by third party providers and proprietary research, where relevant.

*The EU Taxonomy sets out a "do not significant harm" principle by which Taxonomy-aligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives and is accompanied by specific EU criteria.*

*The "do not significant harm" principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.*

*Any other sustainable investments must also not significantly harm any environmental or social objectives.*



## Does this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

☒ Yes, the Investment Manager's approach to considering principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors involves classifying the indicators into three categories:

The Fund allocates its assets across multiple underlying strategies. Some PAIs are considered at the Fund level, whilst other PAIs are considered at the level of the underlying strategies by the relevant investment manager where applicable.

Some PAIs are considered as part of pre-investment through the application of exclusions applied at the Fund level. These include:

- Controversial weapons (PAI 14 - Exposure to controversial weapons (anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, chemical weapons and biological weapons)).

- Schroders' 'global norms' breach list, which covers: PAI 7 (Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas), PAI 8 (Emissions to water), PAI 9 (Hazardous waste and radioactive waste ratio), PAI 10 (Violations of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises), PAI 11 (Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises) and PAI 16 (Investee countries subject to social violations).

- Companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to thermal coal: (PAI 4 (Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector), PAI 5 (Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production) – applied to relevant underlying strategies.

Compliance with these thresholds is monitored via the Investment Manager's portfolio compliance framework.

Where appropriate PAIs are also considered through integration in the investment process, specifically the stock selection process in underlying strategies. For example the global equity strategy considers PAIs in the following way:

- Schroders' proprietary tool, which is used as part of screening the investment universe and for providing a maximum that can be invested in each company, incorporates several PAIs as a component of its scoring methodology. In assessing an issuer's overall environmental score, PAIs 1, 2 and 3 are included. In assessing an issuer's overall social score, PAIs 12 and 13 are included.

The investment team monitors all PAI indicators via Schroders' PAI dashboard.

Other PAIs are considered via active ownership, which where relevant is performed indirectly via the underlying investment managers. Where applicable, based on the underlying strategies and the relevant investment manager's own investment process, PAIs are considered post-investment through engagement in line with the approach and expectations set out in Schroders Engagement Blueprint.

Examples of PAIs captured via this approach included PAI 1 (GHG emissions), PAI 2 (Carbon footprint), PAI 3 (GHG intensity of investee companies) and PAI 13 (Board gender diversity).

Our approach is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability, and quality, of PAI data evolves. The Management Company's statement on principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors is available at <https://api.schroders.com/document-store/id/ffcb39bb-96cb-4e56-9461-deba9a493e85>. The Fund level information is disclosed or will be disclosed (as applicable) in the Fund's annual report.

1. Set thresholds: these involve very explicit thresholds for considering an investment to be a "sustainable investment". For example, PAI 10 on violations of UNGC principles.

2. Active ownership: these involve indicators on which we have a plan to engage with the underlying holding as set out in the Schroders Group document, accessed via <https://mybrand.schroders.com/m/3222ea4ed44a1f2c/original/schroders-engagement-blueprint.pdf>, outlining our approach to active ownership. For example, PAI 1, 2 and 3 covering GHG emissions and PAI 13 on board gender diversity.

3. Improve coverage: these involve indicators where we consider data coverage to be too sparse to properly consider them and our focus is primarily on engaging with the underlying holdings to increase reporting. For example, PAI 7 on biodiversity, PAI 9 on hazardous waste ratio and PAI 12 on the gender pay gap.

Our approach is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability, and quality, of PAI data evolves.

The Management Company's statement on principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors is available at <https://mybrand.schroders.com/m/467910ac8e6da45c/original/Statement-on-principal-adverse-impacts-of-investment-decisions-on-sustainability-factors.pdf>. The Fund level information is disclosed or will be (as applicable) in the Fund's annual report.

☐ No



## What investment strategy does this financial product follow?

**The investment strategy** guides investment decisions based on factors such as investment objectives and risk tolerance.

The sustainable investment strategy used by the Investment Manager is as follows:

The Fund is actively managed and invests directly, or indirectly through derivatives, in equity and equity-related securities, fixed income securities and Alternative Asset Classes.

The Fund may invest:

- up to 50% of its assets in below investment grade (fixed and floating rate) securities (being securities with a credit rating below investment grade as measured by Standard & Poor's or any equivalent grade of other credit rating agencies) and unrated securities.

- in excess of 50% of its assets in emerging market debt (fixed and floating rate) securities.

- up to 20% of its assets in asset-backed securities and mortgage-backed securities

The Fund may also invest up to 15% of its assets in mainland China through Regulated Markets (including the CIBM via Bond Connect or CIBM Direct).

The Fund intends to use derivatives (including total return swaps), long and short, with the aim of achieving investment gains, reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently. Where the Fund uses total return swaps and contracts for difference, the underlying consists of instruments in which the Fund may invest according to its Investment Objective and Investment Policy. In particular, the aim is to use total return swaps and contracts for difference on a temporary basis in market conditions including but not limited to during periods of expanding global economic growth and rising inflation or elevated geopolitical risk, or when credit spreads are expected to

widen such during periods of falling economic growth, rising interest rates or elevated geopolitical risk. Contracts for difference and total return swaps are intended to be used to gain long and short exposure on equity and equity related securities, fixed and floating rate securities and commodity indices.

The gross exposure of total return swaps and contracts for difference will not exceed 30% and is expected to remain within the range of 0% to 20% of the Net Asset Value. In certain circumstances this proportion may be higher. The Fund may invest up to 10% of its assets in open-ended Investment Funds. The Fund may invest in Money Market Investments and hold cash.

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than 30% MSCI AC World Index (USD), 40% Barclays Global Aggregate Corporate Bond Index (USD) and 30% Barclays Global High Yield excl CMBS & EMG 2% index (USD) based on the Investment Manager's rating system.

The Fund does not directly invest in certain activities, industries or groups of issuers above the limits listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage, accessed via <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

The Investment Manager applies governance and sustainability criteria when selecting investments for the Fund. The investable universe is assessed using a number of proprietary tools, as well as external rating services.

The Investment Manager will assess companies against a variety of environmental, social and governance metrics, taking into account issues such as climate change, environmental performance, labour standards and board composition. The Investment Manager will decide whether an investment is eligible for inclusion taking into account the overall ESG score. The multi-asset nature of the Fund means that the Investment Manager will analyse the ESG scores across asset classes as an input into the asset allocation of the Fund. The Investment Manager may select investments, which it deems to contribute to one or more environmental or social objectives, provided that they do no significant harm to any other environmental or social objectives.

The sources of information used to perform the analysis include information provided by the companies, such as company sustainability reports and other relevant company material, as well as Schroders' proprietary sustainability tools and third-party data.

More details on the Investment Manager's approach to sustainability and its engagement with companies are available on the webpage

<https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/>

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than its investment universe, based on the Investment Manager's rating system.

The Investment Manager ensures that at least:

- 90% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in developed countries; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with an investment grade credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by developed countries; and
- 75% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in emerging countries; equities issued by small and medium companies; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with a high yield credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by emerging countries, is rated against the sustainability criteria.

For the purposes of this test, small companies are those with market capitalisation below €5 billion, medium companies are those between €5 billion and €10 billion and large companies are those above €10 billion.

● ***What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?***

The following binding elements are applied throughout the investment process:

- The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the 30% MSCI AC World Index (USD), 40% Barclays Global Aggregate Corporate Bond Index (USD) and 30% Barclays Global High Yield excl CMBS & EMG 2% index (USD) based on the Investment Manager's rating criteria.
- The Fund invests at least 10% of its assets in sustainable investments and such investments do not cause significant environmental or social harm.
- Exclusions are applied to direct investments in companies. The Fund applies certain exclusions relating to international conventions on cluster munitions, antipersonnel mines, and chemical and biological weapons. The Fund also excludes companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to tobacco and thermal coal, especially companies that generate at least 10% of their revenues from tobacco production, companies that generate at least 25% of their revenues from the tobacco value chain (such as suppliers, distributors, retailers and licensors), companies that generate at least 10% of their revenues from thermal coal mining and companies that generate at

least 30% of their revenues from coal fired power generation. The Fund excludes companies that are assessed by Schroders to have breached one or more 'global norms' thereby causing significant environmental or social harm; these companies comprise Schroders' 'global norms' breach list. In exceptional circumstances a derogation may be applied in order to allow the Fund to continue to hold a company on Schroders' 'global norms' breach list, for example where the stated investment strategy of the Fund may otherwise be compromised. Any such company cannot be categorised as a sustainable investment. Further, the Fund may apply other exclusions as listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

- The Fund invests in companies that have good governance practices, as determined by the Investment Manager's rating criteria.

The Investment Manager ensures that at least:

- 90% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in developed countries; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with an investment grade credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by developed countries; and
- 75% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in emerging countries; equities issued by small and medium companies; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with a high yield credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by emerging countries,

is rated against the sustainability criteria.

● **What is the committed minimum rate to reduce the scope of the investments considered prior to the application of that investment strategy?**

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

● **What is the policy to assess good governance practices of the investee companies?**

In order to assess good governance practices, a central Good Governance Test is applied. This test is based on a data-driven quantitative framework, which uses a scorecard to assess companies across the categories of sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff, and tax compliance. Schroders has defined a number of criteria across these pillars.

Compliance with the test is monitored centrally and companies which do not pass this test cannot be held by the Fund, unless the Investment Manager has agreed that the issuer demonstrates good governance based on additional insights beyond that quantitative analysis.

**Good governance** practices include sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff and tax compliance.



**Asset allocation** describes the share of investments in specific assets.

## What is the asset allocation planned for this financial product?

The planned composition of the Fund's investments that are used to meet its environmental or social characteristics are summarised below.

**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the minimum proportion of the Fund's assets used to attain the environmental or social characteristics, which is equal to 60%. The Fund commits to maintain a higher overall sustainability score than the 30% MSCI AC World Index (USD), 40% Barclays Global Aggregate Corporate Bond Index (USD) and 30% Barclays Global High Yield excl CMBS & EMG 2% index (USD), and so the Fund's investments that are scored by Schroders' proprietary sustainability tool are included within the minimum proportion stated in #1 on the basis that they will contribute to the Fund's sustainability score (whether such individual investment has a positive or a negative score). Also included within #1 are any green, social or sustainable bonds that are not scored by Schroders' proprietary sustainability tool. ~~is not~~ The minimum proportion of assets that are invested in sustainable investments, ~~is~~ indicated in #1A. The minimum proportions stated apply in normal market conditions. The actual proportion stated in #1 is expected to be higher.

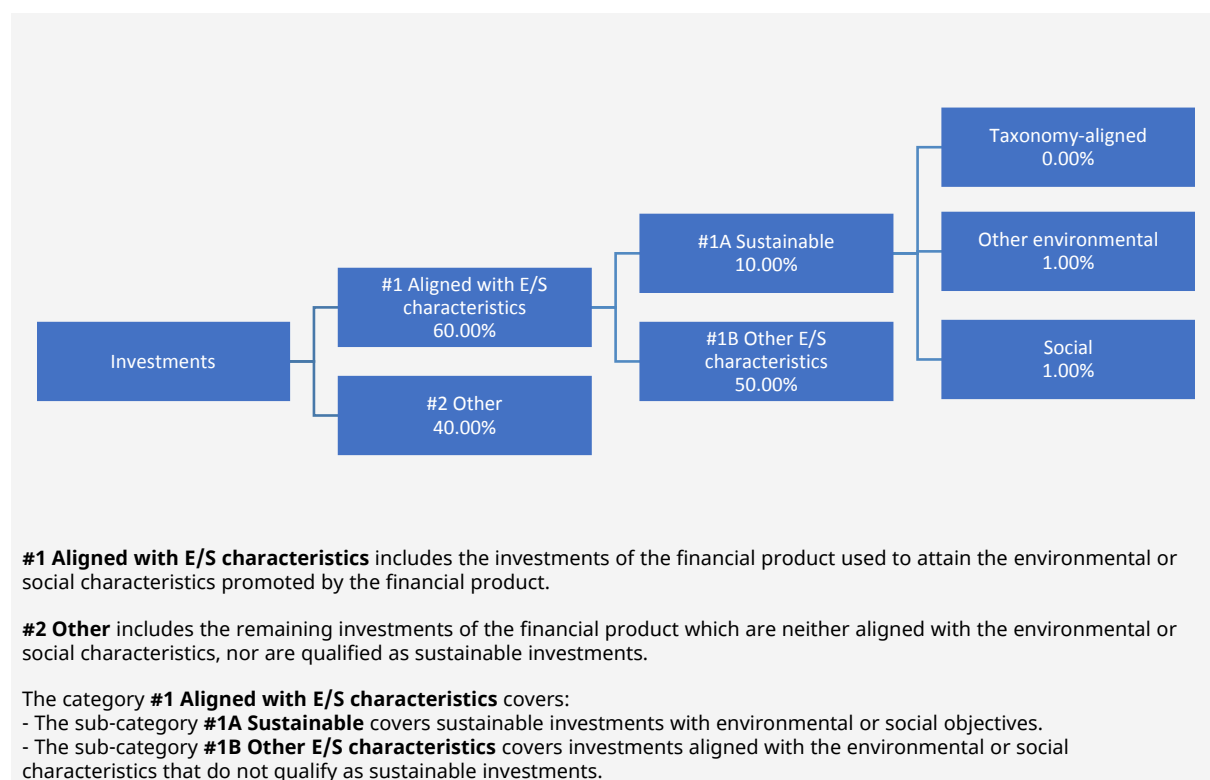
The sustainability score is measured by Schroders' proprietary tool that provides an estimate of the net "impact" that an issuer may create in terms of social and environmental "costs" or "benefits". It does this by using certain indicators with respect to that issuer, and quantifying them positively and negatively to produce an aggregate notional measure of the effect that the relevant underlying issuer may have on society and the environment. Examples of such indicators are greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

The Fund will invest at least 10% of its assets in sustainable investments. Each sustainable investment (i) demonstrates a net positive effect across a range of environmental or social objectives, as scored by Schroders' proprietary tool or (ii) is classified as a green, social and/ or sustainable bond using a third-party data source. With the exception of any green or social bonds, which will be classified as having an environmental or social objective respectively, a sustainable investment is classified as having an environmental or social objective depending on whether the relevant issuer has a higher score in Schroders' proprietary tool relative to its applicable peer group for its environmental indicators or its social indicators. In each case, indicators are comprised of both "costs" and "benefits".

**#2 Other** includes cash which is treated as neutral for sustainability purposes. #2 also includes other investments that are not scored by Schroders' proprietary sustainability tool and so do not contribute towards the Fund's sustainability score. As #1 states a minimum proportion that is in practice expected to be higher, the proportion stated in #2 is expected to be lower.

Minimum safeguards are applied where relevant to Money Market Investments and other investments by restricting (as appropriate) investments in counterparties where there are ownership links or exposure to higher risk countries (for the purpose of money laundering, terrorist financing, bribery, corruption, tax evasion and sanctions risks). A firm-wide risk assessment considers the risk rating of each jurisdiction; which includes reference to a number of public statements, indices and world governance indicators issued by the UN, the European Union, the UK Government, the Financial Action Task Force and several Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), such as Transparency International and the Basel Committee.

In addition, new counterparties are reviewed by Schroders' credit risk team and approval of a new counterparty is based on a holistic review of the various sources of information available, including, but not limited to, quality of management, ownership structure, location, regulatory and social environment to which each counterparty is subject, and the degree of development of the local banking system and its regulatory framework. Ongoing monitoring is performed through a Schroders' proprietary tool, which supports the analysis of a counterparty's management of environmental, social and governance trends and challenges. Any significant deterioration in the profile of the counterparty in Schroders' proprietary tool would lead to further analysis and potential exclusion by Schroders' credit risk team.



#1 The minimum proportion stated applies in normal market conditions.

### ● **How does the use of derivatives attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?**

Derivatives such as equity index futures may be used as a proxy for direct investments which would otherwise be held by the Fund in line with its sustainability criteria. Such derivatives may therefore be used to attain the Fund's sustainability score in Schroders proprietary tool which is one of the binding elements of the Fund. The Fund may use other derivatives that are scored in Schroders' proprietary tool to meet the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted by the Fund, as such derivatives would contribute to the Fund's sustainability score (whether such individual investment has a positive or a negative score).



### **To what minimum extent are sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?**

There is no minimum extent to which the Fund's investments (including transitional and enabling activities) with an environmental objective are aligned with the Taxonomy. Taxonomy alignment of this Fund's investments has therefore not been calculated and has as a result been deemed to constitute 0% of the Fund's portfolio.



In future it is expected that the Fund will assess and report on the extent to which its underlying investments are in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the Taxonomy, along with information relating to the proportion of enabling and transitional activities. This Prospectus will be updated once it is possible in the Investment Manager's opinion to accurately disclose to what extent the Fund's investments are in Taxonomy-aligned environmentally sustainable activities, including the proportions of investments in enabling and transitional activities selected for the Fund.

● **Does the financial product invest in fossil gas and/or nuclear energy related activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy<sup>1</sup>?**

☐ Yes:

☐ In fossil gas ☐ In nuclear energy

☒ No

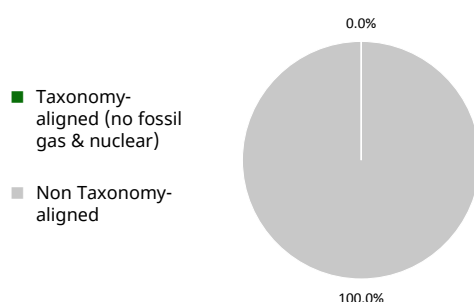
To comply with the EU Taxonomy, the criteria for **fossil gas** include limitations on emissions and switching to renewable power or low-carbon fuels by the end of 2035. For **nuclear energy**, the criteria include comprehensive safety and waste management rules.

Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

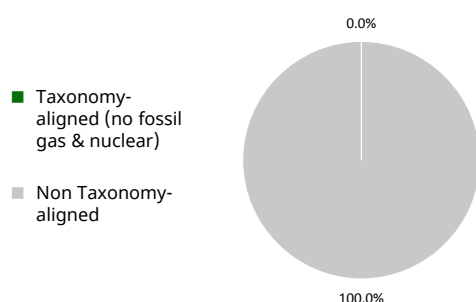
- **turnover** reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee companies
- **capital expenditure** (CapEx) showing the green investments made by investee companies, e.g. for a transition to a green economy.
- **operational expenditure** (OpEx) reflecting green operational activities of investee companies.

The two graphs below show in green the minimum percentage of investments that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the Taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy-alignment in relation to all the investments of the financial product including sovereign bonds, while the second graph shows the Taxonomy-alignment only in relation to the investments of the financial product other than sovereign bonds.

**1. Taxonomy-alignment of investments including sovereign bonds\***



**2. Taxonomy-alignment of investments excluding sovereign bonds\***



This graph represents x% of the total investments<sup>2</sup>.

\* For the purpose of these graphs, 'sovereign bonds' consist of all sovereign exposures

● **What is the minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities?**

As per the above, at the date of this Prospectus the share of investments by the Fund in transitional and enabling activities is currently deemed to constitute 0% of the Fund's portfolio.

**Enabling activities** directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective.

**Transitional activities** are activities for which low-carbon alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.

<sup>1</sup> Fossil gas and/or nuclear related activities will only comply with the EU Taxonomy where they contribute to limiting climate change ("climate change mitigation") and do not significantly harm any EU Taxonomy objective – see explanatory note in the left-hand margin. The full criteria for fossil gas and nuclear energy economic activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy are laid down in Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1214.

<sup>2</sup> As there is no Taxonomy-alignment, there is no impact on the graph if sovereign bonds are excluded (i.e. the percentage of Taxonomy-aligned investments remains 0%) and the Management Company therefore believes that there is no need to mention this information.





## What is the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

The Fund commits to invest at least 1% of its assets in sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy.



are sustainable investments with an environmental objective that **do not take into account the criteria** for environmentally sustainable economic activities under the EU Taxonomy.



## What is the minimum share of socially sustainable investments?

The Fund commits to invest at least 1% of its assets in sustainable investments with a social objective.



## What investments are included under “#2 Other”, what is their purpose and are there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

**#2 Other** includes cash which is treated as neutral for sustainability purposes. #2 also includes other investments that are not scored by Schroders' proprietary sustainability tools and so do not contribute towards the Fund's sustainability score.

Minimum safeguards are applied where relevant to Money Market Investments and other investments by restricting (as appropriate) investments in counterparties where there are ownership links or exposure to higher risk countries (for the purpose of money laundering, terrorist financing, bribery, corruption, tax evasion and sanctions risks). A firm-wide risk assessment considers the risk rating of each jurisdiction; which includes reference to a number of public statements, indices and world governance indicators issued by the UN, the European Union, the UK Government, the Financial Action Task Force and several Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), such as Transparency International and the Basel Committee.

In addition, new counterparties are reviewed by Schroders' credit risk team and approval of a new counterparty is based on a holistic review of the various sources of information available, including, but not limited to, quality of management, ownership structure, location, regulatory and social environment to which each counterparty is subject, and the degree of development of the local banking system and its regulatory framework. Ongoing monitoring is performed through a Schroders' proprietary tool, which supports the analysis of a counterparty's management of environmental, social and governance trends and challenges. Any significant deterioration in the profile of the counterparty in Schroders' proprietary tool would lead to further analysis and potential exclusion by Schroders' credit risk team.



## Is a specific index designated as a reference benchmark to determine whether this financial product is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes?

**Reference benchmarks** are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the environmental or social characteristics that they promote.

- **How is the reference benchmark continuously aligned with each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?**

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- **How is the alignment of the investment strategy with the methodology of the index ensured on a continuous basis?**

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- ***How does the designated index differ from a relevant broad market index?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- ***Where can the methodology used for the calculation of the designated index be found?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.



## **Where can I find more product specific information online?**

More product-specific information can be found on the webpage: <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

Pre-contractual disclosure for the financial products referred to in Article 8, paragraphs 1, 2 and 2a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 6, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852

**Product name:** **Schroder International Selection Fund Global Smaller Companies**

**Legal entity identifier:** **EENRPPPON8BRF9XDB514**

## Environmental and/or social characteristics

<p><b>Sustainable investment</b> means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good governance practices.</p>	<p><b>Does this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?</b></p>	
<p>The <b>EU Taxonomy</b> is a classification system laid down in Regulation (EU) 2020/852, establishing a list of <b>environmentally sustainable economic activities</b>. That Regulation does not lay down a list of socially sustainable economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.</p>	<p><input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Yes</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with an environmental objective: __%</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with a social objective __%</b></p>	<p><input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>No</b></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> It <b>promotes Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics</b> and while it does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will have a minimum proportion of <b>25.00%</b> of sustainable investments</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> with a social objective</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> It promotes E/S characteristics, but <b>will not make any sustainable investments</b></p>



## What environmental and/or social characteristics are promoted by this financial product?

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the S&P Developed Small Cap (Net TR) index, based on the Investment Manager's rating system. This benchmark (which is a broad market index) does not take into account the environmental and social characteristics promoted by the Fund.

The sustainability score is measured by Schroders' proprietary tool that provides an estimate of the net "impact" that an issuer may create in terms of social and environmental "costs" or "benefits". It does this by using certain indicators with respect to that issuer, and quantifying them positively and negatively to produce an aggregate notional measure of the effect that the relevant underlying issuer may have on society and the environment. It does this using third party data as well as Schroders own estimates and assumptions and the outcome may differ from other sustainability tools and measures. Examples of such indicators are greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

The result is expressed as an aggregate score of the sustainability indicators for each issuer, specifically a notional percentage (positive or negative) of sales of the relevant underlying issuer. For example, a score of +2% would mean an issuer contributes \$2 of relative notional positive impact (i.e. benefits to society) per \$100 of sales. The sustainability score of the Fund is derived from the scores of all issuers in the Fund's portfolio measured by Schroders' proprietary tool.

The Fund invests at least 25% of its assets in sustainable investments, which are investments that the Investment Manager expects to contribute towards the advancement of one or more environmental and/or social objective (s).

### ● **What sustainability indicators are used to measure the attainment of each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?**

The Investment Manager monitors compliance with the characteristic to maintain a higher overall sustainability score than the S&P Developed Small Cap (Net TR) index by reference to the weighted average sustainability score of the Fund in Schroders' proprietary tool compared against the weighted average sustainability score of the S&P Developed Small Cap (Net TR) index in Schroders' proprietary tool over the previous six month period, based on month-end data. The overall sustainability score aggregates the effect of sustainability indicators including but not limited to greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

**Sustainability indicators** measure how the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product are attained.

The Investment Manager monitors compliance with the characteristic to invest at least 25% of its assets in sustainable investments by reference to the sustainability score of each asset in Schroders' proprietary tool. Compliance with this is monitored daily via our automated compliance controls. The Fund also applies certain exclusions, with which the Investment Manager monitors compliance on an ongoing basis via its portfolio compliance framework.

● ***What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?***

In respect of the proportion of the Fund's portfolio that is invested in sustainable investments, each sustainable investment demonstrates a net positive effect across a range of environmental or social objectives, as scored by Schroders' proprietary tool. The environmental or social objectives of the sustainable investments that the Fund partially intends to make may include, but are not limited to, increasing environmental and/or social benefits such as greater water access or fair pay and reducing environmental, and/or social costs such as carbon emissions or food waste. For example, greater water access as measured by Schroders' proprietary tool are the estimated societal benefits of the provision of clean drinking water to human health.

● ***How do the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make, not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?***

The Investment Manager's approach to investing in issuers that do not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective includes the following:

- Firm-wide investment exclusions apply to Schroders funds. These relate to international conventions on cluster munitions, anti-personnel mines, and chemical and biological weapons and a list of those companies that are excluded is available at <https://www.schroders.com/en/sustainability/active-ownership/group-exclusions/>. Firm-wide exclusions also apply to companies generating more than 20% of their revenue from thermal coal mining.
- The Fund excludes companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to tobacco and thermal coal.
- The Fund excludes companies that are assessed by Schroders to have breached one or more 'global norms' thereby causing significant environmental or social harm; these companies comprise Schroders' 'global norms' breach list. Schroders' determination of whether a company has been involved in such a breach considers relevant principles such as those contained in the UN Global Compact (UNGC) principles, the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights. The 'global norms' breach list may be informed by assessments performed by third party providers and by proprietary research, where relevant to a particular situation. In exceptional circumstances a derogation may be applied in order to allow the Fund to continue to hold a company on Schroders' 'global norms' breach list, for example where the stated investment strategy of the Fund may otherwise be compromised. Any such company cannot be categorised as a sustainable investment.
- The Fund may also apply certain other exclusions in addition to those summarised above.

Further information on all of the Fund's investment exclusions is to be found under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>.

● ***How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?***

When seeking to identify significant harm, Schroders' approach to taking into account the Principal Adverse Impacts (PAI) indicators involves a quantitative and a qualitative assessment. Where it is not considered appropriate or feasible to set quantitative thresholds, the Investment Manager engages, where relevant. Investee companies deemed not to satisfy the quantitative thresholds would generally be excluded, unless on a case-by-case basis the data is deemed not representative of a company's performance in the relevant area.

This framework is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability and quality of the data evolves.

Our approach includes:

1. **Quantitative:** this includes indicators where specific thresholds have been established:

- Via the application of exclusions. This approach is relevant to **PAI 4** (Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector), **PAI 5** (Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production) and **PAI 14** (Exposure to controversial weapons). Further, the following PAIs are assessed as part of Schroders 'global norms' breach list exclusion (which seeks to exclude companies where significant harm is occurring):

**Principal adverse impacts** are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anticorruption and antibribery matters.

- **PAI 7** (Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas)
- **PAI 8** (Emissions to water)
- **PAI 9** (Hazardous waste and radioactive waste ratio)
- **PAI 10** (Violations of UN Global Compact principles and Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises)
- **PAI 11** (Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and Voluntary)
- **PAI 14** in Table 3 (Number of identified cases of severe human rights issues and incidents)
- Via the application of an alert system flag if the relevant indicator(s) exceeds a threshold. These quantitative thresholds to assess significant harm are established centrally by our Sustainable Investment team and monitored systematically. This approach applies to indicators where we have segmented the population into harm groups to establish a threshold, such as carbon related PAI metrics, **PAI 1** (GHG emissions), **PAI 2** (Carbon footprint) and **Voluntary PAI 4 in Table 2** (Investing in companies without carbon emission reduction initiatives). **PAI 3** (GHG intensity of investee companies) operates in a similar way but the threshold is based on a revenue metric. A threshold for **PAI 6** (Energy consumption intensity per high impact climate sector) is established based on the ~~above-mentioned~~ carbon measures. A similar approach has been taken for **PAI 15** (GHG intensity). **PAI 16** (Investee countries subject to social violations) also operates in the same way but based on data availability regarding social violations. Through this process the relevant issuer(s) that is/are deemed not to satisfy the quantitative thresholds is/are flagged to the Investment Manager for consideration, whose response may involve selling the holdings(s) or maintaining the position if on a case-by-case basis the data is deemed not representative of a company's performance in the relevant area. Investee companies deemed to cause significant harm are excluded from the Fund.
- 2. **Qualitative:** This includes PAI indicators where Schroders' believes that the data available does not enable us to make a quantitative determination regarding whether significant harm is done so as to warrant excluding an investment. In such cases, the Investment Manager engages wherever possible with the company or companies held, in accordance with the priorities documented in Schroders' Engagement Blueprint and/or voting policy. This approach applies to indicators such as **PAI 12** (Unadjusted gender pay gap) and **PAI 13** (Board gender diversity), where we engage and may use our voting rights where we consider appropriate. Both board gender diversity and disclosure of gender pay gap information are captured in our Engagement Blueprint.

● ***How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:***

Companies on Schroders' 'global norms' breach list cannot be categorised as sustainable investments. Schroders' determination of whether a company should be included on such list considers the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, among other relevant principles. The 'global norms' breach list is informed by third party providers and proprietary research, where relevant.

*The EU Taxonomy sets out a "do not significant harm" principle by which Taxonomy-aligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives and is accompanied by specific EU criteria.*

The "do not significant harm" principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.

*Any other sustainable investments must also not significantly harm any environmental or social objectives.*



## Does this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

☒ Yes, ~~the Investment Manager's approach to considering principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors involves classifying the indicators into three categories:~~

~~The Investment Manager's approach to considering principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors differs depending on the relevant indicator. Some indicators are considered via the application of exclusions, some are considered via the investment process (where data is available via Schroders PAI dashboard and via other external data sources) and some are considered via engagement. Further details are provided below. PAIs are considered as part of pre-investment through the application of exclusions. These include:~~  
~~- Controversial weapons: PAI 14 (Exposure to controversial weapons (anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, chemical weapons and biological weapons))~~

- Schrodgers' 'global norms' breach list, which covers: PAI 7 (Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas), PAI 8 (Emissions to water), PAI 9 (Hazardous waste and radioactive waste ratio), PAI 10 (Violations of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises), PAI 11 (Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises) and PAI 16 (Investee countries subject to social violations)

- Companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to thermal coal: PAI 4 (Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector) and PAI 5 (Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production)

Compliance with these thresholds is monitored via the Investment Manager's portfolio compliance framework. PAIs are also considered through integration in the investment process. Schrodgers' proprietary tool incorporates several PAIs as a component of their scoring methodology. For example, in assessing an issuer's overall environmental score, factors related to PAIs 1, 2, and 3 (Greenhouse gas emissions) are included. Our fundamental research also plays an important role in considering PAIs, from analysing company reports to meeting with management. For example, corporate governance structures and practises are assessed as part of our fundamental research, related to PAIs 12 (Unadjusted gender pay gap) and 13 (Board gender diversity). All PAI indicators are monitored via Schrodgers PAI dashboard.

PAIs are also considered post-investment through engagement where the Investment Manager engages in line with the approach and expectations set out in the Schrodgers Engagement Blueprint, which outlines our approach to active ownership.

The Investment Manager may engage with companies on issues such as net zero targets, related to PAIs 1, 2 and 3. Where issuers are flagged on lack of data availability for any PAIs, the Investment Manager may also engage with issuers where the primary focus is to improve reporting.

Our approach is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability, and quality, of PAI data evolves. The Management Company's statement on principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors is available at <https://api.schrodgers.com/document-store/id/ffcb39bb-96cb-4e56-9461-deba9a493e85>. The Fund level information is disclosed or will be (as applicable) in the Fund's annual report.

1. Set thresholds: these involve very explicit thresholds for considering an investment to be a "sustainable investment". For example, PAI 10 on violations of UNGC principles.

2. Active ownership: these involve indicators on which we have a plan to engage with the underlying holding as set out in the Schrodgers Group document, accessed via <https://mybrand.schrodgers.com/m/3222ea4ed44a1f2c/original/schrodgers-engagement-blueprint.pdf>, outlining our approach to active ownership. For example, PAI 1, 2 and 3 covering GHG emissions and PAI 13 on board gender diversity.

3. Improve coverage: these involve indicators where we consider data coverage to be too sparse to properly consider them and our focus is primarily on engaging with the underlying holdings to increase reporting. For example, PAI 7 on biodiversity, PAI 9 on hazardous waste ratio and PAI 12 on the gender pay gap.

Our approach is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability, and quality, of PAI data evolves.

The Management Company's statement on principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors is available at <https://mybrand.schrodgers.com/m/467910ac8e6da45c/original/Statement-on-principal-adverse-impacts-of-investment-decisions-on-sustainability-factors.pdf>. The Fund level information is disclosed or will be (as applicable) in the Fund's annual report.

☐ No



## What investment strategy does this financial product follow?

**The investment strategy** guides investment decisions based on factors such as investment objectives and risk tolerance.

The sustainable investment strategy used by the Investment Manager is as follows:

The Fund is actively managed and invests at least two-thirds of its assets in equity and equity related securities of small sized companies worldwide. Small-sized companies are companies which, at the time of purchase, are considered to be in the bottom 30% by market capitalisation of global equity markets.

The Fund may also invest directly in China B-Shares and China H-Shares and may invest less than 30% of its assets (on a net basis) directly or indirectly (for example via participatory notes) in China A-Shares through Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect and Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect and shares listed on the STAR Board and the ChiNext.

The Fund may also invest up to one-third of its assets directly or indirectly in other securities (including other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies, Investment Funds, warrants and Money Market Investments, and hold cash.

The Fund may use derivatives with the aim of reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently.

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the S&P Developed Small Cap (Net TR) index, based on the Investment Manager's rating criteria.

The Fund does not directly invest in certain activities, industries or groups of issuers above the limits listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage, accessed via <https://www.schrodgers.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

The Investment Manager applies governance and sustainability criteria when selecting investments for the Fund. Companies in the investment universe are assessed on their governance, environmental and social profile. The Investment Manager performs due diligence on potential holdings and this can include meetings with company management. The Investment Manager aims to identify the impact a business has on society whilst assessing



relationships with key stakeholders such as employees, suppliers and regulators. This research is supported by quantitative analysis gained from Schroders' proprietary sustainability tools which are key inputs to assessing how existing and potential investments are meeting the Fund's sustainability criteria.

The sources of information used to perform the analysis include information provided by the companies, such as company sustainability reports and other relevant company material, as well as Schroders' proprietary sustainability tools and third-party data.

More details on the Investment Manager's approach to sustainability and its engagement with companies are available on the webpage

<https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/>

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than its investment universe, based on the Investment Manager's rating system.

The Investment Manager ensures that at least:

- 90% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in developed countries; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with an investment grade credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by developed countries; and

- 75% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in emerging countries; equities issued by small and medium companies; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with a high yield credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by emerging countries,

is against the sustainability criteria. For the purposes of this test, small companies are those with market capitalisation below €5 billion, medium companies are those between €5 billion and €10 billion and large companies are those above €10 billion.

● ***What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?***

The following binding elements are applied throughout the investment process:

- The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the S&P Developed Small Cap (Net TR) index based on the Investment Manager's rating criteria.
- The Fund invests at least 25% of its assets in sustainable investments and such investments do not cause significant environmental or social harm.
- Exclusions are applied to direct investments in companies. The Fund applies certain exclusions relating to international conventions on cluster munitions, antipersonnel mines, and chemical and biological weapons. The Fund also excludes companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to tobacco and thermal coal, especially companies that generate at least 10% of their revenues from tobacco production, companies that generate at least 25% of their revenues from the tobacco value chain (such as suppliers, distributors, retailers and licensors), companies that generate at least 10% of their revenues from thermal coal mining and companies that generate at least 30% of their revenues from coal fired power generation. The Fund excludes companies that are assessed by Schroders to have breached one or more 'global norms' thereby causing significant environmental or social harm; these companies comprise Schroders' 'global norms' breach list. In exceptional circumstances a derogation may be applied in order to allow the Fund to continue to hold a company on Schroders' 'global norms' breach list, for example where the stated investment strategy of the Fund may otherwise be compromised. Any such company cannot be categorised as a sustainable investment. Further, the Fund may apply other exclusions as listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>
- The Fund invests in companies that have good governance practices, as determined by the Investment Manager's rating criteria.

The Investment Manager ensures that at least:

- 90% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in developed countries; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with an investment grade credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by developed countries; and
- 75% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in emerging countries; equities issued by small and medium companies; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with a high yield credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by emerging countries,

is rated against the sustainability criteria.

● ***What is the committed minimum rate to reduce the scope of the investments considered prior to the application of that investment strategy?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

**Good governance** practices include sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff and tax compliance.

● **What is the policy to assess good governance practices of the investee companies?**

In order to assess good governance practices, a central Good Governance Test is applied. This test is based on a data-driven quantitative framework, which uses a scorecard to assess companies across the categories of sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff, and tax compliance. Schroders has defined a number of criteria across these pillars.

Compliance with the test is monitored centrally and companies which do not pass this test cannot be held by the Fund, unless the Investment Manager has agreed that the issuer demonstrates good governance based on additional insights beyond that quantitative analysis.



**Asset allocation** describes the share of investments in specific assets.

**What is the asset allocation planned for this financial product?**

The planned composition of the Fund's investments that are used to meet its environmental or social characteristics are summarised below.

**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the minimum proportion of the Fund's assets used to attain the environmental or social characteristics, which is equal to 70%. The Fund commits to maintain a higher overall sustainability score than the S&P Developed Small Cap (Net TR) index, and so the Fund's investments that are scored by Schroders' proprietary sustainability tool are included within the minimum proportion stated in #1 on the basis that they will contribute to the Fund's sustainability score (whether such individual investment has a positive or a negative score). Also included within #1 is the minimum proportion of assets that are invested in sustainable investments, as indicated in #1A. The minimum proportions stated apply in normal market conditions. The actual proportion stated in #1 is expected to be higher.

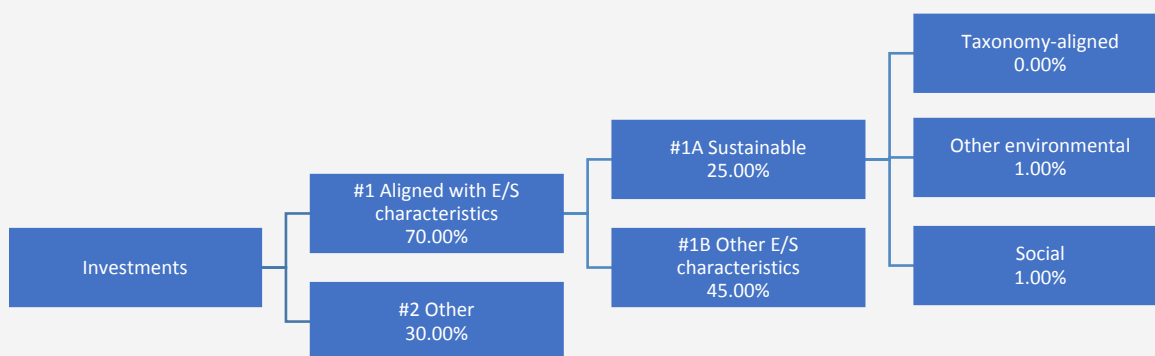
The sustainability score is measured by Schroders' proprietary tool that provides an estimate of the net "impact" that an issuer may create in terms of social and environmental "costs" or "benefits". It does this by using certain indicators with respect to that issuer, and quantifying them positively and negatively to produce an aggregate notional measure of the effect that the relevant underlying issuer may have on society and the environment. Examples of such indicators are greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

The Fund will invest at least 25% of its assets in sustainable investments. A sustainable investment is classified as having an environmental or social objective depending on whether the relevant issuer has a higher score in Schroders' proprietary tool relative to its applicable peer group for its environmental indicators or its social indicators. In each case, indicators are comprised of both "costs" and "benefits".

**#2 Other** includes cash which is treated as neutral for sustainability purposes. #2 also includes investments that are not scored by Schroders' proprietary sustainability tool and so do not contribute towards the Fund's sustainability score. As #1 states a minimum proportion that is in practice expected to be higher, the proportion stated in #2 is expected to be lower.

Minimum safeguards are applied where relevant to Money Market Investments and other investments by restricting (as appropriate) investments in counterparties where there are ownership links or exposure to higher risk countries (for the purpose of money laundering, terrorist financing, bribery, corruption, tax evasion and sanctions risks). A firm-wide risk assessment considers the risk rating of each jurisdiction; which includes reference to a number of public statements, indices and world governance indicators issued by the UN, the European Union, the UK Government, the Financial Action Task Force and several Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), such as Transparency International and the Basel Committee.

In addition, new counterparties are reviewed by Schroders' credit risk team and approval of a new counterparty is based on a holistic review of the various sources of information available, including, but not limited to, quality of management, ownership structure, location, regulatory and social environment to which each counterparty is subject, and the degree of development of the local banking system and its regulatory framework. Ongoing monitoring is performed through a Schroders' proprietary tool, which supports the analysis of a counterparty's management of environmental, social and governance trends and challenges. Any significant deterioration in the profile of the counterparty in Schroders' proprietary tool would lead to further analysis and potential exclusion by Schroders' credit risk team.



**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the investments of the financial product used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product.

**#2 Other** includes the remaining investments of the financial product which are neither aligned with the environmental or social characteristics, nor are qualified as sustainable investments.

The category **#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** covers:

- The sub-category **#1A Sustainable** covers sustainable investments with environmental or social objectives.
- The sub-category **#1B Other E/S characteristics** covers investments aligned with the environmental or social characteristics that do not qualify as sustainable investments.

#1 The minimum proportion stated applies in normal market conditions.

### ● **How does the use of derivatives attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?**

The Fund may use derivatives that are scored in Schrodgers' proprietary tool to meet the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted by the Fund, as such derivatives would contribute to the Fund's sustainability score (whether such individual investment has a positive or a negative score).



### **To what minimum extent are sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?**

There is no minimum extent to which the Fund's investments (including transitional and enabling activities) with an environmental objective are aligned with the Taxonomy. Taxonomy alignment of this Fund's investments has therefore not been calculated and has as a result been deemed to constitute 0% of the Fund's portfolio.

In future it is expected that the Fund will assess and report on the extent to which its underlying investments are in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the Taxonomy, along with information relating to the proportion of enabling and transitional activities. This Prospectus will be updated once it is possible in the Investment Manager's opinion to accurately disclose to what extent the Fund's investments are in Taxonomy-aligned environmentally sustainable activities, including the proportions of investments in enabling and transitional activities selected for the Fund.

### ● **Does the financial product invest in fossil gas and/or nuclear energy related activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy<sup>1</sup>?**

☐ Yes:

☐ In fossil gas ☐ In nuclear energy

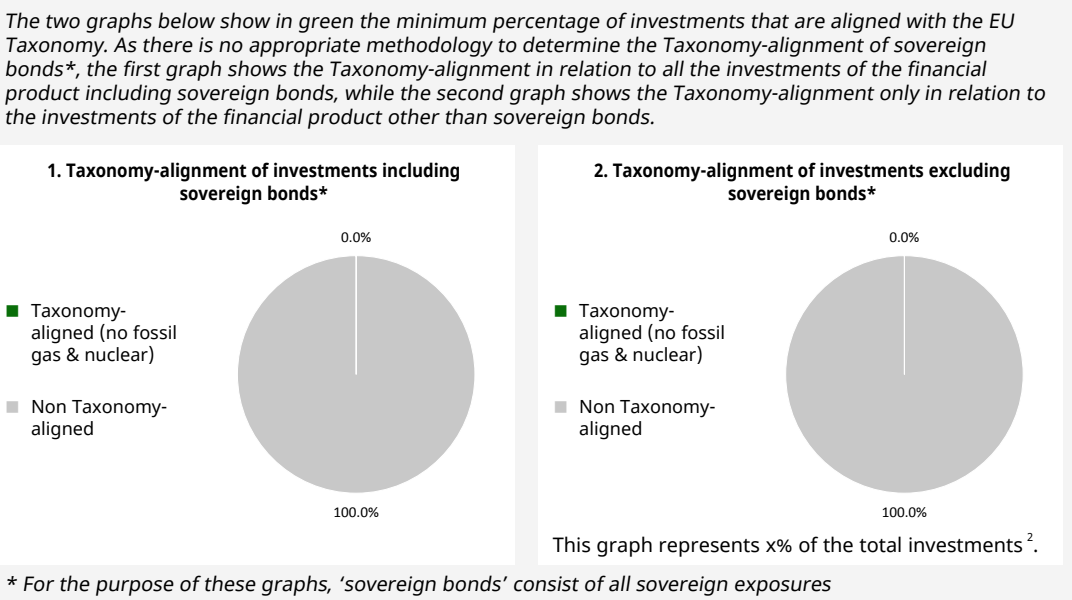
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To comply with the EU Taxonomy, the criteria for **fossil gas** include limitations on emissions and switching to renewable power or low-carbon fuels by the end of 2035. For **nuclear energy**, the criteria include comprehensive safety and waste management rules.

<sup>1</sup> Fossil gas and/or nuclear related activities will only comply with the EU Taxonomy where they contribute to limiting climate change ("climate change mitigation") and do not significantly harm any EU Taxonomy objective – see explanatory note in the left-hand margin. The full criteria for fossil gas and nuclear energy economic activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy are laid down in Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1214.

Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

- **turnover** reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee companies
- **capital expenditure** (CapEx) showing the green investments made by investee companies, e.g. for a transition to a green economy.
- **operational expenditure** (OpEx) reflecting green operational activities of investee companies.



**Enabling activities** directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective.

**Transitional activities** are activities for which low-carbon alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.

- **What is the minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities?**  
As per the above, at the date of this Prospectus the share of investments by the Fund in transitional and enabling activities is currently deemed to constitute 0% of the Fund's portfolio.



**What is the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?**

The Fund commits to invest at least 1% of its assets in sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy.



are sustainable investments with an environmental objective that **do not take into account the criteria** for environmentally sustainable economic activities under the EU Taxonomy.

<sup>2</sup> As there is no Taxonomy-alignment, there is no impact on the graph if sovereign bonds are excluded (i.e. the percentage of Taxonomy-aligned investments remains 0%) and the Management Company therefore believes that there is no need to mention this information.



## What is the minimum share of socially sustainable investments?

The Fund commits to invest at least 1% of its assets in sustainable investments with a social objective.



## What investments are included under “#2 Other”, what is their purpose and are there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

**#2 Other** includes cash which is treated as neutral for sustainability purposes. #2 also includes investments that are not scored by Schroders’ proprietary sustainability tools and so do not contribute towards the Fund’s sustainability score.

Minimum safeguards are applied where relevant to Money Market Investments and other investments by restricting (as appropriate) investments in counterparties where there are ownership links or exposure to higher risk countries (for the purpose of money laundering, terrorist financing, bribery, corruption, tax evasion and sanctions risks). A firm-wide risk assessment considers the risk rating of each jurisdiction; which includes reference to a number of public statements, indices and world governance indicators issued by the UN, the European Union, the UK Government, the Financial Action Task Force and several Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), such as Transparency International and the Basel Committee.

In addition, new counterparties are reviewed by Schroders’ credit risk team and approval of a new counterparty is based on a holistic review of the various sources of information available, including, but not limited to, quality of management, ownership structure, location, regulatory and social environment to which each counterparty is subject, and the degree of development of the local banking system and its regulatory framework. Ongoing monitoring is performed through a Schroders’ proprietary tool, which supports the analysis of a counterparty’s management of environmental, social and governance trends and challenges. Any significant deterioration in the profile of the counterparty in Schroders’ proprietary tool would lead to further analysis and potential exclusion by Schroders’ credit risk team.



## Is a specific index designated as a reference benchmark to determine whether this financial product is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes?

**Reference benchmarks** are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the environmental or social characteristics that they promote.

- ***How is the reference benchmark continuously aligned with each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- ***How is the alignment of the investment strategy with the methodology of the index ensured on a continuous basis?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- ***How does the designated index differ from a relevant broad market index?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- ***Where can the methodology used for the calculation of the designated index be found?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.



## Where can I find more product specific information online?

More product-specific information can be found on the webpage: <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

**Product name:** Schroder International Selection Fund Global Social Growth

**Legal entity identifier:** 636700VA6M8LZJROVD27

## Environmental and/or social characteristics

**Sustainable investment** means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good governance practices.

The **EU Taxonomy** is a classification system laid down in Regulation (EU) 2020/852, establishing a list of **environmentally sustainable economic activities**. That Regulation does not lay down a list of socially sustainable economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.

### Does this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?

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## What environmental and/or social characteristics are promoted by this financial product?

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the MSCI AC World (Net TR) index, based on the Investment Manager's rating system. This benchmark (which is a broad market index) does not take into account the environmental and social characteristics promoted by the Fund.

The sustainability score is measured by Schroders' proprietary tool that provides an estimate of the net "impact" that an issuer may create in terms of social and environmental "costs" or "benefits". It does this by using certain indicators with respect to that issuer and quantifying them positively and negatively to produce an aggregate notional measure of the effect that the relevant underlying issuer may have on society and the environment. It does this using third party data as well as Schroders own estimates and assumptions and the outcome may differ from other sustainability tools and measures. Examples of such indicators are greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

The result is expressed as an aggregate score of the sustainability indicators for each issuer, specifically a notional percentage (positive or negative) of sales of the relevant underlying issuer. For example, a score of +2% would mean an issuer contributes \$2 of relative notional positive impact (i.e. benefits to society) per \$100 of sales. The sustainability score of the Fund is derived from the scores of all issuers in the Fund's portfolio measured by Schroders' proprietary tool.

- **The Fund invests at least 50% of its assets in sustainable investments, which are investments in companies worldwide whose products or services are helping, or are expected to help, people thrive within society.**

- **What sustainability indicators are used to measure the attainment of each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?**

The Investment Manager monitors compliance with the characteristic to maintain a higher overall sustainability score than the MSCI AC World (Net TR) index by reference to the weighted average sustainability score of the Fund in Schroders' proprietary tool compared against the weighted average sustainability score of the MSCI AC World (Net TR) index in Schroders' proprietary tool over the previous six-month period, based on month-end data. The overall sustainability score aggregates the effect of sustainability indicators including but not limited to greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

**Sustainability indicators** measure how the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product are attained.



The Investment Manager is responsible for determining whether an investment meets the criteria of a sustainable investment. The output of the Investment Strategy outlined below is the production of the list of investments that meet the selection criteria; this represents the investment universe. Compliance with the minimum percentage in sustainable investments is monitored daily via our automated compliance controls.

The Fund will invest at least 50% of its assets in companies where at least 20% of the total revenues of such companies are derived from products or services that are helping, or are expected to help, people thrive within society.

The Investment Manager uses different sustainability indicators to measure the extent to which the total revenues of such companies are derived from products or services which are helping, or are expected to help, people thrive within society. To do this, the Investment Manager assesses companies' alignment to the relevant social-related UN SDGs, including those relating, but not limited to, essential infrastructure, health & wellness, and educational, professional and financial inclusion. In the production of the list of investments that meet the selection criteria for inclusion in the investment universe, the Investment Manager also assesses the score of each company as measured by Schroders' proprietary tool.

The Fund also applies certain exclusions, with which the Investment Manager monitors compliance on an ongoing basis via its portfolio compliance framework.

● **What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?**

The sustainable investments have a social objective in so far as the Fund invests in companies worldwide where at least 20% of the total revenues of such companies are helping, or are expected to help, people thrive within society. The sustainable investment contributes to these objectives by providing products or services which are helping, or are expected to help, people thrive within society in areas related but not limited to essential infrastructure, health & wellness, and educational, professional and financial inclusion.

● **How do the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make, not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?**

The Investment Manager's approach to investing in issuers that do not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective includes the following:

- Firm-wide investment exclusions apply to Schroders funds. These relate to international conventions on cluster munitions, anti-personnel mines, and chemical and biological weapons and a list of those companies that are excluded is available at <https://www.schroders.com/en/sustainability/active-ownership/group-exclusions/>. Firm-wide exclusions also apply to companies generating more than 20% of their revenue from thermal coal mining.
- The Fund excludes companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to tobacco and thermal coal.
- The Fund excludes companies that are assessed by Schroders to have breached one or more 'global norms' thereby causing significant environmental or social harm; these companies comprise Schroders' 'global norms' breach list. Schroders' determination of whether a company has been involved in such a breach considers relevant principles such as those contained in the UN Global Compact (UNGC) principles, the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights. The 'global norms' breach list may be informed by assessments performed by third party providers and by proprietary research, where relevant to a particular situation.
- The Fund may also apply certain other exclusions in addition to those summarised above.

Further information on all of the Fund's investment exclusions is to be found under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <http://www.schroders.com/en/lu/private-investor/gfc>.

● **How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?**

When seeking to identify significant harm, Schroders' approach to taking into account the Principal Adverse Impacts (PAI) indicators involves a quantitative and a qualitative assessment. Where it is not considered appropriate or feasible to set quantitative thresholds, the Investment Manager engages, where relevant. Investee companies deemed not to satisfy the quantitative thresholds would generally be excluded, unless on a case-by-case basis the data is deemed not representative of a company's performance in the relevant area.

This framework is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability and quality of the data evolves.

Our approach includes:

1. **Quantitative:** this includes indicators where specific thresholds have been established:

**Principal adverse impacts** are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anticorruption and antibribery matters.

- Via the application of exclusions. This approach is relevant to PAI 4 (Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector), PAI 5 (Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production) and PAI 14 (Exposure to controversial weapons). Further, the following PAIs are assessed as part of Schroders' 'global norms' breach list exclusion (which seeks to exclude companies where significant harm is occurring):
  - o PAI 7 (Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas)
  - o PAI 8 (Emissions to water)
  - o PAI 9 (Hazardous waste and radioactive waste ratio)
  - o PAI 10 (Violations of UN Global Compact principles and Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises)
  - o PAI 11 (Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and Voluntary)
  - o PAI 14 in Table 3 (Number of identified cases of severe human rights issues and incidents)
- Via the application of an alert system flag if the relevant indicator(s) exceeds a threshold. These quantitative thresholds to assess significant harm are established centrally by our Sustainable Investment team and monitored systematically. This approach applies to indicators where we have segmented the population into harm groups to establish a threshold, such as carbon related PAI metrics, **PAI 1** (GHG emissions), **PAI 2** (Carbon footprint) and **Voluntary PAI 4 in Table 2** (Investing in companies without carbon emission reduction initiatives). **PAI 3** (GHG intensity of investee companies) operates in a similar way but the threshold is based on a revenue metric. A threshold for PAI 6 (Energy consumption intensity per high impact climate sector) is established based on the above-mentioned carbon measures. A similar approach has been taken for **PAI 15** (GHG intensity). **PAI 16** (Investee countries subject to social violations) also operates in the same way but based on data availability regarding social violations. Through this process the relevant issuer(s) that is/are deemed not to satisfy the quantitative thresholds is/are flagged to the Investment Manager for consideration, whose response may involve selling the holdings(s) or maintaining the position if on a case-by-case basis the data is deemed not representative of a company's performance in the relevant area. Investee companies deemed to cause significant harm are excluded from the Fund.
- 2. **Qualitative:** This includes PAI indicators where Schroders' believes that the data available does not enable us to make a quantitative determination regarding whether significant harm is done so as to warrant excluding an investment. In such cases, the Investment Manager engages wherever possible with the company or companies held, in accordance with the priorities documented in Schroders' Engagement Blueprint and/or voting policy. This approach applies to indicators such as **PAI 12** (Unadjusted gender pay gap) and **PAI 13** (Board gender diversity), where we engage and may use our voting rights where we consider appropriate. Both board gender diversity and disclosure of gender pay gap information are captured in our Engagement Blueprint.

**How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:**

Companies on Schroders' 'global norms' breach list cannot be categorised as sustainable investments. Schroders' determination of whether a company should be included on such list considers the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, among other relevant principles. The 'global norms' breach list is informed by third party providers and proprietary research, where relevant.

The EU Taxonomy sets out a "do not significant harm" principle by which Taxonomy-aligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives and is accompanied by specific EU criteria.

The "do not significant harm" principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.

Any other sustainable investments must also not significantly harm any environmental or social objectives.



## **Does this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?**

☒ Yes.

I. PAIs are considered as part of pre-investment through the application of exclusions. These include:

- Controversial weapons: PAI 14 (Exposure to controversial weapons, such as anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, chemical weapons and biological weapons)
- Schroders' 'global norms' breach list, which covers: PAI 7 (Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas), PAI 8 (Emissions to water), PAI 9 (Hazardous waste and radioactive waste ratio), PAI 10 (Violations of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises), PAI 11 (Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises) and PAI 16 (Investee countries subject to social violations) - Companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to thermal coal: PAI 4 (Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector) and PAI 5 (Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production)

Compliance with these thresholds is monitored via the Investment Manager's portfolio compliance framework.

II. PAIs are also considered through integration in the investment process. PAIs are considered using the Schroders proprietary tools as part of analyst coverage of companies. For example, in assessing an issuer's overall social score, PAI 12 (Gender pay gap of investee companies) and PAI 13 (Average ratio of female to male board members in investee companies) are included. The Investment Manager evaluates a variety of different metrics, using both internal and external data sources, to determine whether a company is adequately mitigating its societal risks.

All PAI indicators are monitored via Schroders' PAI dashboard.

III. PAIs are also considered post-investment through engagement where the Investment Manager engages in line with the approach and expectations set out in the Schroders Engagement Blueprint, which outlines our approach to active ownership. Through its engagement activity the investment team seek to understand different aspects, such as whether the company has timebound diversity targets for its executives, the board and the workforce. Where issuers are flagged on lack of data availability for any PAIs, the Investment Manager may engage with issuers where the primary focus is to increase reporting or to understand further a potential sustainability-related risk that has been identified.

Our approach is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability, and quality, of PAI data evolves. The Management Company's statement on principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors is available at <https://api.schroders.com/document-store/id/ffcb39bb-96cb-4e56-9461-deba9a493e85>.

The Fund level information is disclosed or will be disclosed (as applicable) in the Fund's annual report.

☐ No



## **What investment strategy does this financial product follow?**

The sustainable investment strategy used by the Investment Manager is as follows:

The Fund is actively managed and invests at least two-thirds of its assets in equity and equity related securities of companies worldwide, including emerging markets, which are helping, or are expected to help, people thrive within society through the provision of products or services in a wide range of industries and sectors, including, but not limited to, essential infrastructure (such as housing, hospitals, transportation, digital connectivity), health and wellness (such as healthcare and pharmaceuticals, fitness, food security and safety), and educational, professional and financial inclusion (such as education, training and financial services).

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the MSCI AC World (Net TR) index, based on the Investment Manager's rating system.

The Fund does not directly invest in certain activities, industries or groups of issuers above the limits listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>.

The Fund invests in companies that have good governance practices, as determined by the Investment Manager's rating criteria.

The Fund may invest in companies that the Investment Manager believes will improve their sustainability practices within a reasonable timeframe, typically up to two years.

The Investment Manager may also engage with companies held by the Fund to challenge identified areas of weakness on sustainability issues. More details on the Investment Manager's approach to sustainability and its engagement with companies are available on the webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/>.

The Fund may invest up to 20% of its assets in emerging markets.

The Fund may also invest up to one-third of its assets directly or indirectly in other securities (including other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies, Investment Funds, warrants and Money Market Investments, and hold cash.

The Fund may use derivatives with the aim of reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently.

The Investment Manager applies sustainability criteria when selecting investments for the Fund.

The Fund will invest at least 50% of its assets in companies where at least 20% of the total revenues of such companies are derived from products or services that are helping, or are expected to help, people thrive within society. The Investment Manager assesses companies' alignment to the relevant social-related UN SDGs.

**The investment strategy guides investment decisions based on factors such as investment objectives and risk tolerance.**

including those relating, but not limited to, essential infrastructure, health & wellness, and educational, professional and financial inclusion. The Investment Manager also assesses the score of each company as measured by Schroders' proprietary tool.

Other sources of information are also used for this analysis including information provided by the companies, such as company sustainability reports and other relevant company material, as well as Schroders' other proprietary tools and third-party data.

The Investment Manager ensures that at least 90% of the portion of the Fund's Net Asset Value composed of investments in companies is rated against the sustainability criteria. As a result of the application of sustainability criteria, at least 20% of the Fund's potential investment universe is excluded from the selection of investments.

For the purposes of this test, the potential investment universe is the core universe of issuers that the Investment Manager may select for the Fund prior to the application of sustainability criteria, in accordance with the other limitations of the Investment Objective and Policy. This universe is comprised of equity and equity related securities of companies worldwide.

● **What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?**

The following binding elements are applied throughout the investment process:

- The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the MSCI AC World (Net TR) index based on the Investment Manager's rating criteria.
- The Fund invests at least 50% of its assets in sustainable investments and such investments do not cause significant environmental or social harm.
- Exclusions are applied to direct investments in companies. The Fund applies certain exclusions relating to international conventions on cluster munitions, antipersonnel mines, and chemical and biological weapons. The Fund also excludes companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to tobacco and thermal coal, especially companies that generate at least 5% of their revenues from tobacco production, companies that generate at least 25% of their revenues from the tobacco value chain (such as suppliers, distributors, retailers and licensors), companies that generate at least 10% of their revenues from thermal coal mining and companies that generate at least 30% of their revenues from coal fired power generation. The Fund excludes companies that are assessed by Schroders to have breached one or more 'global norms' thereby causing significant environmental or social harm; these companies comprise Schroders' 'global norms' breach list. Further, the Fund may apply other exclusions as listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage [www.schroders.com/en/lu/private-investor/gfc](http://www.schroders.com/en/lu/private-investor/gfc)
- The Fund invests in companies that have good governance practices, as determined by the Investment Manager's rating criteria.
- The Investment Manager ensures that at least 90% of the portion of the Fund's Net Asset Value composed of investments in companies is rated against the sustainability criteria.
- As a result of the application of sustainability criteria, at least 20% of the Fund's potential investment universe is excluded from the selection of investments.

● **What is the committed minimum rate to reduce the scope of the investments considered prior to the application of that investment strategy?**

As a result of the application of the Fund's sustainability criteria, at least 20% of the Fund's potential investment universe is excluded from the selection of investments. For the purposes of this test, the potential investment universe is the core universe of issuers that the Investment Manager may select for the Fund prior to the application of sustainability criteria, in accordance with the other limitations of the Investment Objective and Policy.

● **What is the policy to assess good governance practices of the investee companies?**

In order to assess good governance practices, a central Good Governance Test is applied. This test is based on a data-driven quantitative framework, which uses a scorecard to assess companies across the categories of sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff, and tax compliance. Schroders has defined a number of criteria across these pillars. Compliance with the test is monitored centrally and companies which do not pass this test cannot be held by the Fund, unless the Investment Manager has agreed that the issuer demonstrates good governance based on additional insights beyond that quantitative analysis.

**Good governance practices include sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff and tax compliance.**



## What is the asset allocation planned for this financial product?

**Asset allocation** describes the share of investments in specific assets.

The planned composition of the Fund's investments that are used to meet its environmental or social characteristics are summarised below.

**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the minimum proportion of the Fund's assets used to attain the environmental or social characteristics, which is equal to 80%. The Fund commits to maintain a higher overall sustainability score than the MSCI AC World (Net TR) index, and so the Fund's investments that are scored by Schroders' proprietary sustainability tool are included within the minimum proportion stated in #1 on the basis that they will contribute to the Fund's sustainability score (whether such individual investment has a positive or a negative score). Also included within #1 is the minimum proportion of assets that are invested in sustainable investments, as indicated in #1A. The minimum proportions stated apply in normal market conditions. The actual proportion stated in #1 is expected to be higher.

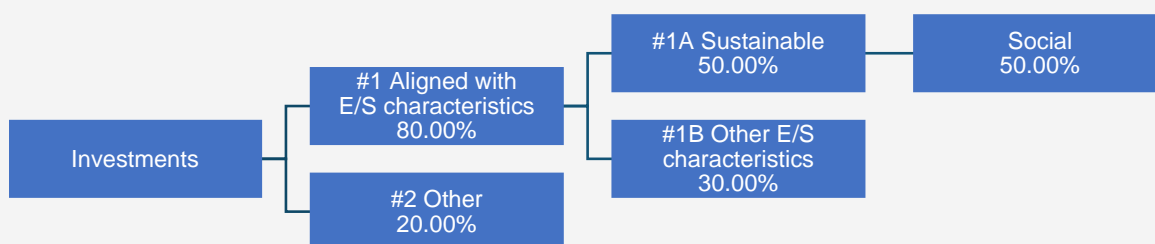
The sustainability score is measured by Schroders' proprietary tool that provides an estimate of the net "impact" that an issuer may create in terms of social and environmental "costs" or "benefits". It does this by using certain indicators with respect to that issuer, and quantifying them positively and negatively to produce an aggregate notional measure of the effect that the relevant underlying issuer may have on society and the environment. Examples of such indicators are greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

The Fund will invest at least 50% of its assets in sustainable investments, which are companies where at least 20% of the total revenues of such companies are derived from products or services that are helping, or are expected to help, people thrive within society.

**#2 Other** includes cash which is treated as neutral for sustainability purposes. #2 also includes investments that are not scored by Schroders' proprietary sustainability tool and so do not contribute towards the Fund's sustainability score. As #1 states a minimum proportion that is in practice expected to be higher, the proportion stated in #2 is expected to be lower.

Minimum safeguards are applied where relevant to Money Market Investments and derivatives used with the aim of reducing risk (hedging) or other investments by restricting (as appropriate) investments in counterparties where there are ownership links or exposure to higher risk countries (for the purpose of money laundering, terrorist financing, bribery, corruption, tax evasion and sanctions risks). A firm-wide risk assessment considers the risk rating of each jurisdiction; which includes reference to a number of public statements, indices and world governance indicators issued by the UN, the European Union, the UK Government, the Financial Action Task Force and several Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), such as Transparency International and the Basel Committee.

In addition, new counterparties are reviewed by Schroders' credit risk team and approval of a new counterparty is based on a holistic review of the various sources of information available, including, but not limited to, quality of management, ownership structure, location, regulatory and social environment to which each counterparty is subject, and the degree of development of the local banking system and its regulatory framework. Ongoing monitoring is performed through a Schroders' proprietary tool, which supports the analysis of a counterparty's management of environmental, social and governance trends and challenges. Any significant deterioration in the profile of the counterparty in Schroders' proprietary tool would lead to further analysis and potential exclusion by Schroders' credit risk team.



**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the investments of the financial product used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product.

**#2 Other** includes the remaining investments of the financial product which are neither aligned with the environmental or social characteristics, nor are qualified as sustainable investments.

The category **#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** covers:

- The sub-category **#1A Sustainable** covers sustainable investments with environmental or social objectives.
- The sub-category **#1B Other E/S characteristics** covers investments aligned with the environmental or social characteristics that do not qualify as sustainable investments.

#1 The minimum proportion stated applies in normal market conditions.

### ● **How does the use of derivatives attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?**

The Fund may use derivatives that are scored in Schroders' proprietary tool to meet the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted by the Fund, as such derivatives would contribute to the Fund's sustainability score (whether such individual investment has a positive or a negative score).



### **To what minimum extent are sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?**

There is no minimum extent to which the Fund's investments (including transitional and enabling activities) with an environmental objective are aligned with the Taxonomy. Taxonomy alignment of this Fund's investments has therefore not been calculated and has as a result been deemed to constitute 0% of the Fund's portfolio.

In future it is expected that the Fund will assess and report on the extent to which its underlying investments are in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the Taxonomy, along with information relating to the proportion of enabling and transitional activities. This Prospectus will be updated once it is possible in the Investment Manager's opinion to accurately disclose to what extent the Fund's investments are in Taxonomy-aligned environmentally sustainable activities, including the proportions of investments in enabling and transitional activities selected for the Fund.

### ● **Does the financial product invest in fossil gas and/or nuclear energy related activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy<sup>1</sup>?**

☐ Yes:

☐ In fossil gas ☐ In nuclear energy

☒ No

To comply with the EU Taxonomy, the criteria for **fossil gas** include limitations on emissions and switching to renewable power or low-carbon fuels by the end of 2035. For **nuclear energy**, the criteria include comprehensive safety and waste management rules.

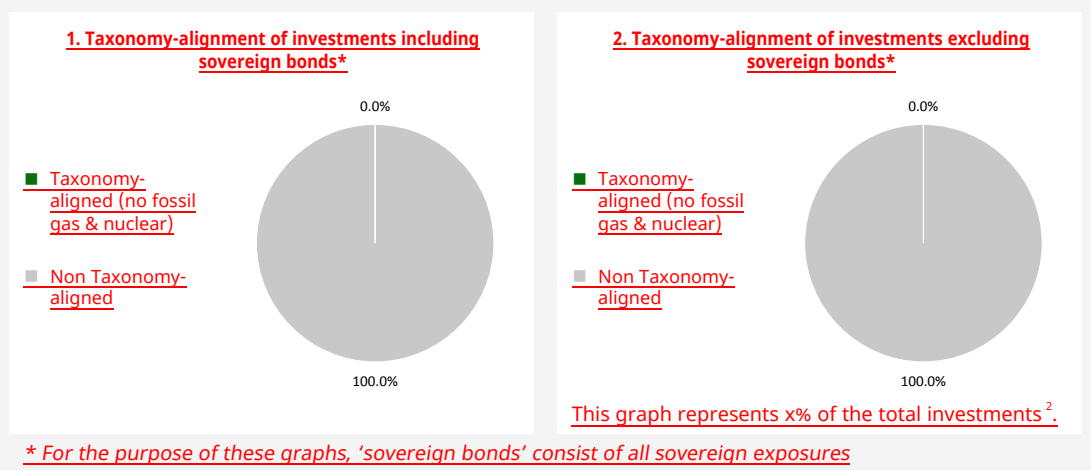
<sup>1</sup> Fossil gas and/or nuclear related activities will only comply with the EU Taxonomy where they contribute to limiting climate change ("climate change mitigation") and do not significantly harm any EU Taxonomy objective – see explanatory note in the left-hand margin. The full criteria for fossil gas and nuclear energy economic activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy are laid down in Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1214.



Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

- **turnover** reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee companies
- **capital expenditure** (CapEx) showing the green investments made by investee companies, e.g. for a transition to a green economy.
- **operational expenditure** (OpEx) reflecting green operational activities of investee companies.

The two graphs below show in green the minimum percentage of investments that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the Taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy-alignment in relation to all the investments of the financial product including sovereign bonds, while the second graph shows the Taxonomy-alignment only in relation to the investments of the financial product other than sovereign bonds.



Enabling activities directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective.

Transitional activities are activities for which low-carbon alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.

● **What is the minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities?**

As per the above, at the date of this Prospectus the share of investments by the Fund in transitional and enabling activities is currently deemed to constitute 0% of the Fund's portfolio.



**What is the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?**

This question is not applicable for the Fund.



are sustainable investments with an environmental objective that **do not take into account the criteria** for environmentally sustainable economic activities under the EU Taxonomy.

<sup>2</sup> As there is no Taxonomy-alignment, there is no impact on the graph if sovereign bonds are excluded (i.e. the percentage of Taxonomy-aligned investments remains 0%) and the Management Company therefore believes that there is no need to mention this information.



## **What is the minimum share of socially sustainable investments?**

The Fund commits to invest at least 50% of its assets in sustainable investments with a social objective.



## **What investments are included under “#2 Other”, what is their purpose and are there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?**

#2 Other includes cash which is treated as neutral for sustainability purposes. #2 also includes investments that are not scored by Schroders’ proprietary sustainability tools and so do not contribute towards the Fund’s sustainability score.

Minimum safeguards are applied where relevant to Money Market Investments and derivatives used with the aim of reducing risk (hedging) or other investments by restricting (as appropriate) investments in counterparties where there are ownership links or exposure to higher risk countries (for the purpose of money laundering, terrorist financing, bribery, corruption, tax evasion and sanctions risks). A firm-wide risk assessment considers the risk rating of each jurisdiction; which includes reference to a number of public statements, indices and world governance indicators issued by the UN, the European Union, the UK Government, the Financial Action Task Force and several Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), such as Transparency International and the Basel Committee.

In addition, new counterparties are reviewed by Schroders’ credit risk team and approval of a new counterparty is based on a holistic review of the various sources of information available, including, but not limited to, quality of management, ownership structure, location, regulatory and social environment to which each counterparty is subject, and the degree of development of the local banking system and its regulatory framework. Ongoing monitoring is performed through a Schroders’ proprietary tool, which supports the analysis of a counterparty’s management of environmental, social and governance trends and challenges. Any significant deterioration in the profile of the counterparty in Schroders’ proprietary tool would lead to further analysis and potential exclusion by Schroders’ credit risk team.



## **Is a specific index designated as a reference benchmark to determine whether this financial product is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes?**

**Reference benchmarks** are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the environmental or social characteristics that they promote.

- **How is the reference benchmark continuously aligned with each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?**

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- **How is the alignment of the investment strategy with the methodology of the index ensured on a continuous basis?**

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- **How does the designated index differ from a relevant broad market index?**

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- **Where can the methodology used for the calculation of the designated index be found?**

This question is not applicable for the Fund.



## **Where can I find more product specific information online?**

More product-specific information can be found on the webpage <http://www.schroders.com/en/lu/private-investor/qfc>

Pre-contractual disclosure for the financial products referred to in Article 8, paragraphs 1, 2 and 2a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 6, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852

**Product name:** [Schroder International Selection Fund Global Sustainable Convertible Bond](#)

**Legal entity identifier:** [5493006DE43UTCSDK432](#)

## Environmental and/or social characteristics

**Sustainable investment** means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good governance practices.

The **EU Taxonomy** is a classification system laid down in Regulation (EU) 2020/852, establishing a list of **environmentally sustainable economic activities**. That Regulation does not lay down a list of socially sustainable economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.

Does this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?	
●● <input type="checkbox"/> Yes	●○ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
<input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with an environmental objective: __%</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> It <b>promotes Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics</b> and while it does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will have a minimum proportion of <b>50.00%</b> of sustainable investments
<input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy	<input type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy
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<input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with a social objective __%</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> with a social objective
	<input type="checkbox"/> It promotes E/S characteristics, but <b>will not make any sustainable investments</b>



## What environmental and/or social characteristics are promoted by this financial product?

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the [Thomson-Reuters-FTSE](#) Global index, based on the Investment Manager's rating system. This benchmark (which is a broad market index) does not take into account the environmental and social characteristics promoted by the Fund.

The sustainability score is measured by Schroders' proprietary tool that provides an estimate of the net "impact" that an issuer may create in terms of social and environmental "costs" or "benefits". It does this by using certain indicators with respect to that issuer, and quantifying them positively and negatively to produce an aggregate notional measure of the effect that the relevant underlying issuer may have on society and the environment. It does this using third party data as well as Schroders own estimates and assumptions and the outcome may differ from other sustainability tools and measures. Examples of such indicators are greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

The result is expressed as an aggregate score of the sustainability indicators for each issuer, specifically a notional percentage (positive or negative) of sales or GDP of the relevant underlying issuer. For example, a score of +2% would mean an issuer contributes \$2 of relative notional positive impact (i.e. benefits to society) per \$100 of sales or GDP. The sustainability score of the Fund is derived from the scores of all issuers in the Fund's portfolio measured by Schroders' proprietary tool.

The Fund invests at least 50% of its assets in sustainable investments, which are investments that the Investment Manager expects to contribute towards the advancement of one or more environmental and/or social objective (s).

### ● **What sustainability indicators are used to measure the attainment of each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?**

The Investment Manager monitors compliance with the characteristic to maintain a higher overall sustainability score than the [Thomson-Reuters-FTSE](#) Global index by reference to the weighted average sustainability score of the Fund in Schroders' proprietary tool compared against the weighted average sustainability score of the [Thomson-Reuters-FTSE](#) Global index in Schroders' proprietary tool over the previous ~~six months~~**six-month** period, based on month-end data. The overall sustainability score aggregates the effect of sustainability indicators including but not limited to greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

**Sustainability indicators** measure how the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product are attained.

The Investment Manager monitors compliance with the characteristic to invest at least 50% of its assets in sustainable investments by reference to (i) the sustainability score of each asset in Schroders' proprietary tool and/or (ii) whether the asset is classified as a green, social and/or sustainable bond. Compliance with this is monitored daily via our automated compliance controls. The Fund also applies certain exclusions, with which the Investment Manager monitors compliance on an ongoing basis via its portfolio compliance framework.

● ***What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?***

In respect of the proportion of the Fund's portfolio that is invested in sustainable investments, each sustainable investment either (i) demonstrates a net positive effect across a range of environmental or social objectives, as scored by Schroders' proprietary tool and/or (ii) is classified as a green, social and/or sustainable bond using a third-party data source. The environmental or social objectives of the sustainable investments that the Fund partially intends to make may include, but are not limited to, increasing environmental and/or social benefits such as greater water access or fair pay and reducing environmental, and/or social costs such as carbon emissions or food waste. For example, greater water access as measured by Schroders' proprietary tool are the estimated societal benefits of the provision of clean drinking water to human health. The environmental or social objectives of green, social and/or sustainable bonds may include, but are not limited to, climate change mitigation, renewable energy initiatives, natural resource conservation, access to finance and affordable housing projects.

● ***How do the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make, not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?***

The Investment Manager's approach to investing in issuers that do not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective includes the following:

- Firm-wide investment exclusions apply to Schroders funds. These relate to international conventions on cluster munitions, anti-personnel mines, and chemical and biological weapons and a list of those companies that are excluded is available at <https://www.schroders.com/en/sustainability/active-ownership/group-exclusions/>. Firm-wide exclusions also apply to companies generating more than 20% of their revenue from thermal coal mining.
- The Fund excludes companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to tobacco and thermal coal.
- The Fund excludes companies that are assessed by Schroders to have breached one or more 'global norms' thereby causing significant environmental or social harm; these companies comprise Schroders' 'global norms' breach list. Schroders' determination of whether a company has been involved in such a breach considers relevant principles such as those contained in the UN Global Compact (UNGC) principles, the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights. The 'global norms' breach list may be informed by assessments performed by third party providers and by proprietary research, where relevant to a particular situation. In exceptional circumstances a derogation may be applied in order to allow the Fund to continue to hold a company on Schroders' 'global norms' breach list, for example where the stated investment strategy of the Fund may otherwise be compromised. Any such company cannot be categorised as a sustainable investment.
- The Fund may also apply certain other exclusions in addition to those summarised above.

Further information on all of the Fund's investment exclusions is to be found under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>.

● ***How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?***

When seeking to identify significant harm, Schroders' approach to taking into account the Principal Adverse Impacts (PAI) indicators involves a quantitative and a qualitative assessment. Where it is not considered appropriate or feasible to set quantitative thresholds, the Investment Manager engages, where relevant. Investee companies deemed not to satisfy the quantitative thresholds would generally be excluded, unless on a case-by-case basis the data is deemed not representative of a company's performance in the relevant area.

This framework is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability and quality of the data evolves.

Our approach includes:

1. **Quantitative:** this includes indicators where specific thresholds have been established:

**Principal adverse impacts** are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anticorruption and antibribery matters.

- Via the application of exclusions. This approach is relevant to **PAI 4** (Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector), **PAI 5** (Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production) and **PAI 14** (Exposure to controversial weapons). Further, the following PAIs are assessed as part of Schroders' 'global norms' breach list exclusion (which seeks to exclude companies where significant harm is occurring):
  - **PAI 7** (Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas)
  - **PAI 8** (Emissions to water)
  - **PAI 9** (Hazardous waste and radioactive waste ratio)
  - **PAI 10** (Violations of UN Global Compact principles and Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises)
  - **PAI 11** (Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and Voluntary)
  - **PAI 14** in Table 3 (Number of identified cases of severe human rights issues and incidents)
- Via the application of an alert system flag if the relevant indicator(s) exceeds a threshold. These quantitative thresholds to assess significant harm are established centrally by our Sustainable Investment team and monitored systematically. This approach applies to indicators where we have segmented the population into harm groups to establish a threshold, such as carbon related PAI metrics, **PAI 1** (GHG emissions), **PAI 2** (Carbon footprint) and **Voluntary PAI 4 in Table 2** (Investing in companies without carbon emission reduction initiatives). **PAI 3** (GHG intensity of investee companies) operates in a similar way but the threshold is based on a revenue metric. A threshold for **PAI 6** (Energy consumption intensity per high impact climate sector) is established based on the ~~above-mentioned~~ carbon measures. A similar approach has been taken for **PAI 15** (GHG intensity). **PAI 16** (Investee countries subject to social violations) also operates in the same way but based on data availability regarding social violations. Through this process the relevant issuer(s) that is/are deemed not to satisfy the quantitative thresholds is/are flagged to the Investment Manager for consideration, whose response may involve selling the holdings(s) or maintaining the position if on a case-by-case basis the data is deemed not representative of a company's performance in the relevant area. Investee companies deemed to cause significant harm are excluded from the Fund.
- 2. **Qualitative:** This includes PAI indicators where Schroders' believes that the data available does not enable us to make a quantitative determination regarding whether significant harm is done so as to warrant excluding an investment. In such cases, the Investment Manager engages wherever possible with the company or companies held, in accordance with the priorities documented in Schroders' Engagement Blueprint and/or voting policy. This approach applies to indicators such as **PAI 12** (Unadjusted gender pay gap) and **PAI 13** (Board gender diversity), where we engage and may use our voting rights where we consider appropriate. Both board gender diversity and disclosure of gender pay gap information are captured in our Engagement Blueprint.

● ***How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:***

Companies on Schroders' 'global norms' breach list cannot be categorised as sustainable investments. Schroders' determination of whether a company should be included on such list considers the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, among other relevant principles. The 'global norms' breach list is informed by third party providers and proprietary research, where relevant.

*The EU Taxonomy sets out a "do not significant harm" principle by which Taxonomy-aligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives and is accompanied by specific EU criteria.*

*The "do not significant harm" principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.*

*Any other sustainable investments must also not significantly harm any environmental or social objectives.*



## Does this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

☒ Yes, ~~the Investment Manager's approach to considering principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors involves classifying the indicators into three categories:~~

The Investment Manager's approach to considering principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors differs depending on the relevant indicator. Some indicators are considered via the application of exclusions, some are considered via the investment process (where data is available via Schroders PAI dashboard and via other external data sources) and some are considered via engagement. Further details are provided below.

PAIs are considered as part of pre-investment through the application of exclusions. These include:

- Controversial weapons: PAI 14 (Exposure to controversial weapons (anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, chemical weapons and biological weapons))

- Schroders' 'global norms' breach list, which covers: PAI 7 (Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas), PAI 8 (Emissions to water), PAI 9 (Hazardous waste and radioactive waste ratio), PAI 10 (Violations of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises), PAI 11 (Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises) and PAI 16 (Investee countries subject to social violations)

- Companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to thermal coal: PAI 4 (Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector) and PAI 5 (Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production)

Compliance with these thresholds is monitored via the Investment Manager's portfolio compliance framework.

PAIs are also considered through integration in the investment process. All PAI indicators are monitored via Schroders PAI dashboard.

Schroders' proprietary tool incorporates several PAIs as a component of its scoring methodology. In assessing an issuers' overall environmental score PAIs 1, 2 and 3 (Greenhouse gas emissions) are included.

PAIs 4 and 10 are covered as part of our exclusion criteria.

PAIs are also considered post-investment through engagement where the Investment Manager engages in line with the approach and expectations set out in Schroders Engagement Blueprint, which outlines our approach to active ownership. Issuers identified as laggards may be selected for engagement on PAI indicators material for the sector the company operates in.

The Investment Manager may engage with selected issuers held by the Fund on PAIs 1, 2 and 3 as well as 12 (Unadjusted gender pay gap), and 13 (Board gender diversity) and others.

Our approach is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability, and quality, of PAI data evolves. The Management Company's statement on principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors is available at <https://api.schroders.com/document-store/id/ffcb39bb-96cb-4e56-9461-deba9a493e85>. The Fund level information is disclosed or will be (as applicable) in the Fund's annual report.

1. Set thresholds: these involve very explicit thresholds for considering an investment to be a "sustainable investment". For example, PAI 10 on violations of UNGC principles.

2. Active ownership: these involve indicators on which we have a plan to engage with the underlying holding as set out in the Schroders Group document, accessed via <https://mybrand.schroders.com/m/3222ea4ed44a1f2c/original/schroders-engagement-blueprint.pdf>, outlining our approach to active ownership. For example, PAI 1, 2 and 3 covering GHG emissions and PAI 13 on board gender diversity.

3. Improve coverage: these involve indicators where we consider data coverage to be too sparse to properly consider them and our focus is primarily on engaging with the underlying holdings to increase reporting. For example, PAI 7 on biodiversity, PAI 9 on hazardous waste ratio and PAI 12 on the gender pay gap.

Our approach is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability, and quality, of PAI data evolves.

The Management Company's statement on principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors is available at <https://mybrand.schroders.com/m/467910ac8e6da45c/original/Statement-on-principal-adverse-impacts-of-investment-decisions-on-sustainability-factors.pdf>. The Fund level information is disclosed or will be (as applicable) in the Fund's annual report.

☐ No



## What investment strategy does this financial product follow?

**The investment strategy** guides investment decisions based on factors such as investment objectives and risk tolerance.

The sustainable investment strategy used by the Investment Manager is as follows:

The Fund is actively managed and invests at least two-thirds of its assets in a diversified range of convertible securities issued by companies worldwide. The Fund may also invest in equity and equity related securities of companies worldwide.

Convertible bonds are typically corporate bonds that can be converted into equities at a given price. As such, the Investment Manager believes investors can gain exposure to global equity markets with the defensive benefits and less volatile characteristics of a bond investment.



The Fund may invest in excess of 50% of its assets in securities that have a below investment grade credit rating (as measured by Standard & Poor's or any equivalent grade of other credit rating agencies for rated bonds and implied Schroders ratings for nonrated bonds).

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than ~~the Thomson-Reuters~~FTSE Global ~~index~~, based on the Investment Manager's rating system.

The Fund does not directly invest in certain activities, industries or groups of issuers above the limits listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage, accessed via <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

The Fund invests in companies that have good governance practices, as determined by the Investment Manager's rating criteria.

The Investment Manager may also engage with companies held by the Fund to challenge identified areas of weakness on sustainability issues. More details on the Investment Manager's approach to sustainability and its engagement with companies are available on the webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/>

The Fund may also invest up to one-third of its assets directly or indirectly in other securities (including other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies, Investment Funds, warrants and Money Market Investments, and hold cash.

The Fund may use derivatives with the aim of achieving investment gains, reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently.

The Investment Manager applies sustainability criteria when selecting investments for the Fund. The Investment Manager applies a best in class approach – a company is given a rating based on a variety of ESG criteria using a proprietary tool.

The lowest scoring 20% of companies are excluded.

The Investment Manager intends to overweight the holdings of the Fund in companies with ESG scores within the 60% to 100% percentiles, unless there are compelling reasons to invest in companies which fall outside these percentiles. The sustainability characteristics of a company can also impact the sizing of positions in the Fund.

The measures above aim to ensure that the Fund's portfolio has an overall ESG score of more than 50% at any time.

The sources of information used to perform the analysis include information provided by the companies, such as company sustainability reports and other relevant company material, as well as Schroders' proprietary sustainability tools and third-party data.

The Investment Manager ensures that at least 90% of the portion of the Fund's Net Asset Value composed of investments in companies is rated against the sustainability criteria. As a result of the application of sustainability criteria, at least 20% of the Fund's potential investment universe is excluded from the selection of investments.

For the purposes of this test, the potential investment universe is the core universe of issuers that the Investment Manager may select for the Fund prior to the application of sustainability criteria, in accordance with the other limitations of the Investment Objective and Policy. This universe is comprised of convertible securities issued by companies worldwide. However, the universe (for the purpose of this test only) shall not include debt issued by public or quasi-public issuers.

### ● **What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?**

The following binding elements are applied throughout the investment process:

- The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the ~~Thomson-Reuters~~FTSE Global index based on the Investment Manager's rating criteria.
- The Fund invests at least 50% of its assets in sustainable investments and such investments do not cause significant environmental or social harm.
- Exclusions are applied to direct investments in companies. The Fund applies certain exclusions relating to international conventions on cluster munitions, antipersonnel mines, and chemical and biological weapons. The Fund also excludes companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to tobacco and thermal coal, especially companies that generate at least 10% of their revenues from tobacco production, companies that generate at least 25% of their revenues from the tobacco value chain (such as suppliers, distributors, retailers and licensors), companies that generate at least 10% of their revenues from thermal coal mining and companies that generate at least 30% of their revenues from coal fired power generation. The Fund excludes companies that are assessed by Schroders to have breached one or more 'global norms' thereby causing significant environmental or social harm; these companies comprise Schroders' 'global norms' breach list. ~~In exceptional circumstances a derogation may be applied in order to allow the Fund to continue to hold a company on Schroders' 'global norms' breach list, for example where the stated investment strategy of the Fund may otherwise be compromised. Any such company cannot be categorised as a sustainable investment.~~ Further, the Fund may apply other exclusions as listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

- The Fund invests in companies that have good governance practices, as determined by the Investment Manager's rating criteria.
- The Investment Manager ensures that at least 90% of the portion of the Fund's Net Asset Value composed of investments in companies is rated against the sustainability criteria.
- As a result of the application of sustainability criteria, at least 20% of the Fund's potential investment universe is excluded from the selection of investments.

● **What is the committed minimum rate to reduce the scope of the investments considered prior to the application of that investment strategy?**

As a result of the application of the Fund's sustainability criteria, at least 20% of the Fund's potential investment universe is excluded from the selection of investments. For the purposes of this test, the potential investment universe is the core universe of issuers that the Investment Manager may select for the Fund prior to the application of sustainability criteria, in accordance with the other limitations of the Investment Objective and Policy.

● **What is the policy to assess good governance practices of the investee companies?**

In order to assess good governance practices, a central Good Governance Test is applied. This test is based on a data-driven quantitative framework, which uses a scorecard to assess companies across the categories of sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff, and tax compliance. Schroders has defined a number of criteria across these pillars.

Compliance with the test is monitored centrally and companies which do not pass this test cannot be held by the Fund, unless the Investment Manager has agreed that the issuer demonstrates good governance based on additional insights beyond that quantitative analysis.

**Good governance** practices include sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff and tax compliance.



## What is the asset allocation planned for this financial product?

**Asset allocation** describes the share of investments in specific assets.

The planned composition of the Fund's investments that are used to meet its environmental or social characteristics are summarised below.

**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the minimum proportion of the Fund's assets used to attain the environmental or social characteristics, which is equal to **680%**. The Fund commits to maintain a higher overall sustainability score than the **Thomson Reuters FTSE** Global index, and so the Fund's investments that are scored by Schroders' proprietary sustainability tool are included within the minimum proportion stated in #1 on the basis that they will contribute to the Fund's sustainability score (whether such individual investment has a positive or a negative score). Also included within #1 **are any green, social or sustainable bonds that are not scored by Schroders' proprietary sustainability tool.** The minimum proportion of assets that are invested in sustainable investments, **is indicated in #1A.** The minimum proportions stated apply in normal market conditions. The actual proportion stated in #1 is expected to be higher.

The sustainability score is measured by Schroders' proprietary tool that provides an estimate of the net "impact" that an issuer may create in terms of social and environmental "costs" or "benefits". It does this by using certain indicators with respect to that issuer, and quantifying them positively and negatively to produce an aggregate notional measure of the effect that the relevant underlying issuer may have on society and the environment. Examples of such indicators are greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

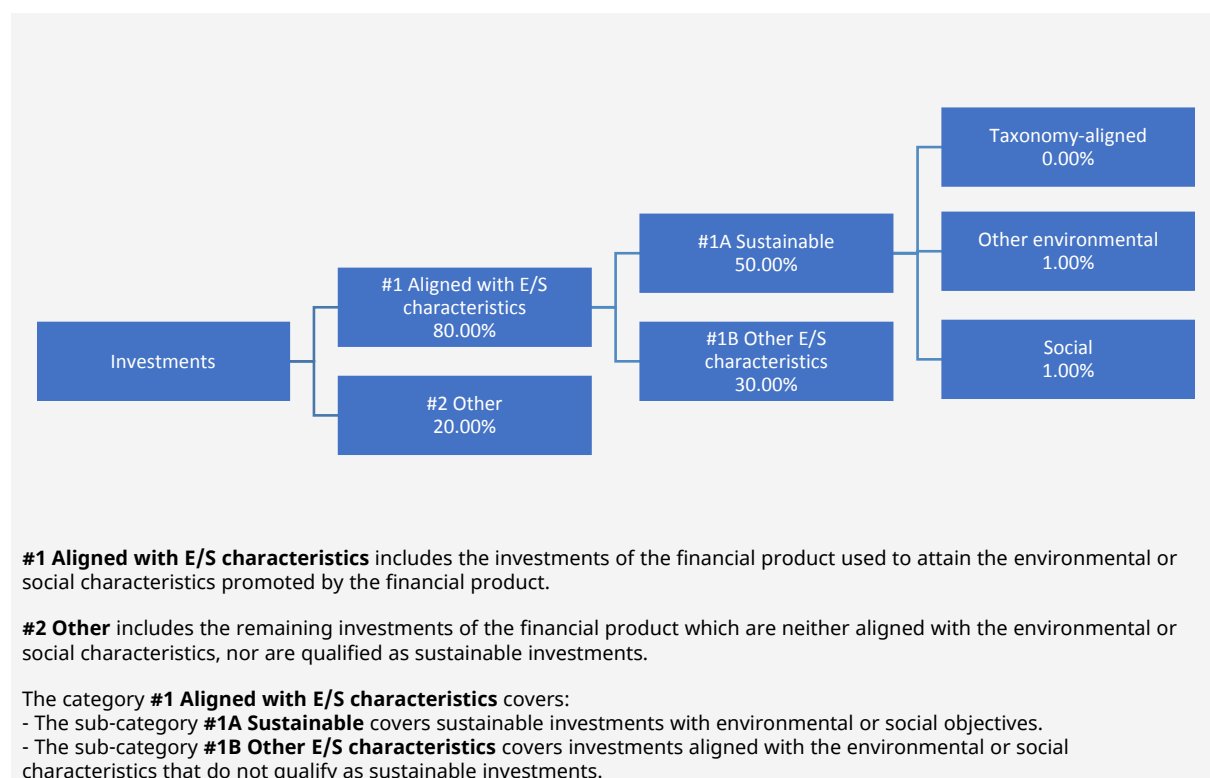
The Fund will invest at least 50% of its assets in sustainable investments. **Each sustainable investment (i) demonstrates a net positive effect across a range of environmental or social objectives, as scored by Schroders' proprietary tool or (ii) is classified as a green, social and/or sustainable bond using a third-party data source.** With the exception of any green or social bonds, which will be classified as having an environmental or social objective respectively, a sustainable investment is classified as having an environmental or social objective depending on whether the relevant issuer has a higher score in Schroders' proprietary tool relative to its applicable peer group for its environmental indicators or its social indicators. In each case, indicators are comprised of both "costs" and "benefits".

**#2 Other** includes cash which is treated as neutral for sustainability purposes. #2 also includes **other** investments that are not scored by Schroders' proprietary sustainability tool and so do not contribute towards the Fund's sustainability score. As #1 states a minimum proportion that is in practice expected to be higher, the proportion stated in #2 is expected to be lower.

Minimum safeguards are applied where relevant to investments by restricting (as appropriate) investments in counterparties where there are ownership links or exposure to higher risk countries (for the purpose of money laundering, terrorist financing, bribery, corruption, tax evasion and sanctions risks). A firm-wide risk assessment considers the risk rating of each jurisdiction; which includes reference to a number of public statements, indices and world governance indicators issued by the UN, the European Union, the UK Government, the Financial Action Task Force and several Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), such as Transparency International and the Basel Committee.

In addition, new counterparties are reviewed by Schroders' credit risk team and approval of a new counterparty is based on a holistic review of the various sources of information available, including, but not limited to, quality of management, ownership structure, location, regulatory and social environment to which each counterparty is

subject, and the degree of development of the local banking system and its regulatory framework. Ongoing monitoring is performed through a Schroders' proprietary tool, which supports the analysis of a counterparty's management of environmental, social and governance trends and challenges. Any significant deterioration in the profile of the counterparty in Schroders' proprietary tool would lead to further analysis and potential exclusion by Schroders' credit risk team.



#1 The minimum proportion stated applies in normal market conditions.

### ● **How does the use of derivatives attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?**

Single name credit default swaps are used as a proxy for direct investments which would otherwise be held by the Fund in line with its sustainability criteria. Such derivatives are therefore used to attain the Fund's sustainability score in Schroders' proprietary tool which is one of the binding elements of the Fund. The Fund may use other derivatives that are scored in Schroders' proprietary tool to meet the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted by the Fund, as such derivatives would contribute to the Fund's sustainability score (whether such individual investment has a positive or a negative score).



### **To what minimum extent are sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?**

There is no minimum extent to which the Fund's investments (including transitional and enabling activities) with an environmental objective are aligned with the Taxonomy. Taxonomy alignment of this Fund's investments has therefore not been calculated and has as a result been deemed to constitute 0% of the Fund's portfolio.

In future it is expected that the Fund will assess and report on the extent to which its underlying investments are in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the Taxonomy, along with information relating to the proportion of enabling and transitional activities. This Prospectus will be updated once it is possible in the Investment Manager's opinion to accurately disclose to what extent the Fund's investments are in Taxonomy-aligned environmentally sustainable activities, including the proportions of investments in enabling and transitional activities selected for the Fund.

### ● **Does the financial product invest in fossil gas and/or nuclear energy related activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy<sup>1</sup>?**

☐ Yes:

☐ In fossil gas ☐ In nuclear energy

<sup>1</sup> Fossil gas and/or nuclear related activities will only comply with the EU Taxonomy where they contribute to limiting climate change ("climate change mitigation") and do not significantly harm any EU Taxonomy objective – see explanatory note in the left-hand margin. The full criteria for fossil gas and nuclear energy economic activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy are laid down in Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1214.

☒ No

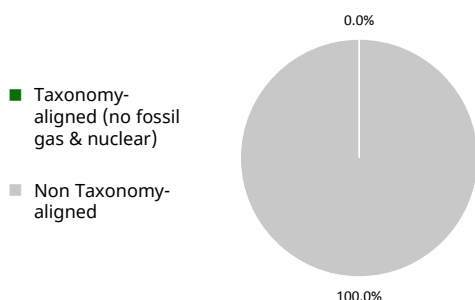
switching to renewable power or low-carbon fuels by the end of 2035. For **nuclear energy**, the criteria include comprehensive safety and waste management rules.

Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

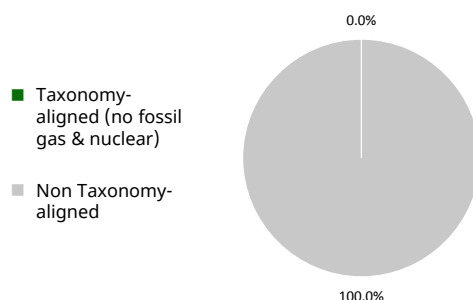
- **turnover** reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee companies
- **capital expenditure** (CapEx) showing the green investments made by investee companies, e.g. for a transition to a green economy.
- **operational expenditure** (OpEx) reflecting green operational activities of investee companies.

The two graphs below show in green the minimum percentage of investments that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the Taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy-alignment in relation to all the investments of the financial product including sovereign bonds, while the second graph shows the Taxonomy-alignment only in relation to the investments of the financial product other than sovereign bonds.

1. Taxonomy-alignment of investments including sovereign bonds\*



2. Taxonomy-alignment of investments excluding sovereign bonds\*



This graph represents x% of the total investments<sup>2</sup>.

\* For the purpose of these graphs, 'sovereign bonds' consist of all sovereign exposures

**Enabling activities** directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective.

**Transitional activities** are activities for which low-carbon alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.

#### ● What is the minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities?

As per the above, at the date of this Prospectus the share of investments by the Fund in transitional and enabling activities is currently deemed to constitute 0% of the Fund's portfolio.



#### What is the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

The Fund commits to invest at least 1% of its assets in sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy.



are sustainable investments with an environmental objective that **do not take into account the criteria** for

<sup>2</sup> As there is no Taxonomy-alignment, there is no impact on the graph if sovereign bonds are excluded (i.e. the percentage of Taxonomy-aligned investments remains 0%) and the Management Company therefore believes that there is no need to mention this information.



### What is the minimum share of socially sustainable investments?

The Fund commits to invest at least 1% of its assets in sustainable investments with a social objective.



### What investments are included under “#2 Other”, what is their purpose and are there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

**#2 Other** includes cash which is treated as neutral for sustainability purposes. #2 also includes other investments that are not scored by Schroders’ proprietary sustainability tools and so do not contribute towards the Fund’s sustainability score.

Minimum safeguards are applied where relevant to investments by restricting (as appropriate) investments in counterparties where there are ownership links or exposure to higher risk countries (for the purpose of money laundering, terrorist financing, bribery, corruption, tax evasion and sanctions risks). A firm-wide risk assessment considers the risk rating of each jurisdiction; which includes reference to a number of public statements, indices and world governance indicators issued by the UN, the European Union, the UK Government, the Financial Action Task Force and several Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), such as Transparency International and the Basel Committee.

In addition, new counterparties are reviewed by Schroders’ credit risk team and approval of a new counterparty is based on a holistic review of the various sources of information available, including, but not limited to, quality of management, ownership structure, location, regulatory and social environment to which each counterparty is subject, and the degree of development of the local banking system and its regulatory framework. Ongoing monitoring is performed through a Schroders’ proprietary tool, which supports the analysis of a counterparty’s management of environmental, social and governance trends and challenges. Any significant deterioration in the profile of the counterparty in Schroders’ proprietary tool would lead to further analysis and potential exclusion by Schroders’ credit risk team.



### Is a specific index designated as a reference benchmark to determine whether this financial product is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes?

**Reference benchmarks** are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the environmental or social characteristics that they promote.

- **How is the reference benchmark continuously aligned with each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?**

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- **How is the alignment of the investment strategy with the methodology of the index ensured on a continuous basis?**

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- **How does the designated index differ from a relevant broad market index?**

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- **Where can the methodology used for the calculation of the designated index be found?**

This question is not applicable for the Fund.



### Where can I find more product specific information online?

More product-specific information can be found on the webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

Pre-contractual disclosure for the financial products referred to in Article 9, paragraphs 1 to 4a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 5, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852

**Product name:** **Schroder International Selection Fund Global Sustainable Food and Water**

**Legal entity identifier:** **549300KTYV51C0X44G74**

## Sustainable investment objective

**Sustainable investment** means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good Governance practices.

The **EU Taxonomy** is a classification system laid down in Regulation (EU) 2020/852, establishing a list of **environmentally sustainable economic activities**. For the time being, it does not include a list of socially sustainable economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.

### Does this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with an environmental objective: 10.00%</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> It <b>promotes Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics</b> and while it does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will have a minimum proportion of ___% of sustainable investments
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	<input type="checkbox"/> It promotes E/S characteristics, but <b>will not make any sustainable investments</b>

The Fund commits to invest at least 90% of its assets in sustainable investments. Within this overall commitment, there is a minimum commitment to invest at least 10% of its assets in sustainable investments with an environmental objective and at least 10% of its assets in sustainable investments with a social objective.



## What is the sustainable investment objective of this financial product?

The Fund's sustainable investment objective is to invest its assets in companies worldwide that the Investment Manager expects to contribute towards the provision of sustainable food and water including water management, agricultural equipment, agricultural inputs, food production, processing, packaging and distribution, food and water retail and recycling. The Fund may also invest in investments that the Investment Manager deems to be neutral under its sustainability criteria, such as cash and Money Market Investments and derivatives used with the aim of reducing risk (hedging) or managing the Fund more efficiently.

No reference benchmark has been designated for the purpose of attaining the sustainable investment objective.

**Sustainability indicators** measure how the sustainable objectives of this financial product are attained.

### What sustainability indicators are used to measure the attainment of the sustainable investment objective of this financial product?

The Investment Manager is responsible for determining whether an investment meets the criteria of a sustainable investment. The Investment Manager uses a revenue based approach in this assessment by considering whether a certain percentage of the relevant issuer's revenues, capital expenditure or operating expenditure contributes to an environmental or social objective (as applicable). The output of the Investment Strategy outlined below is the production of the list of investments that meet the selection criteria, this represents the investment universe. Compliance with the minimum percentage in sustainable investments is monitored daily via our automated compliance controls. The Fund also applies certain exclusions, with which the Investment Manager monitors compliance on an ongoing basis via its portfolio compliance framework.

The Investment Manager uses different sustainability indicators to measure the impact contribution at an investee company level. In particular, the Investment Manager use a quantitative screening tool to identify companies that derive a minimum of 50% of their revenues from whose main activity is associated and are directly contributing to the provision of food and water. The Fund invests in companies involved in making the global food and water system more sustainable, as defined by companies driving positive change across at least one of the five key sustainability areas (GHG emissions, water usage, biodiversity, physical pollution and waste, and health and nutrition). The Investment Manager can manually add companies with revenue exposure below 50% to the Fund's investment universe provided the companies meet



certain criteria. Examples of indicators used to assess sustainability include GHG emissions reduction targets, water usage assessments, records of environmental damage or water usage and product exposure to sustainable food and water solutions.

Subsequently, the Investment Manager uses a number of indicators to derive a sustainability score out of ten for each company. Based on this score, each company is placed within one of the following categories: (1) Best-in-class, (2) Neutral and (3) Laggard. The indicators used to determine the score include but are not limited to metrics such as carbon intensity, board gender diversity and management remuneration. The information is drawn from company management meetings, publicly available corporate information as well as the Investment Manager's internal proprietary tools.

### ● *How do sustainable investments not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?*

The Investment Manager's approach to investing in issuers that do not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective includes the following:

- Firm-wide investment exclusions apply to Schroders funds. These relate to international conventions on cluster munitions, anti-personnel mines, and chemical and biological weapons and a list of those companies that are excluded is available at <https://www.schroders.com/en/sustainability/active-ownership/group-exclusions/>. Firm-wide exclusions also apply to companies generating more than 20% of their revenue from thermal coal mining.
- The Fund excludes companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to tobacco and thermal coal.
- The Fund excludes companies that are assessed by Schroders to have breached one or more 'global norms' thereby causing significant environmental or social harm; these companies comprise Schroders' 'global norms' breach list. Schroders' determination of whether a company has been involved in such a breach considers relevant principles such as those contained in the UN Global Compact (UNGC) principles, the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights. The 'global norms' breach list may be informed by assessments performed by third party providers and by proprietary research, where relevant to a particular situation.
- The Fund may also apply certain other exclusions in addition to those summarised above.

Further information on all of the Fund's investment exclusions is to be found under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>.

### ● *How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?*

When seeking to identify significant harm, Schroders' approach to taking into account the Principal Adverse Impacts (PAI) indicators involves a quantitative and a qualitative assessment. Where it is not considered appropriate or feasible to set quantitative thresholds, the Investment Manager engages, where relevant. Investee companies deemed not to satisfy the quantitative thresholds would generally be excluded, unless on a case-by-case basis the data is deemed not representative of a company's performance in the relevant area.

This framework is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability and quality of the data evolves.

Our approach includes:

1. **Quantitative:** this includes indicators where specific thresholds have been established:

- Via the application of exclusions. This approach is relevant to **PAI 4** (Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector), **PAI 5** (Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production) and **PAI 14** (Exposure to controversial weapons). Further, the following PAIs are assessed as part of Schroders 'global norms' breach list exclusion (which seeks to exclude companies where significant harm is occurring):
  - **PAI 7** (Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas)
  - **PAI 8** (Emissions to water)
  - **PAI 9** (Hazardous waste and radioactive waste ratio)
  - **PAI 10** (Violations of UN Global Compact principles and Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises)
  - **PAI 11** (Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and Voluntary)
  - **PAI 14** in Table 3 (Number of identified cases of severe human rights issues and incidents)

**Principal adverse impacts** are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anticorruption and antibribery matters.

- Via the application of an alert system flag if the relevant indicator(s) exceeds a threshold. These quantitative thresholds to assess significant harm are established centrally by our Sustainable Investment team and monitored systematically. This approach applies to indicators where we have segmented the population into harm groups to establish a threshold, such as carbon related PAI metrics, **PAI 1** (GHG emissions), **PAI 2** (Carbon footprint) and **Voluntary PAI 4 in Table 2** (Investing in companies without carbon emission reduction initiatives). **PAI 3** (GHG intensity of investee companies) operates in a similar way but the threshold is based on a revenue metric. A threshold for **PAI 6** (Energy consumption intensity per high impact climate sector) is established based on the ~~above mentioned~~ carbon measures. A similar approach has been taken for **PAI 15** (GHG intensity). **PAI 16** (Investee countries subject to social violations) also operates in the same way but based on data availability regarding social violations. Through this process the relevant issuer(s) that is/are deemed not to satisfy the quantitative thresholds is/are flagged to the Investment Manager for consideration, whose response may involve selling the holdings(s) or maintaining the position if on a case-by-case basis the data is deemed not representative of a company's performance in the relevant area. Investee companies deemed to cause significant harm are excluded from the Fund.
- 2. **Qualitative:** This includes PAI indicators where Schroders' believes that the data available does not enable us to make a quantitative determination regarding whether significant harm is done so as to warrant excluding an investment. In such cases, the Investment Manager engages wherever possible with the company or companies held, in accordance with the priorities documented in Schroders' Engagement Blueprint and/or voting policy. This approach applies to indicators such as **PAI 12** (Unadjusted gender pay gap) and **PAI 13** (Board gender diversity), where we engage and may use our voting rights where we consider appropriate. Both board gender diversity and disclosure of gender pay gap information are captured in our Engagement Blueprint.

● **How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights?**

Companies on Schroders' 'global norms' breach list cannot be categorised as sustainable investments. Schroders' determination of whether a company should be included on such list considers the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, among other relevant principles. The 'global norms' breach list is informed by third party providers and proprietary research, where relevant.



## Does this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

☒ Yes, the Investment Manager's approach to considering principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors involves classifying the indicators into three categories:

The Investment Manager's approach to considering principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors differs depending on the relevant indicator. Some indicators are considered via the application of exclusions, some are considered via the investment process (where data is available via Schroders PAI dashboard and via other external data sources) and some are considered via engagement. Further details are provided below. PAIs are considered as part of pre-investment through the application of exclusions. These include:

- Controversial weapons: PAI 14 (Exposure to controversial weapons (anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, chemical weapons and biological weapons))
- Schroders' 'global norms' breach list, which covers: PAI 7 (Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas), PAI 8 (Emissions to water), PAI 9 (Hazardous waste and radioactive waste ratio), PAI 10 (Violations of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises), PAI 11 (Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises) and PAI 16 (Investee countries subject to social violations)
- Companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to thermal coal: PAI 4 (Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector) and PAI 5 (Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production)

The Fund's exclusions:

- Fossil fuels: PAIs 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 (Greenhouse gas emissions) are considered via the application of an exclusion screen where companies that are deemed by the Investment Manager to contribute significantly to climate change are excluded from the investible universe.

Compliance with these thresholds is monitored via the Investment Manager's portfolio compliance framework. PAIs are also considered through integration in the investment process.

- The Fund considers greenhouse gas emissions, carbon footprint, greenhouse gas intensity of investment companies and activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas (PAI 1, 2, 3 & 7) in its analysis through the 'environmental management' component of the stakeholder analysis.

As part of our analysis, we consider how a firm is managing its environmental footprint (including its impact on the climate), its negative impact on biodiversity, as well as its potential exposure to the effects of long-term climate change. While no single metric determines the overall assessment of a company's environmental management score, the Fund evaluates a variety of different metrics – from both internal and external data sources (including a Schroders' proprietary tool) – to determine whether a company is adequately managing its climate and environmental risks.

PAIs 12 (Unadjusted gender pay gap) and 13 (Board gender diversity) are considered as part of our investment

process using data from a Schroders' proprietary tool.  
 All PAI indicators are monitored via Schroders' PAI dashboard.  
 PAIs are also considered post-investment through engagement where the Investment Manager engages in line with the approach and expectations set out in Schroders Engagement Blueprint, which outlines our approach to active ownership.  
 The investment team aims to engage with several issuers on net zero carbon emissions targets (PAI 1,2) and activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas (PAI 7). Through our engagement activity we seek to understand different areas, such as the speed and scale of emission reduction targets, steps being taken to meet climate goals and management of natural capital risks (i.e., deforestation). We are encouraging companies to set clear emissions reduction targets for all three scopes of emissions and where targets are already set, to confirm these targets are properly integrated into company remuneration policies.  
 With regard to our deforestation engagement, we are taking a multi-tiered approach to engagement. To meet our commitment to tackling deforestation risks, Schroders has developed a scorecard to build an initial view of the level of companies' exposure to and management of deforestation risks. We are using this scorecard to identify priority engagement companies that have the greatest exposure to commodity-driven deforestation within the sustainable food and water universe. As a first step we are engaging with these Tier 1 companies. Through this, we hope we are raising corporate awareness, encouraging knowledge sharing on best practice and increasing transparency across industries that are exposed to deforestation. In addition, as an investment desk and in line with the firm-wide policies we are committed to using best efforts to eliminate commodity-driven deforestation activities from the Fund's portfolio by 2025.  
 Where issuers are flagged on lack of data availability for any PAIs, the Investment Manager may engage with issuers where the primary focus is to increase reporting.  
 Our approach is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability, and quality, of PAI data evolves. The Management Company's statement on principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors is available at <https://api.schroders.com/document-store/id/ffcb39bb-96cb-4e56-9461-deba9a493e85>. The Fund level information is disclosed or will be disclosed (as applicable) in the Fund's annual report.

1. Set thresholds: these involve very explicit thresholds for considering an investment to be a "sustainable investment". For example, PAI 10 on violations of UNGC principles.
  2. Active ownership: these involve indicators on which we have a plan to engage with the underlying holding as set out in the Schroders Group document, accessed via <https://mybrand.schroders.com/m/3222ea4ed44a1f2c/original/schroders-engagement-blueprint.pdf>, outlining our approach to active ownership. For example, PAI 1, 2 and 3 covering GHG emissions and PAI 13 on board gender diversity.
  3. Improve coverage: these involve indicators where we consider data coverage to be too sparse to properly consider them and our focus is primarily on engaging with the underlying holdings to increase reporting. For example, PAI 7 on biodiversity, PAI 9 on hazardous waste ratio and PAI 12 on the gender pay gap.
- Our approach is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability, and quality, of PAI data evolves.  
 The Management Company's statement on principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors is available at <https://mybrand.schroders.com/m/467910ac8e6da45c/original/Statement-on-principal-adverse-impacts-of-investment-decisions-on-sustainability-factors.pdf>. The Fund level information is disclosed or will be (as applicable) in the Fund's annual report.

☐ No



## What investment strategy does this financial product follow?

**The investment strategy** guides investment decisions based on factors such as investment objectives and risk tolerance.

The sustainable investment strategy used by the Investment Manager is as follows:

The Fund is actively managed and invests its assets in (i) sustainable investments, which are investments that the Investment Manager expects to contribute towards the provision of sustainable food and water including water management, agricultural equipment, agricultural inputs, food production, processing, packaging and distribution, food and water retail and recycling, and (ii) investments that the Investment Manager deems to be neutral under its sustainability criteria such as cash and Money Market Investments and derivatives used with the aim of reducing risk (hedging) or managing the Fund more efficiently.

The Fund does not directly invest in certain activities, industries or groups of issuers above the limits listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage, accessed via <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

The Fund invests in companies that do not cause significant environmental or social harm and have good governance practices, as determined by the Investment Manager's rating criteria.

The Investment Manager may also engage with companies held by the Fund to challenge identified areas of weakness on sustainability issues. More details on the Investment Manager's approach to sustainability and its engagement with companies are available on the webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/>

The Fund invests at least two-thirds of its assets in equity and equity related securities of companies worldwide.

The Fund may also invest up to one-third of its assets directly or indirectly in other securities (including other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies, Investment Funds, warrants and Money Market Investments, and hold cash.

The Fund may use derivatives with the aim of reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently.

The Investment Manager applies sustainability criteria when selecting investments for the Fund. Each company in the universe of potential investments is assessed by the Investment Manager against eight categories: (1) management quality; (2) balance sheet sustainability; (3) corporate governance; (4) regulatory risk management; (5) supply chain management; (6) customer management; (7) employee management; and (8) environmental management. The company will receive an overall score out of ten based on the Investment Manager's assessment. Each company is then placed within one of the following categories based on this score:

– 'Lagging' (score of 1 – 3): Companies that show poor corporate governance, poor management quality, weak balance sheet sustainability, poor stakeholder relations, and fail to demonstrate an awareness of ESG issues they face.

– 'Neutral' (score of 4 – 6): Companies that show adequate corporate governance, reasonable management quality, reasonably strong balance sheet sustainability, have reasonable relationships with stakeholders and some awareness of ESG issues. These companies do not exhibit a high level of sustainability risk based on the Investment Manager's assessments, but at the same time are not best in class companies with the potential to maintain market leading growth.

– 'Best-in-class' (score of 7 – 10): Companies that have strong corporate governance, quality management, strong balance sheet sustainability, good relationships with stakeholders and a good awareness and management of sustainability issues. These companies should be able to attract talent, lead the industry in terms of productivity, have strong supply chain links, acting as the 'supplier of choice' for customers, and be mindful of their environmental impact.

The Fund will generally only invest in companies that are rated as 'neutral' or better.

The Investment Manager performs its own analysis of information provided by the companies, including information provided in company sustainability reports and other relevant company material. Third party research is used by the Investment Manager as a secondary consideration, and generally provides a source of challenge or endorsement for its view.

The Investment Manager ensures that at least 90% of the portion of the Fund's Net Asset Value composed of investments in companies is rated against the sustainability criteria. As a result of the application of sustainability criteria, at least 20% of the Fund's potential investment universe is excluded from the selection of investments.

For the purposes of this test, the potential investment universe is the core universe of issuers that the Investment Manager may select for the Fund prior to the application of sustainability criteria, in accordance with the other limitations of the Investment Objective and Policy. This universe is comprised of equity and equity related securities of companies worldwide.

### ● **What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain the sustainable investment objective?**

The following binding elements are applied throughout the investment process:

- The Fund is actively managed and invests at least 90% of its assets in sustainable investments, which are investments that the Investment Manager expects to contribute towards the provision of sustainable food and water including water management, agricultural equipment, agricultural inputs, food production, processing, packaging and distribution, food and water retail and recycling.
- Exclusions are applied to direct investments in companies. The Fund applies certain exclusions relating to international conventions on cluster munitions, antipersonnel mines, and chemical and biological weapons. The Fund also excludes companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to tobacco and thermal coal, especially companies that generate revenues from tobacco production or any other part of the tobacco value chain (suppliers, distributors, retailers, licensors), and companies that generate revenues from thermal coal mining and coal fired power generation. The Fund excludes companies that are assessed by Schroders to have breached one or more 'global norms' thereby causing significant environmental or social harm; these companies comprise Schroders' 'global norms' breach list. Details of the revenue thresholds together with certain other exclusions the Fund applies are listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>
- The Fund invests in companies that do not cause significant environmental or social harm and have good governance practices, as determined by the Investment Manager's rating criteria.
- The Investment Manager ensures that at least 90% of the portion of the Fund's Net Asset Value composed of investments in companies is rated against the sustainability criteria.
- As a result of the application of sustainability criteria, at least 20% of the Fund's potential investment universe is excluded from the selection of investments.

### ● **What is the policy to assess good governance practices of the investee companies?**

In order to assess good governance practices, a central Good Governance Test is applied. This test is based on a data-driven quantitative framework, which uses a scorecard to assess companies across the categories of sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff, and tax compliance. Schroders has defined a number of criteria across these pillars.

**Good governance** practices include sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff and tax compliance.

Compliance with the test is monitored centrally and companies which do not pass this test cannot be held by the Fund, unless the Investment Manager has agreed that the issuer demonstrates good governance based on additional insights beyond that quantitative analysis.



## What is the asset allocation and the minimum share of sustainable investments?

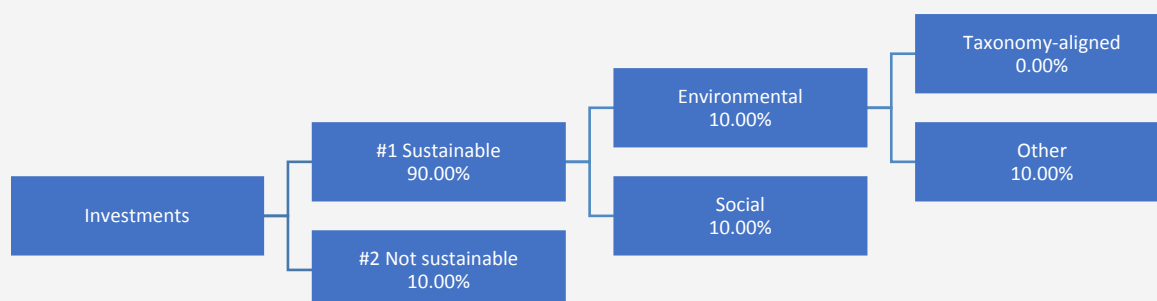
**Asset allocation** describes the share of investments in specific assets.

The planned composition of the Fund's investments that are used to meet its sustainable investment objective are summarised below. The Fund invests at least 90% of its assets in sustainable investments, which means included in **#1 Sustainable** are investments in companies worldwide that the Investment Manager expects to contribute towards the provision of sustainable food and water including water management, agricultural equipment, agricultural inputs, food production, processing, packaging and distribution, food and water retail and recycling. Within this overall commitment of 90%, there is a minimum commitment to invest at least 10% of its assets in sustainable investments with an environmental objective and at least 10% of its assets in sustainable investments with a social objective. The minimum proportions stated apply in normal market conditions.

**#2 Not sustainable** includes investments that are treated as neutral for sustainability purposes, such as cash and Money Market Investments and derivatives used with the aim of reducing risk (hedging) or managing the Fund more efficiently.

Minimum safeguards are applied where relevant to Money Market Investments and derivatives used with the aim of reducing risk (hedging) by restricting (as appropriate) investments in counterparties where there are ownership links or exposure to higher risk countries (for the purpose of money laundering, terrorist financing, bribery, corruption, tax evasion and sanctions risks). A firm-wide risk assessment considers the risk rating of each jurisdiction; which includes reference to a number of public statements, indices and world governance indicators issued by the UN, the European Union, the UK Government, the Financial Action Task Force and several Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), such as Transparency International and the Basel Committee.

In addition, new counterparties are reviewed by Schroders' credit risk team and approval of a new counterparty is based on a holistic review of the various sources of information available, including, but not limited to, quality of management, ownership structure, location, regulatory and social environment to which each counterparty is subject, and the degree of development of the local banking system and its regulatory framework. Ongoing monitoring is performed through a Schroders' proprietary tool, which supports the analysis of a counterparty's management of environmental, social and governance trends and challenges. Any significant deterioration in the profile of the counterparty in Schroders' proprietary tool would lead to further analysis and potential exclusion by Schroders' credit risk team.



**#1 Sustainable** covers sustainable investments with environmental or social objectives.

**#2 Not sustainable** includes investments which do not qualify as sustainable investments.

### ● *How does the use of derivatives attain the sustainable investment objective?*

This question is not applicable for the Fund.



## To what minimum extent are sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

There is no minimum extent to which the Fund's sustainable investments with an environmental objective are aligned with the Taxonomy. Consequently, taxonomy alignment of this Fund's investments has not been calculated and has as a result been deemed to constitute 0% of the Fund's portfolio.



In future it is expected that the Fund will assess and report on the extent to which its underlying investments are in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the Taxonomy, along with information relating to the proportion of enabling and transitional activities. This Prospectus will be updated once it is possible in the Investment Manager's opinion to accurately disclose to what extent the Fund's investments are in Taxonomy-aligned environmentally sustainable activities, including the proportions of investments in enabling and transitional activities selected for the Fund.

● **Does the financial product invest in fossil gas and/or nuclear energy related activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy<sup>1</sup>?**

☐ Yes:

☐ In fossil gas ☐ In nuclear energy

☒ No

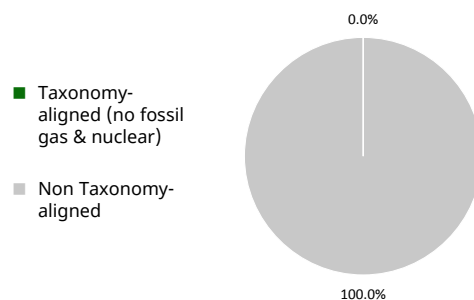
To comply with the EU Taxonomy, the criteria for **fossil gas** include limitations on emissions and switching to renewable power or low-carbon fuels by the end of 2035. For **nuclear energy**, the criteria include comprehensive safety and waste management rules.

Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

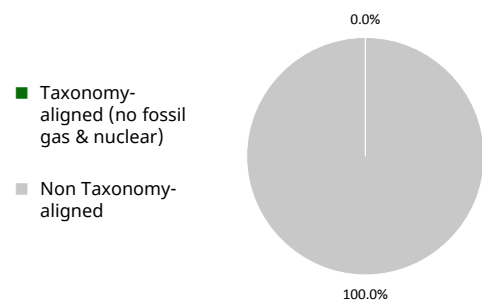
- **turnover** reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee companies
- **capital expenditure** (CapEx) showing the green investments made by investee companies, e.g. for a transition to a green economy.
- **operational expenditure** (OpEx) reflecting green operational activities of investee companies.

The two graphs below show in green the minimum percentage of investments that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the Taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy-alignment in relation to all the investments of the financial product including sovereign bonds, while the second graph shows the Taxonomy-alignment only in relation to the investments of the financial product other than sovereign bonds.

**1. Taxonomy-alignment of investments including sovereign bonds\***



**2. Taxonomy-alignment of investments excluding sovereign bonds\***



This graph represents x% of the total investments<sup>2</sup>.

\* For the purpose of these graphs, 'sovereign bonds' consist of all sovereign exposures

● **What is the minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities?**

As per the above, at the date of this Prospectus the share of investments by the Fund in transitional and enabling activities is currently deemed to constitute 0% of the Fund's portfolio.

**Enabling activities** directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective.

**Transitional activities** are activities for which low-carbon alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.

<sup>1</sup> Fossil gas and/or nuclear related activities will only comply with the EU Taxonomy where they contribute to limiting climate change ("climate change mitigation") and do not significantly harm any EU Taxonomy objective – see explanatory note in the left-hand margin. The full criteria for fossil gas and nuclear energy economic activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy are laid down in Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1214.

<sup>2</sup> As there is no Taxonomy-alignment, there is no impact on the graph if sovereign bonds are excluded (i.e. the percentage of Taxonomy-aligned investments remains 0%) and the Management Company therefore believes that there is no need to mention this information.





## What is the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

The Fund commits to invest at least 10% of its assets in sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy.



are environmentally sustainable investments that **do not take into account the criteria** for environmentally sustainable economic activities under the EU Taxonomy.



## What is the minimum share of sustainable investments with a social objective?

The Fund commits to invest at least 10% of its assets in sustainable investments with a social objective.



## What investments are included under “#2 Not sustainable”, what is their purpose and are there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

**#2 Not Sustainable** includes investments that are treated as neutral for sustainability purposes, such as cash and Money Market Investments and derivatives used with the aim of reducing risk (hedging) or managing the Fund more efficiently.

Minimum safeguards are applied where relevant to Money Market Investments and derivatives used with the aim of reducing risk (hedging) by restricting (as appropriate) investments in counterparties where there are ownership links or exposure to higher risk countries (for the purpose of money laundering, terrorist financing, bribery, corruption, tax evasion and sanctions risks). A firm-wide risk assessment considers the risk rating of each jurisdiction; which includes reference to a number of public statements, indices and world governance indicators issued by the UN, the European Union, the UK Government, the Financial Action Task Force and several Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), such as Transparency International and the Basel Committee.

In addition, new counterparties are reviewed by Schroders' credit risk team and approval of a new counterparty is based on a holistic review of the various sources of information available, including, but not limited to, quality of management, ownership structure, location, regulatory and social environment to which each counterparty is subject, and the degree of development of the local banking system and its regulatory framework. Ongoing monitoring is performed through a Schroders' proprietary tool, which supports the analysis of a counterparty's management of environmental, social and governance trends and challenges. Any significant deterioration in the profile of the counterparty in Schroders' proprietary tool would lead to further analysis and potential exclusion by Schroders' credit risk team.



## Is a specific index designated as a reference benchmark to meet the sustainable investment objective?

**Reference benchmarks** are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the sustainable investment objective.

- **How does the reference benchmark take into account sustainability factors in a way that is continuously aligned with the sustainable investment objective?**

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- **How is the alignment of the investment strategy with the methodology of the index ensured on a continuous basis?**

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- **How does the designated index differ from a relevant broad market index?**

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- ***Where can the methodology used for the calculation of the designated index be found?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.



## **Where can I find more product specific information online?**

More product-specific information can be found on the webpage: <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

Pre-contractual disclosure for the financial products referred to in Article 8, paragraphs 1, 2 and 2a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 6, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852

**Product name:** **Schroder International Selection Fund Global Sustainable Growth**

**Legal entity identifier:** **0NL7S0Z6XT6U55O6U359**

## Environmental and/or social characteristics

**Sustainable investment** means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good governance practices.

The **EU Taxonomy** is a classification system laid down in Regulation (EU) 2020/852, establishing a list of **environmentally sustainable economic activities**. That Regulation does not lay down a list of socially sustainable economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.

Does this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?	
●● <input type="checkbox"/> Yes	●○ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
<input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with an environmental objective: __%</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> It <b>promotes Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics</b> and while it does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will have a minimum proportion of <b>50.00%</b> of sustainable investments
<input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy	<input type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy
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<input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with a social objective __%</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> with a social objective
	<input type="checkbox"/> It promotes E/S characteristics, but <b>will not make any sustainable investments</b>



## What environmental and/or social characteristics are promoted by this financial product?

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the MSCI AC World (Net TR) index, based on the Investment Manager's rating system. This benchmark (which is a broad market index) does not take into account the environmental and social characteristics promoted by the Fund.

The sustainability score is measured by Schroders' proprietary tool that provides an estimate of the net "impact" that an issuer may create in terms of social and environmental "costs" or "benefits". It does this by using certain indicators with respect to that issuer, and quantifying them positively and negatively to produce an aggregate notional measure of the effect that the relevant underlying issuer may have on society and the environment. It does this using third party data as well as Schroders own estimates and assumptions and the outcome may differ from other sustainability tools and measures. Examples of such indicators are greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

The result is expressed as an aggregate score of the sustainability indicators for each issuer, specifically a notional percentage (positive or negative) of sales of the relevant underlying issuer. For example, a score of +2% would mean an issuer contributes \$2 of relative notional positive impact (i.e. benefits to society) per \$100 of sales. The sustainability score of the Fund is derived from the scores of all issuers in the Fund's portfolio measured by Schroders' proprietary tool.

The Fund invests at least 50% of its assets in sustainable investments, which are investments that the Investment Manager expects to contribute towards the advancement of one or more environmental and/or social objective (s).

### ● What sustainability indicators are used to measure the attainment of each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

The Investment Manager monitors compliance with the characteristic to maintain a higher overall sustainability score than the MSCI AC World (Net TR) index by reference to the weighted average sustainability score of the Fund in Schroders' proprietary tool compared against the weighted average sustainability score of the MSCI AC World (Net TR) index in Schroders' proprietary tool over the previous **six-months** period, based on month-end data. The overall sustainability score aggregates the effect of sustainability indicators including but not limited to greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

**Sustainability indicators** measure how the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product are attained.

The Investment Manager monitors compliance with the characteristic to invest at least 50% of its assets in sustainable investments by reference to the sustainability score of each asset in Schroders' proprietary tool. Compliance with this is monitored daily via our automated compliance controls. The Fund also applies certain exclusions, with which the Investment Manager monitors compliance on an ongoing basis via its portfolio compliance framework.

● ***What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?***

In respect of the proportion of the Fund's portfolio that is invested in sustainable investments, each sustainable investment demonstrates a net positive effect across a range of environmental or social objectives, as scored by Schroders' proprietary tool. The environmental or social objectives of the sustainable investments that the Fund partially intends to make may include, but are not limited to, increasing environmental and/or social benefits such as greater water access or fair pay and reducing environmental, and/or social costs such as carbon emissions or food waste. For example, greater water access as measured by Schroders' proprietary tool are the estimated societal benefits of the provision of clean drinking water to human health.

● ***How do the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make, not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?***

The Investment Manager's approach to investing in issuers that do not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective includes the following:

- Firm-wide investment exclusions apply to Schroders funds. These relate to international conventions on cluster munitions, anti-personnel mines, and chemical and biological weapons and a list of those companies that are excluded is available at <https://www.schroders.com/en/sustainability/active-ownership/group-exclusions/>. Firm-wide exclusions also apply to companies generating more than 20% of their revenue from thermal coal mining.
- The Fund excludes companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to tobacco and thermal coal.
- The Fund excludes companies that are assessed by Schroders to have breached one or more 'global norms' thereby causing significant environmental or social harm; these companies comprise Schroders' 'global norms' breach list. Schroders' determination of whether a company has been involved in such a breach considers relevant principles such as those contained in the UN Global Compact (UNGC) principles, the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights. The 'global norms' breach list may be informed by assessments performed by third party providers and by proprietary research, where relevant to a particular situation. ~~In exceptional circumstances a derogation may be applied in order to allow the Fund to continue to hold a company on Schroders' 'global norms' breach list, for example where the stated investment strategy of the Fund may otherwise be compromised. Any such company cannot be categorised as a sustainable investment.~~
- The Fund may also apply certain other exclusions in addition to those summarised above.

Further information on all of the Fund's investment exclusions is to be found under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>.

● ***How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?***

When seeking to identify significant harm, Schroders' approach to taking into account the Principal Adverse Impacts (PAI) indicators involves a quantitative and a qualitative assessment. Where it is not considered appropriate or feasible to set quantitative thresholds, the Investment Manager engages, where relevant. Investee companies deemed not to satisfy the quantitative thresholds would generally be excluded, unless on a case-by-case basis the data is deemed not representative of a company's performance in the relevant area.

This framework is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability and quality of the data evolves.

Our approach includes:

1. **Quantitative:** this includes indicators where specific thresholds have been established:

- Via the application of exclusions. This approach is relevant to **PAI 4** (Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector), **PAI 5** (Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production) and **PAI 14** (Exposure to controversial weapons). Further, the following PAIs are assessed as part of Schroders 'global norms' breach list exclusion (which seeks to exclude companies where significant harm is occurring):

**Principal adverse impacts** are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anticorruption and antibribery matters.

- **PAI 7** (Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas)
- **PAI 8** (Emissions to water)
- **PAI 9** (Hazardous waste and radioactive waste ratio)
- **PAI 10** (Violations of UN Global Compact principles and Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises)
- **PAI 11** (Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and Voluntary)
- **PAI 14** in Table 3 (Number of identified cases of severe human rights issues and incidents)
- Via the application of an alert system flag if the relevant indicator(s) exceeds a threshold. These quantitative thresholds to assess significant harm are established centrally by our Sustainable Investment team and monitored systematically. This approach applies to indicators where we have segmented the population into harm groups to establish a threshold, such as carbon related PAI metrics, **PAI 1** (GHG emissions), **PAI 2** (Carbon footprint) and **Voluntary PAI 4 in Table 2** (Investing in companies without carbon emission reduction initiatives). **PAI 3** (GHG intensity of investee companies) operates in a similar way but the threshold is based on a revenue metric. A threshold for **PAI 6** (Energy consumption intensity per high impact climate sector) is established based on the ~~above-mentioned~~ carbon measures. A similar approach has been taken for **PAI 15** (GHG intensity). **PAI 16** (Investee countries subject to social violations) also operates in the same way but based on data availability regarding social violations. Through this process the relevant issuer(s) that is/are deemed not to satisfy the quantitative thresholds is/are flagged to the Investment Manager for consideration, whose response may involve selling the holdings(s) or maintaining the position if on a case-by-case basis the data is deemed not representative of a company's performance in the relevant area. Investee companies deemed to cause significant harm are excluded from the Fund.
- 2. **Qualitative:** This includes PAI indicators where Schroders' believes that the data available does not enable us to make a quantitative determination regarding whether significant harm is done so as to warrant excluding an investment. In such cases, the Investment Manager engages wherever possible with the company or companies held, in accordance with the priorities documented in Schroders' Engagement Blueprint and/or voting policy. This approach applies to indicators such as **PAI 12** (Unadjusted gender pay gap) and **PAI 13** (Board gender diversity), where we engage and may use our voting rights where we consider appropriate. Both board gender diversity and disclosure of gender pay gap information are captured in our Engagement Blueprint.

● ***How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:***

Companies on Schroders' 'global norms' breach list cannot be categorised as sustainable investments. Schroders' determination of whether a company should be included on such list considers the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, among other relevant principles. The 'global norms' breach list is informed by third party providers and proprietary research, where relevant.

*The EU Taxonomy sets out a "do not significant harm" principle by which Taxonomy-aligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives and is accompanied by specific EU criteria.*

*The "do not significant harm" principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.*

*Any other sustainable investments must also not significantly harm any environmental or social objectives.*



## Does this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

☒ Yes, ~~the Investment Manager's approach to considering principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors involves classifying the indicators into three categories:~~

~~The Investment Manager's approach to considering principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors differs depending on the relevant indicator. Some indicators are considered via the application of exclusions, some are considered via the investment process (where data is available via Schroders PAI dashboard and via other external data sources) and some are considered via engagement. Further details are provided below.~~

~~PAIs are considered as part of pre-investment through the application of exclusions. These include:~~

- Controversial weapons: PAI 14 (Exposure to controversial weapons, such as anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, chemical weapons and biological weapons).
- Schrodgers' 'global norms' breach list, which covers: PAI 7 (Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas), PAI 8 (Emissions to water), PAI 9 (Hazardous waste and radioactive waste ratio), PAI 10 (Violations of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises), PAI 11 (Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises) and PAI 16 (Investee countries subject to social violations).
- Companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to thermal coal: PAI 4 (Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector) and PAI 5 (Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production).

Compliance with these thresholds is monitored via the Investment Manager's portfolio compliance framework. PAIs are also considered and integrated into the investment process through the stakeholder analysis that is central to the appraisal and selection of companies deemed suitable for the Fund. The process examines the impact of companies' operations and activities across seven stakeholder groups in order to determine the long-term sustainable growth attributes of the companies being analysed, and PAIs directly contribute to this assessment. In assessing an issuer's overall environmental score, PAIs 1, 2, 3 (Greenhouse gas emissions) and 7 (Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas) are included. In assessing an issuer's overall social score, PAIs 12 (Unadjusted gender pay gap) and 13 (Board gender diversity) are included. All PAI indicators are monitored via Schrodgers' PAI dashboard.

PAIs are also considered post-investment through engagement where the Investment Manager engages in line with the approach and expectations set out in the Schrodgers Engagement Blueprint, which outlines our approach to active ownership.

Where issuers are flagged on lack of data availability for any PAIs, the Investment Manager may engage with issuers where the primary focus is to increase reporting.

Our approach is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability, and quality, of PAI data evolves. The Management Company's statement on principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors is available at <https://api.schrodgers.com/document-store/id/ffcb39bb-96cb-4e56-9461-deba9a493e85>. The Fund level information is disclosed or will be disclosed (as applicable) in the Fund's annual report.

1. Set thresholds: these involve very explicit thresholds for considering an investment to be a "sustainable investment". For example, PAI 10 on violations of UNGC principles.
2. Active ownership: these involve indicators on which we have a plan to engage with the underlying holding as set out in the Schrodgers Group document, accessed via <https://mybrand.schrodgers.com/m/3222ea4ed44a1f2c/original/schrodgers-engagement-blueprint.pdf>, outlining our approach to active ownership. For example, PAI 1, 2 and 3 covering GHG emissions and PAI 13 on board gender diversity.
3. Improve coverage: these involve indicators where we consider data coverage to be too sparse to properly consider them and our focus is primarily on engaging with the underlying holdings to increase reporting. For example, PAI 7 on biodiversity, PAI 9 on hazardous waste ratio and PAI 12 on the gender pay gap.

Our approach is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability, and quality, of PAI data evolves.

The Management Company's statement on principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors is available at <https://mybrand.schrodgers.com/m/467910ac8e6da45c/original/Statement-on-principal-adverse-impacts-of-investment-decisions-on-sustainability-factors.pdf>. The Fund level information is disclosed or will be (as applicable) in the Fund's annual report.

☐ No



## What investment strategy does this financial product follow?

**The investment strategy** guides investment decisions based on factors such as investment objectives and risk tolerance.

The sustainable investment strategy used by the Investment Manager is as follows:

The Fund is actively managed and invests at least two-thirds of its assets in equity and equity related securities of companies worldwide.

The Fund typically holds fewer than 50 companies.

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than MSCI AC World (Net TR) index, based on the Investment Manager's rating system.

The Fund does not directly invest in certain activities, industries or groups of issuers above the limits listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage, accessed via <https://www.schrodgers.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

The Fund invests in companies that have good governance practices, as determined by the Investment Manager's rating criteria.

The Investment Manager may also engage with companies held by the Fund to challenge identified areas of weakness on sustainability issues. More details on the Investment Manager's approach to sustainability and its engagement with companies are available on the webpage <https://www.schrodgers.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/>

The Fund may also invest up to one-third of its assets directly or indirectly in other securities (including other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies, Investment Funds, warrants and Money Market Investments, and hold cash.



The Fund may use derivatives with the aim of reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently.

The Investment Manager applies sustainability criteria when selecting investments for the Fund.

Companies are assessed rated against a set of questions covering issues such as respect for the environment; fair and equitable treatment of employees, suppliers and customers; corporate citizenship; capital allocation and governance.

The Investment Manager will decide on a case by case basis whether a company is eligible for inclusion in the investible universe, taking into account these ratings. While all companies are assessed against all questions, the Investment Manager's decision will focus on those areas that are most relevant to the particular business of that company. In these areas, the company should generally be appraised as at least "strong" in order to be accepted into the investible universe. The eligibility of each company in the Fund's portfolio is then reviewed at least annually.

The primary sources of information used to perform the analysis are Schroders' proprietary sustainability tools, third-party research, unconventional data sourced by our Data Insights Unit, NGO reports and expert networks. The Investment Manager also scrutinises company sustainability reports and other disclosures, which may be complemented by direct engagement with the company during the assessment process.

The Investment Manager ensures that at least 90% of the portion of the Fund's Net Asset Value composed of investments in companies is rated against the sustainability criteria. As a result of the application of sustainability criteria, at least 20% of the Fund's potential investment universe is excluded from the selection of investments.

For the purposes of this test, the potential investment universe is the core universe of issuers that the Investment Manager may select for the Fund prior to the application of sustainability criteria, in accordance with the other limitations of the Investment Objective and Policy. This universe is comprised of equity and equity related securities of companies worldwide.

● ***What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?***

The following binding elements are applied throughout the investment process:

- The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the MSCI AC World (Net TR) index based on the Investment Manager's rating criteria.
- The Fund invests at least 50% of its assets in sustainable investments and such investments do not cause significant environmental or social harm.
- Exclusions are applied to direct investments in companies. The Fund applies certain exclusions relating to international conventions on cluster munitions, antipersonnel mines, and chemical and biological weapons. The Fund also excludes companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to tobacco and thermal coal, especially companies that generate at least 10% of their revenues from tobacco production, companies that generate at least 25% of their revenues from the tobacco value chain (such as suppliers, distributors, retailers and licensors), companies that generate at least 10% of their revenues from thermal coal mining and companies that generate at least 30% of their revenues from coal fired power generation. The Fund excludes companies that are assessed by Schroders to have breached one or more 'global norms' thereby causing significant environmental or social harm; these companies comprise Schroders' 'global norms' breach list. ~~In exceptional circumstances a derogation may be applied in order to allow the Fund to continue to hold a company on Schroders' 'global norms' breach list, for example where the stated investment strategy of the Fund may otherwise be compromised. Any such company cannot be categorised as a sustainable investment.~~ Further, the Fund may apply other exclusions as listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>
- The Fund invests in companies that have good governance practices, as determined by the Investment Manager's rating criteria.
- The Investment Manager ensures that at least 90% of the portion of the Fund's Net Asset Value composed of investments in companies is rated against the sustainability criteria.
- As a result of the application of sustainability criteria, at least 20% of the Fund's potential investment universe is excluded from the selection of investments.

● ***What is the committed minimum rate to reduce the scope of the investments considered prior to the application of that investment strategy?***

As a result of the application of the Fund's sustainability criteria, at least 20% of the Fund's potential investment universe is excluded from the selection of investments. For the purposes of this test, the potential investment universe is the core universe of issuers that the Investment Manager may select for the Fund prior to the application of sustainability criteria, in accordance with the other limitations of the Investment Objective and Policy.

**Good governance** practices include sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff and tax compliance.

● **What is the policy to assess good governance practices of the investee companies?**

In order to assess good governance practices, a central Good Governance Test is applied. This test is based on a data-driven quantitative framework, which uses a scorecard to assess companies across the categories of sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff, and tax compliance. Schroders has defined a number of criteria across these pillars.

Compliance with the test is monitored centrally and companies which do not pass this test cannot be held by the Fund, unless the Investment Manager has agreed that the issuer demonstrates good governance based on additional insights beyond that quantitative analysis.



**Asset allocation** describes the share of investments in specific assets.

**What is the asset allocation planned for this financial product?**

The planned composition of the Fund's investments that are used to meet its environmental or social characteristics are summarised below.

**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the minimum proportion of the Fund's assets used to attain the environmental or social characteristics, which is equal to 70%. The Fund commits to maintain a higher overall sustainability score than the MSCI AC World (Net TR) index, and so the Fund's investments that are scored by Schroders' proprietary sustainability tool are included within the minimum proportion stated in #1 on the basis that they will contribute to the Fund's sustainability score (whether such individual investment has a positive or a negative score). Also included within #1 is the minimum proportion of assets that are invested in sustainable investments, as indicated in #1A. The minimum proportions stated apply in normal market conditions. The actual proportion stated in #1 is expected to be higher.

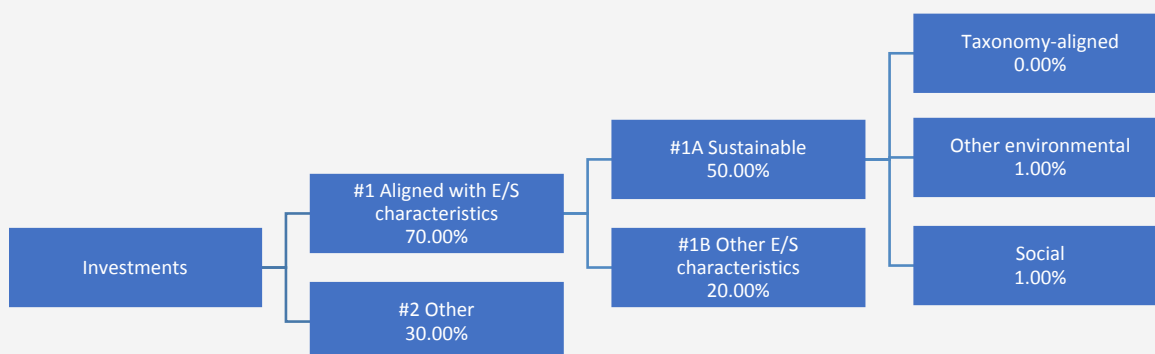
The sustainability score is measured by Schroders' proprietary tool that provides an estimate of the net "impact" that an issuer may create in terms of social and environmental "costs" or "benefits". It does this by using certain indicators with respect to that issuer, and quantifying them positively and negatively to produce an aggregate notional measure of the effect that the relevant underlying issuer may have on society and the environment. Examples of such indicators are greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

The Fund will invest at least 50% of its assets in sustainable investments. A sustainable investment is classified as having an environmental or social objective depending on whether the relevant issuer has a higher score in Schroders' proprietary tool relative to its applicable peer group for its environmental indicators or its social indicators. In each case, indicators are comprised of both "costs" and "benefits".

**#2 Other** includes cash which is treated as neutral for sustainability purposes. #2 also includes investments that are not scored by Schroders' proprietary sustainability tool and so do not contribute towards the Fund's sustainability score. As #1 states a minimum proportion that is in practice expected to be higher, the proportion stated in #2 is expected to be lower.

Minimum safeguards are applied where relevant to Money Market Investments and other investments by restricting (as appropriate) investments in counterparties where there are ownership links or exposure to higher risk countries (for the purpose of money laundering, terrorist financing, bribery, corruption, tax evasion and sanctions risks). A firm-wide risk assessment considers the risk rating of each jurisdiction; which includes reference to a number of public statements, indices and world governance indicators issued by the UN, the European Union, the UK Government, the Financial Action Task Force and several Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), such as Transparency International and the Basel Committee.

In addition, new counterparties are reviewed by Schroders' credit risk team and approval of a new counterparty is based on a holistic review of the various sources of information available, including, but not limited to, quality of management, ownership structure, location, regulatory and social environment to which each counterparty is subject, and the degree of development of the local banking system and its regulatory framework. Ongoing monitoring is performed through a Schroders' proprietary tool, which supports the analysis of a counterparty's management of environmental, social and governance trends and challenges. Any significant deterioration in the profile of the counterparty in Schroders' proprietary tool would lead to further analysis and potential exclusion by Schroders' credit risk team.



**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the investments of the financial product used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product.

**#2 Other** includes the remaining investments of the financial product which are neither aligned with the environmental or social characteristics, nor are qualified as sustainable investments.

The category **#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** covers:

- The sub-category **#1A Sustainable** covers sustainable investments with environmental or social objectives.
- The sub-category **#1B Other E/S characteristics** covers investments aligned with the environmental or social characteristics that do not qualify as sustainable investments.

#1 The minimum proportion stated applies in normal market conditions.

● **How does the use of derivatives attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?**

The Fund may use derivatives that are scored in Schrodgers' proprietary tool to meet the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted by the Fund, as such derivatives would contribute to the Fund's sustainability score (whether such individual investment has a positive or a negative score).



**To what minimum extent are sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?**

There is no minimum extent to which the Fund's investments (including transitional and enabling activities) with an environmental objective are aligned with the Taxonomy. Taxonomy alignment of this Fund's investments has therefore not been calculated and has as a result been deemed to constitute 0% of the Fund's portfolio.

In future it is expected that the Fund will assess and report on the extent to which its underlying investments are in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the Taxonomy, along with information relating to the proportion of enabling and transitional activities. This Prospectus will be updated once it is possible in the Investment Manager's opinion to accurately disclose to what extent the Fund's investments are in Taxonomy-aligned environmentally sustainable activities, including the proportions of investments in enabling and transitional activities selected for the Fund.

● **Does the financial product invest in fossil gas and/or nuclear energy related activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy<sup>1</sup>?**

☐ Yes:

☐ In fossil gas ☐ In nuclear energy

☒ No

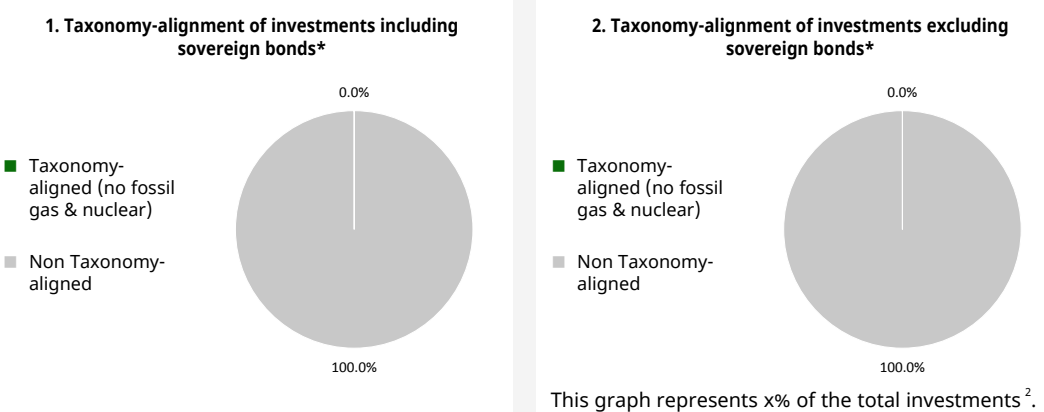
To comply with the EU Taxonomy, the criteria for **fossil gas** include limitations on emissions and switching to renewable power or low-carbon fuels by the end of 2035. For **nuclear energy**, the criteria include comprehensive safety and waste management rules.

<sup>1</sup> Fossil gas and/or nuclear related activities will only comply with the EU Taxonomy where they contribute to limiting climate change ("climate change mitigation") and do not significantly harm any EU Taxonomy objective – see explanatory note in the left-hand margin. The full criteria for fossil gas and nuclear energy economic activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy are laid down in Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1214.

Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

- **turnover** reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee companies
- **capital expenditure** (CapEx) showing the green investments made by investee companies, e.g. for a transition to a green economy.
- **operational expenditure** (OpEx) reflecting green operational activities of investee companies.

The two graphs below show in green the minimum percentage of investments that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the Taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy-alignment in relation to all the investments of the financial product including sovereign bonds, while the second graph shows the Taxonomy-alignment only in relation to the investments of the financial product other than sovereign bonds.



\* For the purpose of these graphs, 'sovereign bonds' consist of all sovereign exposures

**Enabling activities** directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective.

**Transitional activities** are activities for which low-carbon alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.

- **What is the minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities?**  
As per the above, at the date of this Prospectus the share of investments by the Fund in transitional and enabling activities is currently deemed to constitute 0% of the Fund's portfolio.



- **What is the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?**  
The Fund commits to invest at least 1% of its assets in sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy.



are sustainable investments with an environmental objective that **do not take into account the criteria** for environmentally sustainable economic activities under the EU Taxonomy.

<sup>2</sup> As there is no Taxonomy-alignment, there is no impact on the graph if sovereign bonds are excluded (i.e. the percentage of Taxonomy-aligned investments remains 0%) and the Management Company therefore believes that there is no need to mention this information.



## What is the minimum share of socially sustainable investments?

The Fund commits to invest at least 1% of its assets in sustainable investments with a social objective.



## What investments are included under “#2 Other”, what is their purpose and are there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

**#2 Other** includes cash which is treated as neutral for sustainability purposes. #2 also includes investments that are not scored by Schroders’ proprietary sustainability tools and so do not contribute towards the Fund’s sustainability score.

Minimum safeguards are applied where relevant to Money Market Investments and other investments by restricting (as appropriate) investments in counterparties where there are ownership links or exposure to higher risk countries (for the purpose of money laundering, terrorist financing, bribery, corruption, tax evasion and sanctions risks). A firm-wide risk assessment considers the risk rating of each jurisdiction; which includes reference to a number of public statements, indices and world governance indicators issued by the UN, the European Union, the UK Government, the Financial Action Task Force and several Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), such as Transparency International and the Basel Committee.

In addition, new counterparties are reviewed by Schroders’ credit risk team and approval of a new counterparty is based on a holistic review of the various sources of information available, including, but not limited to, quality of management, ownership structure, location, regulatory and social environment to which each counterparty is subject, and the degree of development of the local banking system and its regulatory framework. Ongoing monitoring is performed through a Schroders’ proprietary tool, which supports the analysis of a counterparty’s management of environmental, social and governance trends and challenges. Any significant deterioration in the profile of the counterparty in Schroders’ proprietary tool would lead to further analysis and potential exclusion by Schroders’ credit risk team.



## Is a specific index designated as a reference benchmark to determine whether this financial product is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes?

**Reference benchmarks** are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the environmental or social characteristics that they promote.

- ***How is the reference benchmark continuously aligned with each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- ***How is the alignment of the investment strategy with the methodology of the index ensured on a continuous basis?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- ***How does the designated index differ from a relevant broad market index?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- ***Where can the methodology used for the calculation of the designated index be found?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.



## Where can I find more product specific information online?

More product-specific information can be found on the webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

Pre-contractual disclosure for the financial products referred to in Article 8, paragraphs 1, 2 and 2a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 6, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852

**Product name:** **Schroder International Selection Fund Global Sustainable Value**

**Legal entity identifier:** **549300F4GDD1IL4MMG90**

## Environmental and/or social characteristics

**Sustainable investment** means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good governance practices.

The **EU Taxonomy** is a classification system laid down in Regulation (EU) 2020/852, establishing a list of **environmentally sustainable economic activities**. That Regulation does not lay down a list of socially sustainable economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.

**Does this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?**

<input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/>	Yes	<input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/>	No
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with an environmental objective: __%</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with a social objective __%</b></p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<p>It <b>promotes Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics</b> and while it does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will have a minimum proportion of <b>50.00%</b> of sustainable investments</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> with a social objective</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> It promotes E/S characteristics, but <b>will not make any sustainable investments</b></p>



## What environmental and/or social characteristics are promoted by this financial product?

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the MSCI World (Net TR) index, based on the Investment Manager's rating system. This benchmark (which is a broad market index) does not take into account the environmental and social characteristics promoted by the Fund.

The sustainability score is measured by Schroders' proprietary tool that provides an estimate of the net "impact" that an issuer may create in terms of social and environmental "costs" or "benefits". It does this by using certain indicators with respect to that issuer, and quantifying them positively and negatively to produce an aggregate notional measure of the effect that the relevant underlying issuer may have on society and the environment. It does this using third party data as well as Schroders own estimates and assumptions and the outcome may differ from other sustainability tools and measures. Examples of such indicators are greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

The result is expressed as an aggregate score of the sustainability indicators for each issuer, specifically a notional percentage (positive or negative) of sales of the relevant underlying issuer. For example, a score of +2% would mean an issuer contributes \$2 of relative notional positive impact (i.e. benefits to society) per \$100 of sales. The sustainability score of the Fund is derived from the scores of all issuers in the Fund's portfolio measured by Schroders' proprietary tool.

The Fund invests at least 50% of its assets in sustainable investments, which are investments that the Investment Manager expects to contribute towards the advancement of one or more environmental and/or social objective (s).

### What sustainability indicators are used to measure the attainment of each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

The Investment Manager monitors compliance with the characteristic to maintain a higher overall sustainability score than the MSCI World (Net TR) index by reference to the weighted average sustainability score of the Fund in Schroders' proprietary tool compared against the weighted average sustainability score of the MSCI World (Net TR) index in Schroders' proprietary tool over the previous ~~six~~ **six-month** period, based on month-end data. The overall sustainability score aggregates the effect of sustainability indicators including but not limited to greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

**Sustainability indicators** measure how the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product are attained.



The Investment Manager monitors compliance with the characteristic to invest at least 50% of its assets in sustainable investments by reference to the sustainability score of each asset in Schroders' proprietary tool. Compliance with this is monitored daily via our automated compliance controls. The Fund also applies certain exclusions, with which the Investment Manager monitors compliance on an ongoing basis via its portfolio compliance framework.

● ***What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?***

In respect of the proportion of the Fund's portfolio that is invested in sustainable investments, each sustainable investment demonstrates a net positive effect across a range of environmental or social objectives, as scored by Schroders' proprietary tool. The environmental or social objectives of the sustainable investments that the Fund partially intends to make may include, but are not limited to, increasing environmental and/or social benefits such as greater water access or fair pay and reducing environmental, and/or social costs such as carbon emissions or food waste. For example, greater water access as measured by Schroders' proprietary tool are the estimated societal benefits of the provision of clean drinking water to human health.

● ***How do the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make, not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?***

The Investment Manager's approach to investing in issuers that do not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective includes the following:

- Firm-wide investment exclusions apply to Schroders funds. These relate to international conventions on cluster munitions, anti-personnel mines, and chemical and biological weapons and a list of those companies that are excluded is available at <https://www.schroders.com/en/sustainability/active-ownership/group-exclusions/>. Firm-wide exclusions also apply to companies generating more than 20% of their revenue from thermal coal mining.
- The Fund excludes companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to tobacco and thermal coal.
- The Fund excludes companies that are assessed by Schroders to have breached one or more 'global norms' thereby causing significant environmental or social harm; these companies comprise Schroders' 'global norms' breach list. Schroders' determination of whether a company has been involved in such a breach considers relevant principles such as those contained in the UN Global Compact (UNG) principles, the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights. The 'global norms' breach list may be informed by assessments performed by third party providers and by proprietary research, where relevant to a particular situation. **In exceptional circumstances a derogation may be applied in order to allow the Fund to continue to hold a company on Schroders' 'global norms' breach list, for example where the stated investment strategy of the Fund may otherwise be compromised. Any such company cannot be categorised as a sustainable investment.**
- The Fund may also apply certain other exclusions in addition to those summarised above.

Further information on all of the Fund's investment exclusions is to be found under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>.

● ***How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?***

When seeking to identify significant harm, Schroders' approach to taking into account the Principal Adverse Impacts (PAI) indicators involves a quantitative and a qualitative assessment. Where it is not considered appropriate or feasible to set quantitative thresholds, the Investment Manager engages, where relevant. Investee companies deemed not to satisfy the quantitative thresholds would generally be excluded, unless on a case-by-case basis the data is deemed not representative of a company's performance in the relevant area.

This framework is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability and quality of the data evolves.

Our approach includes:

1. **Quantitative:** this includes indicators where specific thresholds have been established:
  - Via the application of exclusions. This approach is relevant to **PAI 4** (Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector), **PAI 5** (Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production) and **PAI 14** (Exposure to controversial weapons). Further, the following PAIs are assessed as part of Schroders 'global norms' breach list exclusion (which seeks to exclude companies where significant harm is occurring):

**Principal adverse impacts** are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anticorruption and antibribery matters.

- **PAI 7** (Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas)
- **PAI 8** (Emissions to water)
- **PAI 9** (Hazardous waste and radioactive waste ratio)
- **PAI 10** (Violations of UN Global Compact principles and Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises)
- **PAI 11** (Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and Voluntary)
- **PAI 14** in Table 3 (Number of identified cases of severe human rights issues and incidents)
- Via the application of an alert system flag if the relevant indicator(s) exceeds a threshold. These quantitative thresholds to assess significant harm are established centrally by our Sustainable Investment team and monitored systematically. This approach applies to indicators where we have segmented the population into harm groups to establish a threshold, such as carbon related PAI metrics, **PAI 1** (GHG emissions), **PAI 2** (Carbon footprint) and **Voluntary PAI 4 in Table 2** (Investing in companies without carbon emission reduction initiatives). **PAI 3** (GHG intensity of investee companies) operates in a similar way but the threshold is based on a revenue metric. A threshold for **PAI 6** (Energy consumption intensity per high impact climate sector) is established based on the ~~above mentioned~~ carbon measures. A similar approach has been taken for **PAI 15** (GHG intensity). **PAI 16** (Investee countries subject to social violations) also operates in the same way but based on data availability regarding social violations. Through this process the relevant issuer(s) that is/are deemed not to satisfy the quantitative thresholds is/are flagged to the Investment Manager for consideration, whose response may involve selling the holdings(s) or maintaining the position if on a case-by-case basis the data is deemed not representative of a company's performance in the relevant area. Investee companies deemed to cause significant harm are excluded from the Fund.
- 2. **Qualitative:** This includes PAI indicators where Schroders' believes that the data available does not enable us to make a quantitative determination regarding whether significant harm is done so as to warrant excluding an investment. In such cases, the Investment Manager engages wherever possible with the company or companies held, in accordance with the priorities documented in Schroders' Engagement Blueprint and/or voting policy. This approach applies to indicators such as **PAI 12** (Unadjusted gender pay gap) and **PAI 13** (Board gender diversity), where we engage and may use our voting rights where we consider appropriate. Both board gender diversity and disclosure of gender pay gap information are captured in our Engagement Blueprint.

● ***How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:***

Companies on Schroders' 'global norms' breach list cannot be categorised as sustainable investments. Schroders' determination of whether a company should be included on such list considers the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, among other relevant principles. The 'global norms' breach list is informed by third party providers and proprietary research, where relevant.

*The EU Taxonomy sets out a "do not significant harm" principle by which Taxonomy-aligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives and is accompanied by specific EU criteria.*

*The "do not significant harm" principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.*

*Any other sustainable investments must also not significantly harm any environmental or social objectives.*



## Does this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

☑ Yes, ~~the Investment Manager's approach to considering principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors involves classifying the indicators into three categories:~~

~~The Investment Manager's approach to considering principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors differs depending on the relevant indicator. Some indicators are considered via the application of exclusions, some are considered via the investment process (where data is available via Schroders PAI dashboard and via other external data sources) and some are considered via engagement. Further details are provided below. PAIs are considered as part of pre-investment through the application of exclusions. These include:~~

- Controversial weapons: PAI 14 (Exposure to controversial weapons (anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, chemical weapons and biological weapons)).
- Schroders' 'global norms' breach list, which covers: PAI 7 (Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas), PAI 8 (Emissions to water), PAI 9 (Hazardous waste and radioactive waste ratio), PAI 10 (Violations of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises), PAI 11 (Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises) and PAI 16 (Investee countries subject to social violations)
- Companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to thermal coal: PAI 4 (Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector) and PAI 5 (Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production).
- Companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from fossil fuels extraction and production; PAI 1 emissions (Scope 1, 2, 3 GHG emissions), PAI 2 (Carbon footprint), PAI 3 (Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector), PAI 5 (Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production).

Compliance with these thresholds is monitored via the Investment Manager's portfolio compliance framework. PAIs are also considered through integration in the investment process via the sustainability framework that every stock in the portfolio must pass in order to be included in the portfolio. All PAI indicators are monitored via Schroders PAI dashboard.

- The framework includes using Schroders proprietary sustainability tools, the assessment of third-party ESG data and on-desk qualitative analysis. Schroders' proprietary tool incorporates several PAIs as a component of its scoring methodology. For example, PAI 13 (Board gender diversity).

PAIs are also considered post-investment through engagement where the Investment Manager engages in line with the approach and expectations set out in Schroders Engagement Blueprint, which outlines our approach to active ownership.

- The Investment Manager may engage with selected issuers held by the Fund on PAIs related to net zero emissions targets or activities related to biodiversity.

- Where issuers are flagged on lack of data availability on PAI 7 (activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas), the Investment Manager may engage with issuers where the primary focus is to increase reporting, quality and availability of PAI data.

- Further topics of engagement may include gender equality, which relate to PAI 13 or Emissions to water (PAI 8). Our approach is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability, and quality, of PAI data evolves. The Management Company's statement on principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors is available at <https://api.schroders.com/document-store/id/ffcb39bb-96cb-4e56-9461-deba9a493e85>. The Fund level information is disclosed or will be disclosed (as applicable) in the Fund's annual report.

1. Set thresholds: these involve very explicit thresholds for considering an investment to be a "sustainable investment". For example, PAI 10 on violations of UNGC principles.

2. Active ownership: these involve indicators on which we have a plan to engage with the underlying holding as set out in the Schroders Group document, accessed via <https://mybrand.schroders.com/m/3222ea4ed44a1f2c/original/schroders-engagement-blueprint.pdf>, outlining our approach to active ownership. For example, PAI 1, 2 and 3 covering GHG emissions and PAI 13 on board gender diversity.

3. Improve coverage: these involve indicators where we consider data coverage to be too sparse to properly consider them and our focus is primarily on engaging with the underlying holdings to increase reporting. For example, PAI 7 on biodiversity, PAI 9 on hazardous waste ratio and PAI 12 on the gender pay gap.

Our approach is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability, and quality, of PAI data evolves.

The Management Company's statement on principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors is available at <https://mybrand.schroders.com/m/467910ac8e6da45c/original/Statement-on-principal-adverse-impacts-of-investment-decisions-on-sustainability-factors.pdf>. The Fund level information is disclosed or will be (as applicable) in the Fund's annual report.

☐ No



## What investment strategy does this financial product follow?

**The investment strategy** guides investment decisions based on factors such as investment objectives and risk tolerance.

The sustainable investment strategy used by the Investment Manager is as follows:

The Fund is actively managed and invests at least two thirds of its assets in equity and equity related securities of companies worldwide.

The Fund applies a disciplined value investment approach, seeking to invest in a select portfolio of companies that the Investment Manager believes are significantly undervalued relative to their long-term earnings potential.

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than MSCI World (Net TR) index, based on the Investment Manager's rating system.

The Fund does not directly invest in certain activities, industries or groups of issuers above the limits listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

The Fund invests in companies that have good governance practices, as determined by the Investment Manager's rating criteria.

The Fund may invest in companies that the Investment Manager believes will improve their sustainability practices within a reasonable timeframe, typically up to three years.

The Investment Manager may also engage with companies held by the Fund to challenge identified areas of weakness on sustainability issues. More details on the Investment Manager's approach to sustainability and its engagement with companies are available on the webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/>

The Fund may invest directly in China B-Shares and China H-Shares and may invest up to 10% of its assets (on a net basis) directly or indirectly (for example via participatory notes) in China A-Shares through Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect and Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect and shares listed on the STAR Board and the ChiNext.

The Fund may also invest up to one third of its assets directly or indirectly in other securities (including other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies, Investment Funds, warrants and Money Market Investments, and hold cash.

The Fund may use derivatives with the aim of reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently.

The Investment Manager applies sustainability criteria when selecting investments for the Fund.

Companies are assessed on a variety of ESG factors including how they treat their stakeholders, governance, and environmental impact. Issuers are analysed in three ways – through research conducted by the Investment Manager, via third party sustainability research and using proprietary sustainability tools. Issuers are not assigned an overall score, but should generally be deemed to have satisfied the Investment Manager's requirements across different assessments in order to be eligible for the Fund's portfolio. The criteria required by the Investment Manager include both quantitative standards (such as minimum ratings) and strong performance in a qualitative assessment of the sustainability of the issuer's business. The weighting of environmental, social and governance factors may be varied to take into account those most relevant for the issuer's particular industry.

The sources of information used to perform this analysis includes information disclosed by companies as well as Schroders' proprietary sustainability tools and third-party research. The Investment Manager will also typically engage with issuers directly to obtain information and to encourage improvements in sustainability performance.

The Investment Manager ensures that at least 90% of the portion of the Fund's Net Asset Value composed of investments in companies is rated against the sustainability criteria. As a result of the application of sustainability criteria, at least 20% of the Fund's potential investment universe is excluded from the selection of investments.

For the purposes of this test, the potential investment universe is the core universe of issuers that the Investment Manager may select for the Fund prior to the application of sustainability criteria, in accordance with the other limitations of the Investment Objective and Policy. This universe is comprised of equity and equity related securities of companies worldwide.

### ● **What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?**

The following binding elements are applied throughout the investment process:

- The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the MSCI World (Net TR) index based on the Investment Manager's rating criteria.
- The Fund invests at least 50% of its assets in sustainable investments and such investments do not cause significant environmental or social harm.
- Exclusions are applied to direct investments in companies. The Fund applies certain exclusions relating to international conventions on cluster munitions, antipersonnel mines, and chemical and biological weapons. The Fund also excludes companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to tobacco and thermal coal, especially companies that generate at least 10% of their revenues from tobacco production, companies that generate at least 25% of their revenues from the tobacco value chain (such as suppliers, distributors, retailers and licensors), companies that generate at least 10% of their revenues from thermal coal mining and companies that generate at least 30% of their revenues from coal fired power generation. The Fund excludes companies that are assessed by Schroders to have breached one or more 'global norms' thereby causing significant environmental or social harm; these companies comprise Schroders' 'global norms' breach list. ~~In exceptional circumstances a derogation may be applied in order to allow the Fund to continue to hold a company on Schroders' 'global norms' breach list, for example where the stated investment strategy of the Fund may otherwise be compromised. Any such company cannot be categorised as a sustainable investment.~~ Further, the Fund may apply other exclusions as listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>
- The Fund invests in companies that have good governance practices, as determined by the Investment Manager's rating criteria.
- The Investment Manager ensures that at least 90% of the portion of the Fund's Net Asset Value composed of investments in companies is rated against the sustainability criteria.

- As a result of the application of sustainability criteria, at least 20% of the Fund's potential investment universe is excluded from the selection of investments.

● **What is the committed minimum rate to reduce the scope of the investments considered prior to the application of that investment strategy?**

As a result of the application of the Fund's sustainability criteria, at least 20% of the Fund's potential investment universe is excluded from the selection of investments. For the purposes of this test, the potential investment universe is the core universe of issuers that the Investment Manager may select for the Fund prior to the application of sustainability criteria, in accordance with the other limitations of the Investment Objective and Policy.

● **What is the policy to assess good governance practices of the investee companies?**

In order to assess good governance practices, a central Good Governance Test is applied. This test is based on a data-driven quantitative framework, which uses a scorecard to assess companies across the categories of sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff, and tax compliance. Schroders has defined a number of criteria across these pillars.

Compliance with the test is monitored centrally and companies which do not pass this test cannot be held by the Fund, unless the Investment Manager has agreed that the issuer demonstrates good governance based on additional insights beyond that quantitative analysis.

**Good governance** practices include sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff and tax compliance.



**Asset allocation** describes the share of investments in specific assets.

## What is the asset allocation planned for this financial product?

The planned composition of the Fund's investments that are used to meet its environmental or social characteristics are summarised below.

**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the minimum proportion of the Fund's assets used to attain the environmental or social characteristics, which is equal to 70%. The Fund commits to maintain a higher overall sustainability score than the MSCI World (Net TR) index, and so the Fund's investments that are scored by Schroders' proprietary sustainability tool are included within the minimum proportion stated in #1 on the basis that they will contribute to the Fund's sustainability score (whether such individual investment has a positive or a negative score). Also included within #1 is the minimum proportion of assets that are invested in sustainable investments, as indicated in #1A. The minimum proportions stated apply in normal market conditions. The actual proportion stated in #1 is expected to be higher.

The sustainability score is measured by Schroders' proprietary tool that provides an estimate of the net "impact" that an issuer may create in terms of social and environmental "costs" or "benefits". It does this by using certain indicators with respect to that issuer, and quantifying them positively and negatively to produce an aggregate notional measure of the effect that the relevant underlying issuer may have on society and the environment. Examples of such indicators are greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

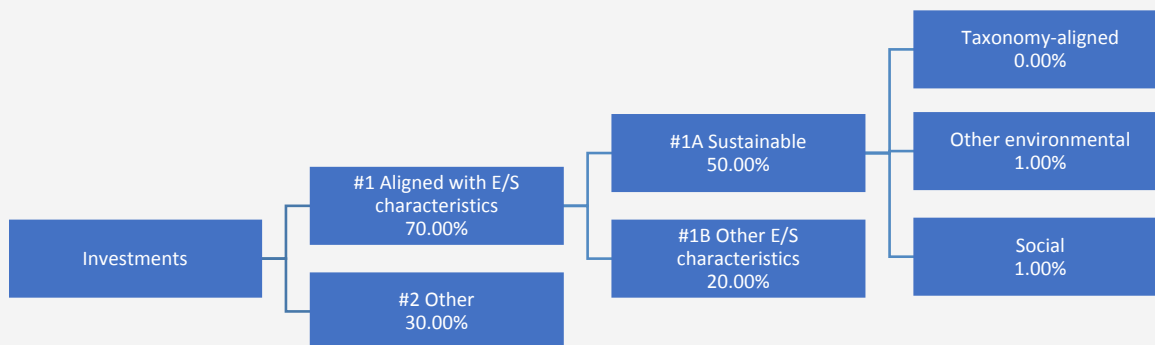
The Fund will invest at least 50% of its assets in sustainable investments. A sustainable investment is classified as having an environmental or social objective depending on whether the relevant issuer has a higher score in Schroders' proprietary tool relative to its applicable peer group for its environmental indicators or its social indicators. In each case, indicators are comprised of both "costs" and "benefits".

**#2 Other** includes cash which is treated as neutral for sustainability purposes. #2 also includes investments that are not scored by Schroders' proprietary sustainability tool and so do not contribute towards the Fund's sustainability score. As #1 states a minimum proportion that is in practice expected to be higher, the proportion stated in #2 is expected to be lower.

Minimum safeguards are applied where relevant to Money Market Investments and other investments by restricting (as appropriate) investments in counterparties where there are ownership links or exposure to higher risk countries (for the purpose of money laundering, terrorist financing, bribery, corruption, tax evasion and sanctions risks). A firm-wide risk assessment considers the risk rating of each jurisdiction; which includes reference to a number of public statements, indices and world governance indicators issued by the UN, the European Union, the UK Government, the Financial Action Task Force and several Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), such as Transparency International and the Basel Committee.

In addition, new counterparties are reviewed by Schroders' credit risk team and approval of a new counterparty is based on a holistic review of the various sources of information available, including, but not limited to, quality of management, ownership structure, location, regulatory and social environment to which each counterparty is subject, and the degree of development of the local banking system and its regulatory framework. Ongoing monitoring is performed through a Schroders' proprietary tool, which supports the analysis of a counterparty's management of environmental, social and governance trends and challenges. Any significant deterioration in the profile of the counterparty in Schroders' proprietary tool would lead to further analysis and potential exclusion by Schroders' credit risk team.





**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the investments of the financial product used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product.

**#2 Other** includes the remaining investments of the financial product which are neither aligned with the environmental or social characteristics, nor are qualified as sustainable investments.

The category **#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** covers:

- The sub-category **#1A Sustainable** covers sustainable investments with environmental or social objectives.
- The sub-category **#1B Other E/S characteristics** covers investments aligned with the environmental or social characteristics that do not qualify as sustainable investments.

#1 The minimum proportion stated applies in normal market conditions.

### ● **How does the use of derivatives attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?**

The Fund may use derivatives that are scored in Schrodgers' proprietary tool to meet the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted by the Fund, as such derivatives would contribute to the Fund's sustainability score (whether such individual investment has a positive or a negative score).



### **To what minimum extent are sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?**

There is no minimum extent to which the Fund's investments (including transitional and enabling activities) with an environmental objective are aligned with the Taxonomy. Taxonomy alignment of this Fund's investments has therefore not been calculated and has as a result been deemed to constitute 0% of the Fund's portfolio.

In future it is expected that the Fund will assess and report on the extent to which its underlying investments are in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the Taxonomy, along with information relating to the proportion of enabling and transitional activities. This Prospectus will be updated once it is possible in the Investment Manager's opinion to accurately disclose to what extent the Fund's investments are in Taxonomy-aligned environmentally sustainable activities, including the proportions of investments in enabling and transitional activities selected for the Fund.

### ● **Does the financial product invest in fossil gas and/or nuclear energy related activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy<sup>1</sup>?**

☐ Yes:

☐ In fossil gas ☐ In nuclear energy

☒ No

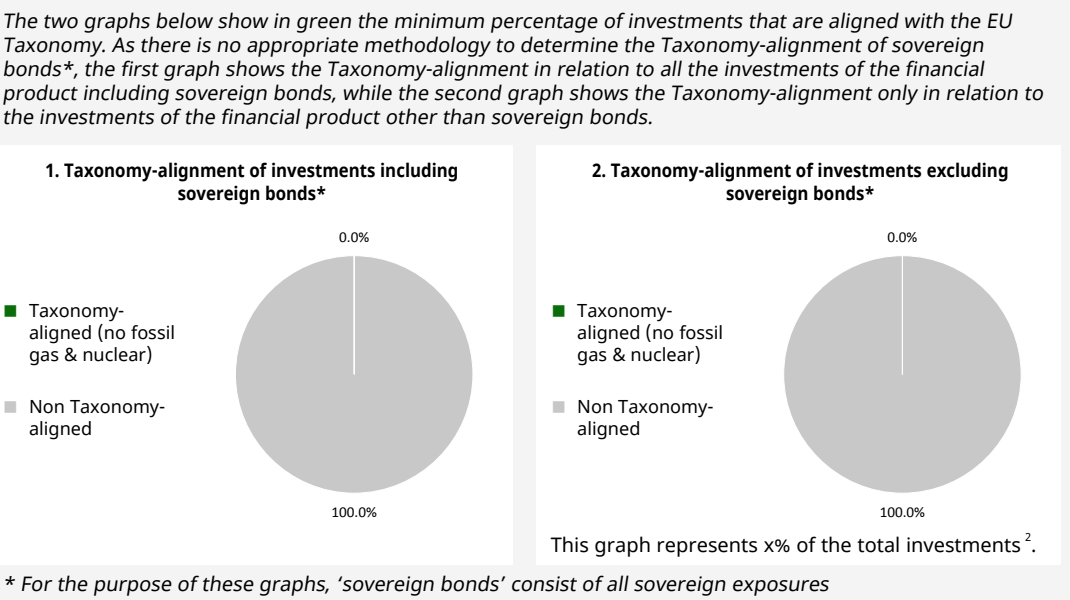
To comply with the EU Taxonomy, the criteria for **fossil gas** include limitations on emissions and switching to renewable power or low-carbon fuels by the end of 2035. For **nuclear energy**, the criteria include comprehensive safety and waste management rules.

<sup>1</sup> Fossil gas and/or nuclear related activities will only comply with the EU Taxonomy where they contribute to limiting climate change ("climate change mitigation") and do not significantly harm any EU Taxonomy objective – see explanatory note in the left-hand margin. The full criteria for fossil gas and nuclear energy economic activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy are laid down in Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1214.



Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

- **turnover** reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee companies
- **capital expenditure** (CapEx) showing the green investments made by investee companies, e.g. for a transition to a green economy.
- **operational expenditure** (OpEx) reflecting green operational activities of investee companies.



**Enabling activities** directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective.

**Transitional activities** are activities for which low-carbon alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.

- **What is the minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities?**  
As per the above, at the date of this Prospectus the share of investments by the Fund in transitional and enabling activities is currently deemed to constitute 0% of the Fund's portfolio.



**What is the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?**

The Fund commits to invest at least 1% of its assets in sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy.



are sustainable investments with an environmental objective that **do not take into account the criteria** for environmentally sustainable economic activities under the EU Taxonomy.

<sup>2</sup> As there is no Taxonomy-alignment, there is no impact on the graph if sovereign bonds are excluded (i.e. the percentage of Taxonomy-aligned investments remains 0%) and the Management Company therefore believes that there is no need to mention this information.



## What is the minimum share of socially sustainable investments?

The Fund commits to invest at least 1% of its assets in sustainable investments with a social objective.



## What investments are included under “#2 Other”, what is their purpose and are there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

**#2 Other** includes cash which is treated as neutral for sustainability purposes. #2 also includes investments that are not scored by Schroders’ proprietary sustainability tools and so do not contribute towards the Fund’s sustainability score.

Minimum safeguards are applied where relevant to Money Market Investments and other investments by restricting (as appropriate) investments in counterparties where there are ownership links or exposure to higher risk countries (for the purpose of money laundering, terrorist financing, bribery, corruption, tax evasion and sanctions risks). A firm-wide risk assessment considers the risk rating of each jurisdiction; which includes reference to a number of public statements, indices and world governance indicators issued by the UN, the European Union, the UK Government, the Financial Action Task Force and several Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), such as Transparency International and the Basel Committee.

In addition, new counterparties are reviewed by Schroders’ credit risk team and approval of a new counterparty is based on a holistic review of the various sources of information available, including, but not limited to, quality of management, ownership structure, location, regulatory and social environment to which each counterparty is subject, and the degree of development of the local banking system and its regulatory framework. Ongoing monitoring is performed through a Schroders’ proprietary tool, which supports the analysis of a counterparty’s management of environmental, social and governance trends and challenges. Any significant deterioration in the profile of the counterparty in Schroders’ proprietary tool would lead to further analysis and potential exclusion by Schroders’ credit risk team.



## Is a specific index designated as a reference benchmark to determine whether this financial product is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes?

**Reference benchmarks** are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the environmental or social characteristics that they promote.

- ***How is the reference benchmark continuously aligned with each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- ***How is the alignment of the investment strategy with the methodology of the index ensured on a continuous basis?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- ***How does the designated index differ from a relevant broad market index?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- ***Where can the methodology used for the calculation of the designated index be found?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.



## Where can I find more product specific information online?

More product-specific information can be found on the webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

Pre-contractual disclosure for the financial products referred to in Article 8, paragraphs 1, 2 and 2a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 6, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852

**Product name:** **Schroder International Selection Fund Global Target Return**

**Legal entity identifier:** **549300HN4V7MFDKU0097**

## Environmental and/or social characteristics

**Sustainable investment** means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good governance practices.

The **EU Taxonomy** is a classification system laid down in Regulation (EU) 2020/852, establishing a list of **environmentally sustainable economic activities**. That Regulation does not lay down a list of socially sustainable economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.

### Does this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?

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<input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with an environmental objective: ___%</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> It <b>promotes Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics</b> and while it does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will have a minimum proportion of <b>10.00%</b> of sustainable investments
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	<input type="checkbox"/> It promotes E/S characteristics, but <b>will not make any sustainable investments</b>



## What environmental and/or social characteristics are promoted by this financial product?

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than a bespoke asset-weighted blend of MSCI World Index (hedged to USD), MSCI Emerging Market Index (unhedged), **Bloomberg Barclays** Global Aggregate Corporate Bond Index (hedged to USD), **Bloomberg Barclays** Global High Yield excl. CMBS & EMD 2% Index (hedged to USD), ICE BofA US Treasury Index (hedged to USD), JPM GBI Emerging Market Index - EM Local (unhedged) and JPM EMBI Index EM Hard Currency (hedged to USD), based on the Investment Manager's rating system. The component benchmarks (which are each respectively a broad market index) do not take into account the environmental and social characteristics promoted by the Fund. The blend will evolve over time in line with the actual asset allocation of the Fund.

The sustainability score is measured by Schroders' proprietary tool that provides an estimate of the net "impact" that an issuer may create in terms of social and environmental "costs" or "benefits". It does this by using certain indicators with respect to that issuer, and quantifying them positively and negatively to produce an aggregate notional measure of the effect that the relevant underlying issuer may have on society and the environment. It does this using third party data as well as Schroders own estimates and assumptions and the outcome may differ from other sustainability tools and measures. Examples of such indicators are greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

The result is expressed as an aggregate score of the sustainability indicators for each issuer, specifically a notional percentage (positive or negative) of sales or GDP of the relevant underlying issuer. For example, a score of +2% would mean an issuer contributes \$2 of relative notional positive impact (i.e. benefits to society) per \$100 of sales or GDP. The sustainability score of the Fund is derived from the scores of all issuers in the Fund's portfolio measured by Schroders' proprietary tool.

The Fund invests at least 10% of its assets in sustainable investments, which are investments that the Investment Manager expects to contribute towards the advancement of one or more environmental and/or social objective (s).

### What sustainability indicators are used to measure the attainment of each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

The Investment Manager monitors compliance with the characteristic to maintain a higher overall sustainability score than the blend of the named benchmarks by reference to the weighted average sustainability score of the Fund in Schroders' proprietary tool compared against the weighted average sustainability score of the blend of the named benchmarks that reflects the Fund's asset allocation. Both

**Sustainability indicators** measure how the environmental or social characteristics

promoted by the financial product are attained.

scores are based on month-end data over the previous six month period. The overall sustainability score aggregates the effect of sustainability indicators including but not limited to greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

The Investment Manager monitors compliance with the characteristic to invest at least 10% of its assets in sustainable investments by reference to (i) the sustainability score of each asset in Schroders' proprietary tool and/or (ii) whether the asset is classified as a green, social and/ or sustainable bond. Compliance with this is monitored daily via our automated compliance controls.

The Fund also applies certain exclusions, with which the Investment Manager monitors compliance on an ongoing basis via its portfolio compliance framework.

● ***What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?***

In respect of the proportion of the Fund's portfolio that is invested in sustainable investments, each sustainable investment either (i) demonstrates a net positive effect across a range of environmental or social objectives, as scored by Schroders' proprietary tool and/or (ii) is classified as a green, social and/ or sustainable bond using a third-party data source. The environmental or social objectives of the sustainable investments that the Fund partially intends to make may include, but are not limited to, increasing environmental and/or social benefits such as greater water access or fair pay and reducing environmental, and/or social costs such as carbon emissions or food waste. For example, greater water access as measured by Schroders' proprietary tool are the estimated societal benefits of the provision of clean drinking water to human health. The environmental or social objectives of green, social and/or sustainable bonds may include, but are not limited to, climate change mitigation, renewable energy initiatives, natural resource conservation, access to finance and affordable housing projects.

● ***How do the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make, not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?***

The Investment Manager's approach to investing in issuers that do not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective includes the following:

- Firm-wide investment exclusions apply to Schroders funds. These relate to international conventions on cluster munitions, anti-personnel mines, and chemical and biological weapons and a list of those companies that are excluded is available at <https://www.schroders.com/en/sustainability/active-ownership/group-exclusions/>. Firm-wide exclusions also apply to companies generating more than 20% of their revenue from thermal coal mining.
- The Fund excludes companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to tobacco and thermal coal.
- The Fund excludes companies that are assessed by Schroders to have breached one or more 'global norms' thereby causing significant environmental or social harm; these companies comprise Schroders' 'global norms' breach list. Schroders' determination of whether a company has been involved in such a breach considers relevant principles such as those contained in the UN Global Compact (UNGC) principles, the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights. The 'global norms' breach list may be informed by assessments performed by third party providers and by proprietary research, where relevant to a particular situation. In exceptional circumstances a derogation may be applied in order to allow the Fund to continue to hold a company on Schroders' 'global norms' breach list, for example where the stated investment strategy of the Fund may otherwise be compromised. Any such company cannot be categorised as a sustainable investment.
- The Fund may also apply certain other exclusions in addition to those summarised above.

Further information on all of the Fund's investment exclusions is to be found under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>.

● ***How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?***

When seeking to identify significant harm, Schroders' approach to taking into account the Principal Adverse Impacts (PAI) indicators involves a quantitative and a qualitative assessment. Where it is not considered appropriate or feasible to set quantitative thresholds, the Investment Manager engages, where relevant. Investee companies deemed not to satisfy the quantitative thresholds would generally be excluded, unless on a case-by-case basis the data is deemed not representative of a company's performance in the relevant area.

This framework is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability and quality of the data evolves.

Our approach includes:

**Principal adverse impacts** are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anticorruption and antibribery matters.

1. **Quantitative:** this includes indicators where specific thresholds have been established:

- Via the application of exclusions. This approach is relevant to **PAI 4** (Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector), **PAI 5** (Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production) and **PAI 14** (Exposure to controversial weapons). Further, the following PAIs are assessed as part of Schroders' 'global norms' breach list exclusion (which seeks to exclude companies where significant harm is occurring):
  - **PAI 7** (Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas)
  - **PAI 8** (Emissions to water)
  - **PAI 9** (Hazardous waste and radioactive waste ratio)
  - **PAI 10** (Violations of UN Global Compact principles and Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises)
  - **PAI 11** (Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and Voluntary)
  - **PAI 14** in Table 3 (Number of identified cases of severe human rights issues and incidents)
- Via the application of an alert system flag if the relevant indicator(s) exceeds a threshold. These quantitative thresholds to assess significant harm are established centrally by our Sustainable Investment team and monitored systematically. This approach applies to indicators where we have segmented the population into harm groups to establish a threshold, such as carbon related PAI metrics, **PAI 1** (GHG emissions), **PAI 2** (Carbon footprint) and **Voluntary PAI 4 in Table 2** (Investing in companies without carbon emission reduction initiatives). **PAI 3** (GHG intensity of investee companies) operates in a similar way but the threshold is based on a revenue metric. A threshold for **PAI 6** (Energy consumption intensity per high impact climate sector) is established based on the ~~above-mentioned~~ carbon measures. A similar approach has been taken for **PAI 15** (GHG intensity). **PAI 16** (Investee countries subject to social violations) also operates in the same way but based on data availability regarding social violations. Through this process the relevant issuer(s) that is/are deemed not to satisfy the quantitative thresholds is/are flagged to the Investment Manager for consideration, whose response may involve selling the holdings(s) or maintaining the position if on a case-by-case basis the data is deemed not representative of a company's performance in the relevant area. Investee companies deemed to cause significant harm are excluded from the Fund.

2. **Qualitative:** This includes PAI indicators where Schroders' believes that the data available does not enable us to make a quantitative determination regarding whether significant harm is done so as to warrant excluding an investment. In such cases, the Investment Manager engages wherever possible with the company or companies held, in accordance with the priorities documented in Schroders' Engagement Blueprint and/or voting policy. This approach applies to indicators such as **PAI 12** (Unadjusted gender pay gap) and **PAI 13** (Board gender diversity), where we engage and may use our voting rights where we consider appropriate. Both board gender diversity and disclosure of gender pay gap information are captured in our Engagement Blueprint.

● ***How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:***

Companies on Schroders' 'global norms' breach list cannot be categorised as sustainable investments. Schroders' determination of whether a company should be included on such list considers the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, among other relevant principles. The 'global norms' breach list is informed by third party providers and proprietary research, where relevant.

*The EU Taxonomy sets out a "do not significant harm" principle by which Taxonomy-aligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives and is accompanied by specific EU criteria.*

The "do not significant harm" principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.

*Any other sustainable investments must also not significantly harm any environmental or social objectives.*



## Does this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

☒ Yes, the Investment Manager's approach to considering principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors involves classifying the indicators into three categories:

The Investment Manager's approach to considering principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors differs depending on the relevant indicator. Some indicators are considered via the application of exclusions, some are considered via the investment process (where data is available via Schroders PAI dashboard and via other external data sources) and some are considered via engagement. Further details are provided below.

PAIs are considered as part of pre-investment through the application of exclusions. These include:

- Controversial weapons: PAI 14 (Exposure to controversial weapons (anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, chemical weapons and biological weapons)).

- Schroders' 'global norms' breach list, which covers: PAI 7 (Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas), PAI 8 (Emissions to water), PAI 9 (Hazardous waste and radioactive waste ratio), PAI 10 (Violations of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises), PAI 11 (Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises) and PAI 16 (Investee countries subject to social violations).

- Companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to thermal coal: PAI 4 (Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector) and PAI 5 (Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production).

Compliance with these thresholds is monitored via the Investment Manager's portfolio compliance framework.

PAIs are also considered through integration in the investment process. At the portfolio level, the Investment Manager considers PAIs within its asset class valuations and return forecasts process. For example, within the investment process the Fund incorporates climate risk in the top-down asset allocation decisions and applies climate change adjustments to their forecasts. Through this way the Investment Manager aims to consider certain environmental PAIs including PAI 1 (GHG emissions), PAI 2 (Carbon footprint) and PAI 3 (GHG intensity of investee companies).

Some PAIs are considered via active ownership, which where relevant is performed indirectly via the underlying investment managers. Where applicable, based on the underlying strategies and the relevant investment manager's own investment process, PAIs are considered post-investment through engagement in line with the approach and expectations set out in Schroders Engagement Blueprint. Examples of PAIs captured via this approach included PAI 1 (GHG emissions), PAI 2 (Carbon footprint), PAI 3 (GHG intensity of investee companies) and PAI 13 (Board gender diversity).

Our approach is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability, and quality, of PAI data evolves. The Management Company's statement on principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors is available at <https://api.schroders.com/document-store/id/ffcb39bb-96cb-4e56-9461-deba9a493e85>. The Fund level information is disclosed or will be disclosed (as applicable) in the Fund's annual report.

1. Set thresholds: these involve very explicit thresholds for considering an investment to be a "sustainable investment". For example, PAI 10 on violations of UNGC principles.

2. Active ownership: these involve indicators on which we have a plan to engage with the underlying holding as set out in the Schroders Group document, accessed via <https://mybrand.schroders.com/m/3222ea4ed44a1f2c/original/schroders-engagement-blueprint.pdf>, outlining our approach to active ownership. For example, PAI 1, 2 and 3 covering GHG emissions and PAI 13 on board gender diversity.

3. Improve coverage: these involve indicators where we consider data coverage to be too sparse to properly consider them and our focus is primarily on engaging with the underlying holdings to increase reporting. For example, PAI 7 on biodiversity, PAI 9 on hazardous waste ratio and PAI 12 on the gender pay gap.

Our approach is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability, and quality, of PAI data evolves.

The Management Company's statement on principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors is available at <https://mybrand.schroders.com/m/467910ac8e6da45c/original/Statement-on-principal-adverse-impacts-of-investment-decisions-on-sustainability-factors.pdf>. The Fund level information is disclosed or will be (as applicable) in the Fund's annual report.

☐ No



## What investment strategy does this financial product follow?

**The investment strategy** guides investment decisions based on factors such as investment objectives and risk tolerance.

The sustainable investment strategy used by the Investment Manager is as follows:

The Fund is actively managed and invests directly or indirectly (through open-ended Investment Funds and derivatives) in equities and equity related securities, fixed and floating rate securities (issued by governments, government agencies, supra-nationals and companies), mortgage-backed and asset-backed securities, convertible bonds, currencies and Alternative Asset Classes such as real estate, infrastructure and commodity related transferable securities.

The Fund may hold up to 40% of its assets in open-ended Investment Funds. However as the Fund grows the Investment Manager expects the Fund to hold less than 10% in open-ended Investment Funds.



The Fund may invest in securities that have a below investment grade credit rating (as measured by Standard & Poor's or any equivalent grade of other credit rating agencies).

The Fund intends to use derivatives (including total return swaps) with the aim of achieving investment gains, reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently. Where the Fund uses total return swaps and contracts for difference, the underlying consists of instruments in which the Fund may invest according to its Investment Objective and Investment Policy. In particular, the aim is to use total return swaps and contracts for difference on a temporary basis in market conditions including but not limited to during periods of expanding global economic growth and rising inflation or elevated geopolitical risk, or when credit spreads are expected to widen such during periods of falling economic growth, rising interest rates or elevated geopolitical risk.

Contracts for difference and total return swaps are intended to be used to gain long and short exposure on equity and equity related securities, fixed and floating rate securities and commodity indices. The gross exposure of total return swaps and contracts for difference will not exceed 40% and is expected to remain within the range of 0% to 20% of the Net Asset Value. In certain circumstances this proportion may be higher. The Fund may also invest in Money Market Investments and hold cash.

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than a bespoke asset-weighted blend\* of the MSCI World Index (hedged to USD), MSCI Emerging Market Index (unhedged), **Bloomberg Barclays** Global Aggregate Corporate Bond Index (hedged to USD), **Bloomberg Barclays** Global High Yield excl. CMBS & EMD 2% Index (hedged to USD), ICE BofA US Treasury Index (hedged to USD), JPM GBI Emerging Market Index - EM Local (unhedged) and JPM EMBI Index EM Hard Currency (hedged to USD), based on the Investment Manager's rating system.

\*The blend will evolve over time in line with the actual asset allocation of the Fund.

The Fund does not directly invest in certain activities, industries or groups of issuers above the limits listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage, accessed via <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

The Investment Manager applies governance and sustainability criteria when selecting investments for the Fund. The investable universe is assessed using a number of proprietary tools, as well as external rating services.

The Investment Manager will assess companies against a variety of environmental, social and governance metrics, taking into account issues such as climate change, environmental performance, labour standards and board composition. The Investment Manager will decide whether an investment is eligible for inclusion taking into account the overall ESG score. The multi-asset nature of the Fund means that the Investment Manager will analyse the ESG scores across asset classes as an input into the asset allocation of the Fund. The Investment Manager may select investments, which it deems to contribute to one or more environmental or social objectives, provided that they do no significant harm to any other environmental or social objectives.

The sources of information used to perform the analysis include information provided by the companies, such as company sustainability reports and other relevant company material, as well as Schroders' proprietary sustainability tools and third-party data.

More details on the Investment Manager's approach to sustainability and its engagement with companies are available on the webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/>

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than its investment universe, based on the Investment Manager's rating system.

The Investment Manager ensures that at least:

- 90% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in developed countries; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with an investment grade credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by developed countries; and

- 75% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in emerging countries; equities issued by small and medium companies; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with a high yield credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by emerging countries,

is rated against the sustainability criteria. For the purposes of this test, small companies are those with market capitalisation below €5 billion, medium companies are those between €5 billion and €10 billion and large companies are those above €10 billion.

### ● ***What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?***

The following binding elements are applied throughout the investment process:

- The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than a bespoke asset-weighted blend of MSCI World Index (hedged to USD), MSCI Emerging Market Index (unhedged), **Bloomberg Barclays** Global Aggregate Corporate Bond Index (hedged to USD), **Bloomberg Barclays** Global High Yield excl. CMBS & EMD 2% Index (hedged to USD), ICE BofA US Treasury Index (hedged to USD), JPM GBI Emerging Market Index - EM Local (unhedged) and JPM EMBI Index EM Hard Currency (hedged to USD) based on the Investment Manager's rating criteria.
- The Fund invests at least 10% of its assets in sustainable investments and such investments do not cause significant environmental or social harm.

- Exclusions are applied to direct investments in companies. The Fund applies certain exclusions relating to international conventions on cluster munitions, antipersonnel mines, and chemical and biological weapons. The Fund also excludes companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to tobacco and thermal coal, especially companies that generate at least 10% of their revenues from tobacco production, companies that generate at least 25% of their revenues from the tobacco value chain (such as suppliers, distributors, retailers and licensors), companies that generate at least 10% of their revenues from thermal coal mining and companies that generate at least 30% of their revenues from coal fired power generation. The Fund excludes companies that are assessed by Schroders to have breached one or more 'global norms' thereby causing significant environmental or social harm; these companies comprise Schroders' 'global norms' breach list. In exceptional circumstances a derogation may be applied in order to allow the Fund to continue to hold a company on Schroders' 'global norms' breach list, for example where the stated investment strategy of the Fund may otherwise be compromised. Any such company cannot be categorised as a sustainable investment. Further, the Fund may apply other exclusions as listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>
- The Fund invests in companies that have good governance practices, as determined by the Investment Manager's rating criteria.
- The Investment Manager ensures that at least:
  - 90% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in developed countries; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with an investment grade credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by developed countries; and
  - 75% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in emerging countries; equities issued by small and medium companies; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with a high yield credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by emerging countries,

is rated against the sustainability criteria.

● **What is the committed minimum rate to reduce the scope of the investments considered prior to the application of that investment strategy?**

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

● **What is the policy to assess good governance practices of the investee companies?**

In order to assess good governance practices, a central Good Governance Test is applied. This test is based on a data-driven quantitative framework, which uses a scorecard to assess companies across the categories of sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff, and tax compliance. Schroders has defined a number of criteria across these pillars.

Compliance with the test is monitored centrally and companies which do not pass this test cannot be held by the Fund, unless the Investment Manager has agreed that the issuer demonstrates good governance based on additional insights beyond that quantitative analysis.

**Good governance** practices include sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff and tax compliance.



**Asset allocation** describes the share of investments in specific assets.

## What is the asset allocation planned for this financial product?

The planned composition of the Fund's investments that are used to meet its environmental or social characteristics are summarised below.

**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the minimum proportion of the Fund's assets used to attain the environmental or social characteristics, which is equal to 50%. The Fund commits to maintain a higher overall sustainability score than a bespoke asset-weighted blend of MSCI World Index (hedged to USD), MSCI Emerging Market Index (unhedged), **Bloomberg Barclays** Global Aggregate Corporate Bond Index (hedged to USD), **Bloomberg Barclays** Global High Yield excl. CMBS & EMD 2% Index (hedged to USD), ICE BofA US Treasury Index (hedged to USD), JPM GBI Emerging Market Index - EM Local (unhedged) and JPM EMBI Index EM Hard Currency (hedged to USD), and so the Fund's investments that are scored by Schroders' proprietary sustainability tool are included within the minimum proportion stated in #1 on the basis that they will contribute to the Fund's sustainability score (whether such individual investment has a positive or a negative score). Also included within #1 **are any green, social or sustainable bonds that are not scored by Schroders' proprietary sustainability tool.** is **†**The minimum proportion of assets that are invested in sustainable investments, **a** is indicated in #1A. The minimum proportions stated apply in normal market conditions. The actual proportion stated in #1 is expected to be higher.

The sustainability score is measured by Schroders' proprietary tool that provides an estimate of the net "impact" that an issuer may create in terms of social and environmental "costs" or "benefits". It does this by using certain indicators with respect to that issuer, and quantifying them positively and negatively to produce an aggregate notional measure of the effect that the relevant underlying issuer may have on society and the environment. Examples of such indicators are greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

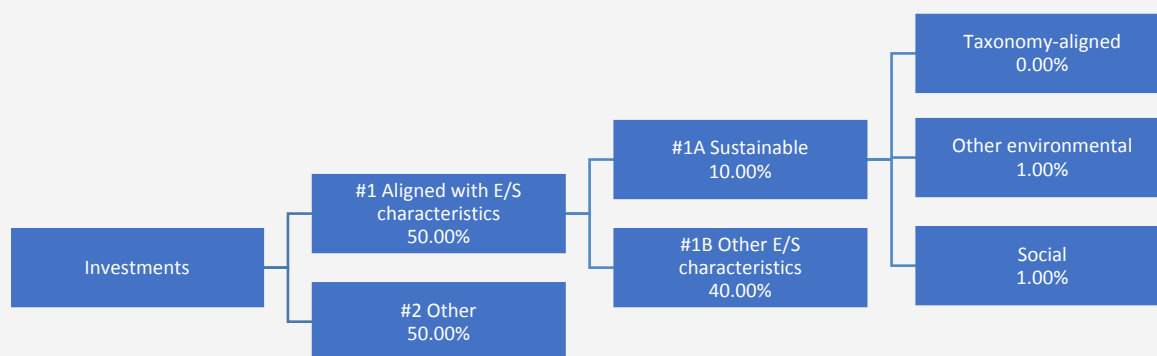
The Fund will invest at least 10% of its assets in sustainable investments. Each sustainable investment (i) demonstrates a net positive effect across a range of environmental or social objectives, as scored by Schroders' proprietary tool or (ii) is classified as a green, social and/ or sustainable bond using a third-party data source.

With the exception of any green or social bonds, which will be classified as having an environmental or social objective respectively, a sustainable investment is classified as having an environmental or social objective depending on whether the relevant issuer has a higher score in Schroders' proprietary tool relative to its applicable peer group for its environmental indicators or its social indicators. In each case, indicators are comprised of both "costs" and "benefits".

**#2 Other** includes cash which is treated as neutral for sustainability purposes. #2 also includes other investments that are not scored by Schroders' proprietary sustainability tool and so do not contribute towards the Fund's sustainability score. As #1 states a minimum proportion that is in practice expected to be higher, the proportion stated in #2 is expected to be lower.

Minimum safeguards are applied where relevant to investments by restricting (as appropriate) investments in counterparties where there are ownership links or exposure to higher risk countries (for the purpose of money laundering, terrorist financing, bribery, corruption, tax evasion and sanctions risks). A firm-wide risk assessment considers the risk rating of each jurisdiction; which includes reference to a number of public statements, indices and world governance indicators issued by the UN, the European Union, the UK Government, the Financial Action Task Force and several Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), such as Transparency International and the Basel Committee.

In addition, new counterparties are reviewed by Schroders' credit risk team and approval of a new counterparty is based on a holistic review of the various sources of information available, including, but not limited to, quality of management, ownership structure, location, regulatory and social environment to which each counterparty is subject, and the degree of development of the local banking system and its regulatory framework. Ongoing monitoring is performed through a Schroders' proprietary tool, which supports the analysis of a counterparty's management of environmental, social and governance trends and challenges. Any significant deterioration in the profile of the counterparty in Schroders' proprietary tool would lead to further analysis and potential exclusion by Schroders' credit risk team.



**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the investments of the financial product used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product.

**#2 Other** includes the remaining investments of the financial product which are neither aligned with the environmental or social characteristics, nor are qualified as sustainable investments.

The category **#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** covers:

- The sub-category **#1A Sustainable** covers sustainable investments with environmental or social objectives.
- The sub-category **#1B Other E/S characteristics** covers investments aligned with the environmental or social characteristics that do not qualify as sustainable investments.

#1 The minimum proportion stated applies in normal market conditions.

### ● **How does the use of derivatives attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?**

Derivatives such as equity index futures may be used as a proxy for direct investments which would otherwise be held by the Fund in line with its sustainability criteria. Such derivatives may therefore be used to attain the Fund's sustainability score in Schroders' proprietary tool which is one of the binding elements of the Fund. The Fund may use other derivatives that are scored in Schroders' proprietary tool to meet the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted by the Fund, as such derivatives would contribute to the Fund's sustainability score (whether such individual investment has a positive or a negative score).



## To what minimum extent are sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

There is no minimum extent to which the Fund's investments (including transitional and enabling activities) with an environmental objective are aligned with the Taxonomy. Taxonomy alignment of this Fund's investments has therefore not been calculated and has as a result been deemed to constitute 0% of the Fund's portfolio.

In future it is expected that the Fund will assess and report on the extent to which its underlying investments are in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the Taxonomy, along with information relating to the proportion of enabling and transitional activities. This Prospectus will be updated once it is possible in the Investment Manager's opinion to accurately disclose to what extent the Fund's investments are in Taxonomy-aligned environmentally sustainable activities, including the proportions of investments in enabling and transitional activities selected for the Fund.

### ● Does the financial product invest in fossil gas and/or nuclear energy related activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy<sup>1</sup>?

☐ Yes:

☐ In fossil gas ☐ In nuclear energy

☒ No

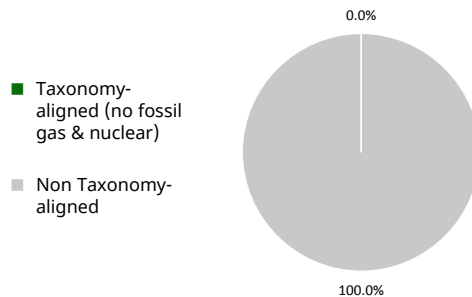
To comply with the EU Taxonomy, the criteria for **fossil gas** include limitations on emissions and switching to renewable power or low-carbon fuels by the end of 2035. For **nuclear energy**, the criteria include comprehensive safety and waste management rules.

Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

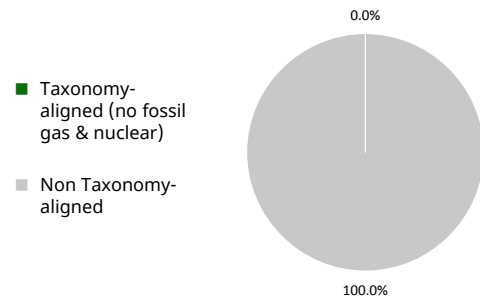
- **turnover** reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee companies
- **capital expenditure** (CapEx) showing the green investments made by investee companies, e.g. for a transition to a green economy.
- **operational expenditure** (OpEx) reflecting green operational activities of investee companies.

The two graphs below show in green the minimum percentage of investments that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the Taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy-alignment in relation to all the investments of the financial product including sovereign bonds, while the second graph shows the Taxonomy-alignment only in relation to the investments of the financial product other than sovereign bonds.

1. Taxonomy-alignment of investments including sovereign bonds\*



2. Taxonomy-alignment of investments excluding sovereign bonds\*



This graph represents x% of the total investments<sup>2</sup>.

\* For the purpose of these graphs, 'sovereign bonds' consist of all sovereign exposures

### ● What is the minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities?

As per the above, at the date of this Prospectus the share of investments by the Fund in transitional and enabling activities is currently deemed to constitute 0% of the Fund's portfolio.

**Enabling activities** directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective.

**Transitional activities** are activities for which low-carbon

<sup>1</sup> Fossil gas and/or nuclear related activities will only comply with the EU Taxonomy where they contribute to limiting climate change ("climate change mitigation") and do not significantly harm any EU Taxonomy objective – see explanatory note in the left-hand margin. The full criteria for fossil gas and nuclear energy economic activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy are laid down in Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1214.

<sup>2</sup> As there is no Taxonomy-alignment, there is no impact on the graph if sovereign bonds are excluded (i.e. the percentage of Taxonomy-aligned investments remains 0%) and the Management Company therefore believes that there is no need to mention this information.

alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.



### What is the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

The Fund commits to invest at least 1% of its assets in sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy.



are sustainable investments with an environmental objective that **do not take into account the criteria** for environmentally sustainable economic activities under the EU Taxonomy.



### What is the minimum share of socially sustainable investments?

The Fund commits to invest at least 1% of its assets in sustainable investments with a social objective.



### What investments are included under “#2 Other”, what is their purpose and are there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

**#2 Other** includes cash which is treated as neutral for sustainability purposes. #2 also includes other investments that are not scored by Schroders’ proprietary sustainability tools and so do not contribute towards the Fund’s sustainability score.

Minimum safeguards are applied where relevant to investments by restricting (as appropriate) investments in counterparties where there are ownership links or exposure to higher risk countries (for the purpose of money laundering, terrorist financing, bribery, corruption, tax evasion and sanctions risks). A firm-wide risk assessment considers the risk rating of each jurisdiction; which includes reference to a number of public statements, indices and world governance indicators issued by the UN, the European Union, the UK Government, the Financial Action Task Force and several Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), such as Transparency International and the Basel Committee.

In addition, new counterparties are reviewed by Schroders’ credit risk team and approval of a new counterparty is based on a holistic review of the various sources of information available, including, but not limited to, quality of management, ownership structure, location, regulatory and social environment to which each counterparty is subject, and the degree of development of the local banking system and its regulatory framework. Ongoing monitoring is performed through a Schroders’ proprietary tool, which supports the analysis of a counterparty’s management of environmental, social and governance trends and challenges. Any significant deterioration in the profile of the counterparty in Schroders’ proprietary tool would lead to further analysis and potential exclusion by Schroders’ credit risk team.



### Is a specific index designated as a reference benchmark to determine whether this financial product is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes?

- **How is the reference benchmark continuously aligned with each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?**

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

**Reference benchmarks** are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the

- ***How is the alignment of the investment strategy with the methodology of the index ensured on a continuous basis?***  
This question is not applicable for the Fund.
- ***How does the designated index differ from a relevant broad market index?***  
This question is not applicable for the Fund.
- ***Where can the methodology used for the calculation of the designated index be found?***  
This question is not applicable for the Fund.



## **Where can I find more product specific information online?**

More product-specific information can be found on the webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>



Pre-contractual disclosure for the financial products referred to in Article 8, paragraphs 1, 2 and 2a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 6, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852

**Product name:** **Schroder International Selection Fund Healthcare Innovation**

**Legal entity identifier:** **549300TNMZCDF65WHW57**

## Environmental and/or social characteristics

**Sustainable investment** means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good governance practices.

The **EU Taxonomy** is a classification system laid down in Regulation (EU) 2020/852, establishing a list of **environmentally sustainable economic activities**. That Regulation does not lay down a list of socially sustainable economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.

**Does this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?**

<input checked="" type="radio"/> <input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Yes</b>	<input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>No</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with an environmental objective: __%</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> It <b>promotes Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics</b> and while it does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will have a minimum proportion of <b>75.00%</b> of sustainable investments	<input type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy
<input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with a social objective __%</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy	<input type="checkbox"/> It promotes E/S characteristics, but <b>will not make any sustainable investments</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> with a social objective	



## What environmental and/or social characteristics are promoted by this financial product?

The Fund invests at least 75% of its assets in sustainable investments, which are investments in healthcare and medical related companies worldwide that contribute towards the advancement of one or more of the UN SDGs by promoting growth in healthcare provision and medical treatments and improving healthcare standards using an innovation-led approach. The Fund may also invest in investments that the Investment Manager deems to be neutral under its sustainability criteria.

No reference benchmark has been designated for the purpose of attaining the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the Fund.

### What sustainability indicators are used to measure the attainment of each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

The Investment Manager is responsible for determining whether an investment meets the criteria of a sustainable investment. The output of the Investment Strategy outlined below is the production of the list of investments that meet the selection criteria, this represents the investment universe. Compliance with the minimum percentage in sustainable investments is monitored daily via our automated compliance controls. The Fund also applies certain exclusions, with which the Investment Manager monitors compliance on an ongoing basis via its portfolio compliance framework.

The Fund- will invest primarily in companies where at least 75% of the total revenues of such companies are derived directly from healthcare-related activities. The Investment Manager may also invest up to 20% of the Fund's assets in companies where current revenues fall short of this threshold in situations where, for example, the Investment Manager considers the revenue potential of the company to be significant, or, where the impact of the product(s) or services of the company have the potential to advance health, healthcare treatment or cost efficiencies within the healthcare system.

The Investment Manager uses different sustainability indicators to measure the impact contribution at an investee company level. In particular, the Investment Manager assess company's contribution to the UN SDG, by identifying companies with a material or accelerating exposure to activities that contribute to better healthcare outcomes or adjacencies such as fitness and wellbeing that are increasingly recognised as contributors to long-term health. A company's assessment considers a number of factors, including, but not limited to, percentage of healthcare-related activities contributing to revenues and R&D spend or implied in the company valuation.

● **What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?**

The Fund invests at least 75% of its assets in healthcare and medical related companies worldwide that contribute towards the advancement of one or more of the UN SDGs by promoting growth in healthcare provision and medical treatments and improving healthcare standards using an innovation-led approach.

● **How do the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make, not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?**

The Investment Manager's approach to investing in issuers that do not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective includes the following:

- Firm-wide investment exclusions apply to Schroders funds. These relate to international conventions on cluster munitions, anti-personnel mines, and chemical and biological weapons and a list of those companies that are excluded is available at <https://www.schroders.com/en/sustainability/active-ownership/group-exclusions/>. Firm-wide exclusions also apply to companies generating more than 20% of their revenue from thermal coal mining.
- The Fund excludes companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to tobacco and thermal coal.
- The Fund excludes companies that are assessed by Schroders to have breached one or more 'global norms' thereby causing significant environmental or social harm; these companies comprise Schroders' 'global norms' breach list. Schroders' determination of whether a company has been involved in such a breach considers relevant principles such as those contained in the UN Global Compact (UNGC) principles, the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights. The 'global norms' breach list may be informed by assessments performed by third party providers and by proprietary research, where relevant to a particular situation. **In exceptional circumstances a derogation may be applied in order to allow the Fund to continue to hold a company on Schroders' 'global norms' breach list, for example where the stated investment strategy of the Fund may otherwise be compromised. Any such company cannot be categorised as a sustainable investment.**
- The Fund may also apply certain other exclusions in addition to those summarised above.

Further information on all of the Fund's investment exclusions is to be found under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>.

● **How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?**

When seeking to identify significant harm, Schroders' approach to taking into account the Principal Adverse Impacts (PAI) indicators involves a quantitative and a qualitative assessment. Where it is not considered appropriate or feasible to set quantitative thresholds, the Investment Manager engages, where relevant. Investee companies deemed not to satisfy the quantitative thresholds would generally be excluded, unless on a case-by-case basis the data is deemed not representative of a company's performance in the relevant area.

This framework is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability and quality of the data evolves.

Our approach includes:

1. **Quantitative:** this includes indicators where specific thresholds have been established:
  - Via the application of exclusions. This approach is relevant to **PAI 4** (Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector), **PAI 5** (Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production) and **PAI 14** (Exposure to controversial weapons). Further, the following PAIs are assessed as part of Schroders 'global norms' breach list exclusion (which seeks to exclude companies where significant harm is occurring):
    - **PAI 7** (Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas)
    - **PAI 8** (Emissions to water)
    - **PAI 9** (Hazardous waste and radioactive waste ratio)
    - **PAI 10** (Violations of UN Global Compact principles and Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises)
    - **PAI 11** (Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and Voluntary)
    - **PAI 14** in Table 3 (Number of identified cases of severe human rights issues and incidents)

**Principal adverse impacts** are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anticorruption and antibribery matters.

- Via the application of an alert system flag if the relevant indicator(s) exceeds a threshold. These quantitative thresholds to assess significant harm are established centrally by our Sustainable Investment team and monitored systematically. This approach applies to indicators where we have segmented the population into harm groups to establish a threshold, such as carbon related PAI metrics, **PAI 1** (GHG emissions), **PAI 2** (Carbon footprint) and **Voluntary PAI 4 in Table 2** (Investing in companies without carbon emission reduction initiatives). **PAI 3** (GHG intensity of investee companies) operates in a similar way but the threshold is based on a revenue metric. A threshold for **PAI 6** (Energy consumption intensity per high impact climate sector) is established based on the ~~above mentioned~~ carbon measures. A similar approach has been taken for **PAI 15** (GHG intensity). **PAI 16** (Investee countries subject to social violations) also operates in the same way but based on data availability regarding social violations. Through this process the relevant issuer(s) that is/are deemed not to satisfy the quantitative thresholds is/are flagged to the Investment Manager for consideration, whose response may involve selling the holdings(s) or maintaining the position if on a case-by-case basis the data is deemed not representative of a company's performance in the relevant area. Investee companies deemed to cause significant harm are excluded from the Fund.
- 2. **Qualitative:** This includes PAI indicators where Schroders' believes that the data available does not enable us to make a quantitative determination regarding whether significant harm is done so as to warrant excluding an investment. In such cases, the Investment Manager engages wherever possible with the company or companies held, in accordance with the priorities documented in Schroders' Engagement Blueprint and/or voting policy. This approach applies to indicators such as **PAI 12** (Unadjusted gender pay gap) and **PAI 13** (Board gender diversity), where we engage and may use our voting rights where we consider appropriate. Both board gender diversity and disclosure of gender pay gap information are captured in our Engagement Blueprint.

● **How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:**

Companies on Schroders' 'global norms' breach list cannot be categorised as sustainable investments. Schroders' determination of whether a company should be included on such list considers the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, among other relevant principles. The 'global norms' breach list is informed by third party providers and proprietary research, where relevant.

The EU Taxonomy sets out a "do not significant harm" principle by which Taxonomy-aligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives and is accompanied by specific EU criteria.

The "do not significant harm" principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.

Any other sustainable investments must also not significantly harm any environmental or social objectives.



## Does this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

☒ Yes, ~~the Investment Manager's approach to considering principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors involves classifying the indicators into three categories:~~

~~The Investment Manager's approach to considering principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors differs depending on the relevant indicator. Some indicators are considered via the application of exclusions, some are considered via the investment process (where data is available via Schroders PAI dashboard and via other external data sources) and some are considered via engagement. Further details are provided below.~~

~~PAIs are considered as part of pre-investment through the application of exclusions. These include:~~

~~- Controversial weapons: PAI 14 (Exposure to controversial weapons, such as anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, chemical weapons and biological weapons)~~

~~- Schroders' 'global norms' breach list, which covers: PAI 7 (Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas), PAI 8 (Emissions to water), PAI 9 (Hazardous waste and radioactive waste ratio), PAI 10 (Violations of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises), PAI 11 (Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises) and PAI 16 (Investee countries subject to social violations)~~

~~- Companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to thermal coal: PAI 4 (Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector) and PAI 5 (Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production)~~

~~Compliance with these thresholds is monitored via the Investment Manager's portfolio compliance framework.~~

PAIs are also considered through integration in the investment process. As a thematic fund orientated towards the provision of healthcare products and services, we pay particular attention to those indicators considered material to companies operating in these industries, specifically PAI 6 (Energy consumption intensity per high impact climate sector), 8 (Emissions to water), and 9 (Hazardous waste and radioactive waste ratio). PAIs 12 (Unadjusted gender pay gap) and 13 (Board gender diversity) are considered as part of our good governance framework using data from our internal proprietary tool.

In addition, Schroders' proprietary tool, which is used as part of screening the investment universe and for providing a maximum that can be invested in each company, incorporates several PAIs as a component of its scoring methodology.

All PAI indicators are monitored via Schroders' PAI dashboard.

PAIs are also considered post-investment through engagement where the Investment Manager engages in line with the approach and expectations set out in the Schroders Engagement Blueprint, which outlines our approach to active ownership.

Where issuers are flagged on lack of data availability for any PAIs, the Investment Manager may engage with issuers where the primary focus is to increase reporting.

Our approach is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability, and quality, of PAI data evolves. The Management Company's statement on principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors is available at <https://api.schroders.com/document-store/id/ffcb39bb-96cb-4e56-9461-deba9a493e85>. The Fund level information is disclosed or will be disclosed (as applicable) in the Fund's annual report.

1. Set thresholds: these involve very explicit thresholds for considering an investment to be a "sustainable investment". For example, PAI 10 on violations of UNGC principles.

2. Active ownership: these involve indicators on which we have a plan to engage with the underlying holding as set out in the Schroders Group document <https://mybrand.schroders.com/m/3222ea4ed44a1f2c/original/schroders-engagement-blueprint.pdf>, outlining our approach to active ownership. For example, PAI 1, 2 and 3 covering GHG emissions and PAI 13 on board gender diversity.

3. Improve coverage: these involve indicators where we consider data coverage to be too sparse to properly consider them and our focus is primarily on engaging with the underlying holdings to increase reporting. For example, PAI 7 on biodiversity, PAI 9 on hazardous waste ratio and PAI 12 on the gender pay gap.

Our approach is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability, and quality, of PAI data evolves.

The Management Company's statement on principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors is available at <https://mybrand.schroders.com/m/467910ac8e6da45c/original/Statement-on-principal-adverse-impacts-of-investment-decisions-on-sustainability-factors.pdf>. The Fund level information is disclosed or will be (as applicable) in the Fund's annual report.

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☐ No



**The investment strategy** guides investment decisions based on factors such as investment objectives and risk tolerance.

## What investment strategy does this financial product follow?

The sustainable investment strategy used by the Investment Manager is as follows:

The Fund is actively managed and invests at least two-thirds of its assets in equity and equity related securities of companies worldwide, which are engaged in healthcare provision, medical services and related products.

The Fund invests at least 75% of its assets in sustainable investments, which are investments in companies that contribute towards the advancement of one or more of the UN SDGs by promoting growth in healthcare provision and medical treatments and improving healthcare standards using an innovation-led approach.

The Fund does not directly invest in certain activities, industries or groups of issuers above the limits listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage, accessed via <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>. The Fund invests in companies that do not cause significant environmental or social harm and have good governance practices, as determined by the Investment Manager's rating criteria.

The Fund may invest in companies that the Investment Manager believes will improve their sustainability practices within a reasonable timeframe, typically up to two years.

The Investment Manager may also engage with companies held by the Fund to challenge identified areas of weakness on sustainability issues. More details on the Investment

Manager's approach to sustainability and its engagement with companies are available on the webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/>

The Fund may also invest up to one-third of its assets directly or indirectly in other securities (including other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies, Investment Funds, warrants and Money Market Investments, and hold cash.

The Fund may use derivatives with the aim of reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently.

The Investment Manager applies sustainability criteria when selecting investments for the Fund.

The Investment Manager selects companies that are engaged in healthcare provision, medical services and related products, including in areas such as biotechnology, generics drug manufacture and supply, pharmaceuticals, health insurance and hospital supplies. Investment ideas are identified using proprietary fundamental stock analysis and **top-down** assessment of the thematic drivers affecting healthcare

demand and provision. The Investment Manager's analysis seeks to identify companies that are well placed to develop products or services that address both the rising demand for healthcare and the need to ensure that healthcare systems are more efficiently managed to ease rising cost pressures.

The Investment Manager also uses a proprietary tool to assess the ESG performance of companies before they are selected for the Fund's portfolio. Individual names with poor ESG performance may be included in the portfolio if the Investment Manager believes that a company is on track to improve its ESG performance.

Other sources of information are also used for this analysis including information provided by the companies, such as company sustainability reports and other relevant company material, as well as Schroders' other proprietary tools and third-party data.

The Investment Manager ensures that at least 90% of the portion of the Fund's Net Asset Value composed of investments in companies is rated against the sustainability criteria. As a result of the application of sustainability criteria, at least 20% of the Fund's potential investment universe is excluded from the selection of investments.

For the purposes of this test, the potential investment universe is the core universe of issuers that the Investment Manager may select for the Fund prior to the application of sustainability criteria, in accordance with the other limitations of the Investment Objective and Policy. This universe is comprised of equity and equity related securities of companies worldwide.

● ***What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?***

The following binding elements are applied throughout the investment process:

- The Fund invests at least 75% of its assets in sustainable investments and such investments do not cause significant environmental or social harm.
- Exclusions are applied to direct investments in companies. The Fund applies certain exclusions relating to international conventions on cluster munitions, antipersonnel mines, and chemical and biological weapons. The Fund also excludes companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to tobacco and thermal coal, especially companies that generate at least 10% of their revenues from tobacco production, companies that generate at least 25% of their revenues from the tobacco value chain (such as suppliers, distributors, retailers and licensors), companies that generate at least 10% of their revenues from thermal coal mining and companies that generate at least 30% of their revenues from coal fired power generation. The Fund excludes companies that are assessed by Schroders to have breached one or more 'global norms' thereby causing significant environmental or social harm; these companies comprise Schroders' 'global norms' breach list. ~~In exceptional circumstances a derogation may be applied in order to allow the Fund to continue to hold a company on Schroders' 'global norms' breach list, for example where the stated investment strategy of the Fund may otherwise be compromised. Any such company cannot be categorised as a sustainable investment.~~ Further, the Fund may apply other exclusions as listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>
- The Fund invests in companies that have good governance practices, as determined by the Investment Manager's rating criteria.
- The Investment Manager ensures that at least 90% of the portion of the Fund's Net Asset Value composed of investments in companies is rated against the sustainability criteria.
- As a result of the application of sustainability criteria, at least 20% of the Fund's potential investment universe is excluded from the selection of investments.

● ***What is the committed minimum rate to reduce the scope of the investments considered prior to the application of that investment strategy?***

As a result of the application of the Fund's sustainability criteria, at least 20% of the Fund's potential investment universe is excluded from the selection of investments. For the purposes of this test, the potential investment universe is the core universe of issuers that the Investment Manager may select for the Fund prior to the application of sustainability criteria, in accordance with the other limitations of the Investment Objective and Policy.

● ***What is the policy to assess good governance practices of the investee companies?***

In order to assess good governance practices, a central Good Governance Test is applied. This test is based on a data-driven quantitative framework, which uses a scorecard to assess companies across the categories of sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff, and tax compliance. Schroders has defined a number of criteria across these pillars.

Compliance with the test is monitored centrally and companies which do not pass this test cannot be held by the Fund, unless the Investment Manager has agreed that the issuer demonstrates good governance based on additional insights beyond that quantitative analysis.

**Good governance** practices include sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff and tax compliance.





## What is the asset allocation planned for this financial product?

**Asset allocation** describes the share of investments in specific assets.

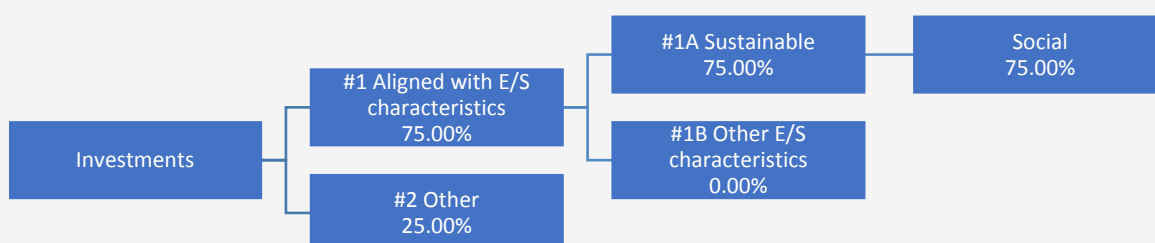
The planned composition of the Fund's investments that are used to meet its environmental or social characteristics are summarised below.

**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the minimum proportion of the Fund's assets used to attain the environmental or social characteristics, which is equal to 75%. The Fund invests at least 75% of its assets in sustainable investments, which means included in #1 and #1A are investments in healthcare and medical related companies worldwide that contribute towards the advancement of one or more of the UN SDGs by promoting growth in healthcare provision and medical treatments and improving healthcare standards using an innovation-led approach. The minimum proportions stated apply in normal market conditions.

**#2 Other** includes investments that are treated as neutral for sustainability purposes, such as cash and Money Market Investments and derivatives used with the aim of reducing risk (hedging) or managing the Fund more efficiently. #2 also includes any investments that are not aligned with the environmental or social characteristics of the Fund.

Minimum safeguards are applied where relevant to Money Market Investments and derivatives used with the aim of reducing risk (hedging) or other investments by restricting (as appropriate) investments in counterparties where there are ownership links or exposure to higher risk countries (for the purpose of money laundering, terrorist financing, bribery, corruption, tax evasion and sanctions risks). A firm-wide risk assessment considers the risk rating of each jurisdiction; which includes reference to a number of public statements, indices and world governance indicators issued by the UN, the European Union, the UK Government, the Financial Action Task Force and several Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), such as Transparency International and the Basel Committee.

In addition, new counterparties are reviewed by Schroders' credit risk team and approval of a new counterparty is based on a holistic review of the various sources of information available, including, but not limited to, quality of management, ownership structure, location, regulatory and social environment to which each counterparty is subject, and the degree of development of the local banking system and its regulatory framework. Ongoing monitoring is performed through a Schroders' proprietary tool, which supports the analysis of a counterparty's management of environmental, social and governance trends and challenges. Any significant deterioration in the profile of the counterparty in Schroders' proprietary tool would lead to further analysis and potential exclusion by Schroders' credit risk team.



**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the investments of the financial product used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product.

**#2 Other** includes the remaining investments of the financial product which are neither aligned with the environmental or social characteristics, nor are qualified as sustainable investments.

The category **#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** covers:

- The sub-category **#1A Sustainable** covers sustainable investments with environmental or social objectives.
- The sub-category **#1B Other E/S characteristics** covers investments aligned with the environmental or social characteristics that do not qualify as sustainable investments.

#1 The minimum proportion stated applies in normal market conditions.

● **How does the use of derivatives attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?**

This question is not applicable for the Fund.





## To what minimum extent are sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- **Does the financial product invest in fossil gas and/or nuclear energy related activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy<sup>1</sup>?**

☐ Yes:

☐ In fossil gas ☐ In nuclear energy

☒ No

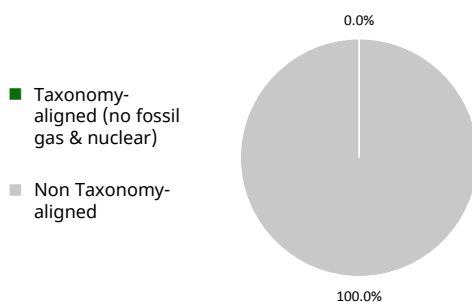
To comply with the EU Taxonomy, the criteria for **fossil gas** include limitations on emissions and switching to renewable power or low-carbon fuels by the end of 2035. For **nuclear energy**, the criteria include comprehensive safety and waste management rules.

Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

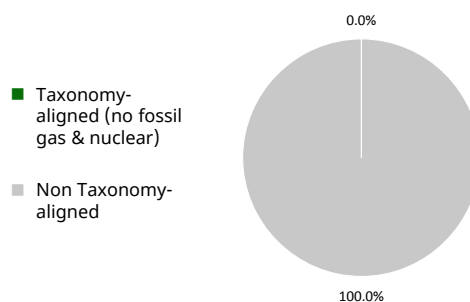
- **turnover** reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee companies
- **capital expenditure** (CapEx) showing the green investments made by investee companies, e.g. for a transition to a green economy.
- **operational expenditure** (OpEx) reflecting green operational activities of investee companies.

The two graphs below show in green the minimum percentage of investments that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the Taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy-alignment in relation to all the investments of the financial product including sovereign bonds, while the second graph shows the Taxonomy-alignment only in relation to the investments of the financial product other than sovereign bonds.

1. Taxonomy-alignment of investments including sovereign bonds\*



2. Taxonomy-alignment of investments excluding sovereign bonds\*



This graph represents x% of the total investments<sup>2</sup>.

\* For the purpose of these graphs, 'sovereign bonds' consist of all sovereign exposures

- **What is the minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities?**

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

**Enabling activities** directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective.

**Transitional activities** are activities for which low-carbon alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.

<sup>1</sup> Fossil gas and/or nuclear related activities will only comply with the EU Taxonomy where they contribute to limiting climate change ("climate change mitigation") and do not significantly harm any EU Taxonomy objective – see explanatory note in the left-hand margin. The full criteria for fossil gas and nuclear energy economic activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy are laid down in Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1214.

<sup>2</sup> As there is no Taxonomy-alignment, there is no impact on the graph if sovereign bonds are excluded (i.e. the percentage of Taxonomy-aligned investments remains 0%) and the Management Company therefore believes that there is no need to mention this information.



## What is the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

This question is not applicable for the Fund.



are sustainable investments with an environmental objective that **do not take into account the criteria** for environmentally sustainable economic activities under the EU Taxonomy.



## What is the minimum share of socially sustainable investments?

The Fund commits to invest at least 75% of its assets in sustainable investments with a social objective.



## What investments are included under “#2 Other”, what is their purpose and are there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

**#2 Other** includes investments that are treated as neutral for sustainability purposes, such as cash and Money Market Investments and derivatives used with the aim of reducing risk (hedging) or managing the Fund more efficiently. #2 also includes any investments that are not aligned with the environmental or social characteristics of the Fund.

Minimum safeguards are applied where relevant to Money Market Investments and derivatives used with the aim of reducing risk (hedging) or other investments by restricting (as appropriate) investments in counterparties where there are ownership links or exposure to higher risk countries (for the purpose of money laundering, terrorist financing, bribery, corruption, tax evasion and sanctions risks). A firm-wide risk assessment considers the risk rating of each jurisdiction; which includes reference to a number of public statements, indices and world governance indicators issued by the UN, the European Union, the UK Government, the Financial Action Task Force and several Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), such as Transparency International and the Basel Committee.

In addition, new counterparties are reviewed by Schroders' credit risk team and approval of a new counterparty is based on a holistic review of the various sources of information available, including, but not limited to, quality of management, ownership structure, location, regulatory and social environment to which each counterparty is subject, and the degree of development of the local banking system and its regulatory framework. Ongoing monitoring is performed through a Schroders' proprietary tool, which supports the analysis of a counterparty's management of environmental, social and governance trends and challenges. Any significant deterioration in the profile of the counterparty in Schroders' proprietary tool would lead to further analysis and potential exclusion by Schroders' credit risk team.



## Is a specific index designated as a reference benchmark to determine whether this financial product is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes?

**Reference benchmarks** are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the environmental or social characteristics that they promote.

- **How is the reference benchmark continuously aligned with each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?**

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- **How is the alignment of the investment strategy with the methodology of the index ensured on a continuous basis?**

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- ***How does the designated index differ from a relevant broad market index?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- ***Where can the methodology used for the calculation of the designated index be found?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.



## **Where can I find more product specific information online?**

More product-specific information can be found on the webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

Pre-contractual disclosure for the financial products referred to in Article 8, paragraphs 1, 2 and 2a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 6, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852

**Product name:** **Schroder International Selection Fund Indian Equity**

**Legal entity identifier:** **EBELRBOUMD6RMWOVEX67**

## Environmental and/or social characteristics

**Sustainable investment** means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good Governance practices.

The **EU Taxonomy** is a classification system laid down in Regulation (EU) 2020/852, establishing a list of **environmentally sustainable economic activities**. For the time being, it does not include a list of socially sustainable economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.

### Does this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?

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<input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with an environmental objective: __%</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> It <b>promotes Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics</b> and while it does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will have a minimum proportion of <b>25.00%</b> of sustainable investments
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## What environmental and/or social characteristics are promoted by this financial product?

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the MSCI India (Net TR) index, based on the Investment Manager's rating system. This benchmark (which is a broad market index) does not take into account the environmental and social characteristics promoted by the Fund.

The sustainability score is measured by Schroders' proprietary tool that provides an estimate of the net "impact" that an issuer may create in terms of social and environmental "costs" or "benefits". It does this by using certain indicators with respect to that issuer, and quantifying them positively and negatively to produce an aggregate notional measure of the effect that the relevant underlying issuer may have on society and the environment. It does this using third party data as well as Schroders own estimates and assumptions and the outcome may differ from other sustainability tools and measures. Examples of such indicators are greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

The result is expressed as an aggregate score of the sustainability indicators for each issuer, specifically a notional percentage (positive or negative) of sales of the relevant underlying issuer. For example, a score of +2% would mean an issuer contributes \$2 of relative notional positive impact (i.e. benefits to society) per \$100 of sales. The sustainability score of the Fund is derived from the scores of all issuers in the Fund's portfolio measured by Schroders' proprietary tool.

The Fund invests at least 25% of its assets in sustainable investments, which are investments that the Investment Manager expects to contribute towards the advancement of one or more environmental and/or social objective (s).

### What sustainability indicators are used to measure the attainment of each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

The Investment Manager monitors compliance with the characteristic to maintain a higher overall sustainability score than the MSCI India (Net TR) index by reference to the weighted average sustainability score of the Fund in Schroders' proprietary tool compared against the weighted average sustainability score of the MSCI India (Net TR) index in Schroders' proprietary tool over the previous six month period, based on month-end data. The overall sustainability score aggregates the effect of sustainability indicators including but not limited to greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

**Sustainability indicators** measure how the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product are attained.

The Investment Manager monitors compliance with the characteristic to invest at least 25% of its assets in sustainable investments by reference to the sustainability score of each asset in Schroders' proprietary tool. Compliance with this is monitored daily via our automated compliance controls. The Fund also applies certain exclusions, with which the Investment Manager monitors compliance on an ongoing basis via its portfolio compliance framework.

● ***What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?***

In respect of the proportion of the Fund's portfolio that is invested in sustainable investments, each sustainable investment demonstrates a net positive effect across a range of environmental or social objectives, as scored by Schroders' proprietary tool. The environmental or social objectives of the sustainable investments that the Fund partially intends to make may include, but are not limited to, increasing environmental and/or social benefits such as greater water access or fair pay and reducing environmental, and/or social costs such as carbon emissions or food waste. For example, greater water access as measured by Schroders' proprietary tool are the estimated societal benefits of the provision of clean drinking water to human health.

● ***How do the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make, not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?***

The Investment Manager's approach to investing in issuers that do not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective includes the following:

- Firm-wide investment exclusions apply to Schroders funds. These relate to international conventions on cluster munitions, anti-personnel mines, and chemical and biological weapons and a list of those companies that are excluded is available at <https://www.schroders.com/en/sustainability/active-ownership/group-exclusions/>. Firm-wide exclusions also apply to companies generating more than 20% of their revenue from thermal coal mining.
- The Fund excludes companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to tobacco and thermal coal.
- The Fund excludes companies that are assessed by Schroders to have breached one or more 'global norms' thereby causing significant environmental or social harm; these companies comprise Schroders' 'global norms' breach list. Schroders' determination of whether a company has been involved in such a breach considers relevant principles such as those contained in the UN Global Compact (UNGC) principles, the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights. The 'global norms' breach list may be informed by assessments performed by third party providers and by proprietary research, where relevant to a particular situation. In exceptional circumstances a derogation may be applied in order to allow the Fund to continue to hold a company on Schroders' 'global norms' breach list, for example where the stated investment strategy of the Fund may otherwise be compromised. Any such company cannot be categorised as a sustainable investment.
- The Fund may also apply certain other exclusions in addition to those summarised above.

Further information on all of the Fund's investment exclusions is to be found under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>.

● ***How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?***

When seeking to identify significant harm, Schroders' approach to taking into account the Principal Adverse Impacts (PAI) indicators involves a quantitative and a qualitative assessment. Where it is not considered appropriate or feasible to set quantitative thresholds, the Investment Manager engages, where relevant. Investee companies deemed not to satisfy the quantitative thresholds would generally be excluded, unless on a case-by-case basis the data is deemed not representative of a company's performance in the relevant area.

This framework is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability and quality of the data evolves.

Our approach includes:

1. **Quantitative:** this includes indicators where specific thresholds have been established:

- Via the application of exclusions. This approach is relevant to **PAI 4** (Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector), **PAI 5** (Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production) and **PAI 14** (Exposure to controversial weapons). Further, the following PAIs are assessed as part of Schroders 'global norms' breach list exclusion (which seeks to exclude companies where significant harm is occurring):

**Principal adverse impacts** are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anticorruption and antibribery matters.

- **PAI 7** (Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas)
- **PAI 8** (Emissions to water)
- **PAI 9** (Hazardous waste and radioactive waste ratio)
- **PAI 10** (Violations of UN Global Compact principles and Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises)
- **PAI 11** (Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and Voluntary)
- **PAI 14** in Table 3 (Number of identified cases of severe human rights issues and incidents)
- Via the application of an alert system flag if the relevant indicator(s) exceeds a threshold. These quantitative thresholds to assess significant harm are established centrally by our Sustainable Investment team and monitored systematically. This approach applies to indicators where we have segmented the population into harm groups to establish a threshold, such as carbon related PAI metrics, **PAI 1** (GHG emissions), **PAI 2** (Carbon footprint) and **Voluntary PAI 4 in Table 2** (Investing in companies without carbon emission reduction initiatives). **PAI 3** (GHG intensity of investee companies) operates in a similar way but the threshold is based on a revenue metric. A threshold for **PAI 6** (Energy consumption intensity per high impact climate sector) is established based on the ~~above mentioned~~ carbon measures. A similar approach has been taken for **PAI 15** (GHG intensity). **PAI 16** (Investee countries subject to social violations) also operates in the same way but based on data availability regarding social violations. Through this process the relevant issuer(s) that is/are deemed not to satisfy the quantitative thresholds is/are flagged to the Investment Manager for consideration, whose response may involve selling the holdings(s) or maintaining the position if on a case-by-case basis the data is deemed not representative of a company's performance in the relevant area. Investee companies deemed to cause significant harm are excluded from the Fund.
- 2. **Qualitative:** This includes PAI indicators where Schroders' believes that the data available does not enable us to make a quantitative determination regarding whether significant harm is done so as to warrant excluding an investment. In such cases, the Investment Manager engages wherever possible with the company or companies held, in accordance with the priorities documented in Schroders' Engagement Blueprint and/or voting policy. This approach applies to indicators such as **PAI 12** (Unadjusted gender pay gap) and **PAI 13** (Board gender diversity), where we engage and may use our voting rights where we consider appropriate. Both board gender diversity and disclosure of gender pay gap information are captured in our Engagement Blueprint.

● ***How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights?***

Companies on Schroders' 'global norms' breach list cannot be categorised as sustainable investments. Schroders' determination of whether a company should be included on such list considers the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, among other relevant principles. The 'global norms' breach list is informed by third party providers and proprietary research, where relevant.

*The EU Taxonomy sets out a "do not significant harm" principle by which Taxonomy-aligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives and is accompanied by specific EU criteria.*

The "do not significant harm" principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.

*Any other sustainable investments must also not significantly harm any environmental or social objectives.*



## Does this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

☒ Yes, ~~the Investment Manager's approach to considering principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors involves classifying the indicators into three categories:~~

~~The Investment Manager's approach to considering principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors differs depending on the relevant indicator. Some indicators are considered via the application of exclusions, some are considered via the investment process (where data is available via Schroders PAI dashboard and via other external data sources) and some via engagement. Further details are provided below.~~

~~PAIs are considered as part of pre-investment through the application of exclusions. These include:~~

~~- Controversial weapons: PAI 14 (Exposure to controversial weapons (anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, chemical weapons and biological weapons)).~~



- Schroders' 'global norms' breach list, which covers: PAI 7 (Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas), PAI 8 (Emissions to water), PAI 9 (Hazardous waste and radioactive waste ratio), PAI 10 (Violations of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises), PAI 11 (Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises) and PAI 16 (Investee countries subject to social violations).

- Companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to thermal coal: PAI 4 (Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector) and PAI 5 (Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production).

Compliance with these thresholds is monitored via the Investment Manager's portfolio compliance framework. PAIs are also considered through integration in the investment process through the bottom-up stock analysis at a company level. The Asian Equities investment team uses a proprietary tool which provides a framework for analysing a company's relationship with its stakeholders and the sustainability of its business model and covers PAIs 1, 2, 3 and 6 (Greenhouse gas emissions). PAI indicators may be further reviewed via the Schroders PAI dashboard.

PAIs are also considered post-investment through engagement where the Investment Manager engages in line with the approach and expectations set out in Schroders Engagement Blueprint, which outlines our approach to active ownership.

The Investment Manager may engage with selected issuers held by the Fund on PAIs. For example, we aim to engage with several issuers on net zero carbon emissions targets (PAI 1,2,3), procuring renewable energy (PAI 5) and further topics of engagement may include board gender diversity which relates to PAI 13.

Where issuers are flagged on lack of data availability on PAIs, the Investment Manager may engage with issuers where the primary focus is to increase reporting, quality and availability of PAI data.

Our approach is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability, and quality, of PAI data evolves. The Management Company's statement on principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors is available at <https://mybrand.schroders.com/m/4ab13771bddd9d/original/Statement-on-principal-adverse-impacts-of-investment-decisions-on-sustainability-factors-2-1-new.pdf> <https://api.schroders.com/document-store/id/ffcb39bb-96cb-4e56-9461-deba9a493e85>. The Fund level information is disclosed or will be disclosed (as applicable) in the Fund's annual report.

1. Set thresholds: these involve very explicit thresholds for considering an investment to be a "sustainable investment". For example, PAI 10 on violations of UNGC principles.

2. Active ownership: these involve indicators on which we have a plan to engage with the underlying holding as set out in the Schroders Group document - <https://mybrand.schroders.com/m/3222ea4ed44a1f2c/original/schroders-engagement-blueprint.pdf>, outlining our approach to active ownership. For example, PAI 1, 2 and 3 covering GHG emissions and PAI 13 on board gender diversity.

3. Improve coverage: these involve indicators where we consider data coverage to be too sparse to properly consider them and our focus is primarily on engaging with the underlying holdings to increase reporting. For example, PAI 7 on biodiversity, PAI 9 on hazardous waste ratio and PAI 12 on the gender pay gap.

Our approach is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability, and quality, of PAI data evolves.

The Management Company's statement on principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors is available at <https://mybrand.schroders.com/m/467910ac8e6da45c/original/Statement-on-principal-adverse-impacts-of-investment-decisions-on-sustainability-factors.pdf>. The Fund level information is disclosed or will be (as applicable) in the Fund's annual report.

☐ No



## What investment strategy does this financial product follow?

**The investment strategy** guides investment decisions based on factors such as investment objectives and risk tolerance.

The sustainable investment strategy used by the Investment Manager is as follows:

The Fund is actively managed and invests at least two-thirds of its assets in equity and equity related securities of Indian companies.

The Fund may also invest up to one-third of its assets directly or indirectly in other securities (including other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies, Investment Funds, warrants and Money Market Investments, and hold cash.

The Fund may use derivatives with the aim of achieving investment gains, reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently.

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the MSCI India (Net TR) index, based on the Investment Manager's rating criteria.

The Fund does not directly invest in certain activities, industries or groups of issuers above the limits listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

The Investment Manager applies governance and sustainability criteria when selecting investments for the Fund.

In the selection and assessment of potential investment opportunities and holdings, companies are assessed on a proprietary stakeholder-based approach against criteria including, but not limited to (1) good governance practices; (2) impact on the environment and local communities; and (3) fair and equitable treatment of employees, suppliers and customers. Information and insights derived from Schroders' proprietary sustainability tools are utilised in this assessment and due diligence process.

The Investment Manager's proprietary analysis and ongoing engagement with these companies may also help it derive a reasonable level of conviction that concrete steps will be or are being taken to transition out of business segments or practices that have not met the sustainability criteria or improve on their relevant areas of weakness. The Investment Manager may consider these companies eligible for investment ahead of seeing changes in the company's ratings and rankings across both internal and external evaluation metrics.

The primary sources of information used to perform the analysis include the Investment Manager's proprietary tools and research, third-party research, NGO reports and expert networks. The Investment Manager also performs its own analysis of publicly available information provided by the companies, including information provided in company sustainability reports and other relevant company material.

More details on the Investment Manager's approach to sustainability and its engagement with companies are available on the webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/>

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than its investment universe, based on the Investment Manager's rating system.

The Investment Manager ensures that at least:

— 90% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in developed countries; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with an investment grade credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by developed countries; and

— 75% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in emerging countries; equities issued by small and medium companies; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with a high yield credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by emerging countries, is rated against the sustainability criteria.

For the purposes of this test, small companies are those with market capitalisation below €5 billion, medium companies are those between €5 billion and €10 billion and large companies are those above €10 billion.

● ***What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?***

The following binding elements are applied throughout the investment process:

- The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the MSCI India (Net TR) index based on the Investment Manager's rating criteria.
- The Fund invests at least 25% of its assets in sustainable investments and such investments do not cause significant environmental or social harm.
- Exclusions are applied to direct investments in companies. The Fund applies certain exclusions relating to international conventions on cluster munitions, antipersonnel mines, and chemical and biological weapons. The Fund also excludes companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to tobacco and thermal coal, especially companies that generate at least 10% of their revenues from tobacco production, companies that generate at least 25% of their revenues from the tobacco value chain (such as suppliers, distributors, retailers and licensors), companies that generate at least 10% of their revenues from thermal coal mining and companies that generate at least 30% of their revenues from coal fired power generation. The Fund excludes companies that are assessed by Schroders to have breached one or more 'global norms' thereby causing significant environmental or social harm; these companies comprise Schroders' 'global norms' breach list. In exceptional circumstances a derogation may be applied in order to allow the Fund to continue to hold a company on Schroders' 'global norms' breach list, for example where the stated investment strategy of the Fund may otherwise be compromised. Any such company cannot be categorised as a sustainable investment. Further, the Fund may apply other exclusions as listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>. The Fund invests in companies that have good governance practices, as determined by the Investment Manager's rating criteria.

The Investment Manager ensures that at least:

- 90% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in developed countries; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with an investment grade credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by developed countries; and
- 75% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in emerging countries; equities issued by small and medium companies; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with a high yield credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by emerging countries,

is rated against the sustainability criteria.

● ***What is the committed minimum rate to reduce the scope of the investments considered prior to the application of that investment strategy?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

**Good governance** practices include sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff and tax compliance.

● **What is the policy to assess good governance practices of the investee companies?**

In order to assess good governance practices, a central Good Governance Test is applied. This test is based on a data-driven quantitative framework, which uses a scorecard to assess companies across the categories of sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff, and tax compliance. Schroders has defined a number of criteria across these pillars.

Compliance with the test is monitored centrally and companies which do not pass this test cannot be held by the Fund, unless the Investment Manager has agreed that the issuer demonstrates good governance based on additional insights beyond that quantitative analysis.



**Asset allocation** describes the share of investments in specific assets.

**What is the asset allocation planned for this financial product?**

The planned composition of the Fund’s investments that are used to meet its environmental or social characteristics are summarised below.

**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the minimum proportion of the Fund’s assets used to attain the environmental or social characteristics, which is equal to 70%. The Fund commits to maintain a higher overall sustainability score than the MSCI India (Net TR) index, and so the Fund’s investments that are scored by Schroders’ proprietary sustainability tool are included within the minimum proportion stated in #1 on the basis that they will contribute to the Fund’s sustainability score (whether such individual investment has a positive or a negative score). Also included within #1 is the minimum proportion of assets that are invested in sustainable investments, as indicated in #1A. The minimum proportions stated apply in normal market conditions. The actual proportion stated in #1 is expected to be higher.

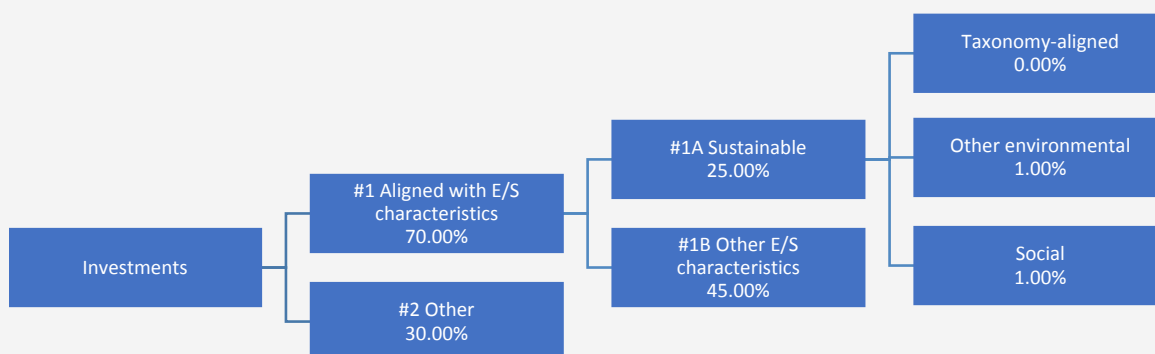
The sustainability score is measured by Schroders’ proprietary tool that provides an estimate of the net “impact” that an issuer may create in terms of social and environmental “costs” or “benefits”. It does this by using certain indicators with respect to that issuer, and quantifying them positively and negatively to produce an aggregate notional measure of the effect that the relevant underlying issuer may have on society and the environment. Examples of such indicators are greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

The Fund will invest at least 25% of its assets in sustainable investments. A sustainable investment is classified as having an environmental or social objective depending on whether the relevant issuer has a higher score in Schroders’ proprietary tool relative to its applicable peer group for its environmental indicators or its social indicators. In each case, indicators are comprised of both “costs” and “benefits”.

**#2 Other** includes cash which is treated as neutral for sustainability purposes. #2 also includes investments that are not scored by Schroders’ proprietary sustainability tool and so do not contribute towards the Fund’s sustainability score. As #1 states a minimum proportion that is in practice expected to be higher, the proportion stated in #2 is expected to be lower.

Minimum safeguards are applied where relevant to Money Market Investments and other investments by restricting (as appropriate) investments in counterparties where there are ownership links or exposure to higher risk countries (for the purpose of money laundering, terrorist financing, bribery, corruption, tax evasion and sanctions risks). A firm-wide risk assessment considers the risk rating of each jurisdiction; which includes reference to a number of public statements, indices and world governance indicators issued by the UN, the European Union, the UK Government, the Financial Action Task Force and several Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), such as Transparency International and the Basel Committee.

In addition, new counterparties are reviewed by Schroders’ credit risk team and approval of a new counterparty is based on a holistic review of the various sources of information available, including, but not limited to, quality of management, ownership structure, location, regulatory and social environment to which each counterparty is subject, and the degree of development of the local banking system and its regulatory framework. Ongoing monitoring is performed through a Schroders’ proprietary tool, which supports the analysis of a counterparty’s management of environmental, social and governance trends and challenges. Any significant deterioration in the profile of the counterparty in Schroders’ proprietary tool would lead to further analysis and potential exclusion by Schroders’ credit risk team.



**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the investments of the financial product used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product.

**#2 Other** includes the remaining investments of the financial product which are neither aligned with the environmental or social characteristics, nor are qualified as sustainable investments.

The category **#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** covers:

- The sub-category **#1A Sustainable** covers sustainable investments with environmental or social objectives.
- The sub-category **#1B Other E/S characteristics** covers investments aligned with the environmental or social characteristics that do not qualify as sustainable investments.

#1 The minimum proportion stated applies in normal market conditions.

### ● **How does the use of derivatives attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?**

The Fund may use derivatives that are scored in Schroders' proprietary tool to meet the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted by the Fund, as such derivatives would contribute to the Fund's sustainability score (whether such individual investment has a positive or a negative score).



### **To what minimum extent are sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?**

There is no minimum extent to which the Fund's investments (including transitional and enabling activities) with an environmental objective are aligned with the Taxonomy. Taxonomy alignment of this Fund's investments has therefore not been calculated and has as a result been deemed to constitute 0% of the Fund's portfolio.

In future it is expected that the Fund will assess and report on the extent to which its underlying investments are in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the Taxonomy, along with information relating to the proportion of enabling and transitional activities. This Prospectus will be updated once it is possible in the Investment Manager's opinion to accurately disclose to what extent the Fund's investments are in Taxonomy-aligned environmentally sustainable activities, including the proportions of investments in enabling and transitional activities selected for the Fund.

### ● **Does the financial product invest in fossil gas and/or nuclear energy related activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy<sup>1</sup>?**

☐ Yes:

☐ In fossil gas ☐ In nuclear energy

☒ No

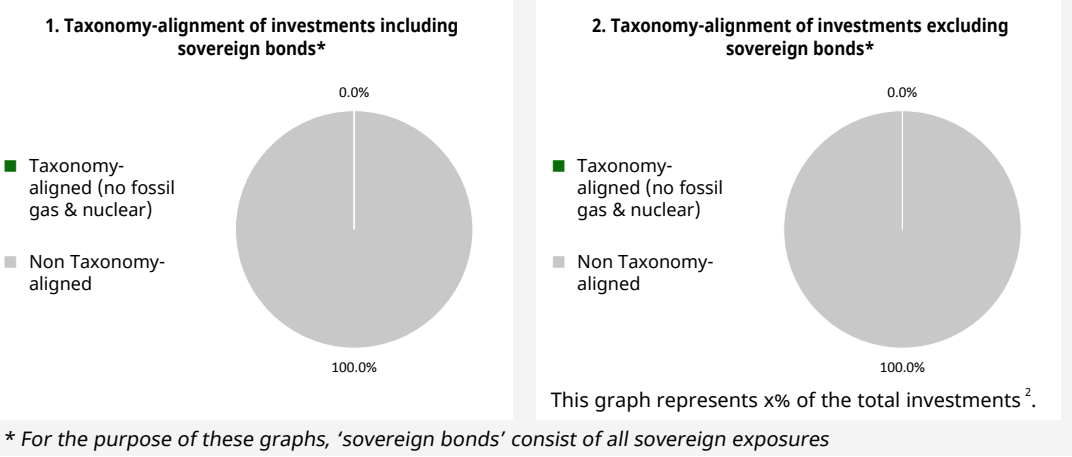
To comply with the EU Taxonomy, the criteria for **fossil gas** include limitations on emissions and switching to renewable power or low-carbon fuels by the end of 2035. For **nuclear energy**, the criteria include comprehensive safety and waste management rules.

<sup>1</sup> Fossil gas and/or nuclear related activities will only comply with the EU Taxonomy where they contribute to limiting climate change ("climate change mitigation") and do not significantly harm any EU Taxonomy objective – see explanatory note in the left-hand margin. The full criteria for fossil gas and nuclear energy economic activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy are laid down in Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1214.

Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

- **turnover** reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee companies
- **capital expenditure** (CapEx) showing the green investments made by investee companies, e.g. for a transition to a green economy.
- **operational expenditure** (OpEx) reflecting green operational activities of investee companies.

The two graphs below show in green the minimum percentage of investments that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the Taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy-alignment in relation to all the investments of the financial product including sovereign bonds, while the second graph shows the Taxonomy-alignment only in relation to the investments of the financial product other than sovereign bonds.



**Enabling activities** directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective.

**Transitional activities** are activities for which low-carbon alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.

- **What is the minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities?**  
As per the above, at the date of this Prospectus the share of investments by the Fund in transitional and enabling activities is currently deemed to constitute 0% of the Fund's portfolio.



- **What is the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?**  
The Fund commits to invest at least 1% of its assets in sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy.



are sustainable investments with an environmental objective that **do not take into account the criteria** for environmentally sustainable economic activities under the EU Taxonomy.

<sup>2</sup> As there is no Taxonomy-alignment, there is no impact on the graph if sovereign bonds are excluded (i.e. the percentage of Taxonomy-aligned investments remains 0%) and the Management Company therefore believes that there is no need to mention this information.



## What is the minimum share of socially sustainable investments?

The Fund commits to invest at least 1% of its assets in sustainable investments with a social objective.



## What investments are included under “#2 Other”, what is their purpose and are there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

**#2 Other** includes cash which is treated as neutral for sustainability purposes. #2 also includes investments that are not scored by Schroders’ proprietary sustainability tools and so do not contribute towards the Fund’s sustainability score.

Minimum safeguards are applied where relevant to Money Market Investments and other investments by restricting (as appropriate) investments in counterparties where there are ownership links or exposure to higher risk countries (for the purpose of money laundering, terrorist financing, bribery, corruption, tax evasion and sanctions risks). A firm-wide risk assessment considers the risk rating of each jurisdiction; which includes reference to a number of public statements, indices and world governance indicators issued by the UN, the European Union, the UK Government, the Financial Action Task Force and several Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), such as Transparency International and the Basel Committee.

In addition, new counterparties are reviewed by Schroders’ credit risk team and approval of a new counterparty is based on a holistic review of the various sources of information available, including, but not limited to, quality of management, ownership structure, location, regulatory and social environment to which each counterparty is subject, and the degree of development of the local banking system and its regulatory framework. Ongoing monitoring is performed through a Schroders’ proprietary tool, which supports the analysis of a counterparty’s management of environmental, social and governance trends and challenges. Any significant deterioration in the profile of the counterparty in Schroders’ proprietary tool would lead to further analysis and potential exclusion by Schroders’ credit risk team.



## Is a specific index designated as a reference benchmark to determine whether this financial product is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes?

**Reference benchmarks** are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the environmental or social characteristics that they promote.

- ***How is the reference benchmark continuously aligned with each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- ***How is the alignment of the investment strategy with the methodology of the index ensured on a continuous basis?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- ***How does the designated index differ from a relevant broad market index?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- ***Where can the methodology used for the calculation of the designated index be found?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.



## Where can I find more product specific information online?

More product-specific information can be found on the webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>



Pre-contractual disclosure for the financial products referred to in Article 8, paragraphs 1, 2 and 2a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 6, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852

**Product name:** **Schroder International Selection Fund Indian Opportunities**

**Legal entity identifier:** **549300ISB6Y5VVS1WQ05**

## Environmental and/or social characteristics

<p><b>Sustainable investment</b> means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good Governance practices.</p>	<p><b>Does this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?</b></p>	
<p>The <b>EU Taxonomy</b> is a classification system laid down in Regulation (EU) 2020/852, establishing a list of <b>environmentally sustainable economic activities</b>. For the time being, it does not include a list of socially sustainable economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.</p>	<p><b>Yes</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with an environmental objective: __%</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with a social objective __%</b></p>	<p><b>No</b></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> It <b>promotes Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics</b> and while it does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will have a minimum proportion of <b>25.00%</b> of sustainable investments</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> with a social objective</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> It promotes E/S characteristics, but <b>will not make any sustainable investments</b></p>



## What environmental and/or social characteristics are promoted by this financial product?

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the MSCI India (Net TR) index, based on the Investment Manager's rating system. This benchmark (which is a broad market index) does not take into account the environmental and social characteristics promoted by the Fund.

The sustainability score is measured by Schroders' proprietary tool that provides an estimate of the net "impact" that an issuer may create in terms of social and environmental "costs" or "benefits". It does this by using certain indicators with respect to that issuer, and quantifying them positively and negatively to produce an aggregate notional measure of the effect that the relevant underlying issuer may have on society and the environment. It does this using third party data as well as Schroders own estimates and assumptions and the outcome may differ from other sustainability tools and measures. Examples of such indicators are greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

The result is expressed as an aggregate score of the sustainability indicators for each issuer, specifically a notional percentage (positive or negative) of sales of the relevant underlying issuer. For example, a score of +2% would mean an issuer contributes \$2 of relative notional positive impact (i.e. benefits to society) per \$100 of sales. The sustainability score of the Fund is derived from the scores of all issuers in the Fund's portfolio measured by Schroders' proprietary tool.

The Fund invests at least 25% of its assets in sustainable investments, which are investments that the Investment Manager expects to contribute towards the advancement of one or more environmental and/or social objective (s).

### What sustainability indicators are used to measure the attainment of each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

The Investment Manager monitors compliance with the characteristic to maintain a higher overall sustainability score than the MSCI India (Net TR) index by reference to the weighted average sustainability score of the Fund in Schroders' proprietary tool compared against the weighted average sustainability score of the MSCI India (Net TR) index in Schroders' proprietary tool over the previous six month period, based on month-end data. The overall sustainability score aggregates the effect of sustainability indicators including but not limited to greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

**Sustainability indicators** measure how the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product are attained.

The Investment Manager monitors compliance with the characteristic to invest at least 25% of its assets in sustainable investments by reference to the sustainability score of each asset in Schroders' proprietary tool. Compliance with this is monitored daily via our automated compliance controls. The Fund also applies certain exclusions, with which the Investment Manager monitors compliance on an ongoing basis via its portfolio compliance framework.

● ***What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?***

In respect of the proportion of the Fund's portfolio that is invested in sustainable investments, each sustainable investment demonstrates a net positive effect across a range of environmental or social objectives, as scored by Schroders' proprietary tool. The environmental or social objectives of the sustainable investments that the Fund partially intends to make may include, but are not limited to, increasing environmental and/or social benefits such as greater water access or fair pay and reducing environmental, and/or social costs such as carbon emissions or food waste. For example, greater water access as measured by Schroders' proprietary tool are the estimated societal benefits of the provision of clean drinking water to human health.

● ***How do the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make, not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?***

The Investment Manager's approach to investing in issuers that do not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective includes the following:

- Firm-wide investment exclusions apply to Schroders funds. These relate to international conventions on cluster munitions, anti-personnel mines, and chemical and biological weapons and a list of those companies that are excluded is available at <https://www.schroders.com/en/sustainability/active-ownership/group-exclusions/>. Firm-wide exclusions also apply to companies generating more than 20% of their revenue from thermal coal mining.
- The Fund excludes companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to tobacco and thermal coal.
- The Fund excludes companies that are assessed by Schroders to have breached one or more 'global norms' thereby causing significant environmental or social harm; these companies comprise Schroders' 'global norms' breach list. Schroders' determination of whether a company has been involved in such a breach considers relevant principles such as those contained in the UN Global Compact (UNGC) principles, the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights. The 'global norms' breach list may be informed by assessments performed by third party providers and by proprietary research, where relevant to a particular situation. In exceptional circumstances a derogation may be applied in order to allow the Fund to continue to hold a company on Schroders' 'global norms' breach list, for example where the stated investment strategy of the Fund may otherwise be compromised. Any such company cannot be categorised as a sustainable investment.
- The Fund may also apply certain other exclusions in addition to those summarised above.

Further information on all of the Fund's investment exclusions is to be found under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

● ***How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?***

When seeking to identify significant harm, Schroders' approach to taking into account the Principal Adverse Impacts (PAI) indicators involves a quantitative and a qualitative assessment. Where it is not considered appropriate or feasible to set quantitative thresholds, the Investment Manager engages, where relevant. Investee companies deemed not to satisfy the quantitative thresholds would generally be excluded, unless on a case-by-case basis the data is deemed not representative of a company's performance in the relevant area.

This framework is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability and quality of the data evolves.

Our approach includes:

1. **Quantitative:** this includes indicators where specific thresholds have been established:

- Via the application of exclusions. This approach is relevant to **PAI 4** (Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector), **PAI 5** (Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production) and **PAI 14** (Exposure to controversial weapons). Further, the following PAIs are assessed as part of Schroders 'global norms' breach list exclusion (which seeks to exclude companies where significant harm is occurring):

**Principal adverse impacts** are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anticorruption and antibribery matters.

- **PAI 7** (Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas)
- **PAI 8** (Emissions to water)
- **PAI 9** (Hazardous waste and radioactive waste ratio)
- **PAI 10** (Violations of UN Global Compact principles and Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises)
- **PAI 11** (Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and Voluntary)
- **PAI 14** in Table 3 (Number of identified cases of severe human rights issues and incidents)
- Via the application of an alert system flag if the relevant indicator(s) exceeds a threshold. These quantitative thresholds to assess significant harm are established centrally by our Sustainable Investment team and monitored systematically. This approach applies to indicators where we have segmented the population into harm groups to establish a threshold, such as carbon related PAI metrics, **PAI 1** (GHG emissions), **PAI 2** (Carbon footprint) and **Voluntary PAI 4 in Table 2** (Investing in companies without carbon emission reduction initiatives). **PAI 3** (GHG intensity of investee companies) operates in a similar way but the threshold is based on a revenue metric. A threshold for **PAI 6** (Energy consumption intensity per high impact climate sector) is established based on the ~~above mentioned~~ carbon measures. A similar approach has been taken for **PAI 15** (GHG intensity). **PAI 16** (Investee countries subject to social violations) also operates in the same way but based on data availability regarding social violations. Through this process the relevant issuer(s) that is/are deemed not to satisfy the quantitative thresholds is/are flagged to the Investment Manager for consideration, whose response may involve selling the holdings(s) or maintaining the position if on a case-by-case basis the data is deemed not representative of a company's performance in the relevant area. Investee companies deemed to cause significant harm are excluded from the Fund.
- 2. **Qualitative:** This includes PAI indicators where Schroders' believes that the data available does not enable us to make a quantitative determination regarding whether significant harm is done so as to warrant excluding an investment. In such cases, the Investment Manager engages wherever possible with the company or companies held, in accordance with the priorities documented in Schroders' Engagement Blueprint and/or voting policy. This approach applies to indicators such as **PAI 12** (Unadjusted gender pay gap) and **PAI 13** (Board gender diversity), where we engage and may use our voting rights where we consider appropriate. Both board gender diversity and disclosure of gender pay gap information are captured in our Engagement Blueprint.

● ***How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights?***

Companies on Schroders' 'global norms' breach list cannot be categorised as sustainable investments. Schroders' determination of whether a company should be included on such list considers the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, among other relevant principles. The 'global norms' breach list is informed by third party providers and proprietary research, where relevant.

*The EU Taxonomy sets out a "do not significant harm" principle by which Taxonomy-aligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives and is accompanied by specific EU criteria.*

The "do not significant harm" principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.

*Any other sustainable investments must also not significantly harm any environmental or social objectives.*



## Does this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

✓ Yes, ~~the Investment Manager's approach to considering principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors involves classifying the indicators into three categories:~~

~~The Investment Manager's approach to considering principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors differs depending on the relevant indicator. Some indicators are considered via the application of exclusions, some are considered via the investment process (where data is available via Schroders PAI dashboard and via other external data sources) and some via engagement. Further details are provided below.~~

~~PAIs are considered as part of pre-investment through the application of exclusions. These include:~~

~~- Controversial weapons: PAI 14 (Exposure to controversial weapons (anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, chemical weapons and biological weapons)).~~

- Schroders' 'global norms' breach list, which covers: PAI 7 (Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas), PAI 8 (Emissions to water), PAI 9 (Hazardous waste and radioactive waste ratio), PAI 10 (Violations of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises), PAI 11 (Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises) and PAI 16 (Investee countries subject to social violations).

- Companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to thermal coal: PAI 4 (Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector) and PAI 5 (Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production).

Compliance with these thresholds is monitored via the Investment Manager's portfolio compliance framework. PAIs are also considered through integration in the investment process through the bottom-up stock analysis at a company level. The Asian Equities investment team uses a proprietary tool which provides a framework for analysing a company's relationship with its stakeholders and the sustainability of its business model and covers PAIs 1, 2, 3 and 6 (Greenhouse gas emissions). PAI indicators may be further reviewed via the Schroders PAI dashboard.

PAIs are also considered post-investment through engagement where the Investment Manager engages in line with the approach and expectations set out in Schroders Engagement Blueprint, which outlines our approach to active ownership.

The Investment Manager may engage with selected issuers held by the Fund on PAIs. For example, we aim to engage with several issuers on net zero carbon emissions targets (PAI 1,2,3), procuring renewable energy (PAI 5) and further topics of engagement may include board gender diversity which relates to PAI 13.

Where issuers are flagged on lack of data availability on PAIs, the Investment Manager may engage with issuers where the primary focus is to increase reporting, quality and availability of PAI data.

Our approach is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability, and quality, of PAI data evolves. The Management Company's statement on principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors is available at <https://mybrand.schroders.com/m/4ab13771bddd9d/original/Statement-on-principal-adverse-impacts-of-investment-decisions-on-sustainability-factors-2-1-new.pdf> <https://api.schroders.com/document-store/id/ffcb39bb-96cb-4e56-9461-deba9a493e85>. The Fund level information is disclosed or will be disclosed (as applicable) in the Fund's annual report.

1. Set thresholds: these involve very explicit thresholds for considering an investment to be a "sustainable investment". For example, PAI 10 on violations of UNGC principles.

2. Active ownership: these involve indicators on which we have a plan to engage with the underlying holding as set out in the Schroders Group document - <https://mybrand.schroders.com/m/3222ea4ed44a1f2c/original/schroders-engagement-blueprint.pdf>, outlining our approach to active ownership. For example, PAI 1, 2 and 3 covering GHG emissions and PAI 13 on board gender diversity.

3. Improve coverage: these involve indicators where we consider data coverage to be too sparse to properly consider them and our focus is primarily on engaging with the underlying holdings to increase reporting. For example, PAI 7 on biodiversity, PAI 9 on hazardous waste ratio and PAI 12 on the gender pay gap.

Our approach is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability, and quality, of PAI data evolves.

The Management Company's statement on principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors is available at <https://mybrand.schroders.com/m/467910ac8e6da45c/original/Statement-on-principal-adverse-impacts-of-investment-decisions-on-sustainability-factors.pdf>. The Fund level information is disclosed or will be (as applicable) in the Fund's annual report.

☐ No



**The investment strategy** guides investment decisions based on factors such as investment objectives and risk tolerance.

## What investment strategy does this financial product follow?

The sustainable investment strategy used by the Investment Manager is as follows:

The Fund is actively managed and invests at least two-thirds of its assets in equity and equity related securities of Indian companies.

The Fund may also invest up to one-third of its assets directly or indirectly in other securities (including other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies, Investment Funds, warrants and Money Market Investments, and hold cash.

The Fund may use derivatives with the aim of achieving investment gains, reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently.

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the MSCI India (Net TR) index, based on the Investment Manager's rating criteria.

The Fund does not directly invest in certain activities, industries or groups of issuers above the limits listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage, accessed via <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

The Investment Manager applies governance and sustainability criteria when selecting investments for the Fund.

In the selection and assessment of potential investment opportunities and holdings, companies are assessed on a proprietary stakeholder-based approach against criteria including, but not limited to (1) good governance practices; (2) impact on the environment and local communities; and (3) fair and equitable treatment of employees, suppliers and customers. Information and insights derived from Schroders' proprietary sustainability tools are utilised in this assessment and due diligence process.

The Investment Manager's proprietary analysis and ongoing engagement with these companies may also help it derive a reasonable level of conviction that concrete steps will be or are being taken to transition out of business segments or practices that have not met the sustainability criteria or improve on their relevant areas of weakness. The Investment Manager may consider these companies eligible for investment ahead of seeing changes in the company's ratings and rankings across both internal and external evaluation metrics.

The primary sources of information used to perform the analysis include the Investment Manager's proprietary tools and research, third-party research, NGO reports and expert networks. The Investment Manager also performs its own analysis of publicly available information provided by the companies, including information provided in company sustainability reports and other relevant company material.

More details on the Investment Manager's approach to sustainability and its engagement with companies are available on the webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/>

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than its investment universe, based on the Investment Manager's rating system.

The Investment Manager ensures that at least:

— 90% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in developed countries; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with an investment grade credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by developed countries; and

— 75% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in emerging countries; equities issued by small and medium companies; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with a high yield credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by emerging countries, is rated against the sustainability criteria.

For the purposes of this test, small companies are those with market capitalisation below €5 billion, medium companies are those between €5 billion and €10 billion and large companies are those above €10 billion.

● ***What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?***

The following binding elements are applied throughout the investment process:

- The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the MSCI India (Net TR) index based on the Investment Manager's rating criteria.
- The Fund invests at least 25% of its assets in sustainable investments and such investments do not cause significant environmental or social harm.
- Exclusions are applied to direct investments in companies. The Fund applies certain exclusions relating to international conventions on cluster munitions, antipersonnel mines, and chemical and biological weapons. The Fund also excludes companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to tobacco and thermal coal, especially companies that generate at least 10% of their revenues from tobacco production, companies that generate at least 25% of their revenues from the tobacco value chain (such as suppliers, distributors, retailers and licensors), companies that generate at least 10% of their revenues from thermal coal mining and companies that generate at least 30% of their revenues from coal fired power generation. The Fund excludes companies that are assessed by Schroders to have breached one or more 'global norms' thereby causing significant environmental or social harm; these companies comprise Schroders' 'global norms' breach list. In exceptional circumstances a derogation may be applied in order to allow the Fund to continue to hold a company on Schroders' 'global norms' breach list, for example where the stated investment strategy of the Fund may otherwise be compromised. Any such company cannot be categorised as a sustainable investment. Further, the Fund may apply other exclusions as listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>
- The Fund invests in companies that have good governance practices, as determined by the Investment Manager's rating criteria.

The Investment Manager ensures that at least:

- 90% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in developed countries; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with an investment grade credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by developed countries; and
- 75% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in emerging countries; equities issued by small and medium companies; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with a high yield credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by emerging countries,

is rated against the sustainability criteria.

● ***What is the committed minimum rate to reduce the scope of the investments considered prior to the application of that investment strategy?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.



**Good governance** practices include sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff and tax compliance.

● **What is the policy to assess good governance practices of the investee companies?**

In order to assess good governance practices, a central Good Governance Test is applied. This test is based on a data-driven quantitative framework, which uses a scorecard to assess companies across the categories of sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff, and tax compliance. Schroders has defined a number of criteria across these pillars.

Compliance with the test is monitored centrally and companies which do not pass this test cannot be held by the Fund, unless the Investment Manager has agreed that the issuer demonstrates good governance based on additional insights beyond that quantitative analysis.



**Asset allocation** describes the share of investments in specific assets.

**What is the asset allocation planned for this financial product?**

The planned composition of the Fund's investments that are used to meet its environmental or social characteristics are summarised below.

**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the minimum proportion of the Fund's assets used to attain the environmental or social characteristics, which is equal to 70%. The Fund commits to maintain a higher overall sustainability score than the MSCI India (Net TR) index, and so the Fund's investments that are scored by Schroders' proprietary sustainability tool are included within the minimum proportion stated in #1 on the basis that they will contribute to the Fund's sustainability score (whether such individual investment has a positive or a negative score). Also included within #1 is the minimum proportion of assets that are invested in sustainable investments, as indicated in #1A. The minimum proportions stated apply in normal market conditions. The actual proportion stated in #1 is expected to be higher.

The sustainability score is measured by Schroders' proprietary tool that provides an estimate of the net "impact" that an issuer may create in terms of social and environmental "costs" or "benefits". It does this by using certain indicators with respect to that issuer, and quantifying them positively and negatively to produce an aggregate notional measure of the effect that the relevant underlying issuer may have on society and the environment. Examples of such indicators are greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

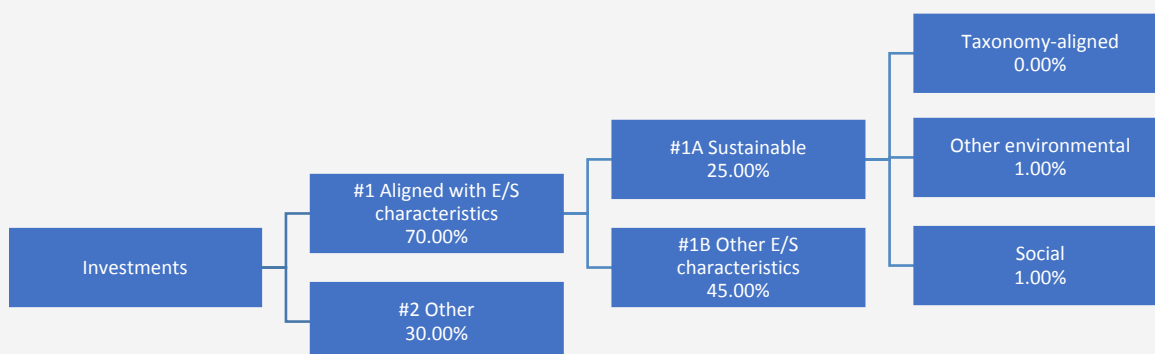
The Fund will invest at least 25% of its assets in sustainable investments. A sustainable investment is classified as having an environmental or social objective depending on whether the relevant issuer has a higher score in Schroders' proprietary tool relative to its applicable peer group for its environmental indicators or its social indicators. In each case, indicators are comprised of both "costs" and "benefits".

**#2 Other** includes cash which is treated as neutral for sustainability purposes. #2 also includes investments that are not scored by Schroders' proprietary sustainability tool and so do not contribute towards the Fund's sustainability score. As #1 states a minimum proportion that is in practice expected to be higher, the proportion stated in #2 is expected to be lower.

Minimum safeguards are applied where relevant to Money Market Investments and other investments by restricting (as appropriate) investments in counterparties where there are ownership links or exposure to higher risk countries (for the purpose of money laundering, terrorist financing, bribery, corruption, tax evasion and sanctions risks). A firm-wide risk assessment considers the risk rating of each jurisdiction; which includes reference to a number of public statements, indices and world governance indicators issued by the UN, the European Union, the UK Government, the Financial Action Task Force and several Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), such as Transparency International and the Basel Committee.

In addition, new counterparties are reviewed by Schroders' credit risk team and approval of a new counterparty is based on a holistic review of the various sources of information available, including, but not limited to, quality of management, ownership structure, location, regulatory and social environment to which each counterparty is subject, and the degree of development of the local banking system and its regulatory framework. Ongoing monitoring is performed through a Schroders' proprietary tool, which supports the analysis of a counterparty's management of environmental, social and governance trends and challenges. Any significant deterioration in the profile of the counterparty in Schroders' proprietary tool would lead to further analysis and potential exclusion by Schroders' credit risk team.





**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the investments of the financial product used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product.

**#2 Other** includes the remaining investments of the financial product which are neither aligned with the environmental or social characteristics, nor are qualified as sustainable investments.

The category **#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** covers:

- The sub-category **#1A Sustainable** covers sustainable investments with environmental or social objectives.
- The sub-category **#1B Other E/S characteristics** covers investments aligned with the environmental or social characteristics that do not qualify as sustainable investments.

#1 The minimum proportion stated applies in normal market conditions.

### ● **How does the use of derivatives attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?**

The Fund may use derivatives that are scored in Schroders' proprietary tool to meet the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted by the Fund, as such derivatives would contribute to the Fund's sustainability score (whether such individual investment has a positive or a negative score).



### **To what minimum extent are sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?**

There is no minimum extent to which the Fund's investments (including transitional and enabling activities) with an environmental objective are aligned with the Taxonomy. Taxonomy alignment of this Fund's investments has therefore not been calculated and has as a result been deemed to constitute 0% of the Fund's portfolio.

In future it is expected that the Fund will assess and report on the extent to which its underlying investments are in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the Taxonomy, along with information relating to the proportion of enabling and transitional activities. This Prospectus will be updated once it is possible in the Investment Manager's opinion to accurately disclose to what extent the Fund's investments are in Taxonomy-aligned environmentally sustainable activities, including the proportions of investments in enabling and transitional activities selected for the Fund.

### ● **Does the financial product invest in fossil gas and/or nuclear energy related activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy<sup>1</sup>?**

☐ Yes:

☐ In fossil gas ☐ In nuclear energy

☒ No

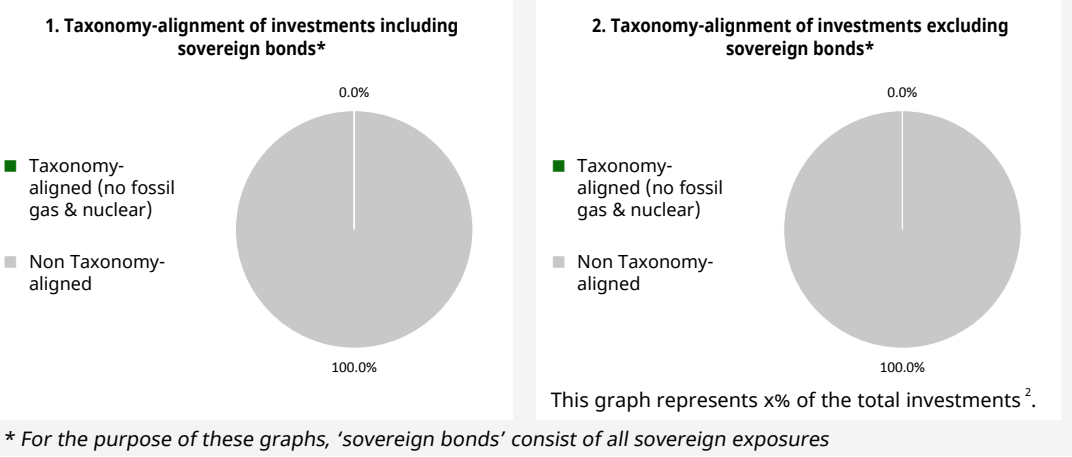
To comply with the EU Taxonomy, the criteria for **fossil gas** include limitations on emissions and switching to renewable power or low-carbon fuels by the end of 2035. For **nuclear energy**, the criteria include comprehensive safety and waste management rules.

<sup>1</sup> Fossil gas and/or nuclear related activities will only comply with the EU Taxonomy where they contribute to limiting climate change ("climate change mitigation") and do not significantly harm any EU Taxonomy objective – see explanatory note in the left-hand margin. The full criteria for fossil gas and nuclear energy economic activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy are laid down in Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1214.

Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

- **turnover** reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee companies
- **capital expenditure** (CapEx) showing the green investments made by investee companies, e.g. for a transition to a green economy.
- **operational expenditure** (OpEx) reflecting green operational activities of investee companies.

The two graphs below show in green the minimum percentage of investments that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the Taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy-alignment in relation to all the investments of the financial product including sovereign bonds, while the second graph shows the Taxonomy-alignment only in relation to the investments of the financial product other than sovereign bonds.



**Enabling activities** directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective.

**Transitional activities** are activities for which low-carbon alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.

- **What is the minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities?**  
As per the above, at the date of this Prospectus the share of investments by the Fund in transitional and enabling activities is currently deemed to constitute 0% of the Fund's portfolio.



- **What is the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?**  
The Fund commits to invest at least 1% of its assets in sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

are sustainable investments with an environmental objective that **do not take into account the criteria** for environmentally sustainable economic activities under the EU Taxonomy.

<sup>2</sup> As there is no Taxonomy-alignment, there is no impact on the graph if sovereign bonds are excluded (i.e. the percentage of Taxonomy-aligned investments remains 0%) and the Management Company therefore believes that there is no need to mention this information.



## What is the minimum share of socially sustainable investments?

The Fund commits to invest at least 1% of its assets in sustainable investments with a social objective.



## What investments are included under “#2 Other”, what is their purpose and are there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

**#2 Other** includes cash which is treated as neutral for sustainability purposes. #2 also includes investments that are not scored by Schroders’ proprietary sustainability tools and so do not contribute towards the Fund’s sustainability score.

Minimum safeguards are applied where relevant to Money Market Investments and other investments by restricting (as appropriate) investments in counterparties where there are ownership links or exposure to higher risk countries (for the purpose of money laundering, terrorist financing, bribery, corruption, tax evasion and sanctions risks). A firm-wide risk assessment considers the risk rating of each jurisdiction; which includes reference to a number of public statements, indices and world governance indicators issued by the UN, the European Union, the UK Government, the Financial Action Task Force and several Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), such as Transparency International and the Basel Committee.

In addition, new counterparties are reviewed by Schroders’ credit risk team and approval of a new counterparty is based on a holistic review of the various sources of information available, including, but not limited to, quality of management, ownership structure, location, regulatory and social environment to which each counterparty is subject, and the degree of development of the local banking system and its regulatory framework. Ongoing monitoring is performed through a Schroders’ proprietary tool, which supports the analysis of a counterparty’s management of environmental, social and governance trends and challenges. Any significant deterioration in the profile of the counterparty in Schroders’ proprietary tool would lead to further analysis and potential exclusion by Schroders’ credit risk team.



## Is a specific index designated as a reference benchmark to determine whether this financial product is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes?

**Reference benchmarks** are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the environmental or social characteristics that they promote.

- ***How is the reference benchmark continuously aligned with each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- ***How is the alignment of the investment strategy with the methodology of the index ensured on a continuous basis?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- ***How does the designated index differ from a relevant broad market index?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- ***Where can the methodology used for the calculation of the designated index be found?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.



## Where can I find more product specific information online?

More product-specific information can be found on the webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

Pre-contractual disclosure for the financial products referred to in Article 8, paragraphs 1, 2 and 2a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 6, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852

**Product name:** **Schroder International Selection Fund Italian Equity**

**Legal entity identifier:** **KZ4CKIFING0D2JM68769**

## Environmental and/or social characteristics

**Sustainable investment** means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good governance practices.

The **EU Taxonomy** is a classification system laid down in Regulation (EU) 2020/852, establishing a list of **environmentally sustainable economic activities**. That Regulation does not lay down a list of socially sustainable economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.

### Does this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?

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<input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with an environmental objective: __%</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> It <b>promotes Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics</b> and while it does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will have a minimum proportion of <b>25.00%</b> of sustainable investments
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	<input type="checkbox"/> It promotes E/S characteristics, but <b>will not make any sustainable investments</b>



## What environmental and/or social characteristics are promoted by this financial product?

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the FTSE Italia All-Share (TR) index, based on the Investment Manager's rating system. This benchmark (which is a broad market index) does not take into account the environmental and social characteristics promoted by the Fund.

The sustainability score is measured by Schroders' proprietary tool that provides an estimate of the net "impact" that an issuer may create in terms of social and environmental "costs" or "benefits". It does this by using certain indicators with respect to that issuer, and quantifying them positively and negatively to produce an aggregate notional measure of the effect that the relevant underlying issuer may have on society and the environment. It does this using third party data as well as Schroders own estimates and assumptions and the outcome may differ from other sustainability tools and measures. Examples of such indicators are greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

The result is expressed as an aggregate score of the sustainability indicators for each issuer, specifically a notional percentage (positive or negative) of sales of the relevant underlying issuer. For example, a score of +2% would mean an issuer contributes \$2 of relative notional positive impact (i.e. benefits to society) per \$100 of sales. The sustainability score of the Fund is derived from the scores of all issuers in the Fund's portfolio measured by Schroders' proprietary tool.

The Fund invests at least 25% of its assets in sustainable investments, which are investments that the Investment Manager expects to contribute towards the advancement of one or more environmental and/or social objective (s).

### What sustainability indicators are used to measure the attainment of each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

The Investment Manager monitors compliance with the characteristic to maintain a higher overall sustainability score than the FTSE Italia All-Share (TR) index by reference to the weighted average sustainability score of the Fund in Schroders' proprietary tool compared against the weighted average sustainability score of the FTSE Italia All-Share (TR) index in Schroders' proprietary tool over the previous **six-months** period, based on month-end data. The overall sustainability score aggregates the effect of sustainability indicators including but not limited to greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

**Sustainability indicators** measure how the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product are attained.

The Investment Manager monitors compliance with the characteristic to invest at least 25% of its assets in sustainable investments by reference to the sustainability score of each asset in Schroders' proprietary tool. Compliance with this is monitored daily via our automated compliance controls. The Fund also applies certain exclusions, with which the Investment Manager monitors compliance on an ongoing basis via its portfolio compliance framework.

● ***What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?***

In respect of the proportion of the Fund's portfolio that is invested in sustainable investments, each sustainable investment demonstrates a net positive effect across a range of environmental or social objectives, as scored by Schroders' proprietary tool. The environmental or social objectives of the sustainable investments that the Fund partially intends to make may include, but are not limited to, increasing environmental and/or social benefits such as greater water access or fair pay and reducing environmental, and/or social costs such as carbon emissions or food waste. For example, greater water access as measured by Schroders' proprietary tool are the estimated societal benefits of the provision of clean drinking water to human health.

● ***How do the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make, not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?***

The Investment Manager's approach to investing in issuers that do not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective includes the following:

- Firm-wide investment exclusions apply to Schroders funds. These relate to international conventions on cluster munitions, anti-personnel mines, and chemical and biological weapons and a list of those companies that are excluded is available at <https://www.schroders.com/en/sustainability/active-ownership/group-exclusions/>. Firm-wide exclusions also apply to companies generating more than 20% of their revenue from thermal coal mining.
- The Fund excludes companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to tobacco and thermal coal.
- The Fund excludes companies that are assessed by Schroders to have breached one or more 'global norms' thereby causing significant environmental or social harm; these companies comprise Schroders' 'global norms' breach list. Schroders' determination of whether a company has been involved in such a breach considers relevant principles such as those contained in the UN Global Compact (UNGC) principles, the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights. The 'global norms' breach list may be informed by assessments performed by third party providers and by proprietary research, where relevant to a particular situation. In exceptional circumstances a derogation may be applied in order to allow the Fund to continue to hold a company on Schroders' 'global norms' breach list, for example where the stated investment strategy of the Fund may otherwise be compromised. Any such company cannot be categorised as a sustainable investment.
- The Fund may also apply certain other exclusions in addition to those summarised above.

Further information on all of the Fund's investment exclusions is to be found under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

● ***How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?***

When seeking to identify significant harm, Schroders' approach to taking into account the Principal Adverse Impacts (PAI) indicators involves a quantitative and a qualitative assessment. Where it is not considered appropriate or feasible to set quantitative thresholds, the Investment Manager engages, where relevant. Investee companies deemed not to satisfy the quantitative thresholds would generally be excluded, unless on a case-by-case basis the data is deemed not representative of a company's performance in the relevant area.

This framework is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability and quality of the data evolves.

Our approach includes:

1. **Quantitative:** this includes indicators where specific thresholds have been established:

- Via the application of exclusions. This approach is relevant to **PAI 4** (Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector), **PAI 5** (Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production) and **PAI 14** (Exposure to controversial weapons). Further, the following PAIs are assessed as part of Schroders 'global norms' breach list exclusion (which seeks to exclude companies where significant harm is occurring):

**Principal adverse impacts** are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anticorruption and antibribery matters.

- **PAI 7** (Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas)
- **PAI 8** (Emissions to water)
- **PAI 9** (Hazardous waste and radioactive waste ratio)
- **PAI 10** (Violations of UN Global Compact principles and Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises)
- **PAI 11** (Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and Voluntary)
- **PAI 14** in Table 3 (Number of identified cases of severe human rights issues and incidents)
- Via the application of an alert system flag if the relevant indicator(s) exceeds a threshold. These quantitative thresholds to assess significant harm are established centrally by our Sustainable Investment team and monitored systematically. This approach applies to indicators where we have segmented the population into harm groups to establish a threshold, such as carbon related PAI metrics, **PAI 1** (GHG emissions), **PAI 2** (Carbon footprint) and **Voluntary PAI 4 in Table 2** (Investing in companies without carbon emission reduction initiatives). **PAI 3** (GHG intensity of investee companies) operates in a similar way but the threshold is based on a revenue metric. A threshold for **PAI 6** (Energy consumption intensity per high impact climate sector) is established based on the ~~above mentioned~~ carbon measures. A similar approach has been taken for **PAI 15** (GHG intensity). **PAI 16** (Investee countries subject to social violations) also operates in the same way but based on data availability regarding social violations. Through this process the relevant issuer(s) that is/are deemed not to satisfy the quantitative thresholds is/are flagged to the Investment Manager for consideration, whose response may involve selling the holdings(s) or maintaining the position if on a case-by-case basis the data is deemed not representative of a company's performance in the relevant area. Investee companies deemed to cause significant harm are excluded from the Fund.
- 2. **Qualitative:** This includes PAI indicators where Schroders' believes that the data available does not enable us to make a quantitative determination regarding whether significant harm is done so as to warrant excluding an investment. In such cases, the Investment Manager engages wherever possible with the company or companies held, in accordance with the priorities documented in Schroders' Engagement Blueprint and/or voting policy. This approach applies to indicators such as **PAI 12** (Unadjusted gender pay gap) and **PAI 13** (Board gender diversity), where we engage and may use our voting rights where we consider appropriate. Both board gender diversity and disclosure of gender pay gap information are captured in our Engagement Blueprint.

● ***How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:***

Companies on Schroders' 'global norms' breach list cannot be categorised as sustainable investments. Schroders' determination of whether a company should be included on such list considers the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, among other relevant principles. The 'global norms' breach list is informed by third party providers and proprietary research, where relevant.

*The EU Taxonomy sets out a "do not significant harm" principle by which Taxonomy-aligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives and is accompanied by specific EU criteria.*

The "do not significant harm" principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.

*Any other sustainable investments must also not significantly harm any environmental or social objectives.*



## Does this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

☑ Yes, ~~the Investment Manager's approach to considering principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors involves classifying the indicators into three categories:~~

~~The Investment Manager's approach to considering principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors differs depending on the relevant indicator. Some indicators are considered via the application of exclusions, some are considered via the investment process (where data is available via Schroders PAI dashboard and via other external data sources) and some via engagement. Further details are provided below.~~



PAIs are considered as part of pre-investment through the application of exclusions. These included:

- Controversial weapons: PAI 14 (Exposure to controversial weapons (anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, chemical weapons and biological weapons)).
- UNGC violators: PAI 10 (Violations of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises) and from July 2023 Schrodgers' 'global norms' breach list which covers: PAI 7 (Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas), PAI 8 (Emissions to water), PAI 9 (Hazardous waste ratio), PAI 10 (Violations of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises), PAI 11 (Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises) and PAI 16 (Investee countries subject to social violations).
- Companies that derived revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to thermal coal; PAI 4 (Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector) and PAI 5 (Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production that are deemed by the investment manager to contribute significantly to climate change are excluded from the investible universe: PAIs 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 (Greenhouse gas emissions)).

Compliance with these thresholds is monitored via the Investment Manager's portfolio compliance framework. PAIs are also considered through integration in the investment process. As part of the issuer level due diligence process, via company analysis from meetings with management teams and on desk analysis of annual reports and statements, several PAIs are considered. These are considered alongside PAIs from Schrodgers' proprietary tool which incorporates several PAIs as a component of its scoring methodology.

PAIs are also considered post-investment through engagement where the Investment Manager engages in line with the approach and expectations set out in Schrodgers Engagement Blueprint, which outlines our approach to active ownership. Over the period our engagements may cover a range of topics, including biodiversity challenges in the Energy sector, and climate & Net Zero commitments for held companies within the Utilities sector. These engagements related to PAIs 7 (Negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas) and 1, 2, 3 and 5 (GHG emissions, Carbon Footprint, GHG intensity of investee company and Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production).

Our approach is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability, and quality, of PAI data evolves. The Management Company's statement on principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors is available at <https://api.schrodgers.com/document-store/id/ffcb39bb-96cb-4e56-9461-deba9a493e85>. The Fund level information is disclosed or will be disclosed (as applicable) in the Fund's annual report.

1. Set thresholds: these involve very explicit thresholds for considering an investment to be a "sustainable investment". For example, PAI 10 on violations of UNGC principles.
2. Active ownership: these involve indicators on which we have a plan to engage with the underlying holding as set out in the Schrodgers Group document - <https://mybrand.schrodgers.com/m/3222ea4ed44a1f2c/original/schrodgers-engagement-blueprint.pdf>, outlining our approach to active ownership. For example, PAI 1, 2 and 3 covering GHG emissions and PAI 13 on board gender diversity.
3. Improve coverage: these involve indicators where we consider data coverage to be too sparse to properly consider them and our focus is primarily on engaging with the underlying holdings to increase reporting. For example, PAI 7 on biodiversity, PAI 9 on hazardous waste ratio and PAI 12 on the gender pay gap.

Our approach is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability, and quality, of PAI data evolves.

The Management Company's statement on principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors is available at <https://mybrand.schrodgers.com/m/467910ac8e6da45c/original/Statement-on-principal-adverse-impacts-of-investment-decisions-on-sustainability-factors.pdf>. The Fund level information is disclosed or will be (as applicable) in the Fund's annual report.

☐ No



## What investment strategy does this financial product follow?

**The investment strategy** guides investment decisions based on factors such as investment objectives and risk tolerance.

The sustainable investment strategy used by the Investment Manager is as follows:

The Fund is actively managed and invests at least 70% of its assets in a concentrated range (typically fewer than 50 companies) of equity and equity related securities of Italian companies. The Fund invests at least 25% of these assets (which corresponds to 17.5% of the Fund's assets) in equity and equity related securities of Italian companies that are not included in FTSE MIB index or other equivalent indices and at least 5% of these assets (which corresponds to 3.5% of the Fund's assets) in equity and equity related securities of Italian companies that are not included in the FTSE MIB and FTSE MID CAP indexes or other equivalent indices.

The Fund may invest up to 10% of its assets in securities issued by, or entered into with, the same company or companies belonging to the same group.

The Fund may also invest up to one-third of its assets directly or indirectly in other securities (including other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies, Investment Funds, warrants and Money Market Investments, and hold cash.

The Fund may use derivatives with the aim of achieving investment gains, reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently.

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the FTSE Italia All-Share (TR) index, based on the Investment Manager's rating criteria.

The Fund does not directly invest in certain activities, industries or groups of issuers above the limits listed under “Sustainability-Related Disclosure” on the Fund’s webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

The Investment Manager applies governance and sustainability criteria when selecting investments for the Fund.

Companies in the investment universe are assessed on their governance, environmental and social profile. The Investment Manager performs due diligence on potential holdings and this can include meetings with company management. The Investment Manager aims to identify the impact a business has on society whilst assessing relationships with key stakeholders such as employees, suppliers and regulators. This research is supported by quantitative analysis gained from Schroders’ proprietary sustainability tools which are key inputs to assessing how existing and potential investments are meeting the Fund’s sustainability criteria.

The sources of information used to perform the analysis include information provided by the companies, such as company sustainability reports and other relevant company material, as well as Schroders’ proprietary sustainability tools and third-party data.

More details on the Investment Manager’s approach to sustainability and its engagement with companies are available on the webpage

<https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/>

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than its investment universe, based on the Investment Manager’s rating system.

The Investment Manager ensures that at least:

— 90% of the portion of the Fund’s NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in developed countries; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with an investment grade credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by developed countries; and

— 75% of the portion of the Fund’s NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in emerging countries; equities issued by small and medium companies; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with a high yield credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by emerging countries,

is rated against the sustainability criteria.

For the purposes of this test, small companies are those with market capitalisation below €5 billion, medium companies are those between €5 billion and €10 billion and large companies are those above €10 billion.

● ***What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?***

The following binding elements are applied throughout the investment process:

- The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the FTSE Italia All-Share (TR) index based on the Investment Manager’s rating criteria.
- The Fund invests at least 25% of its assets in sustainable investments and such investments do not cause significant environmental or social harm.
- Exclusions are applied to direct investments in companies. The Fund applies certain exclusions relating to international conventions on cluster munitions, antipersonnel mines, and chemical and biological weapons. The Fund also excludes companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to tobacco and thermal coal, especially companies that generate at least 10% of their revenues from tobacco production, companies that generate at least 25% of their revenues from the tobacco value chain (such as suppliers, distributors, retailers and licensors), companies that generate at least 10% of their revenues from thermal coal mining and companies that generate at least 30% of their revenues from coal fired power generation. The Fund excludes companies that are assessed by Schroders to have breached one or more ‘global norms’ thereby causing significant environmental or social harm; these companies comprise Schroders’ ‘global norms’ breach list. In exceptional circumstances a derogation may be applied in order to allow the Fund to continue to hold a company on Schroders’ ‘global norms’ breach list, for example where the stated investment strategy of the Fund may otherwise be compromised. Any such company cannot be categorised as a sustainable investment. Further, the Fund may apply other exclusions as listed under “Sustainability-Related Disclosure” on the Fund’s webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>
- The Fund invests in companies that have good governance practices, as determined by the Investment Manager’s rating criteria.

The Investment Manager ensures that at least:

- 90% of the portion of the Fund’s NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in developed countries; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with an investment grade credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by developed countries; and
- 75% of the portion of the Fund’s NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in emerging countries; equities issued by small and medium companies; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with a high yield credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by emerging countries,

is rated against the sustainability criteria.

● **What is the committed minimum rate to reduce the scope of the investments considered prior to the application of that investment strategy?**

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

● **What is the policy to assess good governance practices of the investee companies?**

In order to assess good governance practices, a central Good Governance Test is applied. This test is based on a data-driven quantitative framework, which uses a scorecard to assess companies across the categories of sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff, and tax compliance. Schroders has defined a number of criteria across these pillars.

Compliance with the test is monitored centrally and companies which do not pass this test cannot be held by the Fund, unless the Investment Manager has agreed that the issuer demonstrates good governance based on additional insights beyond that quantitative analysis.

**Good governance** practices include sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff and tax compliance.



**Asset allocation** describes the share of investments in specific assets.

## What is the asset allocation planned for this financial product?

The planned composition of the Fund's investments that are used to meet its environmental or social characteristics are summarised below.

**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the minimum proportion of the Fund's assets used to attain the environmental or social characteristics, which is equal to 70%. The Fund commits to maintain a higher overall sustainability score than the FTSE Italia All-Share (TR) index, and so the Fund's investments that are scored by Schroders' proprietary sustainability tool are included within the minimum proportion stated in #1 on the basis that they will contribute to the Fund's sustainability score (whether such individual investment has a positive or a negative score). Also included within #1 is the minimum proportion of assets that are invested in sustainable investments, as indicated in #1A. The minimum proportions stated apply in normal market conditions. The actual proportion stated in #1 is expected to be higher.

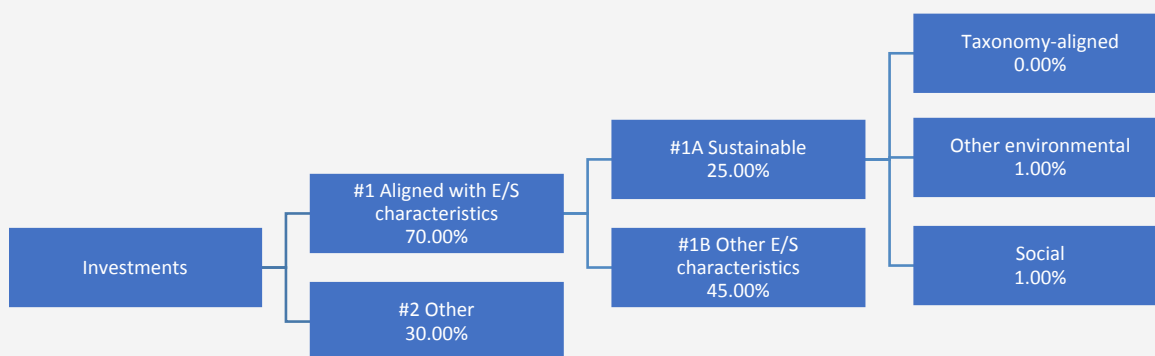
The sustainability score is measured by Schroders' proprietary tool that provides an estimate of the net "impact" that an issuer may create in terms of social and environmental "costs" or "benefits". It does this by using certain indicators with respect to that issuer, and quantifying them positively and negatively to produce an aggregate notional measure of the effect that the relevant underlying issuer may have on society and the environment. Examples of such indicators are greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

The Fund will invest at least 25% of its assets in sustainable investments. A sustainable investment is classified as having an environmental or social objective depending on whether the relevant issuer has a higher score in Schroders' proprietary tool relative to its applicable peer group for its environmental indicators or its social indicators. In each case, indicators are comprised of both "costs" and "benefits".

**#2 Other** includes cash which is treated as neutral for sustainability purposes. #2 also includes investments that are not scored by Schroders' proprietary sustainability tool and so do not contribute towards the Fund's sustainability score. As #1 states a minimum proportion that is in practice expected to be higher, the proportion stated in #2 is expected to be lower.

Minimum safeguards are applied where relevant to Money Market Investments and other investments by restricting (as appropriate) investments in counterparties where there are ownership links or exposure to higher risk countries (for the purpose of money laundering, terrorist financing, bribery, corruption, tax evasion and sanctions risks). A firm-wide risk assessment considers the risk rating of each jurisdiction; which includes reference to a number of public statements, indices and world governance indicators issued by the UN, the European Union, the UK Government, the Financial Action Task Force and several Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), such as Transparency International and the Basel Committee.

In addition, new counterparties are reviewed by Schroders' credit risk team and approval of a new counterparty is based on a holistic review of the various sources of information available, including, but not limited to, quality of management, ownership structure, location, regulatory and social environment to which each counterparty is subject, and the degree of development of the local banking system and its regulatory framework. Ongoing monitoring is performed through a Schroders' proprietary tool, which supports the analysis of a counterparty's management of environmental, social and governance trends and challenges. Any significant deterioration in the profile of the counterparty in Schroders' proprietary tool would lead to further analysis and potential exclusion by Schroders' credit risk team.



**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the investments of the financial product used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product.

**#2 Other** includes the remaining investments of the financial product which are neither aligned with the environmental or social characteristics, nor are qualified as sustainable investments.

The category **#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** covers:

- The sub-category **#1A Sustainable** covers sustainable investments with environmental or social objectives.
- The sub-category **#1B Other E/S characteristics** covers investments aligned with the environmental or social characteristics that do not qualify as sustainable investments.

#1 The minimum proportion stated applies in normal market conditions.

### ● **How does the use of derivatives attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?**

The Fund may use derivatives that are scored in Schroders' proprietary tool to meet the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted by the Fund, as such derivatives would contribute to the Fund's sustainability score (whether such individual investment has a positive or a negative score).



### **To what minimum extent are sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?**

There is no minimum extent to which the Fund's investments (including transitional and enabling activities) with an environmental objective are aligned with the Taxonomy. Taxonomy alignment of this Fund's investments has therefore not been calculated and has as a result been deemed to constitute 0% of the Fund's portfolio.

In future it is expected that the Fund will assess and report on the extent to which its underlying investments are in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the Taxonomy, along with information relating to the proportion of enabling and transitional activities. This Prospectus will be updated once it is possible in the Investment Manager's opinion to accurately disclose to what extent the Fund's investments are in Taxonomy-aligned environmentally sustainable activities, including the proportions of investments in enabling and transitional activities selected for the Fund.

### ● **Does the financial product invest in fossil gas and/or nuclear energy related activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy<sup>1</sup>?**

☐ Yes:

☐ In fossil gas ☐ In nuclear energy

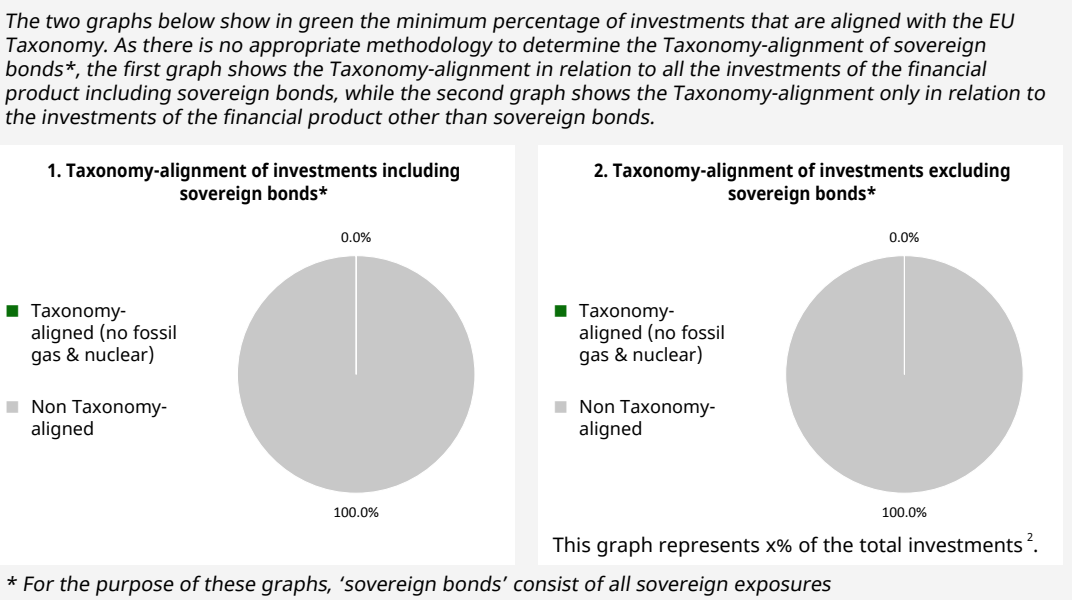
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To comply with the EU Taxonomy, the criteria for **fossil gas** include limitations on emissions and switching to renewable power or low-carbon fuels by the end of 2035. For **nuclear energy**, the criteria include comprehensive safety and waste management rules.

<sup>1</sup> Fossil gas and/or nuclear related activities will only comply with the EU Taxonomy where they contribute to limiting climate change ("climate change mitigation") and do not significantly harm any EU Taxonomy objective – see explanatory note in the left-hand margin. The full criteria for fossil gas and nuclear energy economic activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy are laid down in Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1214.

Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

- **turnover** reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee companies
- **capital expenditure** (CapEx) showing the green investments made by investee companies, e.g. for a transition to a green economy.
- **operational expenditure** (OpEx) reflecting green operational activities of investee companies.



**Enabling activities** directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective.

**Transitional activities** are activities for which low-carbon alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.

- **What is the minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities?**  
As per the above, at the date of this Prospectus the share of investments by the Fund in transitional and enabling activities is currently deemed to constitute 0% of the Fund's portfolio.



**What is the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?**  
The Fund commits to invest at least 1% of its assets in sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

are sustainable investments with an environmental objective that **do not take into account the criteria** for environmentally sustainable economic activities under the EU Taxonomy.

<sup>2</sup> As there is no Taxonomy-alignment, there is no impact on the graph if sovereign bonds are excluded (i.e. the percentage of Taxonomy-aligned investments remains 0%) and the Management Company therefore believes that there is no need to mention this information.



## What is the minimum share of socially sustainable investments?

The Fund commits to invest at least 1% of its assets in sustainable investments with a social objective.



## What investments are included under “#2 Other”, what is their purpose and are there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

**#2 Other** includes cash which is treated as neutral for sustainability purposes. #2 also includes investments that are not scored by Schroders’ proprietary sustainability tools and so do not contribute towards the Fund’s sustainability score.

Minimum safeguards are applied where relevant to Money Market Investments and other investments by restricting (as appropriate) investments in counterparties where there are ownership links or exposure to higher risk countries (for the purpose of money laundering, terrorist financing, bribery, corruption, tax evasion and sanctions risks). A firm-wide risk assessment considers the risk rating of each jurisdiction; which includes reference to a number of public statements, indices and world governance indicators issued by the UN, the European Union, the UK Government, the Financial Action Task Force and several Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), such as Transparency International and the Basel Committee.

In addition, new counterparties are reviewed by Schroders’ credit risk team and approval of a new counterparty is based on a holistic review of the various sources of information available, including, but not limited to, quality of management, ownership structure, location, regulatory and social environment to which each counterparty is subject, and the degree of development of the local banking system and its regulatory framework. Ongoing monitoring is performed through a Schroders’ proprietary tool, which supports the analysis of a counterparty’s management of environmental, social and governance trends and challenges. Any significant deterioration in the profile of the counterparty in Schroders’ proprietary tool would lead to further analysis and potential exclusion by Schroders’ credit risk team.



## Is a specific index designated as a reference benchmark to determine whether this financial product is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes?

**Reference benchmarks** are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the environmental or social characteristics that they promote.

- ***How is the reference benchmark continuously aligned with each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- ***How is the alignment of the investment strategy with the methodology of the index ensured on a continuous basis?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- ***How does the designated index differ from a relevant broad market index?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- ***Where can the methodology used for the calculation of the designated index be found?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.



## Where can I find more product specific information online?

More product-specific information can be found on the webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>



Pre-contractual disclosure for the financial products referred to in Article 8, paragraphs 1, 2 and 2a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 6, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852

**Product name:** [Schroder International Selection Fund Japanese Equity](#)

**Legal entity identifier:** [CJJRRIDG3Y95POYRD382](#)

## Environmental and/or social characteristics

<p><b>Sustainable investment</b> means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good governance practices.</p>	<p><b>Does this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?</b></p> <p> <input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Yes</b> <input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>No</b> </p>		
<p>The <b>EU Taxonomy</b> is a classification system laid down in Regulation (EU) 2020/852, establishing a list of <b>environmentally sustainable economic activities</b>. That Regulation does not lay down a list of socially sustainable economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.</p>	<table border="1"> <tr> <td data-bbox="258 436 869 1050"> <p><input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with an environmental objective: __%</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with a social objective __%</b></p> </td><td data-bbox="869 436 1482 1050"> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> It <b>promotes Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics</b> and while it does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will have a minimum proportion of <b>25.00%</b> of sustainable investments</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> with a social objective</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> It promotes E/S characteristics, but <b>will not make any sustainable investments</b></p> </td></tr> </table>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with an environmental objective: __%</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with a social objective __%</b></p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> It <b>promotes Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics</b> and while it does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will have a minimum proportion of <b>25.00%</b> of sustainable investments</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> with a social objective</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> It promotes E/S characteristics, but <b>will not make any sustainable investments</b></p>
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## What environmental and/or social characteristics are promoted by this financial product?

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the Tokyo Stock Exchange 1st Section index (TOPIX) (Net TR), based on the Investment Manager's rating system. This benchmark (which is a broad market index) does not take into account the environmental and social characteristics promoted by the Fund.

The sustainability score is measured by Schroders' proprietary tool that provides an estimate of the net "impact" that an issuer may create in terms of social and environmental "costs" or "benefits". It does this by using certain indicators with respect to that issuer, and quantifying them positively and negatively to produce an aggregate notional measure of the effect that the relevant underlying issuer may have on society and the environment. It does this using third party data as well as Schroders own estimates and assumptions and the outcome may differ from other sustainability tools and measures. Examples of such indicators are greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

The result is expressed as an aggregate score of the sustainability indicators for each issuer, specifically a notional percentage (positive or negative) of sales of the relevant underlying issuer. For example, a score of +2% would mean an issuer contributes \$2 of relative notional positive impact (i.e. benefits to society) per \$100 of sales. The sustainability score of the Fund is derived from the scores of all issuers in the Fund's portfolio measured by Schroders' proprietary tool.

The Fund invests at least 25% of its assets in sustainable investments, which are investments that the Investment Manager expects to contribute towards the advancement of one or more environmental and/or social objective (s).

### ● **What sustainability indicators are used to measure the attainment of each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?**

The Investment Manager monitors compliance with the characteristic to maintain a higher overall sustainability score than the Tokyo Stock Exchange 1st Section index (TOPIX) (Net TR) by reference to the weighted average sustainability score of the Fund in Schroders' proprietary tool compared against the weighted average sustainability score of the Tokyo Stock Exchange 1st Section index (TOPIX) (Net TR) in Schroders' proprietary tool over the previous six month period, based on month-end data. The overall sustainability score aggregates the effect of sustainability indicators including but not limited to greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

**Sustainability indicators** measure how the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product are attained.

The Investment Manager monitors compliance with the characteristic to invest at least 25% of its assets in sustainable investments by reference to the sustainability score of each asset in Schroders' proprietary tool. Compliance with this is monitored daily via our automated compliance controls. The Fund also applies certain exclusions, with which the Investment Manager monitors compliance on an ongoing basis via its portfolio compliance framework.

● ***What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?***

In respect of the proportion of the Fund's portfolio that is invested in sustainable investments, each sustainable investment demonstrates a net positive effect across a range of environmental or social objectives, as scored by Schroders' proprietary tool. The environmental or social objectives of the sustainable investments that the Fund partially intends to make may include, but are not limited to, increasing environmental and/or social benefits such as greater water access or fair pay and reducing environmental, and/or social costs such as carbon emissions or food waste. For example, greater water access as measured by Schroders' proprietary tool are the estimated societal benefits of the provision of clean drinking water to human health.

● ***How do the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make, not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?***

The Investment Manager's approach to investing in issuers that do not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective includes the following:

- Firm-wide investment exclusions apply to Schroders funds. These relate to international conventions on cluster munitions, anti-personnel mines, and chemical and biological weapons and a list of those companies that are excluded is available at <https://www.schroders.com/en/sustainability/active-ownership/group-exclusions/>. Firm-wide exclusions also apply to companies generating more than 20% of their revenue from thermal coal mining.
- The Fund excludes companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to tobacco and thermal coal.
- The Fund excludes companies that are assessed by Schroders to have breached one or more 'global norms' thereby causing significant environmental or social harm; these companies comprise Schroders' 'global norms' breach list. Schroders' determination of whether a company has been involved in such a breach considers relevant principles such as those contained in the UN Global Compact (UNGC) principles, the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights. The 'global norms' breach list may be informed by assessments performed by third party providers and by proprietary research, where relevant to a particular situation. In exceptional circumstances a derogation may be applied in order to allow the Fund to continue to hold a company on Schroders' 'global norms' breach list, for example where the stated investment strategy of the Fund may otherwise be compromised. Any such company cannot be categorised as a sustainable investment.
- The Fund may also apply certain other exclusions in addition to those summarised above.

Further information on all of the Fund's investment exclusions is to be found under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>.

● ***How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?***

When seeking to identify significant harm, Schroders' approach to taking into account the Principal Adverse Impacts (PAI) indicators involves a quantitative and a qualitative assessment. Where it is not considered appropriate or feasible to set quantitative thresholds, the Investment Manager engages, where relevant. Investee companies deemed not to satisfy the quantitative thresholds would generally be excluded, unless on a case-by-case basis the data is deemed not representative of a company's performance in the relevant area.

This framework is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability and quality of the data evolves.

Our approach includes:

1. **Quantitative:** this includes indicators where specific thresholds have been established:

- Via the application of exclusions. This approach is relevant to **PAI 4** (Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector), **PAI 5** (Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production) and **PAI 14** (Exposure to controversial weapons). Further, the following PAIs are assessed as part of Schroders 'global norms' breach list exclusion (which seeks to exclude companies where significant harm is occurring):

**Principal adverse impacts** are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anticorruption and antibribery matters.

- **PAI 7** (Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas)
- **PAI 8** (Emissions to water)
- **PAI 9** (Hazardous waste and radioactive waste ratio)
- **PAI 10** (Violations of UN Global Compact principles and Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises)
- **PAI 11** (Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and Voluntary)
- **PAI 14** in Table 3 (Number of identified cases of severe human rights issues and incidents)
- Via the application of an alert system flag if the relevant indicator(s) exceeds a threshold. These quantitative thresholds to assess significant harm are established centrally by our Sustainable Investment team and monitored systematically. This approach applies to indicators where we have segmented the population into harm groups to establish a threshold, such as carbon related PAI metrics, **PAI 1** (GHG emissions), **PAI 2** (Carbon footprint) and **Voluntary PAI 4 in Table 2** (Investing in companies without carbon emission reduction initiatives). **PAI 3** (GHG intensity of investee companies) operates in a similar way but the threshold is based on a revenue metric. A threshold for **PAI 6** (Energy consumption intensity per high impact climate sector) is established based on the ~~above-mentioned~~ carbon measures. A similar approach has been taken for **PAI 15** (GHG intensity). **PAI 16** (Investee countries subject to social violations) also operates in the same way but based on data availability regarding social violations. Through this process the relevant issuer(s) that is/are deemed not to satisfy the quantitative thresholds is/are flagged to the Investment Manager for consideration, whose response may involve selling the holdings(s) or maintaining the position if on a case-by-case basis the data is deemed not representative of a company's performance in the relevant area. Investee companies deemed to cause significant harm are excluded from the Fund.
- 2. **Qualitative:** This includes PAI indicators where Schroders' believes that the data available does not enable us to make a quantitative determination regarding whether significant harm is done so as to warrant excluding an investment. In such cases, the Investment Manager engages wherever possible with the company or companies held, in accordance with the priorities documented in Schroders' Engagement Blueprint and/or voting policy. This approach applies to indicators such as **PAI 12** (Unadjusted gender pay gap) and **PAI 13** (Board gender diversity), where we engage and may use our voting rights where we consider appropriate. Both board gender diversity and disclosure of gender pay gap information are captured in our Engagement Blueprint.

● ***How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:***

Companies on Schroders' 'global norms' breach list cannot be categorised as sustainable investments. Schroders' determination of whether a company should be included on such list considers the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, among other relevant principles. The 'global norms' breach list is informed by third party providers and proprietary research, where relevant.

*The EU Taxonomy sets out a "do not significant harm" principle by which Taxonomy-aligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives and is accompanied by specific EU criteria.*

The "do not significant harm" principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.

*Any other sustainable investments must also not significantly harm any environmental or social objectives.*



## Does this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

☒ Yes, ~~the Investment Manager's approach to considering principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors involves classifying the indicators into three categories:~~

~~The Investment Manager's approach to considering principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors differs depending on the relevant indicator. Some indicators are considered via the application of exclusions, some are considered via the investment process (where data is available via Schroders PAI dashboard and via other external data sources) and some are considered via engagement. Further details are provided below. PAIs are considered as part of pre-investment through the application of exclusions. These include:~~  
~~- Controversial weapons: PAI 14 (Exposure to controversial weapons (anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, chemical weapons and biological weapons))~~

- Schrodgers' 'global norms' breach list, which covers: PAI 7 (Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas), PAI 8 (Emissions to water), PAI 9 (Hazardous waste and radioactive waste ratio), PAI 10 (Violations of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises), PAI 11 (Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises) and PAI 16 (Investee countries subject to social violations)

- Companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to thermal coal: PAI 4 (Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector) and PAI 5 (Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production)

Compliance with these thresholds is monitored via the Investment Manager's portfolio compliance framework. PAIs are also considered through integration in the investment process. PAIs are considered through our ESG integrated process in both the analysis of individual companies and portfolio construction. Individual analysts are primarily responsible for financial forecasts and ESG assessment through the use of Schrodgers proprietary tools. The analysts' views on ESG factors covering multiple PAIs are quantified by our analysts, alongside fundamental financial factors.

All PAI indicators are monitored via Schrodgers PAI dashboard.

PAIs are also considered post-investment through engagement where the Investment Manager engages in line with the approach and expectations set out in the Schrodgers Engagement Blueprint, which outlines our approach to active ownership.

The Investment Manager may engage with selected companies on issues such as net zero targets, related to PAIs 1, 2 and 3. Social aspects including board gender diversity (PAI 13) and unadjusted gender pay gap (PAI 12), are also increasingly focused topics for engaging with Japanese companies. Where issuers are flagged on lack of data availability for any PAIs, the Investment Manager may also engage with issuers where the primary focus is to improve reporting.

Our approach is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability, and quality, of PAI data evolves. The Management Company's statement on principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors is available at <https://mybrand.schrodgers.com/m/4ab13771bddd9d/original/Statement-on-principal-adverse-impacts-of-investment-decisions-on-sustainability-factors-2-1-new.pdf> <https://api.schrodgers.com/document-store/id/ffcb39bb-96cb-4e56-9461-deba9a493e85>. The Fund level information is disclosed or will be (as applicable) in the Fund's annual report.

1. Set thresholds: these involve very explicit thresholds for considering an investment to be a "sustainable investment". For example, PAI 10 on violations of UNGC principles.

2. Active ownership: these involve indicators on which we have a plan to engage with the underlying holding as set out in the Schrodgers Group document <https://mybrand.schrodgers.com/m/3222ea4ed44a1f2c/original/schrodgers-engagement-blueprint.pdf>, outlining our approach to active ownership. For example, PAI 1, 2 and 3 covering GHG emissions and PAI 13 on board gender diversity.

3. Improve coverage: these involve indicators where we consider data coverage to be too sparse to properly consider them and our focus is primarily on engaging with the underlying holdings to increase reporting. For example, PAI 7 on biodiversity, PAI 9 on hazardous waste ratio and PAI 12 on the gender pay gap.

Our approach is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability, and quality, of PAI data evolves.

The Management Company's statement on principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors is available at <https://mybrand.schrodgers.com/m/467910ac8e6da45c/original/Statement-on-principal-adverse-impacts-of-investment-decisions-on-sustainability-factors.pdf>. The Fund level information is disclosed or will be (as applicable) in the Fund's annual report.

☐ No



## What investment strategy does this financial product follow?

**The investment strategy** guides investment decisions based on factors such as investment objectives and risk tolerance.

The sustainable investment strategy used by the Investment Manager is as follows:

The Fund is actively managed and invests at least two-thirds of its assets in equity and equity related securities of Japanese companies.

The Fund may also invest up to one-third of its assets directly or indirectly in other securities (including other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies, Investment Funds, warrants and Money Market Investments, and hold cash.

The Fund may use derivatives with the aim of achieving investment gains, reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently.

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the Tokyo Stock Exchange 1st Section index (TOPIX) (Net TR), based on the Investment Manager's rating system.

The Fund does not directly invest in certain activities, industries or groups of issuers above the limits listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schrodgers.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

The Investment Manager applies governance and sustainability criteria when selecting investments for the Fund. The investable universe is assessed using a number of proprietary tools, as well as external rating services.

The Investment Manager performs due diligence on all potential holdings, including meetings with management, and assesses the company's governance, environmental and social profile across a range of factors. This process is supported by quantitative analysis provided by Schrodgers' proprietary sustainability tools, which are key inputs to assess how existing and potential investments for the portfolio are meeting the Fund's

sustainability criteria. In some cases, companies which fall below our sustainability criteria may still be eligible for investment if, as a result of proprietary analysis and ongoing engagement with management, the Investment Manager believes the company will meet our sustainability criteria within a realistic time horizon.

For a company to be eligible to be held in the Fund, it is expected to show a commitment to its stakeholders, including customers, employees, suppliers, shareholders and regulators. The Fund selects companies whose businesses demonstrate good governance and aim to treat stakeholders equitably.

More details on the Investment Manager's approach to sustainability and its engagement with companies are available on the webpage

<https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/>

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than its investment universe, based on the Investment Manager's rating system.

The Investment Manager ensures that at least:

-- 90% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in developed countries; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with an investment grade credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by developed countries; and

-- 75% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in emerging countries; equities issued by small and medium companies; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with a high yield credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by emerging countries,

is rated against the sustainability criteria. For the purposes of this test, small companies are those with market capitalisation below €5 billion, medium companies are those between €5 billion and €10 billion and large companies are those above €10 billion.

● ***What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?***

The following binding elements are applied throughout the investment process:

- The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the Tokyo Stock Exchange 1st Section index (TOPIX) (Net TR) based on the Investment Manager's rating criteria.
- The Fund invests at least 25% of its assets in sustainable investments and such investments do not cause significant environmental or social harm.
- Exclusions are applied to direct investments in companies. The Fund applies certain exclusions relating to international conventions on cluster munitions, antipersonnel mines, and chemical and biological weapons. The Fund also excludes companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to tobacco and thermal coal, especially companies that generate at least 10% of their revenues from tobacco production, companies that generate at least 25% of their revenues from the tobacco value chain (such as suppliers, distributors, retailers and licensors), companies that generate at least 10% of their revenues from thermal coal mining and companies that generate at least 30% of their revenues from coal fired power generation. The Fund excludes companies that are assessed by Schroders to have breached one or more 'global norms' thereby causing significant environmental or social harm; these companies comprise Schroders' 'global norms' breach list. In exceptional circumstances a derogation may be applied in order to allow the Fund to continue to hold a company on Schroders' 'global norms' breach list, for example where the stated investment strategy of the Fund may otherwise be compromised. Any such company cannot be categorised as a sustainable investment. Further, the Fund may apply other exclusions as listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>
- The Fund invests in companies that have good governance practices, as determined by the Investment Manager's rating criteria.

The Investment Manager ensures that at least:

- 90% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in developed countries; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with an investment grade credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by developed countries; and
- 75% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in emerging countries; equities issued by small and medium companies; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with a high yield credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by emerging countries,

is rated against the sustainability criteria.

● ***What is the committed minimum rate to reduce the scope of the investments considered prior to the application of that investment strategy?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.



**Good governance** practices include sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff and tax compliance.

● **What is the policy to assess good governance practices of the investee companies?**

In order to assess good governance practices, a central Good Governance Test is applied. This test is based on a data-driven quantitative framework, which uses a scorecard to assess companies across the categories of sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff, and tax compliance. Schroders has defined a number of criteria across these pillars.

Compliance with the test is monitored centrally and companies which do not pass this test cannot be held by the Fund, unless the Investment Manager has agreed that the issuer demonstrates good governance based on additional insights beyond that quantitative analysis.



**Asset allocation** describes the share of investments in specific assets.

**What is the asset allocation planned for this financial product?**

The planned composition of the Fund's investments that are used to meet its environmental or social characteristics are summarised below.

**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the minimum proportion of the Fund's assets used to attain the environmental or social characteristics, which is equal to 70%. The Fund commits to maintain a higher overall sustainability score than the Tokyo Stock Exchange 1st Section index (TOPIX) (Net TR), and so the Fund's investments that are scored by Schroders' proprietary sustainability tool are included within the minimum proportion stated in #1 on the basis that they will contribute to the Fund's sustainability score (whether such individual investment has a positive or a negative score). Also included within #1 is the minimum proportion of assets that are invested in sustainable investments, as indicated in #1A. The minimum proportions stated apply in normal market conditions. The actual proportion stated in #1 is expected to be higher.

The sustainability score is measured by Schroders' proprietary tool that provides an estimate of the net "impact" that an issuer may create in terms of social and environmental "costs" or "benefits". It does this by using certain indicators with respect to that issuer, and quantifying them positively and negatively to produce an aggregate notional measure of the effect that the relevant underlying issuer may have on society and the environment. Examples of such indicators are greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

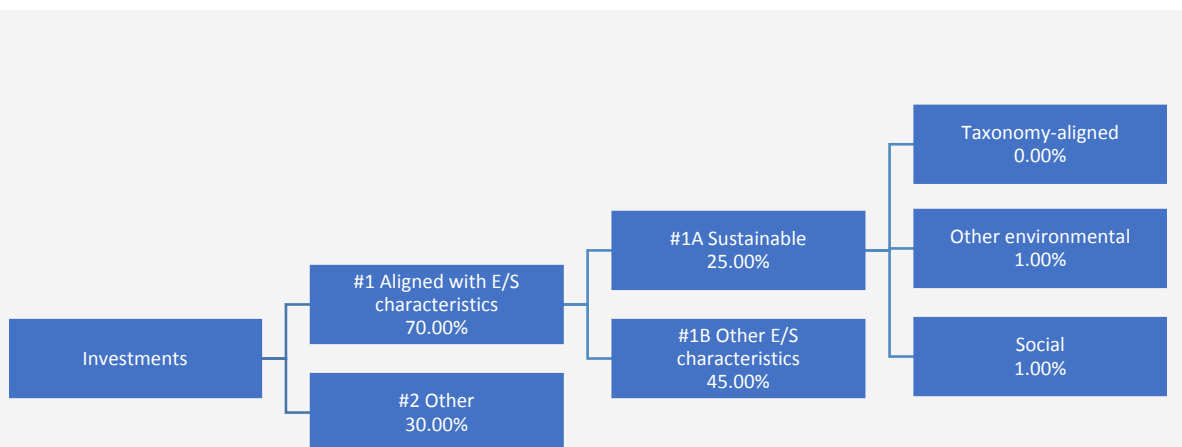
The Fund will invest at least 25% of its assets in sustainable investments. A sustainable investment is classified as having an environmental or social objective depending on whether the relevant issuer has a higher score in Schroders' proprietary tool relative to its applicable peer group for its environmental indicators or its social indicators. In each case, indicators are comprised of both "costs" and "benefits".

**#2 Other** includes cash which is treated as neutral for sustainability purposes. #2 also includes investments that are not scored by Schroders' proprietary sustainability tool and so do not contribute towards the Fund's sustainability score. As #1 states a minimum proportion that is in practice expected to be higher, the proportion stated in #2 is expected to be lower.

Minimum safeguards are applied where relevant to Money Market Investments and other investments by restricting (as appropriate) investments in counterparties where there are ownership links or exposure to higher risk countries (for the purpose of money laundering, terrorist financing, bribery, corruption, tax evasion and sanctions risks). A firm-wide risk assessment considers the risk rating of each jurisdiction; which includes reference to a number of public statements, indices and world governance indicators issued by the UN, the European Union, the UK Government, the Financial Action Task Force and several Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), such as Transparency International and the Basel Committee.

In addition, new counterparties are reviewed by Schroders' credit risk team and approval of a new counterparty is based on a holistic review of the various sources of information available, including, but not limited to, quality of management, ownership structure, location, regulatory and social environment to which each counterparty is subject, and the degree of development of the local banking system and its regulatory framework. Ongoing monitoring is performed through a Schroders' proprietary tool, which supports the analysis of a counterparty's management of environmental, social and governance trends and challenges. Any significant deterioration in the profile of the counterparty in Schroders' proprietary tool would lead to further analysis and potential exclusion by Schroders' credit risk team.





**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the investments of the financial product used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product.

**#2 Other** includes the remaining investments of the financial product which are neither aligned with the environmental or social characteristics, nor are qualified as sustainable investments.

The category **#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** covers:

- The sub-category **#1A Sustainable** covers sustainable investments with environmental or social objectives.
- The sub-category **#1B Other E/S characteristics** covers investments aligned with the environmental or social characteristics that do not qualify as sustainable investments.

#1 The minimum proportion stated applies in normal market conditions.

● **How does the use of derivatives attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?**

The Fund may use derivatives that are scored in Schroders' proprietary tool to meet the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted by the Fund, as such derivatives would contribute to the Fund's sustainability score (whether such individual investment has a positive or a negative score).



**To what minimum extent are sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?**

There is no minimum extent to which the Fund's investments (including transitional and enabling activities) with an environmental objective are aligned with the Taxonomy. Taxonomy alignment of this Fund's investments has therefore not been calculated and has as a result been deemed to constitute 0% of the Fund's portfolio.

In future it is expected that the Fund will assess and report on the extent to which its underlying investments are in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the Taxonomy, along with information relating to the proportion of enabling and transitional activities. This Prospectus will be updated once it is possible in the Investment Manager's opinion to accurately disclose to what extent the Fund's investments are in Taxonomy-aligned environmentally sustainable activities, including the proportions of investments in enabling and transitional activities selected for the Fund.

● **Does the financial product invest in fossil gas and/or nuclear energy related activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy<sup>1</sup>?**

☐ Yes:

☐ In fossil gas ☐ In nuclear energy

☒ No

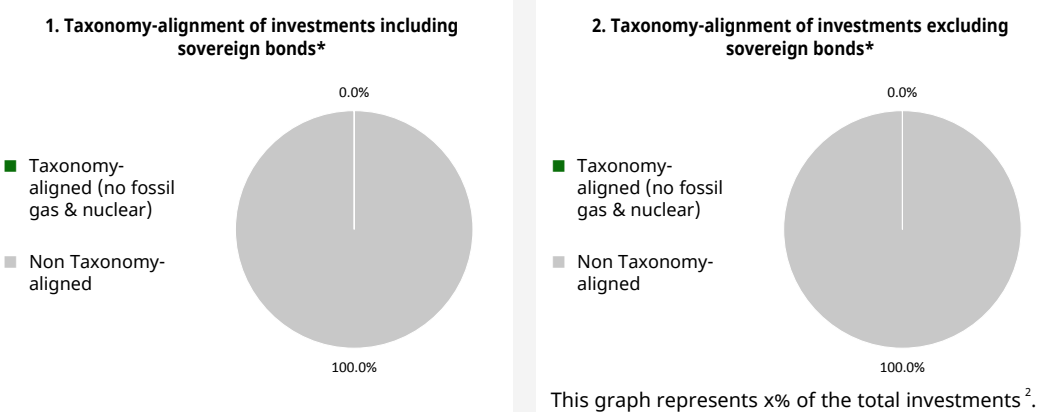
To comply with the EU Taxonomy, the criteria for **fossil gas** include limitations on emissions and switching to renewable power or low-carbon fuels by the end of 2035. For **nuclear energy**, the criteria include comprehensive safety and waste management rules.

<sup>1</sup> Fossil gas and/or nuclear related activities will only comply with the EU Taxonomy where they contribute to limiting climate change ("climate change mitigation") and do not significantly harm any EU Taxonomy objective – see explanatory note in the left-hand margin. The full criteria for fossil gas and nuclear energy economic activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy are laid down in Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1214.

Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

- **turnover** reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee companies
- **capital expenditure** (CapEx) showing the green investments made by investee companies, e.g. for a transition to a green economy.
- **operational expenditure** (OpEx) reflecting green operational activities of investee companies.

The two graphs below show in green the minimum percentage of investments that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the Taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy-alignment in relation to all the investments of the financial product including sovereign bonds, while the second graph shows the Taxonomy-alignment only in relation to the investments of the financial product other than sovereign bonds.



\* For the purpose of these graphs, 'sovereign bonds' consist of all sovereign exposures

**Enabling activities** directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective.

**Transitional activities** are activities for which low-carbon alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.

● **What is the minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities?**

As per the above, at the date of this Prospectus the share of investments by the Fund in transitional and enabling activities is currently deemed to constitute 0% of the Fund’s portfolio.



**What is the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?**

The Fund commits to invest at least 1% of its assets in sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy.



are sustainable investments with an environmental objective that **do not take into account the criteria** for environmentally sustainable economic activities under the EU Taxonomy.

<sup>2</sup> As there is no Taxonomy-alignment, there is no impact on the graph if sovereign bonds are excluded (i.e. the percentage of Taxonomy-aligned investments remains 0%) and the Management Company therefore believes that there is no need to mention this information.



## What is the minimum share of socially sustainable investments?

The Fund commits to invest at least 1% of its assets in sustainable investments with a social objective.



## What investments are included under “#2 Other”, what is their purpose and are there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

**#2 Other** includes cash which is treated as neutral for sustainability purposes. #2 also includes investments that are not scored by Schroders’ proprietary sustainability tools and so do not contribute towards the Fund’s sustainability score.

Minimum safeguards are applied where relevant to Money Market Investments and other investments by restricting (as appropriate) investments in counterparties where there are ownership links or exposure to higher risk countries (for the purpose of money laundering, terrorist financing, bribery, corruption, tax evasion and sanctions risks). A firm-wide risk assessment considers the risk rating of each jurisdiction; which includes reference to a number of public statements, indices and world governance indicators issued by the UN, the European Union, the UK Government, the Financial Action Task Force and several Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), such as Transparency International and the Basel Committee.

In addition, new counterparties are reviewed by Schroders’ credit risk team and approval of a new counterparty is based on a holistic review of the various sources of information available, including, but not limited to, quality of management, ownership structure, location, regulatory and social environment to which each counterparty is subject, and the degree of development of the local banking system and its regulatory framework. Ongoing monitoring is performed through a Schroders’ proprietary tool, which supports the analysis of a counterparty’s management of environmental, social and governance trends and challenges. Any significant deterioration in the profile of the counterparty in Schroders’ proprietary tool would lead to further analysis and potential exclusion by Schroders’ credit risk team.



## Is a specific index designated as a reference benchmark to determine whether this financial product is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes?

**Reference benchmarks** are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the environmental or social characteristics that they promote.

- ***How is the reference benchmark continuously aligned with each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- ***How is the alignment of the investment strategy with the methodology of the index ensured on a continuous basis?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- ***How does the designated index differ from a relevant broad market index?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- ***Where can the methodology used for the calculation of the designated index be found?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.



## Where can I find more product specific information online?

More product-specific information can be found on the webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

Pre-contractual disclosure for the financial products referred to in Article 8, paragraphs 1, 2 and 2a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 6, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852

**Product name:** **Schroder International Selection Fund Japanese Opportunities**

**Legal entity identifier:** **GGI5GYUNQ0FQ074VII96**

## Environmental and/or social characteristics

<p><b>Sustainable investment</b> means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good governance practices.</p>	<p><b>Does this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?</b></p>	
<p>The <b>EU Taxonomy</b> is a classification system laid down in Regulation (EU) 2020/852, establishing a list of <b>environmentally sustainable economic activities</b>. That Regulation does not lay down a list of socially sustainable economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.</p>	<p><input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Yes</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with an environmental objective: __%</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with a social objective __%</b></p>	<p><input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>No</b></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> It <b>promotes Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics</b> and while it does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will have a minimum proportion of <b>25.00%</b> of sustainable investments</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> with a social objective</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> It promotes E/S characteristics, but <b>will not make any sustainable investments</b></p>



## What environmental and/or social characteristics are promoted by this financial product?

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the Tokyo Stock Exchange 1st Section index (TOPIX) (Net TR), based on the Investment Manager's rating system. This benchmark (which is a broad market index) does not take into account the environmental and social characteristics promoted by the Fund.

The sustainability score is measured by Schroders' proprietary tool that provides an estimate of the net "impact" that an issuer may create in terms of social and environmental "costs" or "benefits". It does this by using certain indicators with respect to that issuer, and quantifying them positively and negatively to produce an aggregate notional measure of the effect that the relevant underlying issuer may have on society and the environment. It does this using third party data as well as Schroders own estimates and assumptions and the outcome may differ from other sustainability tools and measures. Examples of such indicators are greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

The result is expressed as an aggregate score of the sustainability indicators for each issuer, specifically a notional percentage (positive or negative) of sales of the relevant underlying issuer. For example, a score of +2% would mean an issuer contributes \$2 of relative notional positive impact (i.e. benefits to society) per \$100 of sales. The sustainability score of the Fund is derived from the scores of all issuers in the Fund's portfolio measured by Schroders' proprietary tool.

The Fund invests at least 25% of its assets in sustainable investments, which are investments that the Investment Manager expects to contribute towards the advancement of one or more environmental and/or social objective (s).

### ● **What sustainability indicators are used to measure the attainment of each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?**

The Investment Manager monitors compliance with the characteristic to maintain a higher overall sustainability score than the Tokyo Stock Exchange 1st Section index (TOPIX) (Net TR) by reference to the weighted average sustainability score of the Fund in Schroders' proprietary tool compared against the weighted average sustainability score of the Tokyo Stock Exchange 1st Section index (TOPIX) (Net TR) in Schroders' proprietary tool over the previous six month period, based on month-end data. The overall sustainability score aggregates the effect of sustainability indicators including but not limited to greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

**Sustainability indicators** measure how the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product are attained.

The Investment Manager monitors compliance with the characteristic to invest at least 25% of its assets in sustainable investments by reference to the sustainability score of each asset in Schroders' proprietary tool. Compliance with this is monitored daily via our automated compliance controls. The Fund also applies certain exclusions, with which the Investment Manager monitors compliance on an ongoing basis via its portfolio compliance framework.

● ***What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?***

In respect of the proportion of the Fund's portfolio that is invested in sustainable investments, each sustainable investment demonstrates a net positive effect across a range of environmental or social objectives, as scored by Schroders' proprietary tool. The environmental or social objectives of the sustainable investments that the Fund partially intends to make may include, but are not limited to, increasing environmental and/or social benefits such as greater water access or fair pay and reducing environmental, and/or social costs such as carbon emissions or food waste. For example, greater water access as measured by Schroders' proprietary tool are the estimated societal benefits of the provision of clean drinking water to human health.

● ***How do the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make, not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?***

The Investment Manager's approach to investing in issuers that do not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective includes the following:

- Firm-wide investment exclusions apply to Schroders funds. These relate to international conventions on cluster munitions, anti-personnel mines, and chemical and biological weapons and a list of those companies that are excluded is available at <https://www.schroders.com/en/sustainability/active-ownership/group-exclusions/>. Firm-wide exclusions also apply to companies generating more than 20% of their revenue from thermal coal mining.
- The Fund excludes companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to tobacco and thermal coal.
- The Fund excludes companies that are assessed by Schroders to have breached one or more 'global norms' thereby causing significant environmental or social harm; these companies comprise Schroders' 'global norms' breach list. Schroders' determination of whether a company has been involved in such a breach considers relevant principles such as those contained in the UN Global Compact (UNGC) principles, the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights. The 'global norms' breach list may be informed by assessments performed by third party providers and by proprietary research, where relevant to a particular situation. In exceptional circumstances a derogation may be applied in order to allow the Fund to continue to hold a company on Schroders' 'global norms' breach list, for example where the stated investment strategy of the Fund may otherwise be compromised. Any such company cannot be categorised as a sustainable investment.
- The Fund may also apply certain other exclusions in addition to those summarised above.

Further information on all of the Fund's investment exclusions is to be found under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

● ***How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?***

When seeking to identify significant harm, Schroders' approach to taking into account the Principal Adverse Impacts (PAI) indicators involves a quantitative and a qualitative assessment. Where it is not considered appropriate or feasible to set quantitative thresholds, the Investment Manager engages, where relevant. Investee companies deemed not to satisfy the quantitative thresholds would generally be excluded, unless on a case-by-case basis the data is deemed not representative of a company's performance in the relevant area.

This framework is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability and quality of the data evolves.

Our approach includes:

1. **Quantitative:** this includes indicators where specific thresholds have been established:

- Via the application of exclusions. This approach is relevant to **PAI 4** (Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector), **PAI 5** (Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production) and **PAI 14** (Exposure to controversial weapons). Further, the following PAIs are assessed as part of Schroders 'global norms' breach list exclusion (which seeks to exclude companies where significant harm is occurring):

**Principal adverse impacts** are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anticorruption and antibribery matters.

- **PAI 7** (Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas)
- **PAI 8** (Emissions to water)
- **PAI 9** (Hazardous waste and radioactive waste ratio)
- **PAI 10** (Violations of UN Global Compact principles and Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises)
- **PAI 11** (Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and Voluntary)
- **PAI 14** in Table 3 (Number of identified cases of severe human rights issues and incidents)
- Via the application of an alert system flag if the relevant indicator(s) exceeds a threshold. These quantitative thresholds to assess significant harm are established centrally by our Sustainable Investment team and monitored systematically. This approach applies to indicators where we have segmented the population into harm groups to establish a threshold, such as carbon related PAI metrics, **PAI 1** (GHG emissions), **PAI 2** (Carbon footprint) and **Voluntary PAI 4 in Table 2** (Investing in companies without carbon emission reduction initiatives). **PAI 3** (GHG intensity of investee companies) operates in a similar way but the threshold is based on a revenue metric. A threshold for **PAI 6** (Energy consumption intensity per high impact climate sector) is established based on the ~~above-mentioned~~ carbon measures. A similar approach has been taken for **PAI 15** (GHG intensity). **PAI 16** (Investee countries subject to social violations) also operates in the same way but based on data availability regarding social violations. Through this process the relevant issuer(s) that is/are deemed not to satisfy the quantitative thresholds is/are flagged to the Investment Manager for consideration, whose response may involve selling the holdings(s) or maintaining the position if on a case-by-case basis the data is deemed not representative of a company's performance in the relevant area. Investee companies deemed to cause significant harm are excluded from the Fund.
- 2. **Qualitative:** This includes PAI indicators where Schroders' believes that the data available does not enable us to make a quantitative determination regarding whether significant harm is done so as to warrant excluding an investment. In such cases, the Investment Manager engages wherever possible with the company or companies held, in accordance with the priorities documented in Schroders' Engagement Blueprint and/or voting policy. This approach applies to indicators such as **PAI 12** (Unadjusted gender pay gap) and **PAI 13** (Board gender diversity), where we engage and may use our voting rights where we consider appropriate. Both board gender diversity and disclosure of gender pay gap information are captured in our Engagement Blueprint.

● ***How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:***

Companies on Schroders' 'global norms' breach list cannot be categorised as sustainable investments. Schroders' determination of whether a company should be included on such list considers the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, among other relevant principles. The 'global norms' breach list is informed by third party providers and proprietary research, where relevant.

*The EU Taxonomy sets out a "do not significant harm" principle by which Taxonomy-aligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives and is accompanied by specific EU criteria.*

The "do not significant harm" principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.

*Any other sustainable investments must also not significantly harm any environmental or social objectives.*



## Does this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

☒ Yes, ~~the Investment Manager's approach to considering principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors involves classifying the indicators into three categories:~~

~~The Investment Manager's approach to considering principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors differs depending on the relevant indicator. Some indicators are considered via the application of exclusions, some are considered via the investment process (where data is available via Schroders PAI dashboard and via other external data sources) and some are considered via engagement. Further details are provided below. PAIs are considered as part of pre-investment through the application of exclusions. These include:~~  
~~- Controversial weapons: PAI 14 (Exposure to controversial weapons (anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, chemical weapons and biological weapons))~~



- Schrodgers' 'global norms' breach list, which covers: PAI 7 (Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas), PAI 8 (Emissions to water), PAI 9 (Hazardous waste and radioactive waste ratio), PAI 10 (Violations of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises), PAI 11 (Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises) and PAI 16 (Investee countries subject to social violations)

- Companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to thermal coal: PAI 4 (Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector) and PAI 5 (Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production)

Compliance with these thresholds is monitored via the Investment Manager's portfolio compliance framework. PAIs are also considered through integration in the investment process. PAIs are considered through our ESG integrated process in both the analysis of individual companies and portfolio construction. Individual analysts are primarily responsible for financial forecasts and ESG assessment through the use of Schrodgers proprietary tools. The analysts' views on ESG factors covering multiple PAIs are quantified by our analysts, alongside fundamental financial factors.

All PAI indicators are monitored via Schrodgers PAI dashboard.

PAIs are also considered post-investment through engagement where the Investment Manager engages in line with the approach and expectations set out in the Schrodgers Engagement Blueprint, which outlines our approach to active ownership.

The Investment Manager may engage with selected companies on issues such as net zero targets, related to PAIs 1, 2 and 3. Social aspects including board gender diversity (PAI 13) and unadjusted gender pay gap (PAI 12), are also increasingly focused topics for engaging with Japanese companies. Where issuers are flagged on lack of data availability for any PAIs, the Investment Manager may also engage with issuers where the primary focus is to improve reporting.

Our approach is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability, and quality, of PAI data evolves. The Management Company's statement on principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors is available at <https://mybrand.schrodgers.com/m/4ab13771bddd9d/original/Statement-on-principal-adverse-impacts-of-investment-decisions-on-sustainability-factors-2-1-new.pdf> <https://api.schrodgers.com/document-store/id/ffcb39bb-96cb-4e56-9461-deba9a493e85>. The Fund level information is disclosed or will be (as applicable) in the Fund's annual report.

1. Set thresholds: these involve very explicit thresholds for considering an investment to be a "sustainable investment". For example, PAI 10 on violations of UNGC principles.

2. Active ownership: these involve indicators on which we have a plan to engage with the underlying holding as set out in the Schrodgers Group document <https://mybrand.schrodgers.com/m/3222ea4ed44a1f2c/original/schrodgers-engagement-blueprint.pdf>, outlining our approach to active ownership. For example, PAI 1, 2 and 3 covering GHG emissions and PAI 13 on board gender diversity.

3. Improve coverage: these involve indicators where we consider data coverage to be too sparse to properly consider them and our focus is primarily on engaging with the underlying holdings to increase reporting. For example, PAI 7 on biodiversity, PAI 9 on hazardous waste ratio and PAI 12 on the gender pay gap.

Our approach is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability, and quality, of PAI data evolves.

The Management Company's statement on principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors is available at <https://mybrand.schrodgers.com/m/467910ac8e6da45c/original/Statement-on-principal-adverse-impacts-of-investment-decisions-on-sustainability-factors.pdf>. The Fund level information is disclosed or will be (as applicable) in the Fund's annual report.

☐ No



## What investment strategy does this financial product follow?

**The investment strategy** guides investment decisions based on factors such as investment objectives and risk tolerance.

The sustainable investment strategy used by the Investment Manager is as follows:

The Fund is actively managed and invests at least two-thirds of its assets in equity and equity related securities of Japanese companies.

The Fund seeks to identify and invest in undervalued stocks by estimating their fair value based on predicted returns over the medium to long term.

The Fund may also invest up to one-third of its assets directly or indirectly in other securities (including other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies, Investment Funds, warrants and Money Market Investments, and hold cash.

The Fund may use derivatives with the aim of achieving investment gains, reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently.

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the Tokyo Stock Exchange 1st Section index (TOPIX) (Net TR), based on the Investment Manager's rating criteria.

The Fund does not directly invest in certain activities, industries or groups of issuers above the limits listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schrodgers.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

The Investment Manager applies governance and sustainability criteria when selecting investments for the Fund. The investable universe is assessed using a number of proprietary tools, as well as external rating services.

The Investment Manager performs due diligence on all potential holdings, including meetings with management, and assesses the company's governance, environmental and social profile across a range of factors. This process is supported by quantitative analysis provided by Schroders' proprietary sustainability tools, which are key inputs to assess how existing and potential investments for the portfolio are meeting the Fund's sustainability criteria. In some cases, companies which fall below the sustainability criteria may still be eligible for investment if, as a result of proprietary analysis and ongoing engagement with management, the Investment Manager believes the company will meet the sustainability criteria within a realistic time horizon.

For a company to be eligible to be held in the Fund, it is expected to show a commitment to its stakeholders, including customers, employees, suppliers, shareholders and regulators. The Fund selects companies whose businesses demonstrate good governance and aim to treat stakeholders equitably.

More details on the Investment Manager's approach to sustainability and its engagement with companies are available on the webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/>

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than its investment universe, based on the Investment Manager's rating system.

The Investment Manager ensures that at least:

- 90% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in developed countries; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with an investment grade credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by developed countries; and

- 75% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in emerging countries; equities issued by small and medium companies; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with a high yield credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by emerging countries,

is rated against the sustainability criteria. For the purposes of this test, small companies are those with market capitalisation below €5 billion, medium companies are those between €5 billion and €10 billion and large companies are those above €10 billion.

### ● ***What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?***

The following binding elements are applied throughout the investment process:

- The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the Tokyo Stock Exchange 1st Section index (TOPIX) (Net TR) based on the Investment Manager's rating criteria.
- The Fund invests at least 25% of its assets in sustainable investments and such investments do not cause significant environmental or social harm.
- Exclusions are applied to direct investments in companies. The Fund applies certain exclusions relating to international conventions on cluster munitions, antipersonnel mines, and chemical and biological weapons. The Fund also excludes companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to tobacco and thermal coal, especially companies that generate at least 10% of their revenues from tobacco production, companies that generate at least 25% of their revenues from the tobacco value chain (such as suppliers, distributors, retailers and licensors), companies that generate at least 10% of their revenues from thermal coal mining and companies that generate at least 30% of their revenues from coal fired power generation. The Fund excludes companies that are assessed by Schroders to have breached one or more 'global norms' thereby causing significant environmental or social harm; these companies comprise Schroders' 'global norms' breach list. In exceptional circumstances a derogation may be applied in order to allow the Fund to continue to hold a company on Schroders' 'global norms' breach list, for example where the stated investment strategy of the Fund may otherwise be compromised. Any such company cannot be categorised as a sustainable investment. Further, the Fund may apply other exclusions as listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage [https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre\\_](https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre_). The Fund invests in companies that have good governance practices, as determined by the Investment Manager's rating criteria.

The Investment Manager ensures that at least:

- 90% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in developed countries; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with an investment grade credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by developed countries; and
- 75% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in emerging countries; equities issued by small and medium companies; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with a high yield credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by emerging countries,

is rated against the sustainability criteria.

### ● ***What is the committed minimum rate to reduce the scope of the investments considered prior to the application of that investment strategy?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

**Good governance** practices include sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff and tax compliance.

● **What is the policy to assess good governance practices of the investee companies?**

In order to assess good governance practices, a central Good Governance Test is applied. This test is based on a data-driven quantitative framework, which uses a scorecard to assess companies across the categories of sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff, and tax compliance. Schroders has defined a number of criteria across these pillars.

Compliance with the test is monitored centrally and companies which do not pass this test cannot be held by the Fund, unless the Investment Manager has agreed that the issuer demonstrates good governance based on additional insights beyond that quantitative analysis.



**Asset allocation** describes the share of investments in specific assets.

**What is the asset allocation planned for this financial product?**

The planned composition of the Fund’s investments that are used to meet its environmental or social characteristics are summarised below.

**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the minimum proportion of the Fund’s assets used to attain the environmental or social characteristics, which is equal to 70%. The Fund commits to maintain a higher overall sustainability score than the Tokyo Stock Exchange 1st Section index (TOPIX) (Net TR), and so the Fund’s investments that are scored by Schroders’ proprietary sustainability tool are included within the minimum proportion stated in #1 on the basis that they will contribute to the Fund’s sustainability score (whether such individual investment has a positive or a negative score). Also included within #1 is the minimum proportion of assets that are invested in sustainable investments, as indicated in #1A. The minimum proportions stated apply in normal market conditions. The actual proportion stated in #1 is expected to be higher.

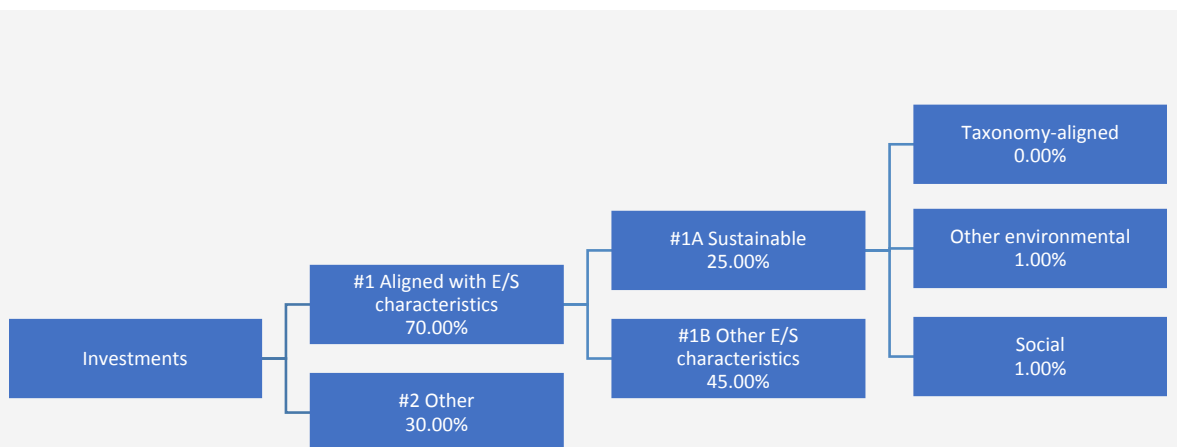
The sustainability score is measured by Schroders’ proprietary tool that provides an estimate of the net “impact” that an issuer may create in terms of social and environmental “costs” or “benefits”. It does this by using certain indicators with respect to that issuer, and quantifying them positively and negatively to produce an aggregate notional measure of the effect that the relevant underlying issuer may have on society and the environment. Examples of such indicators are greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

The Fund will invest at least 25% of its assets in sustainable investments. A sustainable investment is classified as having an environmental or social objective depending on whether the relevant issuer has a higher score in Schroders’ proprietary tool relative to its applicable peer group for its environmental indicators or its social indicators. In each case, indicators are comprised of both “costs” and “benefits”.

**#2 Other** includes cash which is treated as neutral for sustainability purposes. #2 also includes investments that are not scored by Schroders’ proprietary sustainability tool and so do not contribute towards the Fund’s sustainability score. As #1 states a minimum proportion that is in practice expected to be higher, the proportion stated in #2 is expected to be lower.

Minimum safeguards are applied where relevant to Money Market Investments and other investments by restricting (as appropriate) investments in counterparties where there are ownership links or exposure to higher risk countries (for the purpose of money laundering, terrorist financing, bribery, corruption, tax evasion and sanctions risks). A firm-wide risk assessment considers the risk rating of each jurisdiction; which includes reference to a number of public statements, indices and world governance indicators issued by the UN, the European Union, the UK Government, the Financial Action Task Force and several Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), such as Transparency International and the Basel Committee.

In addition, new counterparties are reviewed by Schroders’ credit risk team and approval of a new counterparty is based on a holistic review of the various sources of information available, including, but not limited to, quality of management, ownership structure, location, regulatory and social environment to which each counterparty is subject, and the degree of development of the local banking system and its regulatory framework. Ongoing monitoring is performed through a Schroders’ proprietary tool, which supports the analysis of a counterparty’s management of environmental, social and governance trends and challenges. Any significant deterioration in the profile of the counterparty in Schroders’ proprietary tool would lead to further analysis and potential exclusion by Schroders’ credit risk team.



**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the investments of the financial product used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product.

**#2 Other** includes the remaining investments of the financial product which are neither aligned with the environmental or social characteristics, nor are qualified as sustainable investments.

The category **#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** covers:

- The sub-category **#1A Sustainable** covers sustainable investments with environmental or social objectives.
- The sub-category **#1B Other E/S characteristics** covers investments aligned with the environmental or social characteristics that do not qualify as sustainable investments.

#1 The minimum proportion stated applies in normal market conditions.

### ● **How does the use of derivatives attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?**

The Fund may use derivatives that are scored in Schroders' proprietary tool to meet the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted by the Fund, as such derivatives would contribute to the Fund's sustainability score (whether such individual investment has a positive or a negative score).



### **To what minimum extent are sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?**

There is no minimum extent to which the Fund's investments (including transitional and enabling activities) with an environmental objective are aligned with the Taxonomy. Taxonomy alignment of this Fund's investments has therefore not been calculated and has as a result been deemed to constitute 0% of the Fund's portfolio.

In future it is expected that the Fund will assess and report on the extent to which its underlying investments are in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the Taxonomy, along with information relating to the proportion of enabling and transitional activities. This Prospectus will be updated once it is possible in the Investment Manager's opinion to accurately disclose to what extent the Fund's investments are in Taxonomy-aligned environmentally sustainable activities, including the proportions of investments in enabling and transitional activities selected for the Fund.

### ● **Does the financial product invest in fossil gas and/or nuclear energy related activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy<sup>1</sup>?**

☐ Yes:

☐ In fossil gas ☐ In nuclear energy

☒ No

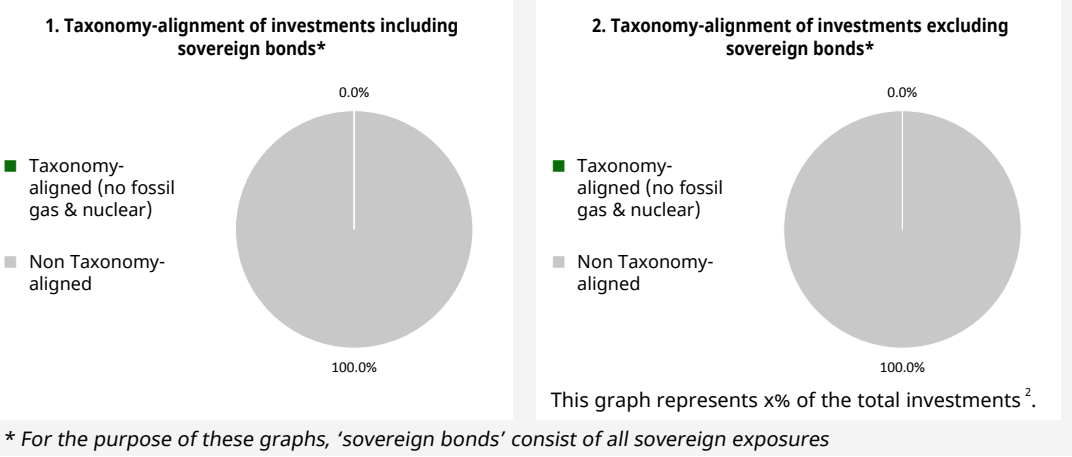
To comply with the EU Taxonomy, the criteria for **fossil gas** include limitations on emissions and switching to renewable power or low-carbon fuels by the end of 2035. For **nuclear energy**, the criteria include comprehensive safety and waste management rules.

<sup>1</sup> Fossil gas and/or nuclear related activities will only comply with the EU Taxonomy where they contribute to limiting climate change ("climate change mitigation") and do not significantly harm any EU Taxonomy objective – see explanatory note in the left-hand margin. The full criteria for fossil gas and nuclear energy economic activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy are laid down in Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1214.

Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

- **turnover** reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee companies
- **capital expenditure** (CapEx) showing the green investments made by investee companies, e.g. for a transition to a green economy.
- **operational expenditure** (OpEx) reflecting green operational activities of investee companies.

The two graphs below show in green the minimum percentage of investments that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the Taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy-alignment in relation to all the investments of the financial product including sovereign bonds, while the second graph shows the Taxonomy-alignment only in relation to the investments of the financial product other than sovereign bonds.



**Enabling activities** directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective.

**Transitional activities** are activities for which low-carbon alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.

- **What is the minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities?**  
As per the above, at the date of this Prospectus the share of investments by the Fund in transitional and enabling activities is currently deemed to constitute 0% of the Fund's portfolio.



**What is the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?**  
The Fund commits to invest at least 1% of its assets in sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy.



are sustainable investments with an environmental objective that **do not take into account the criteria** for environmentally sustainable economic activities under the EU Taxonomy.

<sup>2</sup> As there is no Taxonomy-alignment, there is no impact on the graph if sovereign bonds are excluded (i.e. the percentage of Taxonomy-aligned investments remains 0%) and the Management Company therefore believes that there is no need to mention this information.



## What is the minimum share of socially sustainable investments?

The Fund commits to invest at least 1% of its assets in sustainable investments with a social objective.



## What investments are included under “#2 Other”, what is their purpose and are there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

**#2 Other** includes cash which is treated as neutral for sustainability purposes. #2 also includes investments that are not scored by Schroders’ proprietary sustainability tools and so do not contribute towards the Fund’s sustainability score.

Minimum safeguards are applied where relevant to Money Market Investments and other investments by restricting (as appropriate) investments in counterparties where there are ownership links or exposure to higher risk countries (for the purpose of money laundering, terrorist financing, bribery, corruption, tax evasion and sanctions risks). A firm-wide risk assessment considers the risk rating of each jurisdiction; which includes reference to a number of public statements, indices and world governance indicators issued by the UN, the European Union, the UK Government, the Financial Action Task Force and several Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), such as Transparency International and the Basel Committee.

In addition, new counterparties are reviewed by Schroders’ credit risk team and approval of a new counterparty is based on a holistic review of the various sources of information available, including, but not limited to, quality of management, ownership structure, location, regulatory and social environment to which each counterparty is subject, and the degree of development of the local banking system and its regulatory framework. Ongoing monitoring is performed through a Schroders’ proprietary tool, which supports the analysis of a counterparty’s management of environmental, social and governance trends and challenges. Any significant deterioration in the profile of the counterparty in Schroders’ proprietary tool would lead to further analysis and potential exclusion by Schroders’ credit risk team.



## Is a specific index designated as a reference benchmark to determine whether this financial product is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes?

**Reference benchmarks** are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the environmental or social characteristics that they promote.

- ***How is the reference benchmark continuously aligned with each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- ***How is the alignment of the investment strategy with the methodology of the index ensured on a continuous basis?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- ***How does the designated index differ from a relevant broad market index?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- ***Where can the methodology used for the calculation of the designated index be found?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.



## Where can I find more product specific information online?

More product-specific information can be found on the webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>



Pre-contractual disclosure for the financial products referred to in Article 8, paragraphs 1, 2 and 2a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 6, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852

**Product name:** **Schroder International Selection Fund Japanese Smaller Companies**

**Legal entity identifier:** **S39CY7QBBMJNLVU5NJ44**

## Environmental and/or social characteristics

<p><b>Sustainable investment</b> means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good governance practices.</p>	<p><b>Does this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?</b></p>	
<p>The <b>EU Taxonomy</b> is a classification system laid down in Regulation (EU) 2020/852, establishing a list of <b>environmentally sustainable economic activities</b>. That Regulation does not lay down a list of socially sustainable economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.</p>	<p><input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Yes</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with an environmental objective: ___%</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with a social objective ___%</b></p>	<p><input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>No</b></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> It <b>promotes Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics</b> and while it does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will have a minimum proportion of <b>25.00%</b> of sustainable investments</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> with a social objective</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> It promotes E/S characteristics, but <b>will not make any sustainable investments</b></p>



## What environmental and/or social characteristics are promoted by this financial product?

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the Russell Nomura Small Cap (Net TR) index, based on the Investment Manager's rating system. This benchmark (which is a broad market index) does not take into account the environmental and social characteristics promoted by the Fund.

The sustainability score is measured by Schroders' proprietary tool that provides an estimate of the net "impact" that an issuer may create in terms of social and environmental "costs" or "benefits". It does this by using certain indicators with respect to that issuer, and quantifying them positively and negatively to produce an aggregate notional measure of the effect that the relevant underlying issuer may have on society and the environment. It does this using third party data as well as Schroders own estimates and assumptions and the outcome may differ from other sustainability tools and measures. Examples of such indicators are greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

The result is expressed as an aggregate score of the sustainability indicators for each issuer, specifically a notional percentage (positive or negative) of sales of the relevant underlying issuer. For example, a score of +2% would mean an issuer contributes \$2 of relative notional positive impact (i.e. benefits to society) per \$100 of sales. The sustainability score of the Fund is derived from the scores of all issuers in the Fund's portfolio measured by Schroders' proprietary tool.

The Fund invests at least 25% of its assets in sustainable investments, which are investments that the Investment Manager expects to contribute towards the advancement of one or more environmental and/or social objective (s).

### ● **What sustainability indicators are used to measure the attainment of each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?**

The Investment Manager monitors compliance with the characteristic to maintain a higher overall sustainability score than the Russell Nomura Small Cap (Net TR) index by reference to the weighted average sustainability score of the Fund in Schroders' proprietary tool compared against the weighted average sustainability score of the Russell Nomura Small Cap (Net TR) index in Schroders' proprietary tool over the previous six month period, based on month-end data. The overall sustainability score aggregates the effect of sustainability indicators including but not limited to greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

**Sustainability indicators** measure how the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product are attained.

The Investment Manager monitors compliance with the characteristic to invest at least 25% of its assets in sustainable investments by reference to the sustainability score of each asset in Schroders' proprietary tool. Compliance with this is monitored daily via our automated compliance controls. The Fund also applies certain exclusions, with which the Investment Manager monitors compliance on an ongoing basis via its portfolio compliance framework.

● ***What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?***

In respect of the proportion of the Fund's portfolio that is invested in sustainable investments, each sustainable investment demonstrates a net positive effect across a range of environmental or social objectives, as scored by Schroders' proprietary tool. The environmental or social objectives of the sustainable investments that the Fund partially intends to make may include, but are not limited to, increasing environmental and/or social benefits such as greater water access or fair pay and reducing environmental, and/or social costs such as carbon emissions or food waste. For example, greater water access as measured by Schroders' proprietary tool are the estimated societal benefits of the provision of clean drinking water to human health.

● ***How do the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make, not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?***

The Investment Manager's approach to investing in issuers that do not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective includes the following:

- Firm-wide investment exclusions apply to Schroders funds. These relate to international conventions on cluster munitions, anti-personnel mines, and chemical and biological weapons and a list of those companies that are excluded is available at <https://www.schroders.com/en/sustainability/active-ownership/group-exclusions/>. Firm-wide exclusions also apply to companies generating more than 20% of their revenue from thermal coal mining.
- The Fund excludes companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to tobacco and thermal coal.
- The Fund excludes companies that are assessed by Schroders to have breached one or more 'global norms' thereby causing significant environmental or social harm; these companies comprise Schroders' 'global norms' breach list. Schroders' determination of whether a company has been involved in such a breach considers relevant principles such as those contained in the UN Global Compact (UNGC) principles, the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights. The 'global norms' breach list may be informed by assessments performed by third party providers and by proprietary research, where relevant to a particular situation. In exceptional circumstances a derogation may be applied in order to allow the Fund to continue to hold a company on Schroders' 'global norms' breach list, for example where the stated investment strategy of the Fund may otherwise be compromised. Any such company cannot be categorised as a sustainable investment.
- The Fund may also apply certain other exclusions in addition to those summarised above.

Further information on all of the Fund's investment exclusions is to be found under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

● ***How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?***

When seeking to identify significant harm, Schroders' approach to taking into account the Principal Adverse Impacts (PAI) indicators involves a quantitative and a qualitative assessment. Where it is not considered appropriate or feasible to set quantitative thresholds, the Investment Manager engages, where relevant. Investee companies deemed not to satisfy the quantitative thresholds would generally be excluded, unless on a case-by-case basis the data is deemed not representative of a company's performance in the relevant area.

This framework is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability and quality of the data evolves.

Our approach includes:

1. **Quantitative:** this includes indicators where specific thresholds have been established:

- Via the application of exclusions. This approach is relevant to **PAI 4** (Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector), **PAI 5** (Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production) and **PAI 14** (Exposure to controversial weapons). Further, the following PAIs are assessed as part of Schroders 'global norms' breach list exclusion (which seeks to exclude companies where significant harm is occurring):

**Principal adverse impacts** are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anticorruption and antibribery matters.

- **PAI 7** (Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas)
- **PAI 8** (Emissions to water)
- **PAI 9** (Hazardous waste and radioactive waste ratio)
- **PAI 10** (Violations of UN Global Compact principles and Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises)
- **PAI 11** (Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and Voluntary)
- **PAI 14** in Table 3 (Number of identified cases of severe human rights issues and incidents)
- Via the application of an alert system flag if the relevant indicator(s) exceeds a threshold. These quantitative thresholds to assess significant harm are established centrally by our Sustainable Investment team and monitored systematically. This approach applies to indicators where we have segmented the population into harm groups to establish a threshold, such as carbon related PAI metrics, **PAI 1** (GHG emissions), **PAI 2** (Carbon footprint) and **Voluntary PAI 4 in Table 2** (Investing in companies without carbon emission reduction initiatives). **PAI 3** (GHG intensity of investee companies) operates in a similar way but the threshold is based on a revenue metric. A threshold for **PAI 6** (Energy consumption intensity per high impact climate sector) is established based on the ~~above-mentioned~~ carbon measures. A similar approach has been taken for **PAI 15** (GHG intensity). **PAI 16** (Investee countries subject to social violations) also operates in the same way but based on data availability regarding social violations. Through this process the relevant issuer(s) that is/are deemed not to satisfy the quantitative thresholds is/are flagged to the Investment Manager for consideration, whose response may involve selling the holdings(s) or maintaining the position if on a case-by-case basis the data is deemed not representative of a company's performance in the relevant area. Investee companies deemed to cause significant harm are excluded from the Fund.
- 2. **Qualitative:** This includes PAI indicators where Schroders' believes that the data available does not enable us to make a quantitative determination regarding whether significant harm is done so as to warrant excluding an investment. In such cases, the Investment Manager engages wherever possible with the company or companies held, in accordance with the priorities documented in Schroders' Engagement Blueprint and/or voting policy. This approach applies to indicators such as **PAI 12** (Unadjusted gender pay gap) and **PAI 13** (Board gender diversity), where we engage and may use our voting rights where we consider appropriate. Both board gender diversity and disclosure of gender pay gap information are captured in our Engagement Blueprint.

● ***How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:***

Companies on Schroders' 'global norms' breach list cannot be categorised as sustainable investments. Schroders' determination of whether a company should be included on such list considers the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, among other relevant principles. The 'global norms' breach list is informed by third party providers and proprietary research, where relevant.

*The EU Taxonomy sets out a "do not significant harm" principle by which Taxonomy-aligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives and is accompanied by specific EU criteria.*

The "do not significant harm" principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.

*Any other sustainable investments must also not significantly harm any environmental or social objectives.*



## Does this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

☒ Yes, ~~the Investment Manager's approach to considering principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors involves classifying the indicators into three categories:~~

~~The Investment Manager's approach to considering principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors differs depending on the relevant indicator. Some indicators are considered via the application of exclusions, some are considered via the investment process (where data is available via Schroders PAI dashboard and via other external data sources) and some are considered via engagement. Further details are provided below. PAIs are considered as part of pre-investment through the application of exclusions. These include:~~  
~~- Controversial weapons: PAI 14 (Exposure to controversial weapons (anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, chemical weapons and biological weapons))~~

- Schroders' 'global norms' breach list, which covers: PAI 7 (Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas), PAI 8 (Emissions to water), PAI 9 (Hazardous waste and radioactive waste ratio), PAI 10 (Violations of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises), PAI 11 (Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises) and PAI 16 (Investee countries subject to social violations)

- Companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to thermal coal: PAI 4 (Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector) and PAI 5 (Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production)

Compliance with these thresholds is monitored via the Investment Manager's portfolio compliance framework. PAIs are also considered through integration in the investment process.

PAIs are considered through our ESG integrated process in both the analysis of individual companies and portfolio construction. Individual analysts are primarily responsible for financial forecasts and ESG assessment through the use of Schroders proprietary tools. The analysts' views on ESG factors covering multiple PAIs are quantified by our analysts, alongside fundamental financial factors.

All PAI indicators are monitored via Schroders PAI dashboard.

PAIs are also considered post-investment through engagement where the Investment Manager engages in line with the approach and expectations set out in the Schroders Engagement Blueprint, which outlines our approach to active ownership.

The Investment Manager may engage with selected companies on issues such as net zero targets, related to PAIs 1, 2 and 3. Social aspects including board gender diversity (PAI 13) and unadjusted gender pay gap (PAI 12), are also increasingly focused topics for engaging with Japanese companies. Where issuers are flagged on lack of data availability for any PAIs, the Investment Manager may also engage with issuers where the primary focus is to improve reporting.

Our approach is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability, and quality, of PAI data evolves. The Management Company's statement on principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors is available at <https://mybrand.schroders.com/m/4ab13771bddd9d/original/Statement-on-principal-adverse-impacts-of-investment-decisions-on-sustainability-factors-2-1-new.pdf> <https://api.schroders.com/document-store/id/ffcb39bb-96cb-4e56-9461-deba9a493e85>. The Fund level information is disclosed or will be (as applicable) in the Fund's annual report.

1. Set thresholds: these involve very explicit thresholds for considering an investment to be a "sustainable investment". For example, PAI 10 on violations of UNGC principles.

2. Active ownership: these involve indicators on which we have a plan to engage with the underlying holding as set out in the Schroders Group document <https://mybrand.schroders.com/m/3222ea4ed44a1f2c/original/schroders-engagement-blueprint.pdf>, outlining our approach to active ownership. For example, PAI 1, 2 and 3 covering GHG emissions and PAI 13 on board gender diversity.

3. Improve coverage: these involve indicators where we consider data coverage to be too sparse to properly consider them and our focus is primarily on engaging with the underlying holdings to increase reporting. For example, PAI 7 on biodiversity, PAI 9 on hazardous waste ratio and PAI 12 on the gender pay gap.

Our approach is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability, and quality, of PAI data evolves.

The Management Company's statement on principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors is available at <https://mybrand.schroders.com/m/467910ac8e6da45c/original/Statement-on-principal-adverse-impacts-of-investment-decisions-on-sustainability-factors.pdf>. The Fund level information is disclosed or will be (as applicable) in the Fund's annual report.

☐ No



## What investment strategy does this financial product follow?

**The investment strategy** guides investment decisions based on factors such as investment objectives and risk tolerance.

The sustainable investment strategy used by the Investment Manager is as follows:

The Fund is actively managed and invests at least two-thirds of its assets in equity and equity related securities of small-sized Japanese companies. These are companies which, at the time of purchase, are considered to be in the bottom 30% by market capitalisation of the Japanese equities market.

The Fund may also invest up to one-third of its assets directly or indirectly in other securities (including other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies, Investment Funds, warrants and Money Market Investments, and hold cash.

The Fund may use derivatives with the aim of achieving investment gains, reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently.

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the Russell Nomura Small Cap (Net TR) index, based on the Investment Manager's rating criteria.

The Fund does not directly invest in certain activities, industries or groups of issuers above the limits listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

The Investment Manager applies governance and sustainability criteria when selecting investments for the Fund. The investable universe is assessed using a number of proprietary tools, as well as external rating services.

The Investment Manager performs due diligence on all potential holdings, including meetings with management, and assesses the company's governance, environmental and social profile across a range of factors. This process is supported by quantitative analysis provided by Schroders' proprietary sustainability tools,

which are key inputs to assess how existing and potential investments for the portfolio are meeting the Fund's sustainability criteria. In some cases, companies which fall below our sustainability criteria may still be eligible for investment if, as a result of proprietary analysis and ongoing engagement with management, the Investment Manager believes the company will meet our sustainability criteria within a realistic time horizon.

For a company to be eligible to be held in the Fund, it is expected to show a commitment to its stakeholders, including customers, employees, suppliers, shareholders and regulators. The Fund selects companies whose businesses demonstrate good governance and aim to treat stakeholders equitably.

The sources of information used to perform the analysis include information provided by the companies, such as company sustainability reports and other relevant company material, as well as Schroders' proprietary sustainability tools and third-party data.

More details on the Investment Manager's approach to sustainability and its engagement with companies are available on the webpage

<https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/>

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than its investment universe, based on the Investment Manager's rating system.

The Investment Manager ensures that at least:

- 90% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in developed countries; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with an investment grade credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by developed countries; and

- 75% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in emerging countries; equities issued by small and medium companies; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with a high yield credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by emerging countries,

is rated against the sustainability criteria. For the purposes of this test, small companies are those with market capitalisation below €5 billion, medium companies are those between €5 billion and €10 billion and large companies are those above €10 billion.

#### ● ***What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?***

The following binding elements are applied throughout the investment process:

- The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the Russell Nomura Small Cap (Net TR) index based on the Investment Manager's rating criteria.
- The Fund invests at least 25% of its assets in sustainable investments and such investments do not cause significant environmental or social harm.
- Exclusions are applied to direct investments in companies. The Fund applies certain exclusions relating to international conventions on cluster munitions, antipersonnel mines, and chemical and biological weapons. The Fund also excludes companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to tobacco and thermal coal, especially companies that generate at least 10% of their revenues from tobacco production, companies that generate at least 25% of their revenues from the tobacco value chain (such as suppliers, distributors, retailers and licensors), companies that generate at least 10% of their revenues from thermal coal mining and companies that generate at least 30% of their revenues from coal fired power generation. The Fund excludes companies that are assessed by Schroders to have breached one or more 'global norms' thereby causing significant environmental or social harm; these companies comprise Schroders' 'global norms' breach list. In exceptional circumstances a derogation may be applied in order to allow the Fund to continue to hold a company on Schroders' 'global norms' breach list, for example where the stated investment strategy of the Fund may otherwise be compromised. Any such company cannot be categorised as a sustainable investment. Further, the Fund may apply other exclusions as listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>. The Fund invests in companies that have good governance practices, as determined by the Investment Manager's rating criteria.

The Investment Manager ensures that at least:

- 90% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in developed countries; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with an investment grade credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by developed countries; and
- 75% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in emerging countries; equities issued by small and medium companies; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with a high yield credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by emerging countries,

is rated against the sustainability criteria.

#### ● ***What is the committed minimum rate to reduce the scope of the investments considered prior to the application of that investment strategy?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.



**Good governance** practices include sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff and tax compliance.

● **What is the policy to assess good governance practices of the investee companies?**

In order to assess good governance practices, a central Good Governance Test is applied. This test is based on a data-driven quantitative framework, which uses a scorecard to assess companies across the categories of sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff, and tax compliance. Schroders has defined a number of criteria across these pillars.

Compliance with the test is monitored centrally and companies which do not pass this test cannot be held by the Fund, unless the Investment Manager has agreed that the issuer demonstrates good governance based on additional insights beyond that quantitative analysis.



**Asset allocation** describes the share of investments in specific assets.

**What is the asset allocation planned for this financial product?**

The planned composition of the Fund's investments that are used to meet its environmental or social characteristics are summarised below.

**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the minimum proportion of the Fund's assets used to attain the environmental or social characteristics, which is equal to 70%. The Fund commits to maintain a higher overall sustainability score than the Russell Nomura Small Cap (Net TR) index, and so the Fund's investments that are scored by Schroders' proprietary sustainability tool are included within the minimum proportion stated in #1 on the basis that they will contribute to the Fund's sustainability score (whether such individual investment has a positive or a negative score). Also included within #1 is the minimum proportion of assets that are invested in sustainable investments, as indicated in #1A. The minimum proportions stated apply in normal market conditions. The actual proportion stated in #1 is expected to be higher.

The sustainability score is measured by Schroders' proprietary tool that provides an estimate of the net "impact" that an issuer may create in terms of social and environmental "costs" or "benefits". It does this by using certain indicators with respect to that issuer, and quantifying them positively and negatively to produce an aggregate notional measure of the effect that the relevant underlying issuer may have on society and the environment. Examples of such indicators are greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

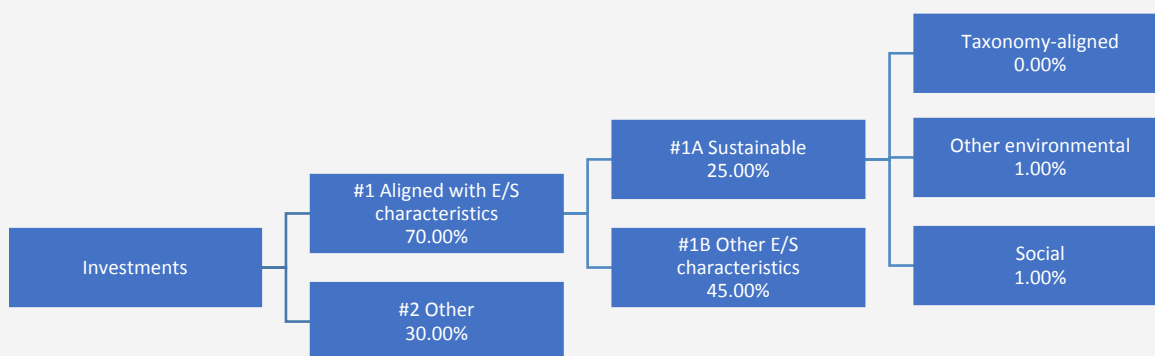
The Fund will invest at least 25% of its assets in sustainable investments. A sustainable investment is classified as having an environmental or social objective depending on whether the relevant issuer has a higher score in Schroders' proprietary tool relative to its applicable peer group for its environmental indicators or its social indicators. In each case, indicators are comprised of both "costs" and "benefits".

**#2 Other** includes cash which is treated as neutral for sustainability purposes. #2 also includes investments that are not scored by Schroders' proprietary sustainability tool and so do not contribute towards the Fund's sustainability score. As #1 states a minimum proportion that is in practice expected to be higher, the proportion stated in #2 is expected to be lower.

Minimum safeguards are applied where relevant to Money Market Investments and other investments by restricting (as appropriate) investments in counterparties where there are ownership links or exposure to higher risk countries (for the purpose of money laundering, terrorist financing, bribery, corruption, tax evasion and sanctions risks). A firm-wide risk assessment considers the risk rating of each jurisdiction; which includes reference to a number of public statements, indices and world governance indicators issued by the UN, the European Union, the UK Government, the Financial Action Task Force and several Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), such as Transparency International and the Basel Committee.

In addition, new counterparties are reviewed by Schroders' credit risk team and approval of a new counterparty is based on a holistic review of the various sources of information available, including, but not limited to, quality of management, ownership structure, location, regulatory and social environment to which each counterparty is subject, and the degree of development of the local banking system and its regulatory framework. Ongoing monitoring is performed through a Schroders' proprietary tool, which supports the analysis of a counterparty's management of environmental, social and governance trends and challenges. Any significant deterioration in the profile of the counterparty in Schroders' proprietary tool would lead to further analysis and potential exclusion by Schroders' credit risk team.





**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the investments of the financial product used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product.

**#2 Other** includes the remaining investments of the financial product which are neither aligned with the environmental or social characteristics, nor are qualified as sustainable investments.

The category **#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** covers:

- The sub-category **#1A Sustainable** covers sustainable investments with environmental or social objectives.
- The sub-category **#1B Other E/S characteristics** covers investments aligned with the environmental or social characteristics that do not qualify as sustainable investments.

#1 The minimum proportion stated applies in normal market conditions.

● **How does the use of derivatives attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?**

The Fund may use derivatives that are scored in Schroders' proprietary tool to meet the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted by the Fund, as such derivatives would contribute to the Fund's sustainability score (whether such individual investment has a positive or a negative score).



**To what minimum extent are sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?**

There is no minimum extent to which the Fund's investments (including transitional and enabling activities) with an environmental objective are aligned with the Taxonomy. Taxonomy alignment of this Fund's investments has therefore not been calculated and has as a result been deemed to constitute 0% of the Fund's portfolio.

In future it is expected that the Fund will assess and report on the extent to which its underlying investments are in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the Taxonomy, along with information relating to the proportion of enabling and transitional activities. This Prospectus will be updated once it is possible in the Investment Manager's opinion to accurately disclose to what extent the Fund's investments are in Taxonomy-aligned environmentally sustainable activities, including the proportions of investments in enabling and transitional activities selected for the Fund.

● **Does the financial product invest in fossil gas and/or nuclear energy related activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy<sup>1</sup>?**

☐ Yes:

☐ In fossil gas ☐ In nuclear energy

☒ No

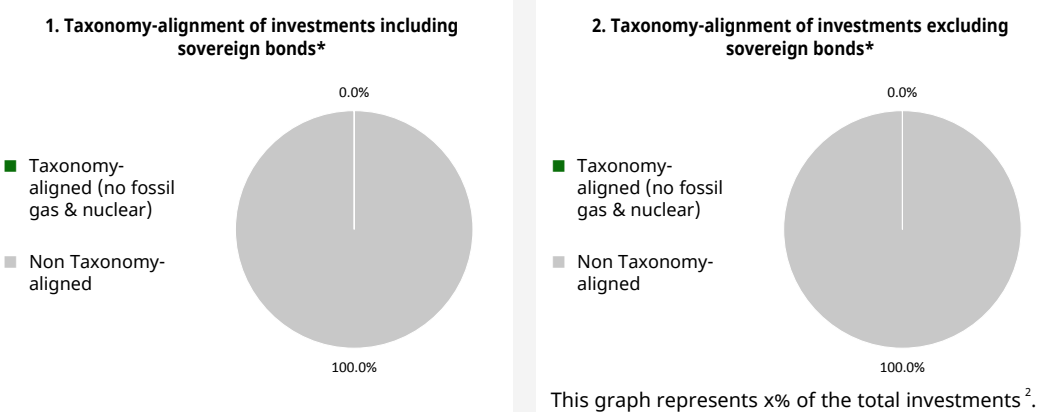
To comply with the EU Taxonomy, the criteria for **fossil gas** include limitations on emissions and switching to renewable power or low-carbon fuels by the end of 2035. For **nuclear energy**, the criteria include comprehensive safety and waste management rules.

<sup>1</sup> Fossil gas and/or nuclear related activities will only comply with the EU Taxonomy where they contribute to limiting climate change ("climate change mitigation") and do not significantly harm any EU Taxonomy objective – see explanatory note in the left-hand margin. The full criteria for fossil gas and nuclear energy economic activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy are laid down in Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1214.

Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

- **turnover** reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee companies
- **capital expenditure** (CapEx) showing the green investments made by investee companies, e.g. for a transition to a green economy.
- **operational expenditure** (OpEx) reflecting green operational activities of investee companies.

The two graphs below show in green the minimum percentage of investments that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the Taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy-alignment in relation to all the investments of the financial product including sovereign bonds, while the second graph shows the Taxonomy-alignment only in relation to the investments of the financial product other than sovereign bonds.



\* For the purpose of these graphs, 'sovereign bonds' consist of all sovereign exposures

**Enabling activities** directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective.

**Transitional activities** are activities for which low-carbon alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.

● **What is the minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities?**

As per the above, at the date of this Prospectus the share of investments by the Fund in transitional and enabling activities is currently deemed to constitute 0% of the Fund’s portfolio.



**What is the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?**

The Fund commits to invest at least 1% of its assets in sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy.



are sustainable investments with an environmental objective that **do not take into account the criteria** for environmentally sustainable economic activities under the EU Taxonomy.

<sup>2</sup> As there is no Taxonomy-alignment, there is no impact on the graph if sovereign bonds are excluded (i.e. the percentage of Taxonomy-aligned investments remains 0%) and the Management Company therefore believes that there is no need to mention this information.



## What is the minimum share of socially sustainable investments?

The Fund commits to invest at least 1% of its assets in sustainable investments with a social objective.



## What investments are included under “#2 Other”, what is their purpose and are there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

**#2 Other** includes cash which is treated as neutral for sustainability purposes. #2 also includes investments that are not scored by Schroders’ proprietary sustainability tools and so do not contribute towards the Fund’s sustainability score.

Minimum safeguards are applied where relevant to Money Market Investments and other investments by restricting (as appropriate) investments in counterparties where there are ownership links or exposure to higher risk countries (for the purpose of money laundering, terrorist financing, bribery, corruption, tax evasion and sanctions risks). A firm-wide risk assessment considers the risk rating of each jurisdiction; which includes reference to a number of public statements, indices and world governance indicators issued by the UN, the European Union, the UK Government, the Financial Action Task Force and several Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), such as Transparency International and the Basel Committee.

In addition, new counterparties are reviewed by Schroders’ credit risk team and approval of a new counterparty is based on a holistic review of the various sources of information available, including, but not limited to, quality of management, ownership structure, location, regulatory and social environment to which each counterparty is subject, and the degree of development of the local banking system and its regulatory framework. Ongoing monitoring is performed through a Schroders’ proprietary tool, which supports the analysis of a counterparty’s management of environmental, social and governance trends and challenges. Any significant deterioration in the profile of the counterparty in Schroders’ proprietary tool would lead to further analysis and potential exclusion by Schroders’ credit risk team.



## Is a specific index designated as a reference benchmark to determine whether this financial product is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes?

**Reference benchmarks** are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the environmental or social characteristics that they promote.

- ***How is the reference benchmark continuously aligned with each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- ***How is the alignment of the investment strategy with the methodology of the index ensured on a continuous basis?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- ***How does the designated index differ from a relevant broad market index?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- ***Where can the methodology used for the calculation of the designated index be found?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.



## Where can I find more product specific information online?

More product-specific information can be found on the webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

Pre-contractual disclosure for the financial products referred to in Article 8, paragraphs 1, 2 and 2a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 6, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852

**Product name:** **Schroder International Selection Fund Multi-Asset Growth and Income**

**Legal entity identifier:** **D57GRPRLPPG0AOY4K34**

## Environmental and/or social characteristics

<p><b>Sustainable investment</b> means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good governance practices.</p>	<p><b>Does this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?</b></p>	
<p>The <b>EU Taxonomy</b> is a classification system laid down in Regulation (EU) 2020/852, establishing a list of <b>environmentally sustainable economic activities</b>. That Regulation does not lay down a list of socially sustainable economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.</p>	<p><input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Yes</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with an environmental objective: ___%</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with a social objective ___%</b></p>	<p><input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>No</b></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> It <b>promotes Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics</b> and while it does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will have a minimum proportion of <b>10.00%</b> of sustainable investments</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> with a social objective</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> It promotes E/S characteristics, but <b>will not make any sustainable investments</b></p>



## What environmental and/or social characteristics are promoted by this financial product?

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the 30% MSCI AC World Index (USD), 30% Barclays Global High Yield excl CMBS & EMG 2% index (USD), 30% ~~Thomson-Reuters~~ **FTSE** Convertible Global Focus index (USD) and 10% Barclays Global Aggregate Bond Index (USD), based on the Investment Manager's rating system. This benchmark (which is a broad market index) does not take into account the environmental and social characteristics promoted by the Fund.

The sustainability score is measured by Schroders' proprietary tool that provides an estimate of the net "impact" that an issuer may create in terms of social and environmental "costs" or "benefits". It does this by using certain indicators with respect to that issuer, and quantifying them positively and negatively to produce an aggregate notional measure of the effect that the relevant underlying issuer may have on society and the environment. It does this using third party data as well as Schroders own estimates and assumptions and the outcome may differ from other sustainability tools and measures. Examples of such indicators are greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

The result is expressed as an aggregate score of the sustainability indicators for each issuer, specifically a notional percentage (positive or negative) of sales or GDP of the relevant underlying issuer. For example, a score of +2% would mean an issuer contributes \$2 of relative notional positive impact (i.e. benefits to society) per \$100 of sales or GDP. The sustainability score of the Fund is derived from the scores of all issuers in the Fund's portfolio measured by Schroders' proprietary tool.

The Fund invests at least 10% of its assets in sustainable investments, which are investments that the Investment Manager expects to contribute towards the advancement of one or more environmental and/or social objective (s).

### ● What sustainability indicators are used to measure the attainment of each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

The Investment Manager monitors compliance with the characteristic to maintain a higher overall sustainability score than the 30% MSCI AC World Index (USD), 30% Barclays Global High Yield excl CMBS & EMG 2% index (USD), 30% ~~Thomson-Reuters~~ **FTSE** Convertible Global Focus index (USD) and 10% Barclays Global Aggregate Bond Index (USD) by reference to the weighted average sustainability score of the Fund in Schroders' proprietary tool compared against the weighted average sustainability score of the 30% MSCI AC World Index (USD), 30% Barclays Global High Yield excl CMBS & EMG 2% index (USD), 30% ~~Thomson-Reuters~~ **FTSE** Convertible Global Focus index (USD) and 10% Barclays Global Aggregate Bond

**Sustainability indicators** measure how the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product are attained.

Index (USD) in Schroders' proprietary tool over the previous six month period, based on month-end data. The overall sustainability score aggregates the effect of sustainability indicators including but not limited to greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

The Investment Manager monitors compliance with the characteristic to invest at least 10% of its assets in sustainable investments by reference to (i) the sustainability score of each asset in Schroders' proprietary tool and/ or (ii) whether the asset is classified as a green, social and/ or sustainable bond. Compliance with this is monitored daily via our automated compliance controls. The Fund also applies certain exclusions, with which the Investment Manager monitors compliance on an ongoing basis via its portfolio compliance framework.

● ***What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?***

In respect of the proportion of the Fund's portfolio that is invested in sustainable investments, each sustainable investment either (i) demonstrates a net positive effect across a range of environmental or social objectives, as scored by Schroders' proprietary tool and/or (ii) is classified as a green, social and/ or sustainable bond using a third-party data source. The environmental or social objectives of the sustainable investments that the Fund partially intends to make may include, but are not limited to, increasing environmental and/or social benefits such as greater water access or fair pay and reducing environmental, and/or social costs such as carbon emissions or food waste. For example, greater water access as measured by Schroders' proprietary tool are the estimated societal benefits of the provision of clean drinking water to human health. The environmental or social objectives of green, social and/or sustainable bonds may include, but are not limited to, climate change mitigation, renewable energy initiatives, natural resource conservation, access to finance and affordable housing projects.

● ***How do the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make, not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?***

The Investment Manager's approach to investing in issuers that do not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective includes the following:

- Firm-wide investment exclusions apply to Schroders funds. These relate to international conventions on cluster munitions, anti-personnel mines, and chemical and biological weapons and a list of those companies that are excluded is available at <https://www.schroders.com/en/sustainability/active-ownership/group-exclusions/>. Firm-wide exclusions also apply to companies generating more than 20% of their revenue from thermal coal mining.
- The Fund excludes companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to tobacco and thermal coal.
- The Fund excludes companies that are assessed by Schroders to have breached one or more 'global norms' thereby causing significant environmental or social harm; these companies comprise Schroders' 'global norms' breach list. Schroders' determination of whether a company has been involved in such a breach considers relevant principles such as those contained in the UN Global Compact (UNGC) principles, the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights. The 'global norms' breach list may be informed by assessments performed by third party providers and by proprietary research, where relevant to a particular situation. In exceptional circumstances a derogation may be applied in order to allow the Fund to continue to hold a company on Schroders' 'global norms' breach list, for example where the stated investment strategy of the Fund may otherwise be compromised. Any such company cannot be categorised as a sustainable investment.
- The Fund may also apply certain other exclusions in addition to those summarised above.

Further information on all of the Fund's investment exclusions is to be found under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

● ***How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?***

When seeking to identify significant harm, Schroders' approach to taking into account the Principal Adverse Impacts (PAI) indicators involves a quantitative and a qualitative assessment. Where it is not considered appropriate or feasible to set quantitative thresholds, the Investment Manager engages, where relevant. Investee companies deemed not to satisfy the quantitative thresholds would generally be excluded, unless on a case-by-case basis the data is deemed not representative of a company's performance in the relevant area.

This framework is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability and quality of the data evolves.

Our approach includes:

1. **Quantitative:** this includes indicators where specific thresholds have been established:

**Principal adverse impacts** are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anticorruption and antibribery matters.

- Via the application of exclusions. This approach is relevant to **PAI 4** (Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector), **PAI 5** (Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production) and **PAI 14** (Exposure to controversial weapons). Further, the following PAIs are assessed as part of Schroders' 'global norms' breach list exclusion (which seeks to exclude companies where significant harm is occurring):
  - **PAI 7** (Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas)
  - **PAI 8** (Emissions to water)
  - **PAI 9** (Hazardous waste and radioactive waste ratio)
  - **PAI 10** (Violations of UN Global Compact principles and Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises)
  - **PAI 11** (Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and Voluntary)
  - **PAI 14** in Table 3 (Number of identified cases of severe human rights issues and incidents)
- Via the application of an alert system flag if the relevant indicator(s) exceeds a threshold. These quantitative thresholds to assess significant harm are established centrally by our Sustainable Investment team and monitored systematically. This approach applies to indicators where we have segmented the population into harm groups to establish a threshold, such as carbon related PAI metrics, **PAI 1** (GHG emissions), **PAI 2** (Carbon footprint) and **Voluntary PAI 4 in Table 2** (Investing in companies without carbon emission reduction initiatives). **PAI 3** (GHG intensity of investee companies) operates in a similar way but the threshold is based on a revenue metric. A threshold for **PAI 6** (Energy consumption intensity per high impact climate sector) is established based on the ~~above-mentioned~~ carbon measures. A similar approach has been taken for **PAI 15** (GHG intensity). **PAI 16** (Investee countries subject to social violations) also operates in the same way but based on data availability regarding social violations. Through this process the relevant issuer(s) that is/are deemed not to satisfy the quantitative thresholds is/are flagged to the Investment Manager for consideration, whose response may involve selling the holdings(s) or maintaining the position if on a case-by-case basis the data is deemed not representative of a company's performance in the relevant area. Investee companies deemed to cause significant harm are excluded from the Fund.
- 2. **Qualitative:** This includes PAI indicators where Schroders' believes that the data available does not enable us to make a quantitative determination regarding whether significant harm is done so as to warrant excluding an investment. In such cases, the Investment Manager engages wherever possible with the company or companies held, in accordance with the priorities documented in Schroders' Engagement Blueprint and/or voting policy. This approach applies to indicators such as **PAI 12** (Unadjusted gender pay gap) and **PAI 13** (Board gender diversity), where we engage and may use our voting rights where we consider appropriate. Both board gender diversity and disclosure of gender pay gap information are captured in our Engagement Blueprint.

● ***How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:***

Companies on Schroders' 'global norms' breach list cannot be categorised as sustainable investments. Schroders' determination of whether a company should be included on such list considers the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, among other relevant principles. The 'global norms' breach list is informed by third party providers and proprietary research, where relevant.

*The EU Taxonomy sets out a "do not significant harm" principle by which Taxonomy-aligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives and is accompanied by specific EU criteria.*

*The "do not significant harm" principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.*

*Any other sustainable investments must also not significantly harm any environmental or social objectives.*



## Does this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

☒ Yes, the Investment Manager's approach to considering principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors involves classifying the indicators into three categories:



The Fund allocates its assets across multiple underlying strategies. Some PAIs are considered at the Fund level, whilst other PAIs are considered at the level of the underlying strategies by the relevant investment manager where applicable.

Some PAIs are considered as part of pre-investment through the application of exclusions applied at the Fund level. These include:

- Controversial weapons (PAI 14 - Exposure to controversial weapons (anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, chemical weapons and biological weapons)).

- Schroders' 'global norms' breach list, which covers: PAI 7 (Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas), PAI 8 (Emissions to water), PAI 9 (Hazardous waste and radioactive waste ratio), PAI 10 (Violations of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises), PAI 11 (Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises) and PAI 16 (Investee countries subject to social violations).

- Companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to thermal coal: (PAI 4 (Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector), PAI 5 (Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production) – applied to relevant underlying strategies.

Compliance with these thresholds is monitored via the Investment Manager's portfolio compliance framework.

Where appropriate PAIs are also considered through integration in the investment process, specifically the stock selection process in underlying strategies. For example the global equity strategy considers PAIs in the following way:

- Schroders' proprietary tool, which is used as part of screening the investment universe and for providing a maximum that can be invested in each company, incorporates several PAIs as a component of its scoring methodology. In assessing an issuer's overall environmental score, PAIs 1, 2 and 3 are included. In assessing an issuer's overall social score, PAIs 12 and 13 are included.

The investment team monitors all PAI indicators via Schroders' PAI dashboard.

Other PAIs are considered via active ownership, which where relevant is performed indirectly via the underlying investment managers. Where applicable, based on the underlying strategies and the relevant investment manager's own investment process, PAIs are considered post-investment through engagement in line with the approach and expectations set out in Schroders Engagement Blueprint.

Examples of PAIs captured via this approach included PAI 1 (GHG emissions), PAI 2 (Carbon footprint), PAI 3 (GHG intensity of investee companies) and PAI 13 (Board gender diversity).

Our approach is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability, and quality, of PAI data evolves. The Management Company's statement on principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors is available at <https://mybrand.schroders.com/m/4ab13771bddd9d/original/Statement-on-principal-adverse-impacts-of-investment-decisions-on-sustainability-factors-2-1-new.pdf> <https://api.schroders.com/document-store/id/ffcb39bb-96cb-4e56-9461-deba9a493e85>. The Fund level information is disclosed or will be disclosed (as applicable) in the Fund's annual report.

1. Set thresholds: these involve very explicit thresholds for considering an investment to be a "sustainable investment". For example, PAI 10 on violations of UNGC principles.

2. Active ownership: these involve indicators on which we have a plan to engage with the underlying holding as set out in the Schroders Group document <https://mybrand.schroders.com/m/3222ea4ed44a1f2c/original/schroders-engagement-blueprint.pdf>, outlining our approach to active ownership. For example, PAI 1, 2 and 3 covering GHG emissions and PAI 13 on board gender diversity.

3. Improve coverage: these involve indicators where we consider data coverage to be too sparse to properly consider them and our focus is primarily on engaging with the underlying holdings to increase reporting. For example, PAI 7 on biodiversity, PAI 9 on hazardous waste ratio and PAI 12 on the gender pay gap.

Our approach is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability, and quality, of PAI data evolves.

The Management Company's statement on principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors is available at <https://mybrand.schroders.com/m/467910ac8e6da45c/original/Statement-on-principal-adverse-impacts-of-investment-decisions-on-sustainability-factors.pdf>. The Fund level information is disclosed or will be (as applicable) in the Fund's annual report.

☐ No



## What investment strategy does this financial product follow?

**The investment strategy** guides investment decisions based on factors such as investment objectives and risk tolerance.

The sustainable investment strategy used by the Investment Manager is as follows:

The Fund is actively managed and invests directly or indirectly through derivatives in equity and equity-related securities, fixed and floating rate securities issued by governments, government agencies, supra-nationals and companies worldwide in various currencies and Alternative Asset Classes.

The Fund may invest:

- up to 50% in sub-investment grade securities (being securities with a credit rating below investment grade as measured by Standard & Poor's or any equivalent grade of other credit rating agencies).

- up to 20% of its assets in asset-backed securities, commercial mortgage-backed securities, and/or residential mortgage-backed securities issued worldwide with an investment grade or sub-investment grade credit rating (as measured by Standard & Poor's or any equivalent grade of other credit rating agencies).

Underlying assets may include credit card receivables, personal loans, auto loans, small business loans, leases, commercial mortgages and residential mortgages.

The Fund may invest directly in China B-Shares and China H-Shares and may invest less than 15% of its assets (on a net basis) directly or indirectly (for example via participatory notes) in China A-Shares through Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect and Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect and shares listed on the STAR Board and the ChiNext. The Fund may also invest up to 10% of its assets in mainland China through Regulated Markets (including the CIBM via Bond Connect or CIBM Direct).

The exposure to Alternative Asset Classes is taken through eligible assets as described in Appendix III of this Prospectus.

The Fund intends to use derivatives (including total return swaps), long and short, with the aim of achieving investment gains, reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently.

Where the Fund uses total return swaps and contracts for difference, the underlying consists of instruments in which the Fund may invest according to its Investment Objective and Investment Policy. In particular, the aim is to use total return swaps and contracts for difference on a temporary basis in market conditions including but not limited to during periods of expanding global economic growth and rising inflation or elevated geopolitical risk, or when credit spreads are expected to widen such during periods of falling economic growth, rising interest rates or elevated geopolitical risk. Contracts for difference and total return swaps are intended to be used to gain long and short exposure on equity and equity related securities, fixed and floating rate securities and commodity indices. The gross exposure of total return swaps and contracts for difference will not exceed 30% and is expected to remain within the range of 0% to 20% of the Net Asset Value. In certain circumstances this proportion may be higher.

The Fund may invest in Money Market Investments and hold cash. The Fund may invest up to 10% of its assets in open-ended Investment Funds.

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than 30% MSCI AC World Index (USD), 30% Barclays Global High Yield excl CMBS & EMG 2% index (USD), 30% ~~Thomson-Reuters~~-FTSE Convertible Global Focus index (USD) and 10% Barclays Global Aggregate Bond Index (USD), based on the Investment Manager's rating criteria.

The Fund does not directly invest in certain activities, industries or groups of issuers above the limits listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

The Investment Manager applies governance and sustainability criteria when selecting investments for the Fund. The investable universe is assessed using a number of proprietary tools, as well as external rating services.

The Investment Manager will assess companies against a variety of environmental, social and governance metrics, taking into account issues such as climate change, environmental performance, labour standards and board composition. The Investment Manager will decide whether an investment is eligible for inclusion taking into account the overall ESG score. The multi-asset nature of the Fund means that the Investment Manager will analyse the ESG scores across asset classes as an input into the asset allocation of the Fund. The Investment Manager may select investments, which it deems to contribute to one or more environmental or social objectives, provided that they do no significant harm to any other environmental or social objectives.

The sources of information used to perform the analysis include information provided by the companies, such as company sustainability reports and other relevant company material, as well as Schroders' proprietary sustainability tools and third-party data.

More details on the Investment Manager's approach to sustainability and its engagement with companies are available on the webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/>

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than its investment universe, based on the Investment Manager's rating system.

The Investment Manager ensures that at least:

- 90% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in developed countries; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with an investment grade credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by developed countries; and

- 75% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in emerging countries; equities issued by small and medium companies; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with a high yield credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by emerging countries,

is rated against the sustainability criteria. For the purposes of this test, small companies are those with market capitalisation below €5 billion, medium companies are those between €5 billion and €10 billion and large companies are those above €10 billion.

● ***What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?***

The following binding elements are applied throughout the investment process:

- The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the 30% MSCI AC World Index (USD), 30% Barclays Global High Yield excl CMBS & EMG 2% index (USD), 30% ~~Thomson-Reuters~~-FTSE Convertible Global Focus index (USD) and 10% Barclays Global Aggregate Bond Index (USD) based on the Investment Manager's rating criteria.

- The Fund invests at least 10% of its assets in sustainable investments and such investments do not cause significant environmental or social harm.
- Exclusions are applied to direct investments in companies. The Fund applies certain exclusions relating to international conventions on cluster munitions, antipersonnel mines, and chemical and biological weapons. The Fund also excludes companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to tobacco and thermal coal, especially companies that generate at least 10% of their revenues from tobacco production, companies that generate at least 25% of their revenues from the tobacco value chain (such as suppliers, distributors, retailers and licensors), companies that generate at least 10% of their revenues from thermal coal mining and companies that generate at least 30% of their revenues from coal fired power generation. The Fund excludes companies that are assessed by Schroders to have breached one or more 'global norms' thereby causing significant environmental or social harm; these companies comprise Schroders' 'global norms' breach list. In exceptional circumstances a derogation may be applied in order to allow the Fund to continue to hold a company on Schroders' 'global norms' breach list, for example where the stated investment strategy of the Fund may otherwise be compromised. Any such company cannot be categorised as a sustainable investment. Further, the Fund may apply other exclusions as listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/individual/fund-centre>
- The Fund invests in companies that have good governance practices, as determined by the Investment Manager's rating criteria.

The Investment Manager ensures that at least:

- 90% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in developed countries; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with an investment grade credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by developed countries; and
- 75% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in emerging countries; equities issued by small and medium companies; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with a high yield credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by emerging countries,

is rated against the sustainability criteria.

● **What is the committed minimum rate to reduce the scope of the investments considered prior to the application of that investment strategy?**

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

● **What is the policy to assess good governance practices of the investee companies?**

In order to assess good governance practices, a central Good Governance Test is applied. This test is based on a data-driven quantitative framework, which uses a scorecard to assess companies across the categories of sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff, and tax compliance. Schroders has defined a number of criteria across these pillars.

Compliance with the test is monitored centrally and companies which do not pass this test cannot be held by the Fund, unless the Investment Manager has agreed that the issuer demonstrates good governance based on additional insights beyond that quantitative analysis.

**Good governance** practices include sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff and tax compliance.



**Asset allocation** describes the share of investments in specific assets.

## What is the asset allocation planned for this financial product?

The planned composition of the Fund's investments that are used to meet its environmental or social characteristics are summarised below.

**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the minimum proportion of the Fund's assets used to attain the environmental or social characteristics, which is equal to 60%. The Fund commits to maintain a higher overall sustainability score than the 30% MSCI AC World Index (USD), 30% Barclays Global High Yield excl CMBS & EMG 2% index (USD), 30% ~~Thomson-Reuters~~ **FTSE** Convertible Global Focus index (USD) and 10% Barclays Global Aggregate Bond Index (USD), and so the Fund's investments that are scored by Schroders' proprietary sustainability tool are included within the minimum proportion stated in #1 on the basis that they will contribute to the Fund's sustainability score (whether such individual investment has a positive or a negative score). Also included within #1 are any green, social or sustainable bonds that are not scored by Schroders' proprietary sustainability tool. ~~is not~~ The minimum proportion of assets that are invested in sustainable investments, as indicated in #1A. The minimum proportions stated apply in normal market conditions. The actual proportion stated in #1 is expected to be higher.

The sustainability score is measured by Schroders' proprietary tool that provides an estimate of the net "impact" that an issuer may create in terms of social and environmental "costs" or "benefits". It does this by using certain indicators with respect to that issuer, and quantifying them positively and negatively to produce an aggregate notional measure of the effect that the relevant underlying issuer may have on society and the environment. Examples of such indicators are greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

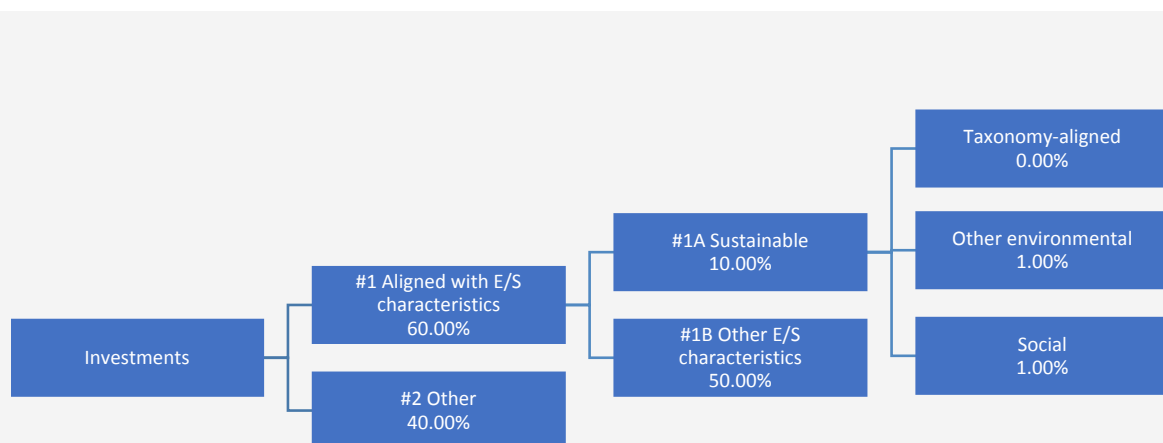
The Fund will invest at least 10% of its assets in sustainable investments. Each sustainable investment (i) demonstrates a net positive effect across a range of environmental or social objectives, as scored by Schroders' proprietary tool or (ii) is classified as a green, social and/ or sustainable bond using a third-party data source.

With the exception of any green or social bonds, which will be classified as having an environmental or social objective respectively, a sustainable investment is classified as having an environmental or social objective depending on whether the relevant issuer has a higher score in Schroders' proprietary tool relative to its applicable peer group for its environmental indicators or its social indicators. In each case, indicators are comprised of both "costs" and "benefits".

**#2 Other** includes cash which is treated as neutral for sustainability purposes. #2 also includes other investments that are not scored by Schroders' proprietary sustainability tool and so do not contribute towards the Fund's sustainability score. As #1 states a minimum proportion that is in practice expected to be higher, the proportion stated in #2 is expected to be lower.

Minimum safeguards are applied where relevant to Money Market Investments and other investments by restricting (as appropriate) investments in counterparties where there are ownership links or exposure to higher risk countries (for the purpose of money laundering, terrorist financing, bribery, corruption, tax evasion and sanctions risks). A firm-wide risk assessment considers the risk rating of each jurisdiction; which includes reference to a number of public statements, indices and world governance indicators issued by the UN, the European Union, the UK Government, the Financial Action Task Force and several Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), such as Transparency International and the Basel Committee.

In addition, new counterparties are reviewed by Schroders' credit risk team and approval of a new counterparty is based on a holistic review of the various sources of information available, including, but not limited to, quality of management, ownership structure, location, regulatory and social environment to which each counterparty is subject, and the degree of development of the local banking system and its regulatory framework. Ongoing monitoring is performed through a Schroders' proprietary tool, which supports the analysis of a counterparty's management of environmental, social and governance trends and challenges. Any significant deterioration in the profile of the counterparty in Schroders' proprietary tool would lead to further analysis and potential exclusion by Schroders' credit risk team.



**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the investments of the financial product used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product.

**#2 Other** includes the remaining investments of the financial product which are neither aligned with the environmental or social characteristics, nor are qualified as sustainable investments.

The category **#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** covers:

- The sub-category **#1A Sustainable** covers sustainable investments with environmental or social objectives.
- The sub-category **#1B Other E/S characteristics** covers investments aligned with the environmental or social characteristics that do not qualify as sustainable investments.

#1 The minimum proportion stated applies in normal market conditions.

### ● **How does the use of derivatives attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?**

Derivatives such as equity index futures may be used as a proxy for direct investments which would otherwise be held by the Fund in line with its sustainability criteria. Such derivatives may therefore be used to attain the Fund's sustainability score in Schroders proprietary tool which is one of the binding elements of the Fund. The Fund may use other derivatives that are scored in Schroders' proprietary tool to meet the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted by the Fund, as such derivatives would contribute to the Fund's sustainability score (whether such individual investment has a positive or a negative score).



## To what minimum extent are sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

There is no minimum extent to which the Fund's investments (including transitional and enabling activities) with an environmental objective are aligned with the Taxonomy. Taxonomy alignment of this Fund's investments has therefore not been calculated and has as a result been deemed to constitute 0% of the Fund's portfolio.

In future it is expected that the Fund will assess and report on the extent to which its underlying investments are in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the Taxonomy, along with information relating to the proportion of enabling and transitional activities. This Prospectus will be updated once it is possible in the Investment Manager's opinion to accurately disclose to what extent the Fund's investments are in Taxonomy-aligned environmentally sustainable activities, including the proportions of investments in enabling and transitional activities selected for the Fund.

### ● Does the financial product invest in fossil gas and/or nuclear energy related activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy<sup>1</sup>?

☐ Yes:

☐ In fossil gas ☐ In nuclear energy

☒ No

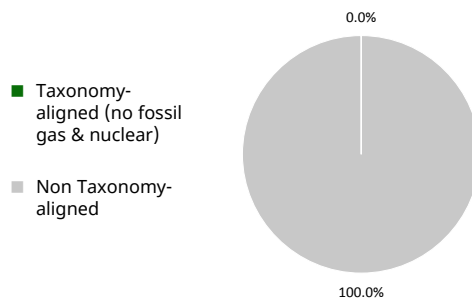
To comply with the EU Taxonomy, the criteria for **fossil gas** include limitations on emissions and switching to renewable power or low-carbon fuels by the end of 2035. For **nuclear energy**, the criteria include comprehensive safety and waste management rules.

Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

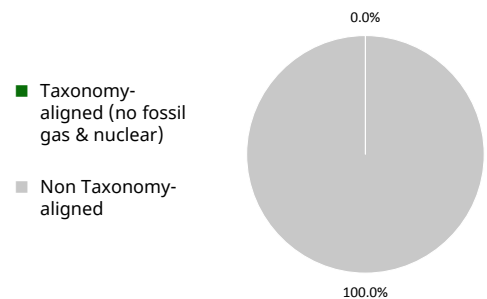
- **turnover** reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee companies
- **capital expenditure** (CapEx) showing the green investments made by investee companies, e.g. for a transition to a green economy.
- **operational expenditure** (OpEx) reflecting green operational activities of investee companies.

The two graphs below show in green the minimum percentage of investments that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the Taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy-alignment in relation to all the investments of the financial product including sovereign bonds, while the second graph shows the Taxonomy-alignment only in relation to the investments of the financial product other than sovereign bonds.

1. Taxonomy-alignment of investments including sovereign bonds\*



2. Taxonomy-alignment of investments excluding sovereign bonds\*



This graph represents x% of the total investments<sup>2</sup>.

\* For the purpose of these graphs, 'sovereign bonds' consist of all sovereign exposures

### ● What is the minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities?

As per the above, at the date of this Prospectus the share of investments by the Fund in transitional and enabling activities is currently deemed to constitute 0% of the Fund's portfolio.

**Enabling activities** directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective.

**Transitional activities** are activities for which low-carbon

<sup>1</sup> Fossil gas and/or nuclear related activities will only comply with the EU Taxonomy where they contribute to limiting climate change ("climate change mitigation") and do not significantly harm any EU Taxonomy objective – see explanatory note in the left-hand margin. The full criteria for fossil gas and nuclear energy economic activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy are laid down in Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1214.

<sup>2</sup> As there is no Taxonomy-alignment, there is no impact on the graph if sovereign bonds are excluded (i.e. the percentage of Taxonomy-aligned investments remains 0%) and the Management Company therefore believes that there is no need to mention this information.



alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.



### What is the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

The Fund commits to invest at least 1% of its assets in sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy.



are sustainable investments with an environmental objective that **do not take into account the criteria** for environmentally sustainable economic activities under the EU Taxonomy.



### What is the minimum share of socially sustainable investments?

The Fund commits to invest at least 1% of its assets in sustainable investments with a social objective.



### What investments are included under “#2 Other”, what is their purpose and are there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

**#2 Other** includes cash which is treated as neutral for sustainability purposes. #2 also includes other investments that are not scored by Schroders’ proprietary sustainability tools and so do not contribute towards the Fund’s sustainability score.

Minimum safeguards are applied where relevant to Money Market Investments and other investments by restricting (as appropriate) investments in counterparties where there are ownership links or exposure to higher risk countries (for the purpose of money laundering, terrorist financing, bribery, corruption, tax evasion and sanctions risks). A firm-wide risk assessment considers the risk rating of each jurisdiction; which includes reference to a number of public statements, indices and world governance indicators issued by the UN, the European Union, the UK Government, the Financial Action Task Force and several Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), such as Transparency International and the Basel Committee.

In addition, new counterparties are reviewed by Schroders’ credit risk team and approval of a new counterparty is based on a holistic review of the various sources of information available, including, but not limited to, quality of management, ownership structure, location, regulatory and social environment to which each counterparty is subject, and the degree of development of the local banking system and its regulatory framework. Ongoing monitoring is performed through a Schroders’ proprietary tool, which supports the analysis of a counterparty’s management of environmental, social and governance trends and challenges. Any significant deterioration in the profile of the counterparty in Schroders’ proprietary tool would lead to further analysis and potential exclusion by Schroders’ credit risk team.



### Is a specific index designated as a reference benchmark to determine whether this financial product is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes?

**Reference benchmarks** are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the

- **How is the reference benchmark continuously aligned with each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?**

This question is not applicable for the Fund.



- ***How is the alignment of the investment strategy with the methodology of the index ensured on a continuous basis?***  
This question is not applicable for the Fund.
- ***How does the designated index differ from a relevant broad market index?***  
This question is not applicable for the Fund.
- ***Where can the methodology used for the calculation of the designated index be found?***  
This question is not applicable for the Fund.



## **Where can I find more product specific information online?**

More product-specific information can be found on the webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

Pre-contractual disclosure for the financial products referred to in Article 8, paragraphs 1, 2 and 2a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 6, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852

**Product name:** **Schroder International Selection Fund Multi-Asset Total Return**

**Legal entity identifier:** **549300NT1L407KR1IF71**

## Environmental and/or social characteristics

<p><b>Sustainable investment</b> means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good governance practices.</p>	<p><b>Does this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?</b></p> <div> <div> <input checked="" type="radio"/> <input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Yes</b> </div> <div> <input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>No</b> </div> </div> <div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with an environmental objective: ___%</b> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy <input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy </div> </div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with a social objective ___%</b> </div> </div> <div> <div> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> It <b>promotes Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics</b> and while it does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will have a minimum proportion of <b>10.00%</b> of sustainable investments <div> <input type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> with a social objective </div> </div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> It promotes E/S characteristics, but <b>will not make any sustainable investments</b> </div> </div>
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The **EU Taxonomy** is a classification system laid down in Regulation (EU) 2020/852, establishing a list of **environmentally sustainable economic activities**. That Regulation does not lay down a list of socially sustainable economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.



## What environmental and/or social characteristics are promoted by this financial product?

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than a bespoke asset-weighted blend of MSCI World Index (hedged to USD), MSCI Emerging Market Index (hedged to USD), Barclays Global Aggregate Corporate Bond Index (hedged to USD), Barclays Global High Yield excl CMBS & EMD 2% Index (hedged to USD), ICE BofA US Treasury Index (hedged to USD), JPM GBI Emerging Market Index - EM Local (hedged to USD), JPM EMBI Index EM Hard Currency (hedged to USD), **Thomson-ReutersFTSE** Global Convertible Bonds Index (hedged to USD), based on the Investment Manager's rating system. The component benchmarks (which are each respectively a broad market index) do not take into account the environmental and social characteristics promoted by the Fund. The blend will evolve over time in line with the actual asset allocation of the Fund.

The sustainability score is measured by Schroders' proprietary tool that provides an estimate of the net "impact" that an issuer may create in terms of social and environmental "costs" or "benefits". It does this by using certain indicators with respect to that issuer, and quantifying them positively and negatively to produce an aggregate notional measure of the effect that the relevant underlying issuer may have on society and the environment. It does this using third party data as well as Schroders own estimates and assumptions and the outcome may differ from other sustainability tools and measures. Examples of such indicators are greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

The result is expressed as an aggregate score of the sustainability indicators for each issuer, specifically a notional percentage (positive or negative) of sales or GDP of the relevant underlying issuer. For example, a score of +2% would mean an issuer contributes \$2 of relative notional positive impact (i.e. benefits to society) per \$100 of sales or GDP. The sustainability score of the Fund is derived from the scores of all issuers in the Fund's portfolio measured by Schroders' proprietary tool.

The Fund invests at least 10% of its assets in sustainable investments, which are investments that the Investment Manager expects to contribute towards the advancement of one or more environmental and/or social objective (s).

### ● **What sustainability indicators are used to measure the attainment of each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?**

The Investment Manager monitors compliance with the characteristic to maintain a higher overall sustainability score than the blend of the named benchmarks by reference to the weighted average sustainability score of the Fund in Schroders' proprietary tool compared against the weighted average sustainability score of the blend of the named benchmarks that reflects the Fund's asset allocation. Both

**Sustainability indicators** measure how the environmental or social characteristics

promoted by the financial product are attained.

scores are based on month-end data over the previous ~~six months~~six-month period. The overall sustainability score aggregates the effect of sustainability indicators including but not limited to greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

The Investment Manager monitors compliance with the characteristic to invest at least 10% of its assets in sustainable investments by reference to (i) the sustainability score of each asset in Schroders' proprietary tool and/ or (ii) whether the asset is classified as a green, social and/ or sustainable bond. Compliance with this is monitored daily via our automated compliance controls.

● ***What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?***

In respect of the proportion of the Fund's portfolio that is invested in sustainable investments, each sustainable investment either (i) demonstrates a net positive effect across a range of environmental or social objectives, as scored by Schroders' proprietary tool and/ or (ii) is classified as a green, social and/ or sustainable bond using a third-party data source. The environmental or social objectives of the sustainable investments that the Fund partially intends to make may include, but are not limited to, increasing environmental and/ or social benefits such as greater water access or fair pay and reducing environmental, and/ or social costs such as carbon emissions or food waste. For example, greater water access as measured by Schroders' proprietary tool are the estimated societal benefits of the provision of clean drinking water to human health. The environmental or social objectives of green, social and/ or sustainable bonds may include, but are not limited to, climate change mitigation, renewable energy initiatives, natural resource conservation, access to finance and affordable housing projects.

● ***How do the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make, not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?***

The Investment Manager's approach to investing in issuers that do not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective includes the following:

- Firm-wide investment exclusions apply to Schroders funds. These relate to international conventions on cluster munitions, anti-personnel mines, and chemical and biological weapons and a list of those companies that are excluded is available at <https://www.schroders.com/en/sustainability/active-ownership/group-exclusions/>. Firm-wide exclusions also apply to companies generating more than 20% of their revenue from thermal coal mining.
- The Fund excludes companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to tobacco and thermal coal.
- The Fund excludes companies that are assessed by Schroders to have breached one or more 'global norms' thereby causing significant environmental or social harm; these companies comprise Schroders' 'global norms' breach list. Schroders' determination of whether a company has been involved in such a breach considers relevant principles such as those contained in the UN Global Compact (UNGC) principles, the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights. The 'global norms' breach list may be informed by assessments performed by third party providers and by proprietary research, where relevant to a particular situation. In exceptional circumstances a derogation may be applied in order to allow the Fund to continue to hold a company on Schroders' 'global norms' breach list, for example where the stated investment strategy of the Fund may otherwise be compromised. Any such company cannot be categorised as a sustainable investment.
- The Fund may also apply certain other exclusions in addition to those summarised above.

Further information on all of the Fund's investment exclusions is to be found under "Sustainability -Related Disclosures" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>.

● ***How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?***

When seeking to identify significant harm, Schroders' approach to taking into account the Principal Adverse Impacts (PAI) indicators involves a quantitative and a qualitative assessment. Where it is not considered appropriate or feasible to set quantitative thresholds, the Investment Manager engages, where relevant. Investee companies deemed not to satisfy the quantitative thresholds would generally be excluded, unless on a case-by-case basis the data is deemed not representative of a company's performance in the relevant area.

This framework is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability and quality of the data evolves.

Our approach includes:

1. **Quantitative:** this includes indicators where specific thresholds have been established:

**Principal adverse impacts** are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anticorruption and antibribery matters.

- Via the application of exclusions. This approach is relevant to **PAI 4** (Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector), **PAI 5** (Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production) and **PAI 14** (Exposure to controversial weapons). Further, the following PAIs are assessed as part of Schroders' 'global norms' breach list exclusion (which seeks to exclude companies where significant harm is occurring):
  - **PAI 7** (Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas)
  - **PAI 8** (Emissions to water)
  - **PAI 9** (Hazardous waste and radioactive waste ratio)
  - **PAI 10** (Violations of UN Global Compact principles and Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises)
  - **PAI 11** (Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and Voluntary)
  - **PAI 14** in Table 3 (Number of identified cases of severe human rights issues and incidents)
- Via the application of an alert system flag if the relevant indicator(s) exceeds a threshold. These quantitative thresholds to assess significant harm are established centrally by our Sustainable Investment team and monitored systematically. This approach applies to indicators where we have segmented the population into harm groups to establish a threshold, such as carbon related PAI metrics, **PAI 1** (GHG emissions), **PAI 2** (Carbon footprint) and **Voluntary PAI 4 in Table 2** (Investing in companies without carbon emission reduction initiatives). **PAI 3** (GHG intensity of investee companies) operates in a similar way but the threshold is based on a revenue metric. A threshold for **PAI 6** (Energy consumption intensity per high impact climate sector) is established based on the ~~above-mentioned~~ carbon measures. A similar approach has been taken for **PAI 15** (GHG intensity). **PAI 16** (Investee countries subject to social violations) also operates in the same way but based on data availability regarding social violations. Through this process the relevant issuer(s) that is/are deemed not to satisfy the quantitative thresholds is/are flagged to the Investment Manager for consideration, whose response may involve selling the holdings(s) or maintaining the position if on a case-by-case basis the data is deemed not representative of a company's performance in the relevant area. Investee companies deemed to cause significant harm are excluded from the Fund.
- 2. **Qualitative:** This includes PAI indicators where Schroders' believes that the data available does not enable us to make a quantitative determination regarding whether significant harm is done so as to warrant excluding an investment. In such cases, the Investment Manager engages wherever possible with the company or companies held, in accordance with the priorities documented in Schroders' Engagement Blueprint and/or voting policy. This approach applies to indicators such as **PAI 12** (Unadjusted gender pay gap) and **PAI 13** (Board gender diversity), where we engage and may use our voting rights where we consider appropriate. Both board gender diversity and disclosure of gender pay gap information are captured in our Engagement Blueprint.

● ***How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:***

Companies on Schroders' 'global norms' breach list cannot be categorised as sustainable investments. Schroders' determination of whether a company should be included on such list considers the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, among other relevant principles. The 'global norms' breach list is informed by third party providers and proprietary research, where relevant.

*The EU Taxonomy sets out a "do not significant harm" principle by which Taxonomy-aligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives and is accompanied by specific EU criteria.*

*The "do not significant harm" principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.*

*Any other sustainable investments must also not significantly harm any environmental or social objectives.*



## Does this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

☒ Yes, the Investment Manager's approach to considering principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors involves classifying the indicators into three categories:

The Fund allocates its assets across multiple underlying strategies. Some PAIs are considered at the Fund level, whilst other PAIs are considered at the level of the underlying strategies by the relevant investment manager where applicable.

Some PAIs are considered as part of pre-investment through the application of exclusions applied at the Fund level. These include:

- Controversial weapons (PAI 14 - Exposure to controversial weapons (anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, chemical weapons and biological weapons).
- Schroders' 'global norms' breach list, which covers: PAI 7 (Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas), PAI 8 (Emissions to water), PAI 9 (Hazardous waste and radioactive waste ratio), PAI 10 (Violations of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises), PAI 11 (Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises) and PAI 16 (Investee countries subject to social violations)- applied to long exposures.
- Companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to thermal coal: (PAI 4 (Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector), PAI 5 (Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production) – applied to relevant underlying strategies.

Compliance with these thresholds is monitored via the Investment Manager's portfolio compliance framework.

Where appropriate PAIs are also considered through integration in the investment process, specifically the stock selection process in underlying strategies. For example the global equity strategy considers PAIs in the following way:

- Schroders' proprietary tool, which is used as part of screening the investment universe and for providing a maximum that can be invested in each company, incorporates several PAIs as a component of its scoring methodology. In assessing an issuer's overall environmental score, PAIs 1, 2 and 3 are included. In assessing an issuer's overall social score, PAIs 12 and 13 are included.

The investment team monitors all PAI indicators via Schroders' PAI dashboard.

Other PAIs are considered via active ownership, which where relevant is performed indirectly via the underlying investment managers. Where applicable, based on the underlying strategies and the relevant investment manager's own investment process, PAIs are considered post-investment through engagement in line with the approach and expectations set out in Schroders Engagement Blueprint.

Examples of PAIs captured via this approach include PAI 1 (GHG emissions), PAI 2 (Carbon footprint), PAI 3 (GHG intensity of investee companies) and PAI 13 (Board gender diversity).

Our approach is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability, and quality, of PAI data evolves. The Management Company's statement on principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors is available at <https://mybrand.schroders.com/m/4ab13771bddd9d/original/Statement-on-principal-adverse-impacts-of-investment-decisions-on-sustainability-factors-2-1-new.pdf> <https://api.schroders.com/document-store/id/ffcb39bb-96cb-4e56-9461-deba9a493e85>. The Fund level information is disclosed or will be disclosed (as applicable) in the Fund's annual report.

1. Set thresholds: these involve very explicit thresholds for considering an investment to be a "sustainable investment". For example, PAI 10 on violations of UNGC principles.

2. Active ownership: these involve indicators on which we have a plan to engage with the underlying holding as set out in the Schroders Group document, <https://mybrand.schroders.com/m/3222ea4ed44a1f2c/original/schroders-engagement-blueprint.pdf>, outlining our approach to active ownership. For example, PAI 1, 2 and 3 covering GHG emissions and PAI 13 on board gender diversity.

3. Improve coverage: these involve indicators where we consider data coverage to be too sparse to properly consider them and our focus is primarily on engaging with the underlying holdings to increase reporting. For example, PAI 7 on biodiversity, PAI 9 on hazardous waste ratio and PAI 12 on the gender pay gap.

Our approach is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability, and quality, of PAI data evolves.

The Management Company's statement on principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors is available at <https://mybrand.schroders.com/m/467910ac8e6da45c/original/Statement-on-principal-adverse-impacts-of-investment-decisions-on-sustainability-factors.pdf>. The Fund level information is disclosed or will be (as applicable) in the Fund's annual report.

☐ No



## What investment strategy does this financial product follow?

**The investment strategy** guides investment decisions based on factors such as investment objectives and risk tolerance.

The sustainable investment strategy used by the Investment Manager is as follows:

The Fund is actively managed and invests directly or indirectly (through Investment Funds and derivatives) in equity and equity related securities, fixed and floating rate securities, commodities and currencies worldwide.

The Fund may invest in sub-investment grade securities (being securities with a credit rating below investment grade as measured by Standard & Poor's or any equivalent grade of other credit rating agencies). The Fund may invest up to 20% of its assets in asset-backed securities and mortgage-backed securities.

The Fund intends to use derivatives (including total return swaps), long and short, with the aim of achieving investment gains, reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently.

Where the Fund uses total return swaps and contracts for difference, the underlying consists of instruments in which the Fund may invest according to its Investment Objective and Investment Policy. In particular, total return swaps and contracts for difference will be used on a continuous basis to gain long and short exposure on equity and equity related securities, fixed and floating rate securities and commodity indices. The gross exposure of total return swaps and contracts for difference will not exceed 25% and is expected to remain within the range of 0% to 15% of the Net Asset Value. In certain circumstances this proportion may be higher.

The investment strategy of the Fund and its use of derivatives may lead to situations when it is considered appropriate that prudent levels of cash or cash equivalent liquidity will be maintained, which may be substantial or even represent (exceptionally) 100% of the Fund's assets. This will be limited to a maximum of six months (otherwise the Fund will be liquidated). During this period, the Fund will not fall within the scope of MMFR. The Fund may also invest in Money Market Investments.

The Fund may invest up to 10% of its assets in open-ended Investment Funds (including other Schroder Funds).

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than a bespoke asset-weighted blend\* of MSCI World Index (hedged to USD), MSCI Emerging Market Index (hedged to USD), Barclays Global Aggregate Corporate Bond Index (hedged to USD), Barclays Global High Yield excl CMBS & EMD 2% Index (hedged to USD), ICE BofA US Treasury Index (hedged to USD), JPM GBI Emerging Market Index - EM Local (hedged to USD), JPM EMBI Index EM Hard Currency (hedged to USD), Thomson Reuters FTSE Global Convertible Bonds Index (hedged to USD), based on the Investment Manager's rating system. More details on the investment process used to achieve this can be found in the Fund Characteristics section.\*The blend will evolve over time in line with the actual asset allocation of the Fund.

The Fund does not directly invest in certain activities, industries or groups of issuers above the limits listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

The Investment Manager applies governance and sustainability criteria when selecting investments for the Fund. The investable universe is assessed using a number of proprietary tools, as well as external rating services.

The Investment Manager will assess companies against a variety of environmental, social and governance metrics, taking into account issues such as climate change, environmental performance, labour standards and board composition. The Investment Manager will decide whether an investment is eligible for inclusion taking into account the overall ESG score. The multi-asset nature of the Fund means that the Investment Manager will analyse the ESG scores across asset classes as an input into the asset allocation of the Fund.

The sources of information used to perform the analysis include information provided by the companies, such as company sustainability reports and other relevant company material, as well as Schroders' proprietary sustainability tools and third-party data.

More details on the Investment Manager's approach to sustainability and its engagement with companies are available on the website <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/>

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than its investment universe, based on the Investment Manager's rating system.

The Investment Manager ensures that at least:

- 90% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in developed countries; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with an investment grade credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by developed countries; and
- 75% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in emerging countries; equities issued by small and medium companies; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with a high yield credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by emerging countries,

is rated against the sustainability criteria. For the purposes of this test, small companies are those with market capitalisation below €5 billion, medium companies are those between €5 billion and €10 billion and large companies are those above €10 billion.

### ● **What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?**

The following binding elements are applied throughout the investment process:

- The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than a bespoke asset-weighted blend of MSCI World Index (hedged to USD), MSCI Emerging Market Index (hedged to USD), Barclays Global Aggregate Corporate Bond Index (hedged to USD), Barclays Global High Yield excl CMBS & EMD 2% Index (hedged to USD), ICE BofA US Treasury Index (hedged to USD), JPM GBI Emerging Market Index - EM Local (hedged to USD), JPM EMBI Index EM Hard Currency (hedged to USD), Thomson Reuters FTSE Global Convertible Bonds Index (hedged to USD) based on the Investment Manager's rating criteria.
- The Fund invests at least 10% of its assets in sustainable investments and such investments do not cause significant environmental or social harm.
- Exclusions are applied to direct investments in companies. The Fund applies certain exclusions relating to international conventions on cluster munitions, antipersonnel mines, and chemical and biological weapons. The Fund also excludes companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to tobacco and thermal coal, especially companies that generate at least 10% of



their revenues from tobacco production, companies that generate at least 25% of their revenues from the tobacco value chain (such as suppliers, distributors, retailers and licensors), companies that generate at least 10% of their revenues from thermal coal mining and companies that generate at least 30% of their revenues from coal fired power generation. The Fund excludes companies that are assessed by Schroders to have breached one or more 'global norms' thereby causing significant environmental or social harm; these companies comprise Schroders' 'global norms' breach list. In exceptional circumstances a derogation may be applied in order to allow the Fund to continue to hold a company on Schroders' 'global norms' breach list, for example where the stated investment strategy of the Fund may otherwise be compromised. Any such company cannot be categorised as a sustainable investment. Further, the Fund may apply other exclusions as listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosures" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

- The Fund invests in companies that have good governance practices, as determined by the Investment Manager's rating criteria.
- The Investment Manager ensures that at least:
  - 90% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in developed countries; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with an investment grade credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by developed countries; and
  - 75% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in emerging countries; equities issued by small and medium companies; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with a high yield credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by emerging countries,

is rated against the sustainability criteria.

● **What is the committed minimum rate to reduce the scope of the investments considered prior to the application of that investment strategy?**

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

● **What is the policy to assess good governance practices of the investee companies?**

In order to assess good governance practices, a central Good Governance Test is applied. This test is based on a data-driven quantitative framework, which uses a scorecard to assess companies across the categories of sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff, and tax compliance. Schroders has defined a number of criteria across these pillars.

Compliance with the test is monitored centrally and companies which do not pass this test cannot be held by the Fund, unless the Investment Manager has agreed that the issuer demonstrates good governance based on additional insights beyond that quantitative analysis.

**Good governance** practices include sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff and tax compliance.



## What is the asset allocation planned for this financial product?

**Asset allocation** describes the share of investments in specific assets.

The planned composition of the Fund's investments that are used to meet its environmental or social characteristics are summarised below.

**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the minimum proportion of the Fund's assets used to attain the environmental or social characteristics, which is equal to 40%. The Fund commits to maintain a higher overall sustainability score than a bespoke asset-weighted blend of the MSCI World Index (hedged to USD), MSCI Emerging Market Index (hedged to USD), Barclays Global Aggregate Corporate Bond Index (hedged to USD), Barclays Global High Yield excl CMBS & EMD 2% Index (hedged to USD), ICE BofA US Treasury Index (hedged to USD), JPM GBI Emerging Market Index - EM Local (hedged to USD), JPM EMBI Index EM Hard Currency (hedged to USD), Thomson Reuters FTSE Global Convertible Bonds Index (hedged to USD), and so the Fund's investments that are scored by Schroders' proprietary sustainability tool are included within the minimum proportion stated in #1 on the basis that they will contribute to the Fund's sustainability score (whether such individual investment has a positive or a negative score). Also included within #1 are any green, social or sustainable bonds that are not scored by Schroders' proprietary sustainability tool. is ~~t~~<sup>e</sup> The minimum proportion of assets that are invested in sustainable investments, ~~a~~<sup>i</sup>s indicated in #1A. The minimum proportions stated apply in normal market conditions. The actual proportion stated in #1 is expected to be higher.

The sustainability score is measured by Schroders' proprietary tool that provides an estimate of the net "impact" that an issuer may create in terms of social and environmental "costs" or "benefits". It does this by using certain indicators with respect to that issuer, and quantifying them positively and negatively to produce an aggregate notional measure of the effect that the relevant underlying issuer may have on society and the environment. Examples of such indicators are greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

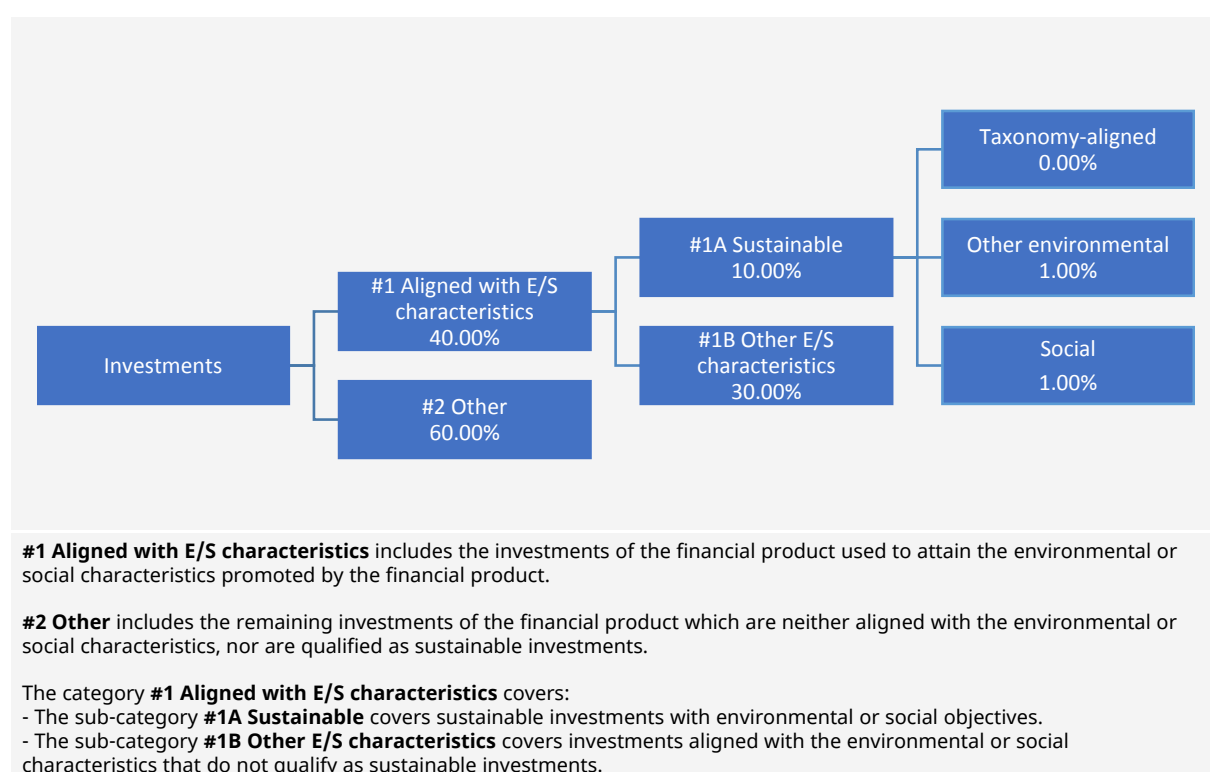
The Fund will invest at least 10% of its assets in sustainable investments. Each sustainable investment (i) demonstrates a net positive effect across a range of environmental or social objectives, as scored by Schroders' proprietary tool or (ii) is classified as a green, social and/ or sustainable bond using a third-party data source. With the exception of any green or social bonds, which will be classified as having an environmental or social objective respectively, a sustainable investment is classified as having an environmental or social objective

depending on whether the relevant issuer has a higher score in Schroders' proprietary tool relative to its applicable peer group for its environmental indicators or its social indicators. In each case, indicators are comprised of both "costs" and "benefits".

**#2 Other** includes cash which is treated as neutral for sustainability purposes. #2 also includes **other** investments that are not scored by Schroders' proprietary sustainability tool and so do not contribute towards the Fund's sustainability score. As #1 states a minimum proportion that is in practice expected to be higher, the proportion stated in #2 is expected to be lower.

Minimum safeguards are applied where relevant to investments by restricting (as appropriate) investments in counterparties where there are ownership links or exposure to higher risk countries (for the purpose of money laundering, terrorist financing, bribery, corruption, tax evasion and sanctions risks). A firm-wide risk assessment considers the risk rating of each jurisdiction; which includes reference to a number of public statements, indices and world governance indicators issued by the UN, the European Union, the UK Government, the Financial Action Task Force and several Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), such as Transparency International and the Basel Committee.

In addition, new counterparties are reviewed by Schroders' credit risk team and approval of a new counterparty is based on a holistic review of the various sources of information available, including, but not limited to, quality of management, ownership structure, location, regulatory and social environment to which each counterparty is subject, and the degree of development of the local banking system and its regulatory framework. Ongoing monitoring is performed through a Schroders' proprietary tool, which supports the analysis of a counterparty's management of environmental, social and governance trends and challenges. Any significant deterioration in the profile of the counterparty in Schroders' proprietary tool would lead to further analysis and potential exclusion by Schroders' credit risk team.



#1 The minimum proportion stated applies in normal market conditions.

## ● **How does the use of derivatives attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?**

Derivatives such as equity index futures may be used as a proxy for direct investments which would otherwise be held by the Fund in line with its sustainability criteria. Such derivatives may therefore be used to attain the Fund's sustainability score in Schroders' proprietary tool which is one of the binding elements of the Fund. The Fund may use other derivatives that are scored in Schroders' proprietary tool to meet the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted by the Fund, as such derivatives would contribute to the Fund's sustainability score (whether such individual investment has a positive or a negative score).



## To what minimum extent are sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

There is no minimum extent to which the Fund's investments (including transitional and enabling activities) with an environmental objective are aligned with the Taxonomy. Taxonomy alignment of this Fund's investments has therefore not been calculated and has as a result been deemed to constitute 0% of the Fund's portfolio.

In future it is expected that the Fund will assess and report on the extent to which its underlying investments are in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the Taxonomy, along with information relating to the proportion of enabling and transitional activities. This Prospectus will be updated once it is possible in the Investment Manager's opinion to accurately disclose to what extent the Fund's investments are in Taxonomy-aligned environmentally sustainable activities, including the proportions of investments in enabling and transitional activities selected for the Fund.

### ● Does the financial product invest in fossil gas and/or nuclear energy related activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy<sup>1</sup>?

☐ Yes:

☐ In fossil gas ☐ In nuclear energy

☒ No

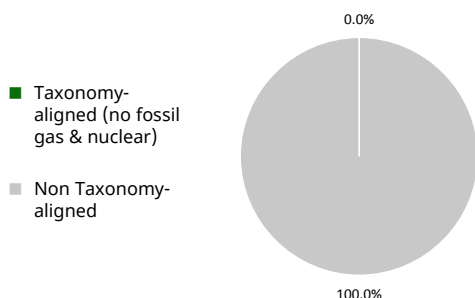
To comply with the EU Taxonomy, the criteria for **fossil gas** include limitations on emissions and switching to renewable power or low-carbon fuels by the end of 2035. For **nuclear energy**, the criteria include comprehensive safety and waste management rules.

Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

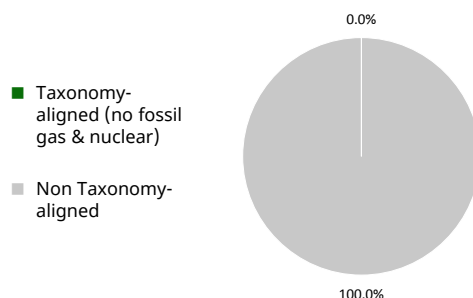
- **turnover** reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee companies
- **capital expenditure** (CapEx) showing the green investments made by investee companies, e.g. for a transition to a green economy.
- **operational expenditure** (OpEx) reflecting green operational activities of investee companies.

The two graphs below show in green the minimum percentage of investments that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the Taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy-alignment in relation to all the investments of the financial product including sovereign bonds, while the second graph shows the Taxonomy-alignment only in relation to the investments of the financial product other than sovereign bonds.

1. Taxonomy-alignment of investments including sovereign bonds\*



2. Taxonomy-alignment of investments excluding sovereign bonds\*



This graph represents x% of the total investments<sup>2</sup>.

\* For the purpose of these graphs, 'sovereign bonds' consist of all sovereign exposures

### ● What is the minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities?

As per the above, at the date of this Prospectus the share of investments by the Fund in transitional and enabling activities is currently deemed to constitute 0% of the Fund's portfolio.

**Enabling activities** directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective.

**Transitional activities** are activities for which low-carbon

<sup>1</sup> Fossil gas and/or nuclear related activities will only comply with the EU Taxonomy where they contribute to limiting climate change ("climate change mitigation") and do not significantly harm any EU Taxonomy objective – see explanatory note in the left-hand margin. The full criteria for fossil gas and nuclear energy economic activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy are laid down in Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1214.

<sup>2</sup> As there is no Taxonomy-alignment, there is no impact on the graph if sovereign bonds are excluded (i.e. the percentage of Taxonomy-aligned investments remains 0%) and the Management Company therefore believes that there is no need to mention this information.

alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.



### What is the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

The Fund commits to invest at least 1% of its assets in sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy.



are sustainable investments with an environmental objective that **do not take into account the criteria** for environmentally sustainable economic activities under the EU Taxonomy.



### What is the minimum share of socially sustainable investments?

The Fund commits to invest at least 1% of its assets in sustainable investments with a social objective.



### What investments are included under “#2 Other”, what is their purpose and are there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

**#2 Other** includes cash which is treated as neutral for sustainability purposes. #2 also includes other investments that are not scored by the Investment Manager’s proprietary sustainability tools and so do not contribute towards the Fund’s sustainability score.

Minimum safeguards are applied where relevant to investments by restricting (as appropriate) investments in counterparties where there are ownership links or exposure to higher risk countries (for the purpose of money laundering, terrorist financing, bribery, corruption, tax evasion and sanctions risks). A firm-wide risk assessment considers the risk rating of each jurisdiction; which includes reference to a number of public statements, indices and world governance indicators issued by the UN, the European Union, the UK Government, the Financial Action Task Force and several Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), such as Transparency International and the Basel Committee.

In addition, new counterparties are reviewed by Schroders’ credit risk team and approval of a new counterparty is based on a holistic review of the various sources of information available, including, but not limited to, quality of management, ownership structure, location, regulatory and social environment to which each counterparty is subject, and the degree of development of the local banking system and its regulatory framework. Ongoing monitoring is performed through a Schroders’ proprietary tool, which supports the analysis of a counterparty’s management of environmental, social and governance trends and challenges. Any significant deterioration in the profile of the counterparty in Schroders’ proprietary tool would lead to further analysis and potential exclusion by Schroders’ credit risk team.



### Is a specific index designated as a reference benchmark to determine whether this financial product is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes?

**Reference benchmarks** are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the

- **How is the reference benchmark continuously aligned with each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?**

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- ***How is the alignment of the investment strategy with the methodology of the index ensured on a continuous basis?***  
This question is not applicable for the Fund.
- ***How does the designated index differ from a relevant broad market index?***  
This question is not applicable for the Fund.
- ***Where can the methodology used for the calculation of the designated index be found?***  
This question is not applicable for the Fund.



## **Where can I find more product specific information online?**

More product-specific information can be found on the webpage  
<https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

Pre-contractual disclosure for the financial products referred to in Article 8, paragraphs 1, 2 and 2a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 6, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852

**Product name:** **Schroder International Selection Fund Nordic Micro Cap**

**Legal entity identifier:** **549300LG1HXZURKG0379**

## Environmental and/or social characteristics

**Sustainable investment** means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good governance practices.

The **EU Taxonomy** is a classification system laid down in Regulation (EU) 2020/852, establishing a list of **environmentally sustainable economic activities**. That Regulation does not lay down a list of socially sustainable economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.

Does this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?	
●● <input type="checkbox"/> Yes	●○ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
<input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with an environmental objective: __%</b>  <input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy  <input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> It <b>promotes Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics</b> and while it does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will have a minimum proportion of <b>25.00%</b> of sustainable investments  <input type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> with a social objective
<input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with a social objective __%</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> It promotes E/S characteristics, but <b>will not make any sustainable investments</b>



## What environmental and/or social characteristics are promoted by this financial product?

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the MSCI Nordic Micro Cap (Net TR) index, based on the Investment Manager's rating system. This benchmark (which is a broad market index) does not take into account the environmental and social characteristics promoted by the Fund.

The sustainability score is measured by Schroders' proprietary tool that provides an estimate of the net "impact" that an issuer may create in terms of social and environmental "costs" or "benefits". It does this by using certain indicators with respect to that issuer, and quantifying them positively and negatively to produce an aggregate notional measure of the effect that the relevant underlying issuer may have on society and the environment. It does this using third party data as well as Schroders own estimates and assumptions and the outcome may differ from other sustainability tools and measures. Examples of such indicators are greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

The result is expressed as an aggregate score of the sustainability indicators for each issuer, specifically a notional percentage (positive or negative) of sales of the relevant underlying issuer. For example, a score of +2% would mean an issuer contributes \$2 of relative notional positive impact (i.e. benefits to society) per \$100 of sales. The sustainability score of the Fund is derived from the scores of all issuers in the Fund's portfolio measured by Schroders' proprietary tool.

The Fund invests at least 25% of its assets in sustainable investments, which are investments that the Investment Manager expects to contribute towards the advancement of one or more environmental and/or social objective (s).

### ● **What sustainability indicators are used to measure the attainment of each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?**

The Investment Manager monitors compliance with the characteristic to maintain a higher overall sustainability score than the MSCI Nordic Micro Cap (Net TR) index by reference to the weighted average sustainability score of the Fund in Schroders' proprietary tool compared against the weighted average sustainability score of the MSCI Nordic Micro Cap (Net TR) index in Schroders' proprietary tool over the previous six month period, based on month-end data. The overall sustainability score aggregates the effect of sustainability indicators including but not limited to greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

**Sustainability indicators** measure how the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product are attained.



The Investment Manager monitors compliance with the characteristic to invest at least 25% of its assets in sustainable investments by reference to the sustainability score of each asset in Schroders' proprietary tool. Compliance with this is monitored daily via our automated compliance controls. The Fund also applies certain exclusions, with which the Investment Manager monitors compliance on an ongoing basis via its portfolio compliance framework.

● ***What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?***

In respect of the proportion of the Fund's portfolio that is invested in sustainable investments, each sustainable investment demonstrates a net positive effect across a range of environmental or social objectives, as scored by Schroders' proprietary tool. The environmental or social objectives of the sustainable investments that the Fund partially intends to make may include, but are not limited to, increasing environmental and/or social benefits such as greater water access or fair pay and reducing environmental, and/or social costs such as carbon emissions or food waste. For example, greater water access as measured by Schroders' proprietary tool are the estimated societal benefits of the provision of clean drinking water to human health.

● ***How do the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make, not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?***

The Investment Manager's approach to investing in issuers that do not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective includes the following:

- Firm-wide investment exclusions apply to Schroders funds. These relate to international conventions on cluster munitions, anti-personnel mines, and chemical and biological weapons and a list of those companies that are excluded is available at <https://www.schroders.com/en/sustainability/active-ownership/group-exclusions/>. Firm-wide exclusions also apply to companies generating more than 20% of their revenue from thermal coal mining.
- The Fund excludes companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to tobacco and thermal coal.
- The Fund excludes companies that are assessed by Schroders to have breached one or more 'global norms' thereby causing significant environmental or social harm; these companies comprise Schroders' 'global norms' breach list. Schroders' determination of whether a company has been involved in such a breach considers relevant principles such as those contained in the UN Global Compact (UNGC) principles, the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights. The 'global norms' breach list may be informed by assessments performed by third party providers and by proprietary research, where relevant to a particular situation. In exceptional circumstances a derogation may be applied in order to allow the Fund to continue to hold a company on Schroders' 'global norms' breach list, for example where the stated investment strategy of the Fund may otherwise be compromised. Any such company cannot be categorised as a sustainable investment.
- The Fund may also apply certain other exclusions in addition to those summarised above.

Further information on all of the Fund's investment exclusions is to be found under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

● ***How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?***

When seeking to identify significant harm, Schroders' approach to taking into account the Principal Adverse Impacts (PAI) indicators involves a quantitative and a qualitative assessment. Where it is not considered appropriate or feasible to set quantitative thresholds, the Investment Manager engages, where relevant. Investee companies deemed not to satisfy the quantitative thresholds would generally be excluded, unless on a case-by-case basis the data is deemed not representative of a company's performance in the relevant area.

This framework is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability and quality of the data evolves.

Our approach includes:

1. **Quantitative:** this includes indicators where specific thresholds have been established:

- Via the application of exclusions. This approach is relevant to **PAI 4** (Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector), **PAI 5** (Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production) and **PAI 14** (Exposure to controversial weapons). Further, the following PAIs are assessed as part of Schroders 'global norms' breach list exclusion (which seeks to exclude companies where significant harm is occurring):

**Principal adverse impacts** are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anticorruption and antibribery matters.

- **PAI 7** (Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas)
- **PAI 8** (Emissions to water)
- **PAI 9** (Hazardous waste and radioactive waste ratio)
- **PAI 10** (Violations of UN Global Compact principles and Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises)
- **PAI 11** (Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and Voluntary)
- **PAI 14** in Table 3 (Number of identified cases of severe human rights issues and incidents)
- Via the application of an alert system flag if the relevant indicator(s) exceeds a threshold. These quantitative thresholds to assess significant harm are established centrally by our Sustainable Investment team and monitored systematically. This approach applies to indicators where we have segmented the population into harm groups to establish a threshold, such as carbon related PAI metrics, **PAI 1** (GHG emissions), **PAI 2** (Carbon footprint) and **Voluntary PAI 4 in Table 2** (Investing in companies without carbon emission reduction initiatives). **PAI 3** (GHG intensity of investee companies) operates in a similar way but the threshold is based on a revenue metric. A threshold for **PAI 6** (Energy consumption intensity per high impact climate sector) is established based on the ~~above-mentioned~~ carbon measures. A similar approach has been taken for **PAI 15** (GHG intensity). **PAI 16** (Investee countries subject to social violations) also operates in the same way but based on data availability regarding social violations. Through this process the relevant issuer(s) that is/are deemed not to satisfy the quantitative thresholds is/are flagged to the Investment Manager for consideration, whose response may involve selling the holdings(s) or maintaining the position if on a case-by-case basis the data is deemed not representative of a company's performance in the relevant area. Investee companies deemed to cause significant harm are excluded from the Fund.
- 2. **Qualitative:** This includes PAI indicators where Schroders' believes that the data available does not enable us to make a quantitative determination regarding whether significant harm is done so as to warrant excluding an investment. In such cases, the Investment Manager engages wherever possible with the company or companies held, in accordance with the priorities documented in Schroders' Engagement Blueprint and/or voting policy. This approach applies to indicators such as **PAI 12** (Unadjusted gender pay gap) and **PAI 13** (Board gender diversity), where we engage and may use our voting rights where we consider appropriate. Both board gender diversity and disclosure of gender pay gap information are captured in our Engagement Blueprint.

● ***How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:***

Companies on Schroders' 'global norms' breach list cannot be categorised as sustainable investments. Schroders' determination of whether a company should be included on such list considers the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, among other relevant principles. The 'global norms' breach list is informed by third party providers and proprietary research, where relevant.

*The EU Taxonomy sets out a "do not significant harm" principle by which Taxonomy-aligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives and is accompanied by specific EU criteria.*

The "do not significant harm" principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.

*Any other sustainable investments must also not significantly harm any environmental or social objectives.*



## Does this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

☒ Yes, ~~the Investment Manager's approach to considering principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors involves classifying the indicators into three categories:~~

~~The Investment Manager's approach to considering principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors differs depending on the relevant indicator. Some indicators are considered via the application of exclusions, some are considered via the investment process (where data is available via Schroders PAI dashboard and via other external data sources) and some via engagement. Further details are provided below.~~

~~PAIs are considered as part of pre-investment through the application of exclusions. These included:~~

- Controversial weapons: PAI 14 (Exposure to controversial weapons (anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, chemical weapons and biological weapons)).

- UNGC violators: PAI 10 (Violations of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises) and from July 2023 Schrodgers' 'global norms' breach list which covers: PAI 7 (Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas), PAI 8 (Emissions to water), PAI 9 (Hazardous waste ratio), PAI 10 (Violations of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises), PAI 11 (Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises) and PAI 16 (Investee countries subject to social violations).

- Companies that derived revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to thermal coal: PAI 4 (Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector) and PAI 5 (Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production), that are deemed by the investment manager to contribute significantly to climate change are excluded from the investible universe: PAIs 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 (Greenhouse gas emissions).

Compliance with these thresholds is monitored via the Investment Manager's portfolio compliance framework. PAIs are also considered through integration in the investment process. As part of the issuer level due diligence process, via company analysis from meetings with management teams and on desk analysis of annual reports and statements, several PAIs are considered.

PAIs are also considered post-investment through engagement where the Investment Manager engages in line with the approach and expectations set out in Schrodgers Engagement Blueprint, which outlines our approach to active ownership. Over the period, a key engagement may include centred on Human Rights with a company in the Technology sector, relating to PAI 16 (Social Violations).

Our approach is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability, and quality, of PAI data evolves. The Management Company's statement on principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors is available at <https://api.schrodgers.com/document-store/id/ffcb39bb-96cb-4e56-9461-deba9a493e85>. The Fund level information is disclosed or will be disclosed (as applicable) in the Fund's annual report.

1. Set thresholds: these involve very explicit thresholds for considering an investment to be a "sustainable investment". For example, PAI 10 on violations of UNGC principles.

2. Active ownership: these involve indicators on which we have a plan to engage with the underlying holding as set out in the Schrodgers Group document <https://mybrand.schrodgers.com/m/3222ea4ed44a1f2c/original/schrodgers-engagement-blueprint.pdf>, outlining our approach to active ownership. For example, PAI 1, 2 and 3 covering GHG emissions and PAI 13 on board gender diversity.

3. Improve coverage: these involve indicators where we consider data coverage to be too sparse to properly consider them and our focus is primarily on engaging with the underlying holdings to increase reporting. For example, PAI 7 on biodiversity, PAI 9 on hazardous waste ratio and PAI 12 on the gender pay gap.

Our approach is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability, and quality, of PAI data evolves.

The Management Company's statement on principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors is available at <https://mybrand.schrodgers.com/m/467910ac8e6da45c/original/Statement-on-principal-adverse-impacts-of-investment-decisions-on-sustainability-factors.pdf>. The Fund level information is disclosed or will be (as applicable) in the Fund's annual report.

☐ No



## What investment strategy does this financial product follow?

**The investment strategy** guides investment decisions based on factors such as investment objectives and risk tolerance.

The sustainable investment strategy used by the Investment Manager is as follows:

The Fund is actively managed and invests at least two-thirds of its assets in equity and equity related securities of micro-sized Nordic companies. These are companies which, at the time of purchase, are considered to be in the bottom 10% by market capitalisation of the Nordic equities market.

The Fund may invest up to 10% of its assets in eligible unlisted transferable securities. Portfolio construction is based on fundamental research, with a bias towards investing in companies that the investment manager considers are well-managed, entrepreneurial businesses that can grow in the long term.

The Fund may also invest up to one-third of its assets directly or indirectly in other securities (including other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies, Investment Funds, warrants and Money Market Investments, and hold cash.

The Fund may use derivatives with the aim of reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently.

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the MSCI Nordic Micro Cap (Net TR) index based on the Investment Manager's rating criteria.

The Fund does not directly invest in certain activities, industries or groups of issuers above the limits listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schrodgers.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

The Investment Manager applies governance and sustainability criteria when selecting investments for the Fund.

The strategy aims to identify issuers demonstrating good or improving sustainability credentials. This involves:

- The inclusion of issuers that demonstrate stable and improving sustainability trajectories, and issuers demonstrating good governance based on the Investment Manager's sustainability rating methodology.

The Investment Manager may also engage with companies to encourage transparency, the transition to a circular economy with lower carbon emissions intensity and responsible social behaviour that promotes sustainable growth and alpha generation.

The primary sources of information used to perform the analysis are the Investment Manager's proprietary tools and research, third-party research, meetings with company management and expert networks. The Investment Manager also performs its own analysis of publicly available information provided by the companies, including information provided in company sustainability reports and other relevant company material.

More details on the Investment Manager's approach to sustainability and its engagement with companies are available on the webpage

<https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/>

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than its investment universe, based on the Investment Manager's rating system.

The Investment Manager ensures that at least:

- 90% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in developed countries; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with an investment grade credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by developed countries; and
  - 75% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in emerging countries; equities issued by small and medium companies; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with a high yield credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by emerging countries,
- is rated against the sustainability criteria.

For the purposes of this test, small companies are those with market capitalisation below €5 billion, medium companies are those between €5 billion and €10 billion and large companies are those above €10 billion.

● ***What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?***

The following binding elements are applied throughout the investment process:

- The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the MSCI Nordic Micro Cap (Net TR) index based on the Investment Manager's rating criteria.
- The Fund invests at least 25% of its assets in sustainable investments and such investments do not cause significant environmental or social harm.
- Exclusions are applied to direct investments in companies. The Fund applies certain exclusions relating to international conventions on cluster munitions, antipersonnel mines, and chemical and biological weapons. The Fund also excludes companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to tobacco and thermal coal, especially companies that generate at least 10% of their revenues from tobacco production, companies that generate at least 25% of their revenues from the tobacco value chain (such as suppliers, distributors, retailers and licensors), companies that generate at least 10% of their revenues from thermal coal mining and companies that generate at least 30% of their revenues from coal fired power generation. The Fund excludes companies that are assessed by Schroders to have breached one or more 'global norms' thereby causing significant environmental or social harm; these companies comprise Schroders' 'global norms' breach list. In exceptional circumstances a derogation may be applied in order to allow the Fund to continue to hold a company on Schroders' 'global norms' breach list, for example where the stated investment strategy of the Fund may otherwise be compromised. Any such company cannot be categorised as a sustainable investment. Further, the Fund may apply other exclusions as listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>
- The Fund invests in companies that have good governance practices, as determined by the Investment Manager's rating criteria.

The Investment Manager ensures that at least:

- 90% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in developed countries; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with an investment grade credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by developed countries; and
- 75% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in emerging countries; equities issued by small and medium companies; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with a high yield credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by emerging countries,

is rated against the sustainability criteria.

● ***What is the committed minimum rate to reduce the scope of the investments considered prior to the application of that investment strategy?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

**Good governance** practices include sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff and tax compliance.

● **What is the policy to assess good governance practices of the investee companies?**

In order to assess good governance practices, a central Good Governance Test is applied. This test is based on a data-driven quantitative framework, which uses a scorecard to assess companies across the categories of sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff, and tax compliance. Schroders has defined a number of criteria across these pillars.

Compliance with the test is monitored centrally and companies which do not pass this test cannot be held by the Fund, unless the Investment Manager has agreed that the issuer demonstrates good governance based on additional insights beyond that quantitative analysis.



**Asset allocation** describes the share of investments in specific assets.

**What is the asset allocation planned for this financial product?**

The planned composition of the Fund’s investments that are used to meet its environmental or social characteristics are summarised below.

**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the minimum proportion of the Fund’s assets used to attain the environmental or social characteristics, which is equal to 70%. The Fund commits to maintain a higher overall sustainability score than the MSCI Nordic Micro Cap (Net TR) index, and so the Fund’s investments that are scored by Schroders’ proprietary sustainability tool are included within the minimum proportion stated in #1 on the basis that they will contribute to the Fund’s sustainability score (whether such individual investment has a positive or a negative score). Also included within #1 is the minimum proportion of assets that are invested in sustainable investments, as indicated in #1A. The minimum proportions stated apply in normal market conditions. The actual proportion stated in #1 is expected to be higher.

The sustainability score is measured by Schroders’ proprietary tool that provides an estimate of the net “impact” that an issuer may create in terms of social and environmental “costs” or “benefits”. It does this by using certain indicators with respect to that issuer, and quantifying them positively and negatively to produce an aggregate notional measure of the effect that the relevant underlying issuer may have on society and the environment. Examples of such indicators are greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

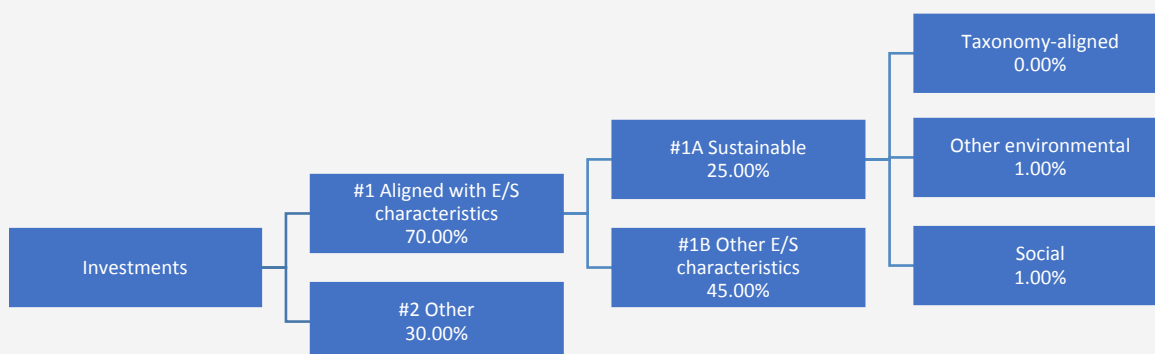
The Fund will invest at least 25% of its assets in sustainable investments. A sustainable investment is classified as having an environmental or social objective depending on whether the relevant issuer has a higher score in Schroders’ proprietary tool relative to its applicable peer group for its environmental indicators or its social indicators. In each case, indicators are comprised of both “costs” and “benefits”.

**#2 Other** includes cash which is treated as neutral for sustainability purposes. #2 also includes investments that are not scored by Schroders’ proprietary sustainability tool and so do not contribute towards the Fund’s sustainability score. As #1 states a minimum proportion that is in practice expected to be higher, the proportion stated in #2 is expected to be lower.

Minimum safeguards are applied where relevant to Money Market Investments and other investments by restricting (as appropriate) investments in counterparties where there are ownership links or exposure to higher risk countries (for the purpose of money laundering, terrorist financing, bribery, corruption, tax evasion and sanctions risks). A firm-wide risk assessment considers the risk rating of each jurisdiction; which includes reference to a number of public statements, indices and world governance indicators issued by the UN, the European Union, the UK Government, the Financial Action Task Force and several Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), such as Transparency International and the Basel Committee.

In addition, new counterparties are reviewed by Schroders’ credit risk team and approval of a new counterparty is based on a holistic review of the various sources of information available, including, but not limited to, quality of management, ownership structure, location, regulatory and social environment to which each counterparty is subject, and the degree of development of the local banking system and its regulatory framework. Ongoing monitoring is performed through a Schroders’ proprietary tool, which supports the analysis of a counterparty’s management of environmental, social and governance trends and challenges. Any significant deterioration in the profile of the counterparty in Schroders’ proprietary tool would lead to further analysis and potential exclusion by Schroders’ credit risk team.





**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the investments of the financial product used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product.

**#2 Other** includes the remaining investments of the financial product which are neither aligned with the environmental or social characteristics, nor are qualified as sustainable investments.

The category **#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** covers:

- The sub-category **#1A Sustainable** covers sustainable investments with environmental or social objectives.
- The sub-category **#1B Other E/S characteristics** covers investments aligned with the environmental or social characteristics that do not qualify as sustainable investments.

#1 The minimum proportion stated applies in normal market conditions.

### ● **How does the use of derivatives attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?**

The Fund may use derivatives that are scored in Schroders' proprietary tool to meet the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted by the Fund, as such derivatives would contribute to the Fund's sustainability score (whether such individual investment has a positive or a negative score).



### **To what minimum extent are sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?**

There is no minimum extent to which the Fund's investments (including transitional and enabling activities) with an environmental objective are aligned with the Taxonomy. Taxonomy alignment of this Fund's investments has therefore not been calculated and has as a result been deemed to constitute 0% of the Fund's portfolio.

In future it is expected that the Fund will assess and report on the extent to which its underlying investments are in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the Taxonomy, along with information relating to the proportion of enabling and transitional activities. This Prospectus will be updated once it is possible in the Investment Manager's opinion to accurately disclose to what extent the Fund's investments are in Taxonomy-aligned environmentally sustainable activities, including the proportions of investments in enabling and transitional activities selected for the Fund.

### ● **Does the financial product invest in fossil gas and/or nuclear energy related activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy<sup>1</sup>?**

☐ Yes:

☐ In fossil gas ☐ In nuclear energy

☒ No

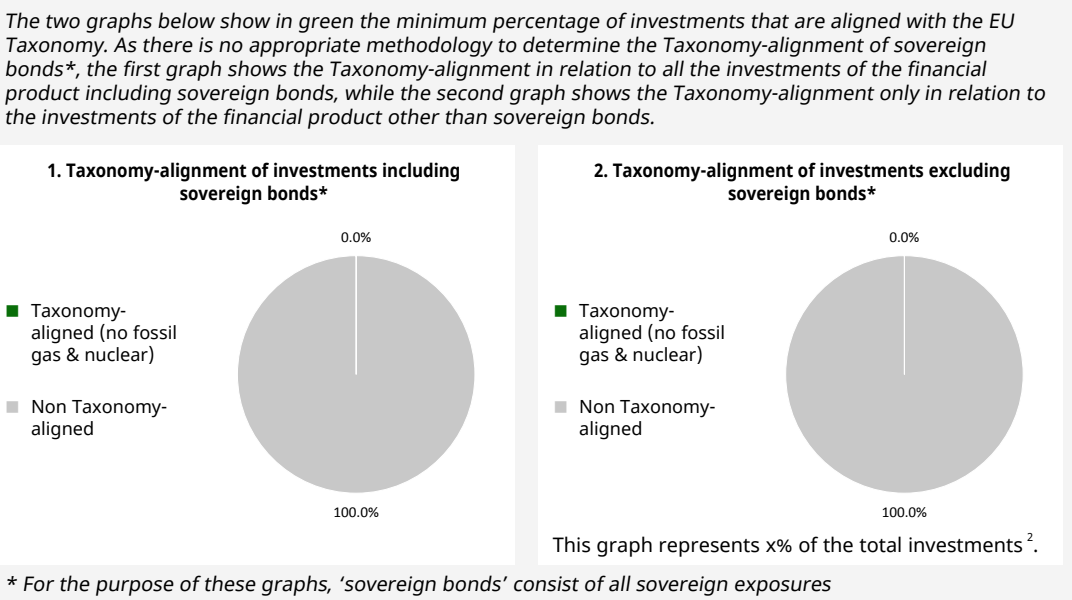
To comply with the EU Taxonomy, the criteria for **fossil gas** include limitations on emissions and switching to renewable power or low-carbon fuels by the end of 2035. For **nuclear energy**, the criteria include comprehensive safety and waste management rules.

<sup>1</sup> Fossil gas and/or nuclear related activities will only comply with the EU Taxonomy where they contribute to limiting climate change ("climate change mitigation") and do not significantly harm any EU Taxonomy objective – see explanatory note in the left-hand margin. The full criteria for fossil gas and nuclear energy economic activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy are laid down in Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1214.



Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

- **turnover** reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee companies
- **capital expenditure** (CapEx) showing the green investments made by investee companies, e.g. for a transition to a green economy.
- **operational expenditure** (OpEx) reflecting green operational activities of investee companies.



**Enabling activities** directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective.

**Transitional activities** are activities for which low-carbon alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.

- **What is the minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities?**  
As per the above, at the date of this Prospectus the share of investments by the Fund in transitional and enabling activities is currently deemed to constitute 0% of the Fund's portfolio.



### What is the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

The Fund commits to invest at least 1% of its assets in sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy.



are sustainable investments with an environmental objective that **do not take into account the criteria** for environmentally sustainable economic activities under the EU Taxonomy.

<sup>2</sup> As there is no Taxonomy-alignment, there is no impact on the graph if sovereign bonds are excluded (i.e. the percentage of Taxonomy-aligned investments remains 0%) and the Management Company therefore believes that there is no need to mention this information.



## What is the minimum share of socially sustainable investments?

The Fund commits to invest at least 1% of its assets in sustainable investments with a social objective.



## What investments are included under “#2 Other”, what is their purpose and are there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

**#2 Other** includes cash which is treated as neutral for sustainability purposes. #2 also includes investments that are not scored by Schroders’ proprietary sustainability tools and so do not contribute towards the Fund’s sustainability score.

Minimum safeguards are applied where relevant to Money Market Investments and other investments by restricting (as appropriate) investments in counterparties where there are ownership links or exposure to higher risk countries (for the purpose of money laundering, terrorist financing, bribery, corruption, tax evasion and sanctions risks). A firm-wide risk assessment considers the risk rating of each jurisdiction; which includes reference to a number of public statements, indices and world governance indicators issued by the UN, the European Union, the UK Government, the Financial Action Task Force and several Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), such as Transparency International and the Basel Committee.

In addition, new counterparties are reviewed by Schroders’ credit risk team and approval of a new counterparty is based on a holistic review of the various sources of information available, including, but not limited to, quality of management, ownership structure, location, regulatory and social environment to which each counterparty is subject, and the degree of development of the local banking system and its regulatory framework. Ongoing monitoring is performed through a Schroders’ proprietary tool, which supports the analysis of a counterparty’s management of environmental, social and governance trends and challenges. Any significant deterioration in the profile of the counterparty in Schroders’ proprietary tool would lead to further analysis and potential exclusion by Schroders’ credit risk team.



## Is a specific index designated as a reference benchmark to determine whether this financial product is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes?

**Reference benchmarks** are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the environmental or social characteristics that they promote.

- **How is the reference benchmark continuously aligned with each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?**

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- **How is the alignment of the investment strategy with the methodology of the index ensured on a continuous basis?**

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- **How does the designated index differ from a relevant broad market index?**

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- **Where can the methodology used for the calculation of the designated index be found?**

This question is not applicable for the Fund.



## Where can I find more product specific information online?

More product-specific information can be found on the webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

Pre-contractual disclosure for the financial products referred to in Article 8, paragraphs 1, 2 and 2a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 6, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852

**Product name:** **Schroder International Selection Fund Nordic Smaller Companies**

**Legal entity identifier:** **5493006ZHNOXP7Z2DS89**

## Environmental and/or social characteristics

<p><b>Sustainable investment</b> means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good governance practices.</p>	<p><b>Does this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?</b></p> <p> <input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Yes</b> <input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>No</b> </p>		
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## What environmental and/or social characteristics are promoted by this financial product?

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the MSCI Nordic Smaller Companies (Net TR) index, based on the Investment Manager's rating system. This benchmark (which is a broad market index) does not take into account the environmental and social characteristics promoted by the Fund.

The sustainability score is measured by Schroders' proprietary tool that provides an estimate of the net "impact" that an issuer may create in terms of social and environmental "costs" or "benefits". It does this by using certain indicators with respect to that issuer, and quantifying them positively and negatively to produce an aggregate notional measure of the effect that the relevant underlying issuer may have on society and the environment. It does this using third party data as well as Schroders own estimates and assumptions and the outcome may differ from other sustainability tools and measures. Examples of such indicators are greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

The result is expressed as an aggregate score of the sustainability indicators for each issuer, specifically a notional percentage (positive or negative) of sales of the relevant underlying issuer. For example, a score of +2% would mean an issuer contributes \$2 of relative notional positive impact (i.e. benefits to society) per \$100 of sales. The sustainability score of the Fund is derived from the scores of all issuers in the Fund's portfolio measured by Schroders' proprietary tool.

The Fund invests at least 25% of its assets in sustainable investments, which are investments that the Investment Manager expects to contribute towards the advancement of one or more environmental and/or social objective (s).

### What sustainability indicators are used to measure the attainment of each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

The Investment Manager monitors compliance with the characteristic to maintain a higher overall sustainability score than the MSCI Nordic Smaller Companies (Net TR) index by reference to the weighted average sustainability score of the Fund in Schroders' proprietary tool compared against the weighted average sustainability score of the MSCI Nordic Smaller Companies (Net TR) index in Schroders' proprietary tool over the previous ~~six months~~**six-month** period, based on month-end data. The overall sustainability score aggregates the effect of sustainability indicators including but not limited to greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

**Sustainability indicators** measure how the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product are attained.

The Investment Manager monitors compliance with the characteristic to invest at least 25% of its assets in sustainable investments by reference to the sustainability score of each asset in Schroders' proprietary tool. Compliance with this is monitored daily via our automated compliance controls. The Fund also applies certain exclusions, with which the Investment Manager monitors compliance on an ongoing basis via its portfolio compliance framework.

● ***What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?***

In respect of the proportion of the Fund's portfolio that is invested in sustainable investments, each sustainable investment demonstrates a net positive effect across a range of environmental or social objectives, as scored by Schroders' proprietary tool. The environmental or social objectives of the sustainable investments that the Fund partially intends to make may include, but are not limited to, increasing environmental and/or social benefits such as greater water access or fair pay and reducing environmental, and/or social costs such as carbon emissions or food waste. For example, greater water access as measured by Schroders' proprietary tool are the estimated societal benefits of the provision of clean drinking water to human health.

● ***How do the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make, not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?***

The Investment Manager's approach to investing in issuers that do not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective includes the following:

- Firm-wide investment exclusions apply to Schroders funds. These relate to international conventions on cluster munitions, anti-personnel mines, and chemical and biological weapons and a list of those companies that are excluded is available at <https://www.schroders.com/en/sustainability/active-ownership/group-exclusions/>. Firm-wide exclusions also apply to companies generating more than 20% of their revenue from thermal coal mining.
- The Fund excludes companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to tobacco and thermal coal.
- The Fund excludes companies that are assessed by Schroders to have breached one or more 'global norms' thereby causing significant environmental or social harm; these companies comprise Schroders' 'global norms' breach list. Schroders' determination of whether a company has been involved in such a breach considers relevant principles such as those contained in the UN Global Compact (UNGC) principles, the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights. The 'global norms' breach list may be informed by assessments performed by third party providers and by proprietary research, where relevant to a particular situation. In exceptional circumstances a derogation may be applied in order to allow the Fund to continue to hold a company on Schroders' 'global norms' breach list, for example where the stated investment strategy of the Fund may otherwise be compromised. Any such company cannot be categorised as a sustainable investment.
- The Fund may also apply certain other exclusions in addition to those summarised above.

Further information on all of the Fund's investment exclusions is to be found under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

● ***How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?***

When seeking to identify significant harm, Schroders' approach to taking into account the Principal Adverse Impacts (PAI) indicators involves a quantitative and a qualitative assessment. Where it is not considered appropriate or feasible to set quantitative thresholds, the Investment Manager engages, where relevant. Investee companies deemed not to satisfy the quantitative thresholds would generally be excluded, unless on a case-by-case basis the data is deemed not representative of a company's performance in the relevant area.

This framework is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability and quality of the data evolves.

Our approach includes:

1. **Quantitative:** this includes indicators where specific thresholds have been established:

- Via the application of exclusions. This approach is relevant to **PAI 4** (Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector), **PAI 5** (Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production) and **PAI 14** (Exposure to controversial weapons). Further, the following PAIs are assessed as part of Schroders 'global norms' breach list exclusion (which seeks to exclude companies where significant harm is occurring):

**Principal adverse impacts** are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anticorruption and antibribery matters.

- **PAI 7** (Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas)
- **PAI 8** (Emissions to water)
- **PAI 9** (Hazardous waste and radioactive waste ratio)
- **PAI 10** (Violations of UN Global Compact principles and Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises)
- **PAI 11** (Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and Voluntary)
- **PAI 14** in Table 3 (Number of identified cases of severe human rights issues and incidents)
- Via the application of an alert system flag if the relevant indicator(s) exceeds a threshold. These quantitative thresholds to assess significant harm are established centrally by our Sustainable Investment team and monitored systematically. This approach applies to indicators where we have segmented the population into harm groups to establish a threshold, such as carbon related PAI metrics, **PAI 1** (GHG emissions), **PAI 2** (Carbon footprint) and **Voluntary PAI 4 in Table 2** (Investing in companies without carbon emission reduction initiatives). **PAI 3** (GHG intensity of investee companies) operates in a similar way but the threshold is based on a revenue metric. A threshold for **PAI 6** (Energy consumption intensity per high impact climate sector) is established based on the ~~above mentioned~~ carbon measures. A similar approach has been taken for **PAI 15** (GHG intensity). **PAI 16** (Investee countries subject to social violations) also operates in the same way but based on data availability regarding social violations. Through this process the relevant issuer(s) that is/are deemed not to satisfy the quantitative thresholds is/are flagged to the Investment Manager for consideration, whose response may involve selling the holdings(s) or maintaining the position if on a case-by-case basis the data is deemed not representative of a company's performance in the relevant area. Investee companies deemed to cause significant harm are excluded from the Fund.
- 2. **Qualitative:** This includes PAI indicators where Schroders' believes that the data available does not enable us to make a quantitative determination regarding whether significant harm is done so as to warrant excluding an investment. In such cases, the Investment Manager engages wherever possible with the company or companies held, in accordance with the priorities documented in Schroders' Engagement Blueprint and/or voting policy. This approach applies to indicators such as **PAI 12** (Unadjusted gender pay gap) and **PAI 13** (Board gender diversity), where we engage and may use our voting rights where we consider appropriate. Both board gender diversity and disclosure of gender pay gap information are captured in our Engagement Blueprint.

● ***How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:***

Companies on Schroders' 'global norms' breach list cannot be categorised as sustainable investments. Schroders' determination of whether a company should be included on such list considers the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, among other relevant principles. The 'global norms' breach list is informed by third party providers and proprietary research, where relevant.

*The EU Taxonomy sets out a "do not significant harm" principle by which Taxonomy-aligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives and is accompanied by specific EU criteria.*

*The "do not significant harm" principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.*

*Any other sustainable investments must also not significantly harm any environmental or social objectives.*



## Does this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

☒ Yes, ~~the Investment Manager's approach to considering principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors involves classifying the indicators into three categories:~~

~~The Investment Manager's approach to considering principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors differs depending on the relevant indicator. Some indicators are considered via the application of exclusions, some are considered via the investment process (where data is available via Schroders PAI dashboard and via other external data sources) and some via engagement. Further details are provided below.~~

~~PAIs are considered as part of pre-investment through the application of exclusions. These included:~~

- Controversial weapons: PAI 14 (Exposure to controversial weapons (anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, chemical weapons and biological weapons)).

- UNGC violators: PAI 10 (Violations of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises) and from July 2023 Schrodgers' 'global norms' breach list which covers: PAI 7 (Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas), PAI 8 (Emissions to water), PAI 9 (Hazardous waste ratio), PAI 10 (Violations of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises), PAI 11 (Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises) and PAI 16 (Investee countries subject to social violations).

- Companies that derived revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to thermal coal; PAI 4 (Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector) and PAI 5 (Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production) that are deemed by the investment manager to contribute significantly to climate change are excluded from the investible universe: PAIs 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 (Greenhouse gas emissions).

Compliance with these thresholds is monitored via the Investment Manager's portfolio compliance framework. PAIs are also considered through integration in the investment process. As part of the issuer level due diligence process, via company analysis from meetings with management teams and on desk analysis of annual reports and statements, several PAIs are considered.

PAIs are also considered post-investment through engagement where the Investment Manager engages in line with the approach and expectations set out in Schrodgers Engagement Blueprint, which outlines our approach to active ownership. Over the period, a key engagement may include centred on Human Rights with a company in the Technology sector, relating to PAI 16 (Social Violations).

Our approach is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability, and quality, of PAI data evolves. The Management Company's statement on principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors is available at <https://api.schrodgers.com/document-store/id/ffcb39bb-96cb-4e56-9461-deba9a493e85>. The Fund level information is disclosed or will be disclosed (as applicable) in the Fund's annual report.

1. Set thresholds: these involve very explicit thresholds for considering an investment to be a "sustainable investment". For example, PAI 10 on violations of UNGC principles:

2. Active ownership: these involve indicators on which we have a plan to engage with the underlying holding as set out in the Schrodgers Group document - <https://mybrand.schrodgers.com/m/3222ea4ed44a1f2c/original/schrodgers-engagement-blueprint.pdf>, outlining our approach to active ownership. For example, PAI 1, 2 and 3 covering GHG emissions and PAI 13 on board gender diversity:

3. Improve coverage: these involve indicators where we consider data coverage to be too sparse to properly consider them and our focus is primarily on engaging with the underlying holdings to increase reporting. For example, PAI 7 on biodiversity, PAI 9 on hazardous waste ratio and PAI 12 on the gender pay gap:

Our approach is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability, and quality, of PAI data evolves.

The Management Company's statement on principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors is available at <https://mybrand.schrodgers.com/m/467910ac8e6da45c/original/Statement-on-principal-adverse-impacts-of-investment-decisions-on-sustainability-factors.pdf>. The Fund level information is disclosed or will be (as applicable) in the Fund's annual report:

☐ No



## What investment strategy does this financial product follow?

**The investment strategy** guides investment decisions based on factors such as investment objectives and risk tolerance.

The sustainable investment strategy used by the Investment Manager is as follows:

The Fund is actively managed and invests at least two-thirds of its assets in equity and equity related securities of small-sized Nordic companies. These are companies which, at the time of purchase, are considered to be in the bottom 30% by market capitalisation of the Nordic equities market.

Portfolio construction is based on fundamental research, with a bias towards investing in companies that the Investment Manager considers are well-managed, entrepreneurial businesses that can grow in the long term.

The Fund may also invest up to one-third of its assets directly or indirectly in other securities (including other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies, Investment Funds, warrants and Money Market Investments, and hold cash.

The Fund may use derivatives with the aim of reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently.

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the MSCI Nordic Smaller Companies (Net TR) index based on the Investment Manager's rating criteria.

The Fund does not directly invest in certain activities, industries or groups of issuers above the limits listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage, accessed via <https://www.schrodgers.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

The Investment Manager applies governance and sustainability criteria when selecting investments for the Fund.

The strategy aims to identify issuers demonstrating good or improving sustainability credentials. This involves:

- The inclusion of issuers that demonstrate stable and improving sustainability trajectories, and issuers demonstrating good governance based on the Investment Manager's sustainability rating methodology.



The Investment Manager may also engage with companies to encourage transparency, the transition to a circular economy with lower carbon emissions intensity and responsible social behaviour that promotes sustainable growth and alpha generation.

The primary sources of information used to perform the analysis are the Investment Manager's proprietary tools and research, third-party research, meetings with company management and expert networks. The Investment Manager also performs its own analysis of publicly available information provided by the companies, including information provided in company sustainability reports and other relevant company material.

More details on the Investment Manager's approach to sustainability and its engagement with companies are available on the webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/>

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than its investment universe, based on the Investment Manager's rating system.

The Investment Manager ensures that at least:

- 90% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in developed countries; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with an investment grade credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by developed countries; and
  - 75% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in emerging countries; equities issued by small and medium companies; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with a high yield credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by emerging countries,
- is rated against the sustainability criteria.

For the purposes of this test, small companies are those with market capitalisation below €5 billion, medium companies are those between €5 billion and €10 billion and large companies are those above €10 billion.

● ***What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?***

The following binding elements are applied throughout the investment process:

- The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the MSCI Nordic Smaller Companies (Net TR) index based on the Investment Manager's rating criteria.
- The Fund invests at least 25% of its assets in sustainable investments and such investments do not cause significant environmental or social harm.
- Exclusions are applied to direct investments in companies. The Fund applies certain exclusions relating to international conventions on cluster munitions, antipersonnel mines, and chemical and biological weapons. The Fund also excludes companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to tobacco and thermal coal, especially companies that generate at least 10% of their revenues from tobacco production, companies that generate at least 25% of their revenues from the tobacco value chain (such as suppliers, distributors, retailers and licensors), companies that generate at least 10% of their revenues from thermal coal mining and companies that generate at least 30% of their revenues from coal fired power generation. The Fund excludes companies that are assessed by Schroders to have breached one or more 'global norms' thereby causing significant environmental or social harm; these companies comprise Schroders' 'global norms' breach list. In exceptional circumstances a derogation may be applied in order to allow the Fund to continue to hold a company on Schroders' 'global norms' breach list, for example where the stated investment strategy of the Fund may otherwise be compromised. Any such company cannot be categorised as a sustainable investment. Further, the Fund may apply other exclusions as listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>
- The Fund invests in companies that have good governance practices, as determined by the Investment Manager's rating criteria.

The Investment Manager ensures that at least:

- 90% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in developed countries; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with an investment grade credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by developed countries; and
- 75% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in emerging countries; equities issued by small and medium companies; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with a high yield credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by emerging countries,

is rated against the sustainability criteria.

● ***What is the committed minimum rate to reduce the scope of the investments considered prior to the application of that investment strategy?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

**Good governance** practices include sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff and tax compliance.

● **What is the policy to assess good governance practices of the investee companies?**

In order to assess good governance practices, a central Good Governance Test is applied. This test is based on a data-driven quantitative framework, which uses a scorecard to assess companies across the categories of sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff, and tax compliance. Schroders has defined a number of criteria across these pillars.

Compliance with the test is monitored centrally and companies which do not pass this test cannot be held by the Fund, unless the Investment Manager has agreed that the issuer demonstrates good governance based on additional insights beyond that quantitative analysis.



**Asset allocation** describes the share of investments in specific assets.

**What is the asset allocation planned for this financial product?**

The planned composition of the Fund’s investments that are used to meet its environmental or social characteristics are summarised below.

**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the minimum proportion of the Fund’s assets used to attain the environmental or social characteristics, which is equal to 70%. The Fund commits to maintain a higher overall sustainability score than the MSCI Nordic Smaller Companies (Net TR) index, and so the Fund’s investments that are scored by Schroders’ proprietary sustainability tool are included within the minimum proportion stated in #1 on the basis that they will contribute to the Fund’s sustainability score (whether such individual investment has a positive or a negative score). Also included within #1 is the minimum proportion of assets that are invested in sustainable investments, as indicated in #1A. The minimum proportions stated apply in normal market conditions. The actual proportion stated in #1 is expected to be higher.

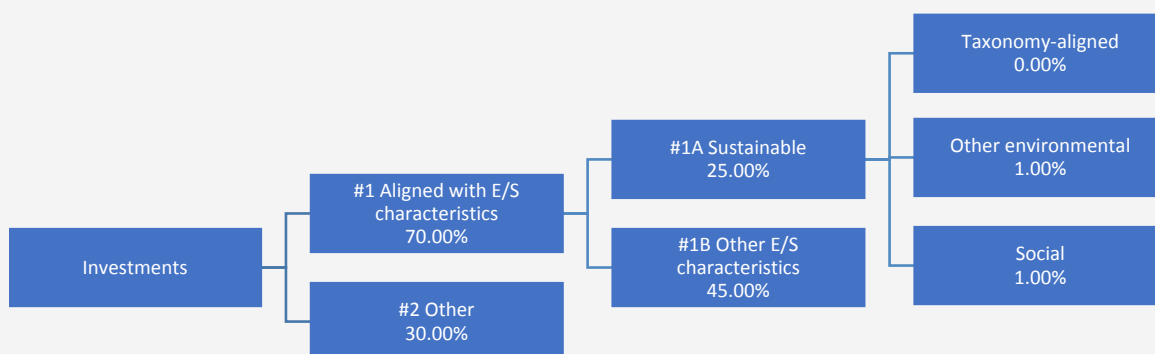
The sustainability score is measured by Schroders’ proprietary tool that provides an estimate of the net “impact” that an issuer may create in terms of social and environmental “costs” or “benefits”. It does this by using certain indicators with respect to that issuer, and quantifying them positively and negatively to produce an aggregate notional measure of the effect that the relevant underlying issuer may have on society and the environment. Examples of such indicators are greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

The Fund will invest at least 25% of its assets in sustainable investments. A sustainable investment is classified as having an environmental or social objective depending on whether the relevant issuer has a higher score in Schroders’ proprietary tool relative to its applicable peer group for its environmental indicators or its social indicators. In each case, indicators are comprised of both “costs” and “benefits”.

**#2 Other** includes cash which is treated as neutral for sustainability purposes. #2 also includes investments that are not scored by Schroders’ proprietary sustainability tool and so do not contribute towards the Fund’s sustainability score. As #1 states a minimum proportion that is in practice expected to be higher, the proportion stated in #2 is expected to be lower.

Minimum safeguards are applied where relevant to Money Market Investments and other investments by restricting (as appropriate) investments in counterparties where there are ownership links or exposure to higher risk countries (for the purpose of money laundering, terrorist financing, bribery, corruption, tax evasion and sanctions risks). A firm-wide risk assessment considers the risk rating of each jurisdiction; which includes reference to a number of public statements, indices and world governance indicators issued by the UN, the European Union, the UK Government, the Financial Action Task Force and several Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), such as Transparency International and the Basel Committee.

In addition, new counterparties are reviewed by Schroders’ credit risk team and approval of a new counterparty is based on a holistic review of the various sources of information available, including, but not limited to, quality of management, ownership structure, location, regulatory and social environment to which each counterparty is subject, and the degree of development of the local banking system and its regulatory framework. Ongoing monitoring is performed through a Schroders’ proprietary tool, which supports the analysis of a counterparty’s management of environmental, social and governance trends and challenges. Any significant deterioration in the profile of the counterparty in Schroders’ proprietary tool would lead to further analysis and potential exclusion by Schroders’ credit risk team.



**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the investments of the financial product used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product.

**#2 Other** includes the remaining investments of the financial product which are neither aligned with the environmental or social characteristics, nor are qualified as sustainable investments.

The category **#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** covers:

- The sub-category **#1A Sustainable** covers sustainable investments with environmental or social objectives.
- The sub-category **#1B Other E/S characteristics** covers investments aligned with the environmental or social characteristics that do not qualify as sustainable investments.

#1 The minimum proportion stated applies in normal market conditions.

### ● **How does the use of derivatives attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?**

The Fund may use derivatives that are scored in Schrodgers' proprietary tool to meet the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted by the Fund, as such derivatives would contribute to the Fund's sustainability score (whether such individual investment has a positive or a negative score).



### **To what minimum extent are sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?**

There is no minimum extent to which the Fund's investments (including transitional and enabling activities) with an environmental objective are aligned with the Taxonomy. Taxonomy alignment of this Fund's investments has therefore not been calculated and has as a result been deemed to constitute 0% of the Fund's portfolio.

In future it is expected that the Fund will assess and report on the extent to which its underlying investments are in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the Taxonomy, along with information relating to the proportion of enabling and transitional activities. This Prospectus will be updated once it is possible in the Investment Manager's opinion to accurately disclose to what extent the Fund's investments are in Taxonomy-aligned environmentally sustainable activities, including the proportions of investments in enabling and transitional activities selected for the Fund.

### ● **Does the financial product invest in fossil gas and/or nuclear energy related activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy<sup>1</sup>?**

☐ Yes:

☐ In fossil gas ☐ In nuclear energy

☒ No

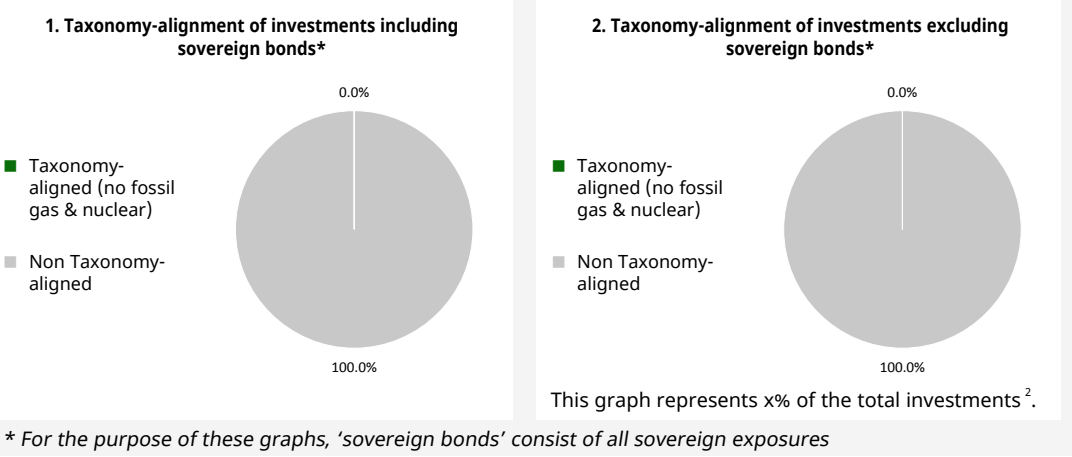
To comply with the EU Taxonomy, the criteria for **fossil gas** include limitations on emissions and switching to renewable power or low-carbon fuels by the end of 2035. For **nuclear energy**, the criteria include comprehensive safety and waste management rules.

<sup>1</sup> Fossil gas and/or nuclear related activities will only comply with the EU Taxonomy where they contribute to limiting climate change ("climate change mitigation") and do not significantly harm any EU Taxonomy objective – see explanatory note in the left-hand margin. The full criteria for fossil gas and nuclear energy economic activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy are laid down in Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1214.

Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

- **turnover** reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee companies
- **capital expenditure** (CapEx) showing the green investments made by investee companies, e.g. for a transition to a green economy.
- **operational expenditure** (OpEx) reflecting green operational activities of investee companies.

The two graphs below show in green the minimum percentage of investments that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the Taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy-alignment in relation to all the investments of the financial product including sovereign bonds, while the second graph shows the Taxonomy-alignment only in relation to the investments of the financial product other than sovereign bonds.



**Enabling activities** directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective.

**Transitional activities** are activities for which low-carbon alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.

- **What is the minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities?**  
As per the above, at the date of this Prospectus the share of investments by the Fund in transitional and enabling activities is currently deemed to constitute 0% of the Fund's portfolio.



- **What is the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?**  
The Fund commits to invest at least 1% of its assets in sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

are sustainable investments with an environmental objective that **do not take into account the criteria** for environmentally sustainable economic activities under the EU Taxonomy.

<sup>2</sup> As there is no Taxonomy-alignment, there is no impact on the graph if sovereign bonds are excluded (i.e. the percentage of Taxonomy-aligned investments remains 0%) and the Management Company therefore believes that there is no need to mention this information.



## What is the minimum share of socially sustainable investments?

The Fund commits to invest at least 1% of its assets in sustainable investments with a social objective.



## What investments are included under “#2 Other”, what is their purpose and are there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

**#2 Other** includes cash which is treated as neutral for sustainability purposes. #2 also includes investments that are not scored by Schroders’ proprietary sustainability tools and so do not contribute towards the Fund’s sustainability score.

Minimum safeguards are applied where relevant to Money Market Investments and other investments by restricting (as appropriate) investments in counterparties where there are ownership links or exposure to higher risk countries (for the purpose of money laundering, terrorist financing, bribery, corruption, tax evasion and sanctions risks). A firm-wide risk assessment considers the risk rating of each jurisdiction; which includes reference to a number of public statements, indices and world governance indicators issued by the UN, the European Union, the UK Government, the Financial Action Task Force and several Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), such as Transparency International and the Basel Committee.

In addition, new counterparties are reviewed by Schroders’ credit risk team and approval of a new counterparty is based on a holistic review of the various sources of information available, including, but not limited to, quality of management, ownership structure, location, regulatory and social environment to which each counterparty is subject, and the degree of development of the local banking system and its regulatory framework. Ongoing monitoring is performed through a Schroders’ proprietary tool, which supports the analysis of a counterparty’s management of environmental, social and governance trends and challenges. Any significant deterioration in the profile of the counterparty in Schroders’ proprietary tool would lead to further analysis and potential exclusion by Schroders’ credit risk team.



## Is a specific index designated as a reference benchmark to determine whether this financial product is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes?

**Reference benchmarks** are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the environmental or social characteristics that they promote.

- ***How is the reference benchmark continuously aligned with each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- ***How is the alignment of the investment strategy with the methodology of the index ensured on a continuous basis?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- ***How does the designated index differ from a relevant broad market index?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- ***Where can the methodology used for the calculation of the designated index be found?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.



## Where can I find more product specific information online?

More product-specific information can be found on the webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

Pre-contractual disclosure for the financial products referred to in Article 8, paragraphs 1, 2 and 2a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 6, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852

**Product name:** **Schroder International Selection Fund QEP Global Core**

**Legal entity identifier:** **DKBB2F7UTNGYHT4AM790**

## Environmental and/or social characteristics

**Sustainable investment** means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good governance practices.

The **EU Taxonomy** is a classification system laid down in Regulation (EU) 2020/852, establishing a list of **environmentally sustainable economic activities**. That Regulation does not lay down a list of socially sustainable economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.

Does this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?	
●● <input type="checkbox"/> Yes	●○ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
<input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with an environmental objective: __%</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> It <b>promotes Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics</b> and while it does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will have a minimum proportion of <b>25.00%</b> of sustainable investments
<input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy	<input type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy
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<input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with a social objective __%</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> with a social objective
	<input type="checkbox"/> It promotes E/S characteristics, but <b>will not make any sustainable investments</b>



## What environmental and/or social characteristics are promoted by this financial product?

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the MSCI World (Net TR) index, based on the Investment Manager's rating system. This benchmark (which is a broad market index) does not take into account the environmental and social characteristics promoted by the Fund.

The sustainability score is measured by Schroders' proprietary tool that provides an estimate of the net "impact" that an issuer may create in terms of social and environmental "costs" or "benefits". It does this by using certain indicators with respect to that issuer, and quantifying them positively and negatively to produce an aggregate notional measure of the effect that the relevant underlying issuer may have on society and the environment. It does this using third party data as well as Schroders own estimates and assumptions and the outcome may differ from other sustainability tools and measures. Examples of such indicators are greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

The result is expressed as an aggregate score of the sustainability indicators for each issuer, specifically a notional percentage (positive or negative) of sales of the relevant underlying issuer. For example, a score of +2% would mean an issuer contributes \$2 of relative notional positive impact (i.e. benefits to society) per \$100 of sales. The sustainability score of the Fund is derived from the scores of all issuers in the Fund's portfolio measured by Schroders' proprietary tool.

The Fund invests at least 25% of its assets in sustainable investments, which are investments that the Investment Manager expects to contribute towards the advancement of one or more environmental and/or social objective (s).

### ● What sustainability indicators are used to measure the attainment of each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

The Investment Manager monitors compliance with the characteristic to maintain a higher overall sustainability score than the MSCI World (Net TR) index by reference to the weighted average sustainability score of the Fund in Schroders' proprietary tool compared against the weighted average sustainability score of the MSCI World (Net TR) index in Schroders' proprietary tool over the previous ~~six~~ **six-month** period, based on month-end data. The overall sustainability score aggregates the effect of sustainability indicators including but not limited to greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

**Sustainability indicators** measure how the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product are attained.



The Investment Manager monitors compliance with the characteristic to invest at least 25% of its assets in sustainable investments by reference to the sustainability score of each asset in Schroders' proprietary tool. Compliance with this is monitored daily via our automated compliance controls. The Fund also applies certain exclusions, with which the Investment Manager monitors compliance on an ongoing basis via its portfolio compliance framework.

● ***What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?***

In respect of the proportion of the Fund's portfolio that is invested in sustainable investments, each sustainable investment demonstrates a net positive effect on across a range of environmental or social objectives, as scored by Schroders' proprietary tool. The environmental or social objectives of the sustainable investments that the Fund partially intends to make may include, but are not limited to, increasing environmental and/or social benefits such as greater water access or fair pay and reducing environmental, and/or social costs such as carbon emissions or food waste. For example, greater water access as measured by Schroders' proprietary tool are the estimated societal benefits of the provision of clean drinking water to human health.

● ***How do the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make, not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?***

The Investment Manager's approach to investing in issuers that do not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective includes the following:

- Firm-wide investment exclusions apply to Schroders funds. These relate to international conventions on cluster munitions, anti-personnel mines, and chemical and biological weapons and a list of those companies that are excluded is available at <https://www.schroders.com/en/sustainability/active-ownership/group-exclusions/>. Firm-wide exclusions also apply to companies generating more than 20% of their revenue from thermal coal mining.
- The Fund excludes companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to tobacco and thermal coal.
- The Fund excludes companies that are assessed by Schroders to have breached one or more 'global norms' thereby causing significant environmental or social harm; these companies comprise Schroders' 'global norms' breach list. Schroders' determination of whether a company has been involved in such a breach considers relevant principles such as those contained in the UN Global Compact (UNGC) principles, the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights. The 'global norms' breach list may be informed by assessments performed by third party providers and by proprietary research, where relevant to a particular situation. In exceptional circumstances a derogation may be applied in order to allow the Fund to continue to hold a company on Schroders' 'global norms' breach list, for example where the stated investment strategy of the Fund may otherwise be compromised. Any such company cannot be categorised as a sustainable investment.
- The Fund may also apply certain other exclusions in addition to those summarised above.

Further information on all of the Fund's investment exclusions is to be found under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

● ***How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?***

When seeking to identify significant harm, Schroders' approach to taking into account the Principal Adverse Impacts (PAI) indicators involves a quantitative and a qualitative assessment. Where it is not considered appropriate or feasible to set quantitative thresholds, the Investment Manager engages, where relevant. Investee companies deemed not to satisfy the quantitative thresholds would generally be excluded, unless on a case-by-case basis the data is deemed not representative of a company's performance in the relevant area.

This framework is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability and quality of the data evolves.

Our approach includes:

1. **Quantitative:** this includes indicators where specific thresholds have been established:

- Via the application of exclusions. This approach is relevant to **PAI 4** (Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector), **PAI 5** (Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production) and **PAI 14** (Exposure to controversial weapons). Further, the following PAIs are assessed as part of Schroders 'global norms' breach list exclusion (which seeks to exclude companies where significant harm is occurring):

**Principal adverse impacts** are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anticorruption and antibribery matters.

- **PAI 7** (Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas)
- **PAI 8** (Emissions to water)
- **PAI 9** (Hazardous waste and radioactive waste ratio)
- **PAI 10** (Violations of UN Global Compact principles and Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises)
- **PAI 11** (Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and Voluntary)
- **PAI 14** in Table 3 (Number of identified cases of severe human rights issues and incidents)
- Via the application of an alert system flag if the relevant indicator(s) exceeds a threshold. These quantitative thresholds to assess significant harm are established centrally by our Sustainable Investment team and monitored systematically. This approach applies to indicators where we have segmented the population into harm groups to establish a threshold, such as carbon related PAI metrics, **PAI 1** (GHG emissions), **PAI 2** (Carbon footprint) and **Voluntary PAI 4 in Table 2** (Investing in companies without carbon emission reduction initiatives). **PAI 3** (GHG intensity of investee companies) operates in a similar way but the threshold is based on a revenue metric. A threshold for **PAI 6** (Energy consumption intensity per high impact climate sector) is established based on the ~~above-mentioned~~ carbon measures. A similar approach has been taken for **PAI 15** (GHG intensity). **PAI 16** (Investee countries subject to social violations) also operates in the same way but based on data availability regarding social violations. Through this process the relevant issuer(s) that is/are deemed not to satisfy the quantitative thresholds is/are flagged to the Investment Manager for consideration, whose response may involve selling the holdings(s) or maintaining the position if on a case-by-case basis the data is deemed not representative of a company's performance in the relevant area. Investee companies deemed to cause significant harm are excluded from the Fund.
- 2. **Qualitative:** This includes PAI indicators where Schroders' believes that the data available does not enable us to make a quantitative determination regarding whether significant harm is done so as to warrant excluding an investment. In such cases, the Investment Manager engages wherever possible with the company or companies held, in accordance with the priorities documented in Schroders' Engagement Blueprint and/or voting policy. This approach applies to indicators such as **PAI 12** (Unadjusted gender pay gap) and **PAI 13** (Board gender diversity), where we engage and may use our voting rights where we consider appropriate. Both board gender diversity and disclosure of gender pay gap information are captured in our Engagement Blueprint.

● ***How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:***

Companies on Schroders' 'global norms' breach list cannot be categorised as sustainable investments. Schroders' determination of whether a company should be included on such list considers the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, among other relevant principles. The 'global norms' breach list is informed by third party providers and proprietary research, where relevant.

*The EU Taxonomy sets out a "do not significant harm" principle by which Taxonomy-aligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives and is accompanied by specific EU criteria.*

The "do not significant harm" principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.

*Any other sustainable investments must also not significantly harm any environmental or social objectives.*



## Does this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

☒ Yes, ~~the Investment Manager's approach to considering principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors involves classifying the indicators into three categories:~~

~~The Investment Manager's approach to considering principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors differs depending on the relevant indicator. Some indicators are considered via the application of exclusions, some are considered via the investment process (where data is available via Schroders PAI dashboard and via other external data sources) and some are considered via engagement. Further details are provided below. PAIs are considered as part of pre-investment through the application of exclusions. These include:~~  
~~- Controversial weapons: PAI 14 (Exposure to controversial weapons (anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, chemical weapons and biological weapons)).~~

- Schroders' 'global norms' breach list, which covers: PAI 7 (Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas), PAI 8 (Emissions to water), PAI 9 (Hazardous waste and radioactive waste ratio), PAI 10 (Violations of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises), PAI 11 (Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises) and PAI 16 (Investee countries subject to social violations).

- Companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to thermal coal: PAI 4 (Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector) and PAI 5 (Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production).

Compliance with these thresholds is monitored via the Investment Manager's portfolio compliance framework. PAIs are also considered through integration in the investment process. All PAI indicators are monitored via Schroders PAI dashboard. Within the proprietary sustainability framework applied within the Fund's quantitative investment process, the following aspects are taken into account:

Greenhouse gas emissions, greenhouse gas intensity of investment companies (including carbon footprint), exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector: PAI 1, 2, 3 and 4.

Activities negatively affecting biodiversity sensitive areas, emissions to water, hazardous waste: PAI 7, 8 and 9. Unadjusted gender pay gap, board diversity: PAI 12 and 13.

PAIs are also considered post-investment through engagement where the Investment Manager engages in line with the approach and expectations set out in Schroders Engagement Blueprint, which outlines our approach to active ownership. The Investment Manager may engage with investee companies on the subject of climate change, where we seek to understand a range of companies' transition to net zero and the strategies and policies in place to manage decarbonisation efforts. These engagements relate to PAI 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6.

Our approach is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability, and quality, of PAI data evolves. The Management Company's statement on principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors is available at <https://mybrand.schroders.com/m/4ab13771bdddcd9d/original/Statement-on-principal-adverse-impacts-of-investment-decisions-on-sustainability-factors-2-1-new.pdf> <https://api.schroders.com/document-store/id/ffcb39bb-96cb-4e56-9461-deba9a493e85>. The Fund level information is disclosed or will be disclosed (as applicable) in the Fund's annual report.

1. Set thresholds: these involve very explicit thresholds for considering an investment to be a "sustainable investment". For example, PAI 10 on violations of UNGC principles.

2. Active ownership: these involve indicators on which we have a plan to engage with the underlying holding as set out in the Schroders Group document - <https://mybrand.schroders.com/m/3222ea4ed44a1f2c/original/schroders-engagement-blueprint.pdf>, outlining our approach to active ownership. For example, PAI 1, 2 and 3 covering GHG emissions and PAI 13 on board gender diversity.

3. Improve coverage: these involve indicators where we consider data coverage to be too sparse to properly consider them and our focus is primarily on engaging with the underlying holdings to increase reporting. For example, PAI 7 on biodiversity, PAI 9 on hazardous waste ratio and PAI 12 on the gender pay gap.

Our approach is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability, and quality, of PAI data evolves.

The Management Company's statement on principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors is available at <https://mybrand.schroders.com/m/467910ac8e6da45c/original/Statement-on-principal-adverse-impacts-of-investment-decisions-on-sustainability-factors.pdf>. The Fund level information is disclosed or will be (as applicable) in the Fund's annual report.

☐ No



## What investment strategy does this financial product follow?

**The investment strategy** guides investment decisions based on factors such as investment objectives and risk tolerance.

The sustainable investment strategy used by the Investment Manager is as follows:

The Fund is actively managed and invests at least two-thirds of its assets in a diversified portfolio of equity and equity-related securities of companies worldwide.

The Fund's weight in a single country, region or sector will typically be within 3% of the target index whilst the weight of each security will typically be within 0.75% of the benchmark.

The Fund focuses on companies that have certain "Value" and/or "Quality" characteristics. Value is assessed by looking at indicators such as cash flows, dividends and earnings to identify securities which the Investment Manager believes have been undervalued by the market.

Quality is assessed by looking at indicators such as a company's profitability, stability, financial strength, governance and structural growth.

The Fund may invest directly in China B-Shares and China H-Shares and may invest less than 10% of its assets (on a net basis) directly or indirectly (for example via participatory notes) in China A-Shares through Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect and Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect and shares listed on the STAR Board and the ChiNext.

The Fund may also invest up to one-third of its assets directly or indirectly in other securities (including other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies, Investment Funds, warrants and Money Market Investments, and hold cash.

The Fund may use derivatives with the aim of reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently.

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than MSCI World (Net TR) index, based on the Investment Manager's rating system.

The Fund does not directly invest in certain activities, industries or groups of issuers above the limits listed under “Sustainability-Related Disclosure” on the Fund’s webpage, accessed via <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

The Investment Manager applies governance and sustainability criteria when selecting investments for the Fund. Companies in the investment universe are assessed on their governance, environmental and social profile, across a wide range of underlying measures. The Investment Manager will take into account an assessment of the sustainability profile of companies when determining position sizing within the portfolio.

Within governance, criteria assessed include risk to shareholders, business oversight, accounting risk and dividend policy. Environmental considerations include climate change related risks alongside broader environmental impact and opportunities. Social criteria reflects areas such as business involvement, safety, employee welfare, supply chain management and data privacy.

The primary sources of information include fundamental accounting data, Schroders’ proprietary sustainability tools and third-party ESG data.

More details on the Investment Manager’s approach to sustainability and its engagement with companies are available on the webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/>

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than its investment universe, based on the Investment Manager’s rating system.

The Investment Manager ensures that at least:

- 90% of the portion of the Fund’s NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in developed countries; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with an investment grade credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by developed countries; and

- 75% of the portion of the Fund’s NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in emerging countries; equities issued by small and medium companies; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with a high yield credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by emerging countries,

is rated against the sustainability criteria. For the purposes of this test, small companies are those with market capitalisation below €5 billion, medium companies are those between €5 billion and €10 billion and large companies are those above €10 billion.

#### ● ***What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?***

The following binding elements are applied throughout the investment process:

- The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the MSCI World (Net TR) index based on the Investment Manager’s rating criteria.
- The Fund invests at least 25% of its assets in sustainable investments and such investments do not cause significant environmental or social harm.
- Exclusions are applied to direct investments in companies. The Fund applies certain exclusions relating to international conventions on cluster munitions, antipersonnel mines, and chemical and biological weapons. The Fund also excludes companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to tobacco and thermal coal, especially companies that generate at least 10% of their revenues from tobacco production, companies that generate at least 25% of their revenues from the tobacco value chain (such as suppliers, distributors, retailers and licensors), companies that generate at least 10% of their revenues from thermal coal mining and companies that generate at least 30% of their revenues from coal fired power generation. The Fund excludes companies that are assessed by Schroders to have breached one or more ‘global norms’ thereby causing significant environmental or social harm; these companies comprise Schroders’ ‘global norms’ breach list. In exceptional circumstances a derogation may be applied in order to allow the Fund to continue to hold a company on Schroders’ ‘global norms’ breach list, for example where the stated investment strategy of the Fund may otherwise be compromised. Any such company cannot be categorised as a sustainable investment. Further, the Fund may apply other exclusions as listed under “Sustainability-Related Disclosure” on the Fund’s webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>
- The Fund invests in companies that have good governance practices, as determined by the Investment Manager’s rating criteria.

The Investment Manager ensures that at least:

- 90% of the portion of the Fund’s NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in developed countries; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with an investment grade credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by developed countries; and
- 75% of the portion of the Fund’s NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in emerging countries; equities issued by small and medium companies; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with a high yield credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by emerging countries,

is rated against the sustainability criteria.

● **What is the committed minimum rate to reduce the scope of the investments considered prior to the application of that investment strategy?**

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

● **What is the policy to assess good governance practices of the investee companies?**

Governance is a key dimension within the proprietary sustainability framework applied within the Fund's quantitative investment process. Our governance assessment is applied universally, across our entire investment universe, rewarding highly rated companies whilst penalising those with poorer standards and actively avoiding the worst. We include a breadth of underlying terms within our governance assessment, capturing material areas such as management structure (including board independence) alongside accounting quality, the treatment of shareholders by assessing ownership structures & dividend policy as well as measuring shareholder dissent. The full range of inputs included within our governance framework is included beneath.

Dividend Policy: Reward sustainable and increasing pay outs, asymmetric penalty for cuts

Accounting Risk: Over 20 key red flags including working capital stress, expense & revenue recognition and asset & liability valuation

Risks to Shareholders: Penalise higher risk ownership structures and elevated exchange related risks

Business Oversight: Reward independence and efficient structure of the board & key committees, asymmetric penalty for lower independence

Innovation: Reward firms with positive R&D relative to revenue generation

QEP Country Risk Monitor: Penalise poor country level governance standards. Political & Governance risk used as a conditional criteria

Social risks are inherently driven by the nature of the underlying business as well as management decisions. We consider seven inputs within our social framework. It is recognised that the extent to which these arise depends upon the industry the company operates in. For example, product quality is a key measure for manufacturing and consumer businesses which is why we focus on product recalls, particularly for high impact industries such as pharmaceuticals. By way of another example, data privacy is material for an increasing number of companies but is especially important for IT services and financials. However, where areas of concern are universal to companies we will apply penalties to companies globally, including for areas such as excessive employee turnover and tax avoidance.

**Good governance** practices include sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff and tax compliance.



**Asset allocation** describes the share of investments in specific assets.

## What is the asset allocation planned for this financial product?

The planned composition of the Fund's investments that are used to meet its environmental or social characteristics are summarised below.

**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the minimum proportion of the Fund's assets used to attain the environmental or social characteristics, which is equal to 70%. The Fund commits to maintain a higher overall sustainability score than the MSCI World (Net TR) index, and so the Fund's investments that are scored by Schroders' proprietary sustainability tool are included within the minimum proportion stated in #1 on the basis that they will contribute to the Fund's sustainability score (whether such individual investment has a positive or a negative score). Also included within #1 is the minimum proportion of assets that are invested in sustainable investments, as indicated in #1A. The minimum proportions stated apply in normal market conditions. The actual proportion stated in #1 is expected to be higher.

The sustainability score is measured by Schroders' proprietary tool that provides an estimate of the net "impact" that an issuer may create in terms of social and environmental "costs" or "benefits". It does this by using certain indicators with respect to that issuer, and quantifying them positively and negatively to produce an aggregate notional measure of the effect that the relevant underlying issuer may have on society and the environment. Examples of such indicators are greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

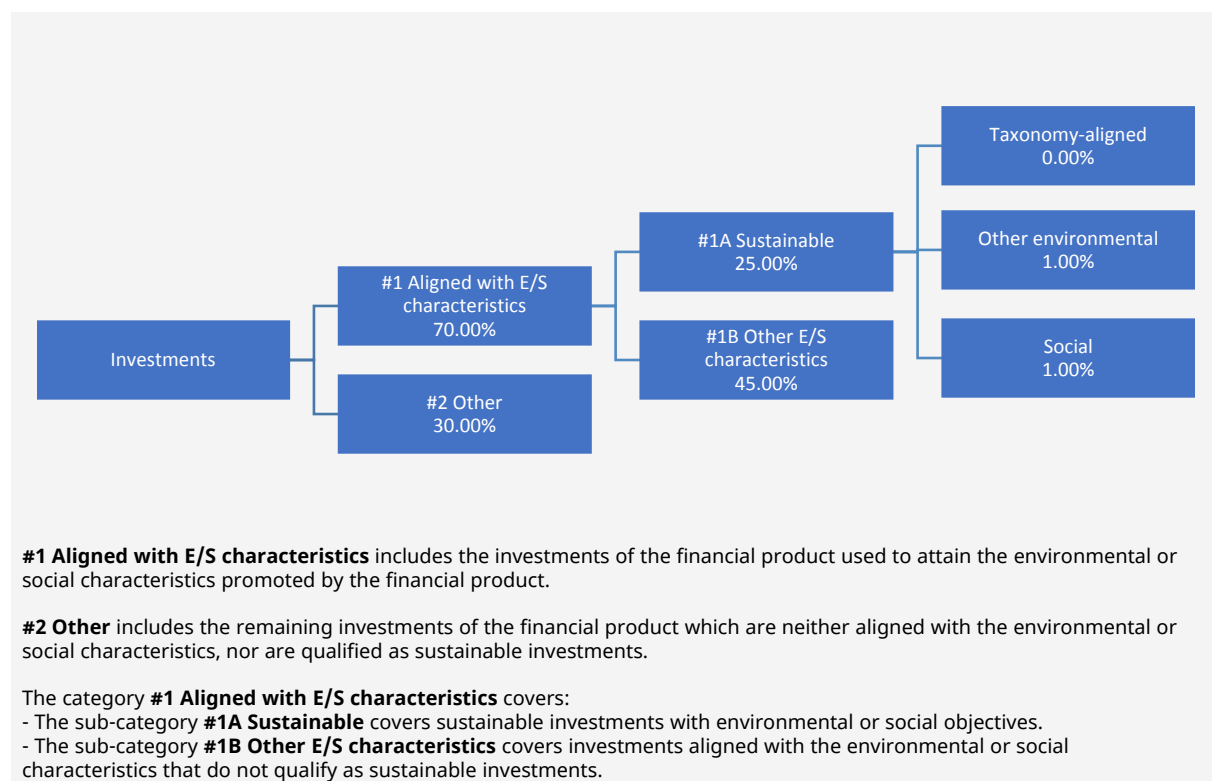
The Fund will invest at least 25% of its assets in sustainable investments. A sustainable investment is classified as having an environmental or social objective depending on whether the relevant issuer has a higher score in Schroders' proprietary tool relative to its applicable peer group for its environmental indicators or its social indicators. In each case, indicators are comprised of both "costs" and "benefits".

**#2 Other** includes cash which is treated as neutral for sustainability purposes. #2 also includes investments that are not scored by Schroders' proprietary sustainability tool and so do not contribute towards the Fund's sustainability score. As #1 states a minimum proportion that is in practice expected to be higher, the proportion stated in #2 is expected to be lower.

Minimum safeguards are applied where relevant to Money Market Investments and other investments by restricting (as appropriate) investments in counterparties where there are ownership links or exposure to higher risk countries (for the purpose of money laundering, terrorist financing, bribery, corruption, tax evasion and sanctions risks). A firm-wide risk assessment considers the risk rating of each jurisdiction; which includes reference to a number of public statements, indices and world governance indicators issued by the UN, the European Union, the UK Government, the Financial Action Task Force and several Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), such as Transparency International and the Basel Committee.



In addition, new counterparties are reviewed by Schroders' credit risk team and approval of a new counterparty is based on a holistic review of the various sources of information available, including, but not limited to, quality of management, ownership structure, location, regulatory and social environment to which each counterparty is subject, and the degree of development of the local banking system and its regulatory framework. Ongoing monitoring is performed through a Schroders' proprietary tool, which supports the analysis of a counterparty's management of environmental, social and governance trends and challenges. Any significant deterioration in the profile of the counterparty in Schroders' proprietary tool would lead to further analysis and potential exclusion by Schroders' credit risk team.



#1 The minimum proportion stated applies in normal market conditions.

● **How does the use of derivatives attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?**

The Fund may use derivatives that are scored in Schroders' proprietary tool to meet the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted by the Fund, as such derivatives would contribute to the Fund's sustainability score (whether such individual investment has a positive or a negative score).



**To what minimum extent are sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?**

There is no minimum extent to which the Fund's investments (including transitional and enabling activities) with an environmental objective are aligned with the Taxonomy. Taxonomy alignment of this Fund's investments has therefore not been calculated and has as a result been deemed to constitute 0% of the Fund's portfolio.

In future it is expected that the Fund will assess and report on the extent to which its underlying investments are in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the Taxonomy, along with information relating to the proportion of enabling and transitional activities. This Prospectus will be updated once it is possible in the Investment Manager's opinion to accurately disclose to what extent the Fund's investments are in Taxonomy-aligned environmentally sustainable activities, including the proportions of investments in enabling and transitional activities selected for the Fund.

● **Does the financial product invest in fossil gas and/or nuclear energy related activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy<sup>1</sup>?**

☐ Yes:

☐ In fossil gas ☐ In nuclear energy

To comply with the EU Taxonomy, the criteria for **fossil gas** include limitations on emissions and

<sup>1</sup> Fossil gas and/or nuclear related activities will only comply with the EU Taxonomy where they contribute to limiting climate change ("climate change mitigation") and do not significantly harm any EU Taxonomy objective – see explanatory note in the left-hand margin. The full criteria for fossil gas and nuclear energy economic activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy are laid down in Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1214.



☒ No

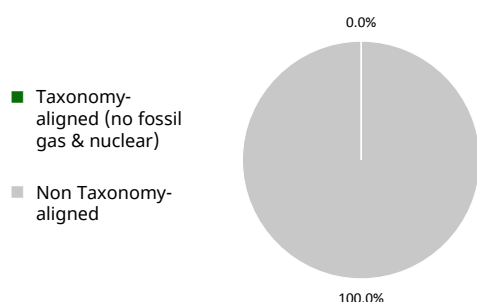
switching to renewable power or low-carbon fuels by the end of 2035. For **nuclear energy**, the criteria include comprehensive safety and waste management rules.

Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

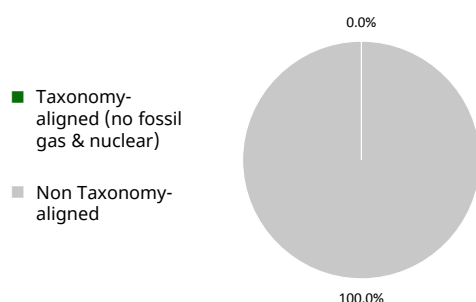
- **turnover** reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee companies
- **capital expenditure** (CapEx) showing the green investments made by investee companies, e.g. for a transition to a green economy.
- **operational expenditure** (OpEx) reflecting green operational activities of investee companies.

The two graphs below show in green the minimum percentage of investments that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the Taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy-alignment in relation to all the investments of the financial product including sovereign bonds, while the second graph shows the Taxonomy-alignment only in relation to the investments of the financial product other than sovereign bonds.

1. Taxonomy-alignment of investments including sovereign bonds\*



2. Taxonomy-alignment of investments excluding sovereign bonds\*



This graph represents x% of the total investments<sup>2</sup>.

\* For the purpose of these graphs, 'sovereign bonds' consist of all sovereign exposures

**Enabling activities** directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective.

**Transitional activities** are activities for which low-carbon alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.

### ● What is the minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities?

As per the above, at the date of this Prospectus the share of investments by the Fund in transitional and enabling activities is currently deemed to constitute 0% of the Fund's portfolio.



### What is the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

The Fund commits to invest at least 1% of its assets in sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy.



are sustainable investments with an environmental objective that **do not take into account the criteria** for

<sup>2</sup> As there is no Taxonomy-alignment, there is no impact on the graph if sovereign bonds are excluded (i.e. the percentage of Taxonomy-aligned investments remains 0%) and the Management Company therefore believes that there is no need to mention this information.



### What is the minimum share of socially sustainable investments?

The Fund commits to invest at least 1% of its assets in sustainable investments with a social objective.



### What investments are included under “#2 Other”, what is their purpose and are there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

**#2 Other** includes cash which is treated as neutral for sustainability purposes. #2 also includes investments that are not scored by Schroders’ proprietary sustainability tools and so do not contribute towards the Fund’s sustainability score.

Minimum safeguards are applied where relevant to Money Market Investments and other investments by restricting (as appropriate) investments in counterparties where there are ownership links or exposure to higher risk countries (for the purpose of money laundering, terrorist financing, bribery, corruption, tax evasion and sanctions risks). A firm-wide risk assessment considers the risk rating of each jurisdiction; which includes reference to a number of public statements, indices and world governance indicators issued by the UN, the European Union, the UK Government, the Financial Action Task Force and several Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), such as Transparency International and the Basel Committee.

In addition, new counterparties are reviewed by Schroders’ credit risk team and approval of a new counterparty is based on a holistic review of the various sources of information available, including, but not limited to, quality of management, ownership structure, location, regulatory and social environment to which each counterparty is subject, and the degree of development of the local banking system and its regulatory framework. Ongoing monitoring is performed through a Schroders’ proprietary tool, which supports the analysis of a counterparty’s management of environmental, social and governance trends and challenges. Any significant deterioration in the profile of the counterparty in Schroders’ proprietary tool would lead to further analysis and potential exclusion by Schroders’ credit risk team.



### Is a specific index designated as a reference benchmark to determine whether this financial product is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes?

**Reference benchmarks** are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the environmental or social characteristics that they promote.

- **How is the reference benchmark continuously aligned with each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?**

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- **How is the alignment of the investment strategy with the methodology of the index ensured on a continuous basis?**

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- **How does the designated index differ from a relevant broad market index?**

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- **Where can the methodology used for the calculation of the designated index be found?**

This question is not applicable for the Fund.



### Where can I find more product specific information online?

More product-specific information can be found on the webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

Pre-contractual disclosure for the financial products referred to in Article 8, paragraphs 1, 2 and 2a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 6, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852

**Product name:** **Schroder International Selection Fund QEP Global ESG**

**Legal entity identifier:** **549300Z3MJ4K5RFG8R15**

## Environmental and/or social characteristics

**Sustainable investment** means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good governance practices.

The **EU Taxonomy** is a classification system laid down in Regulation (EU) 2020/852, establishing a list of **environmentally sustainable economic activities**. That Regulation does not lay down a list of socially sustainable economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.

**Does this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?**

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<input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with an environmental objective: __%</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> It <b>promotes Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics</b> and while it does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will have a minimum proportion of <b>40.00%</b> of sustainable investments	<input type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy
<input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with a social objective __%</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> with a social objective
		<input type="checkbox"/> It promotes E/S characteristics, but <b>will not make any sustainable investments</b>	



## What environmental and/or social characteristics are promoted by this financial product?

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the MSCI AC World (Net TR) index, based on the Investment Manager's rating system. This benchmark (which is a broad market index) does not take into account the environmental and social characteristics promoted by the Fund.

The sustainability score is measured by Schroders' proprietary tool that provides an estimate of the net "impact" that an issuer may create in terms of social and environmental "costs" or "benefits". It does this by using certain indicators with respect to that issuer, and quantifying them positively and negatively to produce an aggregate notional measure of the effect that the relevant underlying issuer may have on society and the environment. It does this using third party data as well as Schroders own estimates and assumptions and the outcome may differ from other sustainability tools and measures. Examples of such indicators are greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

The result is expressed as an aggregate score of the sustainability indicators for each issuer, specifically a notional percentage (positive or negative) of sales of the relevant underlying issuer. For example, a score of +2% would mean an issuer contributes \$2 of relative notional positive impact (i.e. benefits to society) per \$100 of sales. The sustainability score of the Fund is derived from the scores of all issuers in the Fund's portfolio measured by Schroders' proprietary tool.

The Fund invests at least 40% of its assets in sustainable investments, which are investments that the Investment Manager expects to contribute towards the advancement of one or more environmental and/or social objective (s).

### What sustainability indicators are used to measure the attainment of each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

The Investment Manager monitors compliance with the characteristic to maintain a higher overall sustainability score than the MSCI AC World (Net TR) index by reference to the weighted average sustainability score of the Fund in Schroders' proprietary tool compared against the weighted average sustainability score of the MSCI AC World (Net TR) index in Schroders' proprietary tool over the previous six month period, based on month-end data. The overall sustainability score aggregates the effect of sustainability indicators including but not limited to greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

**Sustainability indicators** measure how the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product are attained.

The Investment Manager monitors compliance with the characteristic to invest at least 40% of its assets in sustainable investments by reference to the sustainability score of each asset in Schroders' proprietary tool. Compliance with this is monitored daily via our automated compliance controls. The Fund also applies certain exclusions, with which the Investment Manager monitors compliance on an ongoing basis via its portfolio compliance framework.

● ***What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?***

In respect of the proportion of the Fund's portfolio that is invested in sustainable investments, each sustainable investment demonstrates a net positive effect across a range of environmental or social objectives, as scored by Schroders' proprietary tool. The environmental or social objectives of the sustainable investments that the Fund partially intends to make may include, but are not limited to, increasing environmental and/or social benefits such as greater water access or fair pay and reducing environmental, and/or social costs such as carbon emissions or food waste. For example, greater water access as measured by Schroders' proprietary tool are the estimated societal benefits of the provision of clean drinking water to human health.

● ***How do the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make, not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?***

The Investment Manager's approach to investing in issuers that do not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective includes the following:

- Firm-wide investment exclusions apply to Schroders funds. These relate to international conventions on cluster munitions, anti-personnel mines, and chemical and biological weapons and a list of those companies that are excluded is available at <https://www.schroders.com/en/sustainability/active-ownership/group-exclusions/>. Firm-wide exclusions also apply to companies generating more than 20% of their revenue from thermal coal mining.
- The Fund excludes companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to tobacco and thermal coal.
- The Fund excludes companies that are assessed by Schroders to have breached one or more 'global norms' thereby causing significant environmental or social harm; these companies comprise Schroders' 'global norms' breach list. Schroders' determination of whether a company has been involved in such a breach considers relevant principles such as those contained in the UN Global Compact (UNGC) principles, the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights. The 'global norms' breach list may be informed by assessments performed by third party providers and by proprietary research, where relevant to a particular situation.
- The Fund may also apply certain other exclusions in addition to those summarised above.

Further information on all of the Fund's investment exclusions is to be found under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

● ***How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?***

When seeking to identify significant harm, Schroders' approach to taking into account the Principal Adverse Impacts (PAI) indicators involves a quantitative and a qualitative assessment. Where it is not considered appropriate or feasible to set quantitative thresholds, the Investment Manager engages, where relevant. Investee companies deemed not to satisfy the quantitative thresholds would generally be excluded, unless on a case-by-case basis the data is deemed not representative of a company's performance in the relevant area.

This framework is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability and quality of the data evolves.

Our approach includes:

1. **Quantitative:** this includes indicators where specific thresholds have been established:
  - Via the application of exclusions. This approach is relevant to **PAI 4** (Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector), **PAI 5** (Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production) and **PAI 14** (Exposure to controversial weapons). Further, the following PAIs are assessed as part of Schroders 'global norms' breach list exclusion (which seeks to exclude companies where significant harm is occurring):
    - **PAI 7** (Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas)
    - **PAI 8** (Emissions to water)

**Principal adverse impacts** are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anticorruption and antibribery matters.

- **PAI 9** (Hazardous waste and radioactive waste ratio)
- **PAI 10** (Violations of UN Global Compact principles and Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises)
- **PAI 11** (Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and Voluntary)
- **PAI 14** in Table 3 (Number of identified cases of severe human rights issues and incidents)
- Via the application of an alert system flag if the relevant indicator(s) exceeds a threshold. These quantitative thresholds to assess significant harm are established centrally by our Sustainable Investment team and monitored systematically. This approach applies to indicators where we have segmented the population into harm groups to establish a threshold, such as carbon related PAI metrics, **PAI 1** (GHG emissions), **PAI 2** (Carbon footprint) and **Voluntary PAI 4 in Table 2** (Investing in companies without carbon emission reduction initiatives). **PAI 3** (GHG intensity of investee companies) operates in a similar way but the threshold is based on a revenue metric. A threshold for **PAI 6** (Energy consumption intensity per high impact climate sector) is established based on the ~~above-mentioned~~ carbon measures. A similar approach has been taken for **PAI 15** (GHG intensity). **PAI 16** (Investee countries subject to social violations) also operates in the same way but based on data availability regarding social violations. Through this process the relevant issuer(s) that is/are deemed not to satisfy the quantitative thresholds is/are flagged to the Investment Manager for consideration, whose response may involve selling the holdings(s) or maintaining the position if on a case-by-case basis the data is deemed not representative of a company's performance in the relevant area. Investee companies deemed to cause significant harm are excluded from the Fund.
- 2. **Qualitative:** This includes PAI indicators where Schroders' believes that the data available does not enable us to make a quantitative determination regarding whether significant harm is done so as to warrant excluding an investment. In such cases, the Investment Manager engages wherever possible with the company or companies held, in accordance with the priorities documented in Schroders' Engagement Blueprint and/or voting policy. This approach applies to indicators such as **PAI 12** (Unadjusted gender pay gap) and **PAI 13** (Board gender diversity), where we engage and may use our voting rights where we consider appropriate. Both board gender diversity and disclosure of gender pay gap information are captured in our Engagement Blueprint.

● ***How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:***

Companies on Schroders' 'global norms' breach list cannot be categorised as sustainable investments. Schroders' determination of whether a company should be included on such list considers the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, among other relevant principles. The 'global norms' breach list is informed by third party providers and proprietary research, where relevant.

*The EU Taxonomy sets out a "do not significant harm" principle by which Taxonomy-aligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives and is accompanied by specific EU criteria.*

*The "do not significant harm" principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.*

*Any other sustainable investments must also not significantly harm any environmental or social objectives.*



## Does this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

☒ Yes, ~~the Investment Manager's approach to considering principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors involves classifying the indicators into three categories:~~

~~The Investment Manager's approach to considering principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors differs depending on the relevant indicator. Some indicators are considered via the application of exclusions, some are considered via the investment process (where data is available via Schroders PAI dashboard and via other external data sources) and some are considered via engagement. Further details are provided below.~~

~~PAIs are considered as part of pre-investment through the application of exclusions. These include:~~

~~- Controversial weapons: PAI 14 (Exposure to controversial weapons (anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, chemical weapons and biological weapons))~~

~~- Schroders' 'global norms' breach list, which covers: PAI 7 (Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas), PAI 8 (Emissions to water), PAI 9 (Hazardous waste and radioactive waste ratio), PAI 10 (Violations of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises), PAI 11 (Lack of processes and~~

compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises) and PAI 16 (Investee countries subject to social violations)

- Companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to thermal coal: PAI 4 (Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector) and PAI 5 (Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production)

Compliance with these thresholds is monitored via the Investment Manager's portfolio compliance framework. PAIs are also considered through integration in the investment process. All PAI indicators are monitored via Schroders PAI dashboard. Within the proprietary sustainability framework applied within the Fund's quantitative investment process, the following aspects are taken into account:

Greenhouse gas emissions, greenhouse gas intensity of investment companies (including carbon footprint), exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector: PAI 1, 2, 3 and 4.

Activities negatively affecting biodiversity sensitive areas, emissions to water, hazardous waste: PAI 7, 8 and 9.

Unadjusted gender pay gap, board diversity: PAI 12 and 13.

PAIs are also considered post-investment through engagement where the Investment Manager engages in line with the approach and expectations set out in Schroders Engagement Blueprint, which outlines our approach to active ownership. The Investment Manager may engage with investee companies on the subject of climate change, where we seek to understand a range of companies' transition to net zero and the strategies and policies in place to manage decarbonisation efforts. These engagements relate to PAI 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6.

Our approach is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability, and quality, of PAI data evolves. The Management Company's statement on principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors is available at <https://mybrand.schroders.com/m/4ab13771bddd9d/original/Statement-on-principal-adverse-impacts-of-investment-decisions-on-sustainability-factors-2-1-new.pdf> <https://api.schroders.com/document-store/id/ffcb39bb-96cb-4e56-9461-deba9a493e85>. The Fund level information is disclosed or will be disclosed (as applicable) in the Fund's annual report.

1. Set thresholds: these involve very explicit thresholds for considering an investment to be a "sustainable investment". For example, PAI 10 on violations of UNGC principles.

2. Active ownership: these involve indicators on which we have a plan to engage with the underlying holding as set out in the Schroders Group document - <https://mybrand.schroders.com/m/3222ea4ed44a1f2c/original/schroders-engagement-blueprint.pdf>, outlining our approach to active ownership. For example, PAI 1, 2 and 3 covering GHG emissions and PAI 13 on board gender diversity.

3. Improve coverage: these involve indicators where we consider data coverage to be too sparse to properly consider them and our focus is primarily on engaging with the underlying holdings to increase reporting. For example, PAI 7 on biodiversity, PAI 9 on hazardous waste ratio and PAI 12 on the gender pay gap.

Our approach is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability, and quality, of PAI data evolves.

The Management Company's statement on principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors is available at <https://mybrand.schroders.com/m/467910ac8e6da45c/original/Statement-on-principal-adverse-impacts-of-investment-decisions-on-sustainability-factors.pdf>. The Fund level information is disclosed or will be (as applicable) in the Fund's annual report.

☐ No



**The investment strategy** guides investment decisions based on factors such as investment objectives and risk tolerance.

## What investment strategy does this financial product follow?

The sustainable investment strategy used by the Investment Manager is as follows:

The Fund is actively managed and invests at least two-thirds of its assets in a diversified portfolio of equity and equity related securities of companies worldwide.

The Fund focuses on companies that have certain "Value" and/or "Quality" characteristics. Value is assessed by looking at indicators such as cash flows, dividends and earnings to identify securities which the Investment Manager believes have been undervalued by the market.

Quality is assessed by looking at indicators such as a company's profitability, stability, financial strength, structural growth and governance.

The Fund may invest directly in China B-Shares and China H-Shares and may invest less than 10% of its assets (on a net basis) directly or indirectly (for example via participatory notes) in China A-Shares through Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect and Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect and shares listed on the STAR Board and the ChiNext.

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than MSCI AC World (Net TR) index, based on the Investment Manager's rating system.

The Fund does not directly invest in certain activities, industries or groups of issuers above the limits listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

The Fund invests in companies that have good governance practices, as determined by the Investment Manager's rating criteria.

The Investment Manager may also engage with companies held by the Fund to challenge identified areas of weakness on sustainability issues. More details on the Investment Manager's approach to sustainability and its engagement with companies are available on the webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/>



The Fund may also invest up to one-third of its assets directly or indirectly in other securities (including other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies, Investment Funds, warrants and Money Market Investments, and hold cash.

The Fund may use derivatives with the aim of reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently.

The Investment Manager applies sustainability criteria when selecting investments for the Fund.

Companies in the investment universe are assessed on their governance, environmental and social profile, across a wide range of underlying measures. The Investment Manager will then decide whether a company is eligible for inclusion in the Fund, based on its sustainability profile. The sustainability characteristics of a company can also impact the sizing of positions in the Fund.

Within governance, criteria assessed include risk to shareholders, business oversight, accounting risk and dividend policy. Environmental considerations include climate change related risks alongside broader environmental impact and opportunities. Social criteria reflects areas such as business involvement, safety, employee welfare, supply chain management and data privacy.

The primary sources of information include fundamental accounting data, Schrodgers' proprietary sustainability tools and third-party ESG data.

The Investment Manager ensures that at least 90% of the portion of the Fund's Net Asset Value composed of investments in companies is rated against the sustainability criteria. As a result of the application of sustainability criteria, the portfolio exhibits a higher overall sustainability score than its investment universe after the bottom rated 20% of stocks within the investment universe are excluded.

For the purposes of this test, the potential investment universe is the core universe of issuers that the Investment Manager may select for the Fund prior to the application of sustainability criteria, in accordance with the other limitations of the Investment Objective and Policy. This universe is comprised of equity and equity-related securities of companies worldwide.

● ***What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?***

The following binding elements are applied throughout the investment process:

- The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the MSCI AC World (Net TR) index based on the Investment Manager's rating criteria.
- The Fund invests at least 40% of its assets in sustainable investments and such investments do not cause significant environmental or social harm.
- Exclusions are applied to direct investments in companies. The Fund applies certain exclusions relating to international conventions on cluster munitions, antipersonnel mines, and chemical and biological weapons. The Fund also excludes companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to tobacco and thermal coal, especially companies that generate at least 10% of their revenues from tobacco production, companies that generate at least 25% of their revenues from the tobacco value chain (such as suppliers, distributors, retailers and licensors), companies that generate at least 10% of their revenues from thermal coal mining and companies that generate at least 30% of their revenues from coal fired power generation. The Fund excludes companies that are assessed by Schrodgers to have breached one or more 'global norms' thereby causing significant environmental or social harm; these companies comprise Schrodgers' 'global norms' breach list. Further, the Fund may apply other exclusions as listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage, accessed via <https://www.schrodgers.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>
- The Fund invests in companies that have good governance practices, as determined by the Investment Manager's rating criteria.
- The Investment Manager ensures that at least 90% of the portion of the Fund's Net Asset Value composed of investments in companies is rated against the sustainability criteria.
- As a result of the application of sustainability criteria, the portfolio exhibits a higher overall sustainability score than its investment universe after the bottom rated 20% of stocks within the investment universe are excluded.

● ***What is the committed minimum rate to reduce the scope of the investments considered prior to the application of that investment strategy?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

● ***What is the policy to assess good governance practices of the investee companies?***

Governance is a key dimension within the proprietary sustainability framework applied within the Fund's quantitative investment process. Our governance assessment is applied universally, across our entire investment universe, rewarding highly rated companies whilst penalising those with poorer standards and actively avoiding the worst. We include a breadth of underlying terms within our governance assessment, capturing material areas such as management structure (including board independence) alongside accounting quality, the treatment of shareholders by assessing ownership structures & dividend policy as well as measuring shareholder dissent. The full range of inputs included within our governance framework is included beneath.

**Good governance** practices include sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff and tax compliance.

Dividend Policy: Reward sustainable and increasing pay outs, asymmetric penalty for cuts

Accounting Risk: Over 20 key red flags including working capital stress, expense & revenue recognition and asset & liability valuation

Risks to Shareholders: Penalise higher risk ownership structures and elevated exchange related risks

Business Oversight: Reward independence and efficient structure of the board & key committees, asymmetric penalty for lower independence

Innovation: Reward firms with positive R&D relative to revenue generation

QEP Country Risk Monitor: Penalise poor country level governance standards. Political & Governance risk used as a conditional criteria

Social risks are inherently driven by the nature of the underlying business as well as management decisions. We consider seven inputs within our social framework. It is recognised that the extent to which these arise depends upon the industry the company operates in. For example, product quality is a key measure for manufacturing and consumer businesses which is why we focus on product recalls, particularly for high impact industries such as pharmaceuticals. By way of another example, data privacy is material for an increasing number of companies but is especially important for IT services and financials. However, where areas of concern are universal to companies we will apply penalties to companies globally, including for areas such as excessive employee turnover and tax avoidance.



## What is the asset allocation planned for this financial product?

**Asset allocation** describes the share of investments in specific assets.

The planned composition of the Fund's investments that are used to meet its environmental or social characteristics are summarised below.

**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the minimum proportion of the Fund's assets used to attain the environmental or social characteristics, which is equal to 70%. The Fund commits to maintain a higher overall sustainability score than the MSCI AC World (Net TR) index, and so the Fund's investments that are scored by Schroders' proprietary sustainability tool are included within the minimum proportion stated in #1 on the basis that they will contribute to the Fund's sustainability score (whether such individual investment has a positive or a negative score). Also included within #1 is the minimum proportion of assets that are invested in sustainable investments, as indicated in #1A. The minimum proportions stated apply in normal market conditions. The actual proportion stated in #1 is expected to be higher.

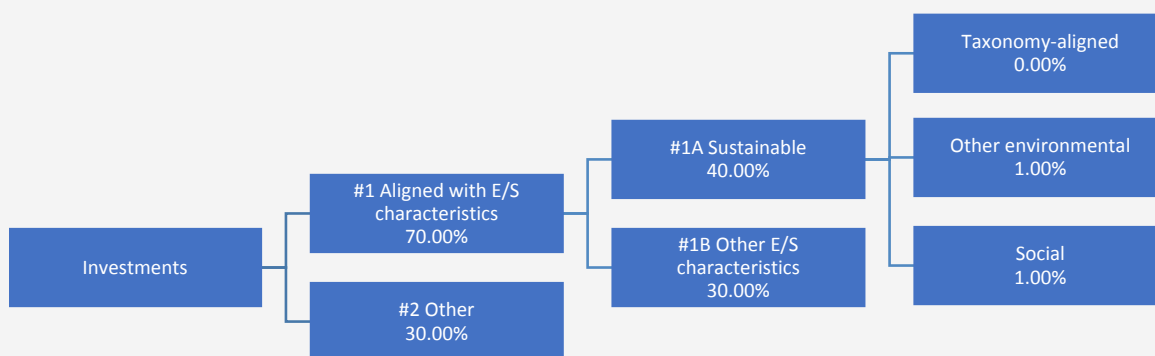
The sustainability score is measured by Schroders' proprietary tool that provides an estimate of the net "impact" that an issuer may create in terms of social and environmental "costs" or "benefits". It does this by using certain indicators with respect to that issuer, and quantifying them positively and negatively to produce an aggregate notional measure of the effect that the relevant underlying issuer may have on society and the environment. Examples of such indicators are greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

The Fund will invest at least 40% of its assets in sustainable investments. A sustainable investment is classified as having an environmental or social objective depending on whether the relevant issuer has a higher score in Schroders' proprietary tool relative to its applicable peer group for its environmental indicators or its social indicators. In each case, indicators are comprised of both "costs" and "benefits".

**#2 Other** includes cash which is treated as neutral for sustainability purposes. #2 also includes investments that are not scored by Schroders' proprietary sustainability tool and so do not contribute towards the Fund's sustainability score. As #1 states a minimum proportion that is in practice expected to be higher, the proportion stated in #2 is expected to be lower.

Minimum safeguards are applied where relevant to Money Market Investments and other investments by restricting (as appropriate) investments in counterparties where there are ownership links or exposure to higher risk countries (for the purpose of money laundering, terrorist financing, bribery, corruption, tax evasion and sanctions risks). A firm-wide risk assessment considers the risk rating of each jurisdiction; which includes reference to a number of public statements, indices and world governance indicators issued by the UN, the European Union, the UK Government, the Financial Action Task Force and several Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), such as Transparency International and the Basel Committee.

In addition, new counterparties are reviewed by Schroders' credit risk team and approval of a new counterparty is based on a holistic review of the various sources of information available, including, but not limited to, quality of management, ownership structure, location, regulatory and social environment to which each counterparty is subject, and the degree of development of the local banking system and its regulatory framework. Ongoing monitoring is performed through a Schroders' proprietary tool, which supports the analysis of a counterparty's management of environmental, social and governance trends and challenges. Any significant deterioration in the profile of the counterparty in Schroders' proprietary tool would lead to further analysis and potential exclusion by Schroders' credit risk team.



**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the investments of the financial product used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product.

**#2 Other** includes the remaining investments of the financial product which are neither aligned with the environmental or social characteristics, nor are qualified as sustainable investments.

The category **#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** covers:

- The sub-category **#1A Sustainable** covers sustainable investments with environmental or social objectives.
- The sub-category **#1B Other E/S characteristics** covers investments aligned with the environmental or social characteristics that do not qualify as sustainable investments.

#1 The minimum proportion stated applies in normal market conditions.

● **How does the use of derivatives attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?**

The Fund may use derivatives that are scored in Schrodgers' proprietary tool to meet the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted by the Fund, as such derivatives would contribute to the Fund's sustainability score (whether such individual investment has a positive or a negative score).



**To what minimum extent are sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?**

There is no minimum extent to which the Fund's investments (including transitional and enabling activities) with an environmental objective are aligned with the Taxonomy. Taxonomy alignment of this Fund's investments has therefore not been calculated and has as a result been deemed to constitute 0% of the Fund's portfolio.

In future it is expected that the Fund will assess and report on the extent to which its underlying investments are in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the Taxonomy, along with information relating to the proportion of enabling and transitional activities. This Prospectus will be updated once it is possible in the Investment Manager's opinion to accurately disclose to what extent the Fund's investments are in Taxonomy-aligned environmentally sustainable activities, including the proportions of investments in enabling and transitional activities selected for the Fund.

● **Does the financial product invest in fossil gas and/or nuclear energy related activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy<sup>1</sup>?**

☐ Yes:

☐ In fossil gas ☐ In nuclear energy

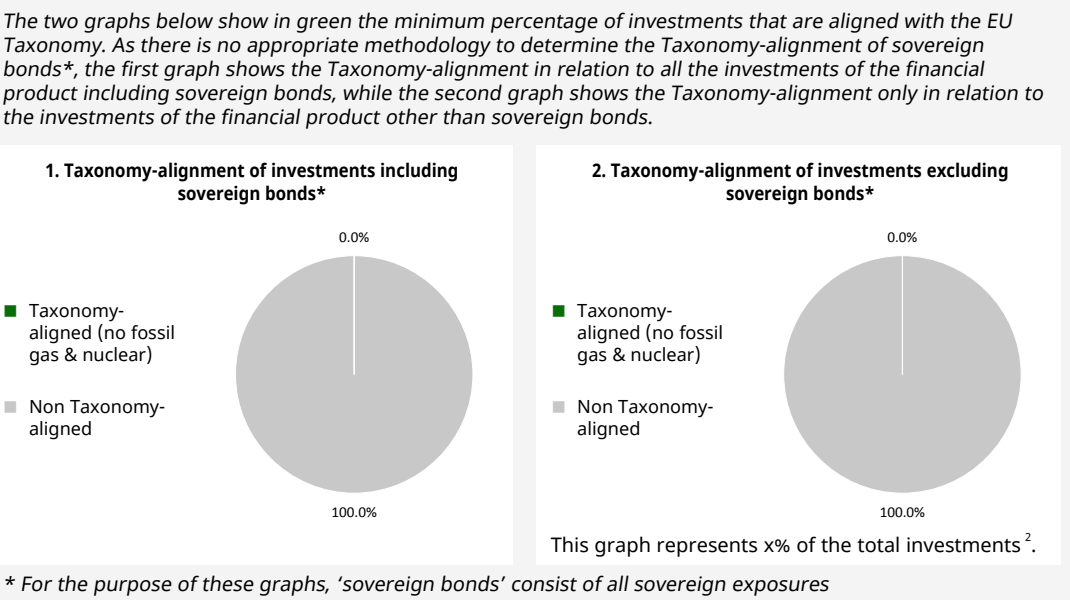
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To comply with the EU Taxonomy, the criteria for **fossil gas** include limitations on emissions and switching to renewable power or low-carbon fuels by the end of 2035. For **nuclear energy**, the criteria include comprehensive safety and waste management rules.

<sup>1</sup> Fossil gas and/or nuclear related activities will only comply with the EU Taxonomy where they contribute to limiting climate change ("climate change mitigation") and do not significantly harm any EU Taxonomy objective – see explanatory note in the left-hand margin. The full criteria for fossil gas and nuclear energy economic activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy are laid down in Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1214.

Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

- **turnover** reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee companies
- **capital expenditure** (CapEx) showing the green investments made by investee companies, e.g. for a transition to a green economy.
- **operational expenditure** (OpEx) reflecting green operational activities of investee companies.



**Enabling activities** directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective.

**Transitional activities** are activities for which low-carbon alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.

- **What is the minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities?**  
As per the above, at the date of this Prospectus the share of investments by the Fund in transitional and enabling activities is currently deemed to constitute 0% of the Fund's portfolio.



**What is the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?**

The Fund commits to invest at least 1% of its assets in sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy.



are sustainable investments with an environmental objective that **do not take into account the criteria** for environmentally sustainable economic activities under the EU Taxonomy.

<sup>2</sup> As there is no Taxonomy-alignment, there is no impact on the graph if sovereign bonds are excluded (i.e. the percentage of Taxonomy-aligned investments remains 0%) and the Management Company therefore believes that there is no need to mention this information.



## What is the minimum share of socially sustainable investments?

The Fund commits to invest at least 1% of its assets in sustainable investments with a social objective.



## What investments are included under “#2 Other”, what is their purpose and are there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

**#2 Other** includes cash which is treated as neutral for sustainability purposes. #2 also includes investments that are not scored by Schroders’ proprietary sustainability tools and so do not contribute towards the Fund’s sustainability score.

Minimum safeguards are applied where relevant to Money Market Investments and other investments by restricting (as appropriate) investments in counterparties where there are ownership links or exposure to higher risk countries (for the purpose of money laundering, terrorist financing, bribery, corruption, tax evasion and sanctions risks). A firm-wide risk assessment considers the risk rating of each jurisdiction; which includes reference to a number of public statements, indices and world governance indicators issued by the UN, the European Union, the UK Government, the Financial Action Task Force and several Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), such as Transparency International and the Basel Committee.

In addition, new counterparties are reviewed by Schroders’ credit risk team and approval of a new counterparty is based on a holistic review of the various sources of information available, including, but not limited to, quality of management, ownership structure, location, regulatory and social environment to which each counterparty is subject, and the degree of development of the local banking system and its regulatory framework. Ongoing monitoring is performed through a Schroders’ proprietary tool, which supports the analysis of a counterparty’s management of environmental, social and governance trends and challenges. Any significant deterioration in the profile of the counterparty in Schroders’ proprietary tool would lead to further analysis and potential exclusion by Schroders’ credit risk team.



## Is a specific index designated as a reference benchmark to determine whether this financial product is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes?

**Reference benchmarks** are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the environmental or social characteristics that they promote.

- ***How is the reference benchmark continuously aligned with each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- ***How is the alignment of the investment strategy with the methodology of the index ensured on a continuous basis?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- ***How does the designated index differ from a relevant broad market index?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- ***Where can the methodology used for the calculation of the designated index be found?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.



## Where can I find more product specific information online?

More product-specific information can be found on the webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

Pre-contractual disclosure for the financial products referred to in Article 8, paragraphs 1, 2 and 2a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 6, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852

**Product name:** **Schroder International Selection Fund QEP Global ESG ex Fossil Fuels**

**Legal entity identifier:** **5493006C79R4D3IXSD97**

## Environmental and/or social characteristics

**Sustainable investment** means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good governance practices.

The **EU Taxonomy** is a classification system laid down in Regulation (EU) 2020/852, establishing a list of **environmentally sustainable economic activities**. That Regulation does not lay down a list of socially sustainable economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.

Does this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?	
●● <input type="checkbox"/> Yes	●○ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
<input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with an environmental objective: __%</b>  <input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy  <input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> It <b>promotes Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics</b> and while it does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will have a minimum proportion of <b>40.00%</b> of sustainable investments  <input type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> with a social objective
<input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with a social objective __%</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> It promotes E/S characteristics, but <b>will not make any sustainable investments</b>



## What environmental and/or social characteristics are promoted by this financial product?

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the MSCI AC World ex Energy (Net TR) index, based on the Investment Manager's rating system. This benchmark (which is a broad market index) does not take into account the environmental and social characteristics promoted by the Fund.

The sustainability score is measured by Schroders' proprietary tool that provides an estimate of the net "impact" that an issuer may create in terms of social and environmental "costs" or "benefits". It does this by using certain indicators with respect to that issuer, and quantifying them positively and negatively to produce an aggregate notional measure of the effect that the relevant underlying issuer may have on society and the environment. It does this using third party data as well as Schroders own estimates and assumptions and the outcome may differ from other sustainability tools and measures. Examples of such indicators are greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

The result is expressed as an aggregate score of the sustainability indicators for each issuer, specifically a notional percentage (positive or negative) of sales of the relevant underlying issuer. For example, a score of +2% would mean an issuer contributes \$2 of relative notional positive impact (i.e. benefits to society) per \$100 of sales. The sustainability score of the Fund is derived from the scores of all issuers in the Fund's portfolio measured by Schroders' proprietary tool.

The Fund invests at least 40% of its assets in sustainable investments, which are investments that the Investment Manager expects to contribute towards the advancement of one or more environmental and/or social objective (s).

### ● What sustainability indicators are used to measure the attainment of each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

The Investment Manager monitors compliance with the characteristic to maintain a higher overall sustainability score than the MSCI AC World ex Energy (Net TR) index by reference to the weighted average sustainability score of the Fund in Schroders' proprietary tool compared against the weighted average sustainability score of the MSCI AC World ex Energy (Net TR) index in Schroders' proprietary tool over the previous ~~six months~~**six-month** period, based on month-end data. The overall sustainability score aggregates the effect of sustainability indicators including but not limited to greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

**Sustainability indicators** measure how the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product are attained.



The Investment Manager monitors compliance with the characteristic to invest at least 40% of its assets in sustainable investments by reference to the sustainability score of each asset in Schroders' proprietary tool. Compliance with this is monitored daily via our automated compliance controls. The Fund also applies certain exclusions, with which the Investment Manager monitors compliance on an ongoing basis via its portfolio compliance framework.

● ***What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?***

In respect of the proportion of the Fund's portfolio that is invested in sustainable investments, each sustainable investment demonstrates a net positive effect across a range of environmental or social objectives, as scored by Schroders' proprietary tool. The environmental or social objectives of the sustainable investments that the Fund partially intends to make may include, but are not limited to, increasing environmental and/or social benefits such as greater water access or fair pay and reducing environmental, and/or social costs such as carbon emissions or food waste. For example, greater water access as measured by Schroders' proprietary tool are the estimated societal benefits of the provision of clean drinking water to human health.

● ***How do the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make, not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?***

The Investment Manager's approach to investing in issuers that do not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective includes the following:

- Firm-wide investment exclusions apply to Schroders funds. These relate to international conventions on cluster munitions, anti-personnel mines, and chemical and biological weapons and a list of those companies that are excluded is available at <https://www.schroders.com/en/sustainability/active-ownership/group-exclusions/>. Firm-wide exclusions also apply to companies generating more than 20% of their revenue from thermal coal mining.
- The Fund excludes companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to tobacco and thermal coal.
- The Fund excludes companies that are assessed by Schroders to have breached one or more 'global norms' thereby causing significant environmental or social harm; these companies comprise Schroders' 'global norms' breach list. Schroders' determination of whether a company has been involved in such a breach considers relevant principles such as those contained in the UN Global Compact (UNGC) principles, the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights. The 'global norms' breach list may be informed by assessments performed by third party providers and by proprietary research, where relevant to a particular situation.
- The Fund may also apply certain other exclusions in addition to those summarised above.

Further information on all of the Fund's investment exclusions is to be found under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

● ***How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?***

When seeking to identify significant harm, Schroders' approach to taking into account the Principal Adverse Impacts (PAI) indicators involves a quantitative and a qualitative assessment. Where it is not considered appropriate or feasible to set quantitative thresholds, the Investment Manager engages, where relevant, investee companies deemed not to satisfy the quantitative thresholds would generally be excluded, unless on a case-by-case basis the data is deemed not representative of a company's performance in the relevant area.

This framework is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability and quality of the data evolves.

Our approach includes:

1. **Quantitative:** this includes indicators where specific thresholds have been established:
  - Via the application of exclusions. This approach is relevant to **PAI 4** (Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector), **PAI 5** (Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production) and **PAI 14** (Exposure to controversial weapons). Further, the following PAIs are assessed as part of Schroders 'global norms' breach list exclusion (which seeks to exclude companies where significant harm is occurring):
    - **PAI 7** (Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas)
    - **PAI 8** (Emissions to water)

**Principal adverse impacts** are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anticorruption and antibribery matters.

- **PAI 9** (Hazardous waste and radioactive waste ratio)
- **PAI 10** (Violations of UN Global Compact principles and Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises)
- **PAI 11** (Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and Voluntary)
- **PAI 14** in Table 3 (Number of identified cases of severe human rights issues and incidents)
- Via the application of an alert system flag if the relevant indicator(s) exceeds a threshold. These quantitative thresholds to assess significant harm are established centrally by our Sustainable Investment team and monitored systematically. This approach applies to indicators where we have segmented the population into harm groups to establish a threshold, such as carbon related PAI metrics, **PAI 1** (GHG emissions), **PAI 2** (Carbon footprint) and **Voluntary PAI 4 in Table 2** (Investing in companies without carbon emission reduction initiatives). **PAI 3** (GHG intensity of investee companies) operates in a similar way but the threshold is based on a revenue metric. A threshold for **PAI 6** (Energy consumption intensity per high impact climate sector) is established based on the **above-mentionedabove-mentioned** carbon measures. A similar approach has been taken for **PAI 15** (GHG intensity). **PAI 16** (Investee countries subject to social violations) also operates in the same way but based on data availability regarding social violations. Through this process the relevant issuer(s) that is/are deemed not to satisfy the quantitative thresholds is/are flagged to the Investment Manager for consideration, whose response may involve selling the holdings(s) or maintaining the position if on a case-by-case basis the data is deemed not representative of a company's performance in the relevant area. Investee companies deemed to cause significant harm are excluded from the Fund.
- 2. **Qualitative:** This includes PAI indicators where Schroders' believes that the data available does not enable us to make a quantitative determination regarding whether significant harm is done so as to warrant excluding an investment. In such cases, the Investment Manager engages wherever possible with the company or companies held, in accordance with the priorities documented in Schroders' Engagement Blueprint and/or voting policy. This approach applies to indicators such as **PAI 12** (Unadjusted gender pay gap) and **PAI 13** (Board gender diversity), where we engage and may use our voting rights where we consider appropriate. Both board gender diversity and disclosure of gender pay gap information are captured in our Engagement Blueprint.

● ***How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:***

Companies on Schroders' 'global norms' breach list cannot be categorised as sustainable investments. Schroders' determination of whether a company should be included on such list considers the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, among other relevant principles. The 'global norms' breach list is informed by third party providers and proprietary research, where relevant.

*The EU Taxonomy sets out a "do not significant harm" principle by which Taxonomy-aligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives and is accompanied by specific EU criteria.*

*The "do not significant harm" principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.*

*Any other sustainable investments must also not significantly harm any environmental or social objectives.*



## **Does this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?**

☒ **Yes,** ~~the Investment Manager's approach to considering principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors involves classifying the indicators into three categories:~~

~~The Investment Manager's approach to considering principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors differs depending on the relevant indicator. Some indicators are considered via the application of exclusions, some are considered via the investment process (where data is available via Schroders PAI dashboard and via other external data sources) and some are considered via engagement. Further details are provided below.~~

~~PAIs are considered as part of pre-investment through the application of exclusions. These include:~~

~~- Controversial weapons: PAI 14 (Exposure to controversial weapons (anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, chemical weapons and biological weapons))~~

~~- Schroders' 'global norms' breach list, which covers: PAI 7 (Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas), PAI 8 (Emissions to water), PAI 9 (Hazardous waste and radioactive waste ratio), PAI 10 (Violations of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises), PAI 11 (Lack of processes and~~

compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises) and PAI 16 (Investee countries subject to social violations)

- Companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to thermal coal: PAI 4 (Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector) and PAI 5 (Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production)

Compliance with these thresholds is monitored via the Investment Manager's portfolio compliance framework. PAIs are also considered through integration in the investment process. All PAI indicators are monitored via Schroders PAI dashboard. Within the proprietary sustainability framework applied within the Fund's quantitative investment process, the following aspects are taken into account:

Greenhouse gas emissions, greenhouse gas intensity of investment companies (including carbon footprint), exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector: PAI 1, 2, 3 and 4.

Activities negatively affecting biodiversity sensitive areas, emissions to water, hazardous waste: PAI 7, 8 and 9.

Unadjusted gender pay gap, board diversity: PAI 12 and 13.

PAIs are also considered post-investment through engagement where the Investment Manager engages in line with the approach and expectations set out in Schroders Engagement Blueprint, which outlines our approach to active ownership. The Investment Manager may engage with investee companies on the subject of climate change, where we seek to understand a range of companies' transition to net zero and the strategies and policies in place to manage decarbonisation efforts. These engagements relate to PAI 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6.

Our approach is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability, and quality, of PAI data evolves. The Management Company's statement on principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors is available at <https://mybrand.schroders.com/m/4ab13771bdddcd9d/original/Statement-on-principal-adverse-impacts-of-investment-decisions-on-sustainability-factors-2-1-new.pdf> <https://api.schroders.com/document-store/id/ffcb39bb-96cb-4e56-9461-deba9a493e85>. The Fund level information is disclosed or will be disclosed (as applicable) in the Fund's annual report.

1. Set thresholds: these involve very explicit thresholds for considering an investment to be a "sustainable investment". For example, PAI 10 on violations of UNGC principles.

2. Active ownership: these involve indicators on which we have a plan to engage with the underlying holding as set out in the Schroders Group document - <https://mybrand.schroders.com/m/3222ea4ed44a1f2c/original/schroders-engagement-blueprint.pdf>, outlining our approach to active ownership. For example, PAI 1, 2 and 3 covering GHG emissions and PAI 13 on board gender diversity.

3. Improve coverage: these involve indicators where we consider data coverage to be too sparse to properly consider them and our focus is primarily on engaging with the underlying holdings to increase reporting. For example, PAI 7 on biodiversity, PAI 9 on hazardous waste ratio and PAI 12 on the gender pay gap.

Our approach is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability, and quality, of PAI data evolves.

The Management Company's statement on principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors is available at <https://mybrand.schroders.com/m/467910ac8e6da45c/original/Statement-on-principal-adverse-impacts-of-investment-decisions-on-sustainability-factors.pdf>. The Fund level information is disclosed or will be (as applicable) in the Fund's annual report.

☐ No



**The investment strategy** guides investment decisions based on factors such as investment objectives and risk tolerance.

## What investment strategy does this financial product follow?

The sustainable investment strategy used by the Investment Manager is as follows:

The Fund is actively managed and invests at least two-thirds of its assets in a diversified portfolio of equity and equity related securities of companies worldwide, excluding companies that derive any revenues from fossil fuels (including but not limited to fossil fuel production, refining and transportation and power generation) and companies with fossil fuel reserves.

The Fund focuses on companies that have certain "Value" and/or "Quality" characteristics. Value is assessed by looking at indicators such as cash flows, dividends and earnings to identify securities which the Investment Manager believes have been undervalued by the market. Quality is assessed by looking at indicators such as a company's profitability, stability, financial strength, structural growth and governance.

The Fund may invest directly in China B-Shares and China H-Shares and may invest less than 10% of its assets (on a net basis) directly or indirectly (for example via participatory notes) in China A Shares through Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect and Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect and shares listed on the STAR Board and the ChiNext.

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than MSCI AC World ex Energy (Net TR) index, based on the Investment Manager's rating system.

The Fund does not directly invest in certain activities, industries or groups of issuers above the limits listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage, accessed via <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre> which includes companies that generate any revenue from fossil fuel.

The Fund invests in companies that have good governance practices, as determined by the Investment Manager's rating criteria.

The Investment Manager may also engage with companies held by the Fund to challenge identified areas of weakness on sustainability issues. More details on the Investment Manager's approach to sustainability and its engagement with companies are available on the webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/>

The Fund may also invest up to one-third of its assets directly or indirectly in other securities (including other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies, Investment Funds, warrants and Money Market Investments, and hold cash.

The Fund may use derivatives with the aim of reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently.

The Investment Manager applies sustainability criteria when selecting investments for the Fund.

Companies in the investment universe are assessed on their governance, environmental and social profile, across a wide range of underlying measures. The Investment Manager will then decide whether a company is eligible for inclusion in the Fund, based on its sustainability profile. The sustainability characteristics of a company can also impact the sizing of positions in the Fund.

Within governance, criteria assessed include risk to shareholders, business oversight, accounting risk and dividend policy. Environmental considerations include climate change related risks alongside broader environmental impact and opportunities. Social criteria reflects areas such as business involvement, safety, employee welfare, supply chain management and data privacy.

The primary sources of information include fundamental accounting data, Schroders' proprietary sustainability tools and third-party ESG data.

The Investment Manager ensures that at least 90% of the portion of the Fund's Net Asset Value composed of investments in companies is rated against the sustainability criteria. As a result of the application of sustainability criteria, the portfolio exhibits a higher overall sustainability score than its investment universe after the bottom rated 20% of stocks within the investment universe are excluded.

For the purposes of this test, the potential investment universe is the core universe of issuers that the Investment Manager may select for the Fund prior to the application of sustainability criteria, in accordance with the other limitations of the Investment Objective and Policy. This universe is comprised of equity and equity-related securities of companies worldwide.

● ***What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?***

The following binding elements are applied throughout the investment process:

- The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the MSCI AC World ex Energy (Net TR) index based on the Investment Manager's rating criteria.
- The Fund invests at least 40% of its assets in sustainable investments and such investments do not cause significant environmental or social harm.
- Exclusions are applied to direct investments in companies. The Fund applies certain exclusions relating to international conventions on cluster munitions, antipersonnel mines, and chemical and biological weapons. The Fund also excludes companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to tobacco and thermal coal, especially companies that generate at least 10% of their revenues from tobacco production, companies that generate at least 25% of their revenues from the tobacco value chain (such as suppliers, distributors, retailers and licensors), companies that generate at least 10% of their revenues from thermal coal mining and companies that generate at least 30% of their revenues from coal fired power generation. The Fund excludes companies that are assessed by Schroders to have breached one or more 'global norms' thereby causing significant environmental or social harm; these companies comprise Schroders' 'global norms' breach list. Further, the Fund may apply other exclusions as listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>
- The Fund invests in companies that have good governance practices, as determined by the Investment Manager's rating criteria.
- The Investment Manager ensures that at least 90% of the portion of the Fund's Net Asset Value composed of investments in companies is rated against the sustainability criteria.
- As a result of the application of sustainability criteria, the portfolio exhibits a higher overall sustainability score than its investment universe after the bottom rated 20% of stocks within the investment universe are excluded.

● ***What is the committed minimum rate to reduce the scope of the investments considered prior to the application of that investment strategy?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

● ***What is the policy to assess good governance practices of the investee companies?***

Governance is a key dimension within the proprietary sustainability framework applied within the Fund's quantitative investment process. Our governance assessment is applied universally, across our entire investment universe, rewarding highly rated companies whilst penalising those with poorer standards and

**Good governance** practices include sound management structures, employee

relations, remuneration of staff and tax compliance.

actively avoiding the worst. We include a breadth of underlying terms within our governance assessment, capturing material areas such as management structure (including board independence) alongside accounting quality, the treatment of shareholders by assessing ownership structures & dividend policy as well as measuring shareholder dissent. The full range of inputs included within our governance framework is included beneath.

Dividend Policy: Reward sustainable and increasing pay outs, asymmetric penalty for cuts

Accounting Risk: Over 20 key red flags including working capital stress, expense & revenue recognition and asset & liability valuation

Risks to Shareholders: Penalise higher risk ownership structures and elevated exchange related risks

Business Oversight: Reward independence and efficient structure of the board & key committees, asymmetric penalty for lower independence

Innovation: Reward firms with positive R&D relative to revenue generation

QEP Country Risk Monitor: Penalise poor country level governance standards. Political & Governance risk used as a conditional criteria

Social risks are inherently driven by the nature of the underlying business as well as management decisions. We consider seven inputs within our social framework. It is recognised that the extent to which these arise depends upon the industry the company operates in. For example, product quality is a key measure for manufacturing and consumer businesses which is why we focus on product recalls, particularly for high impact industries such as pharmaceuticals. By way of another example, data privacy is material for an increasing number of companies but is especially important for IT services and financials. However, where areas of concern are universal to companies we will apply penalties to companies globally, including for areas such as excessive employee turnover and tax avoidance.



## What is the asset allocation planned for this financial product?

**Asset allocation** describes the share of investments in specific assets.

The planned composition of the Fund's investments that are used to meet its environmental or social characteristics are summarised below.

**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the minimum proportion of the Fund's assets used to attain the environmental or social characteristics, which is equal to 70%. The Fund commits to maintain a higher overall sustainability score than the MSCI AC World ex Energy (Net TR) index, and so the Fund's investments that are scored by Schroders' proprietary sustainability tool are included within the minimum proportion stated in #1 on the basis that they will contribute to the Fund's sustainability score (whether such individual investment has a positive or a negative score). Also included within #1 is the minimum proportion of assets that are invested in sustainable investments, as indicated in #1A. The minimum proportions stated apply in normal market conditions. The actual proportion stated in #1 is expected to be higher.

The sustainability score is measured by Schroders' proprietary tool that provides an estimate of the net "impact" that an issuer may create in terms of social and environmental "costs" or "benefits". It does this by using certain indicators with respect to that issuer, and quantifying them positively and negatively to produce an aggregate notional measure of the effect that the relevant underlying issuer may have on society and the environment. Examples of such indicators are greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

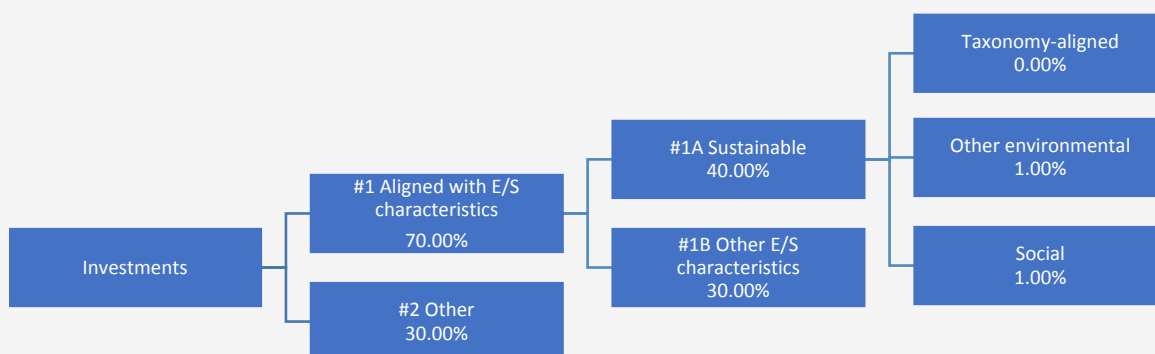
The Fund will invest at least 40% of its assets in sustainable investments. A sustainable investment is classified as having an environmental or social objective depending on whether the relevant issuer has a higher score in Schroders' proprietary tool relative to its applicable peer group for its environmental indicators or its social indicators. In each case, indicators are comprised of both "costs" and "benefits".

**#2 Other** includes cash which is treated as neutral for sustainability purposes. #2 also includes investments that are not scored by Schroders' proprietary sustainability tool and so do not contribute towards the Fund's sustainability score. As #1 states a minimum proportion that is in practice expected to be higher, the proportion stated in #2 is expected to be lower.

Minimum safeguards are applied where relevant to Money Market Investments and other investments by restricting (as appropriate) investments in counterparties where there are ownership links or exposure to higher risk countries (for the purpose of money laundering, terrorist financing, bribery, corruption, tax evasion and sanctions risks). A firm-wide risk assessment considers the risk rating of each jurisdiction; which includes reference to a number of public statements, indices and world governance indicators issued by the UN, the European Union, the UK Government, the Financial Action Task Force and several Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), such as Transparency International and the Basel Committee.

In addition, new counterparties are reviewed by Schroders' credit risk team and approval of a new counterparty is based on a holistic review of the various sources of information available, including, but not limited to, quality of management, ownership structure, location, regulatory and social environment to which each counterparty is subject, and the degree of development of the local banking system and its regulatory framework. Ongoing monitoring is performed through a Schroders' proprietary tool, which supports the analysis of a counterparty's management of environmental, social and governance trends and challenges. Any significant deterioration in the profile of the counterparty in Schroders' proprietary tool would lead to further analysis and potential exclusion by Schroders' credit risk team.





**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the investments of the financial product used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product.

**#2 Other** includes the remaining investments of the financial product which are neither aligned with the environmental or social characteristics, nor are qualified as sustainable investments.

The category **#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** covers:

- The sub-category **#1A Sustainable** covers sustainable investments with environmental or social objectives.
- The sub-category **#1B Other E/S characteristics** covers investments aligned with the environmental or social characteristics that do not qualify as sustainable investments.

#1 The minimum proportion stated applies in normal market conditions.

● **How does the use of derivatives attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?**

The Fund may use derivatives that are scored in Schroders' proprietary tool to meet the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted by the Fund, as such derivatives would contribute to the Fund's sustainability score (whether such individual investment has a positive or a negative score).



**To what minimum extent are sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?**

There is no minimum extent to which the Fund's investments (including transitional and enabling activities) with an environmental objective are aligned with the Taxonomy. Taxonomy alignment of this Fund's investments has therefore not been calculated and has as a result been deemed to constitute 0% of the Fund's portfolio.

In future it is expected that the Fund will assess and report on the extent to which its underlying investments are in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the Taxonomy, along with information relating to the proportion of enabling and transitional activities. This Prospectus will be updated once it is possible in the Investment Manager's opinion to accurately disclose to what extent the Fund's investments are in Taxonomy-aligned environmentally sustainable activities, including the proportions of investments in enabling and transitional activities selected for the Fund.

● **Does the financial product invest in fossil gas and/or nuclear energy related activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy<sup>1</sup>?**

☐ Yes:

☐ In fossil gas ☐ In nuclear energy

☒ No

To comply with the EU Taxonomy, the criteria for **fossil gas** include limitations on emissions and switching to renewable power or low-carbon fuels by the end of 2035. For **nuclear energy**, the criteria include comprehensive safety and waste management rules.

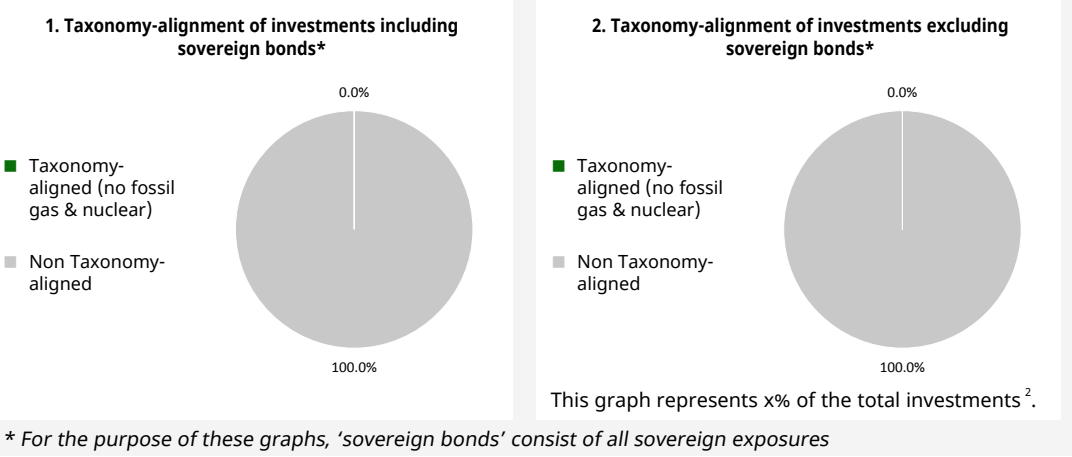
<sup>1</sup> Fossil gas and/or nuclear related activities will only comply with the EU Taxonomy where they contribute to limiting climate change ("climate change mitigation") and do not significantly harm any EU Taxonomy objective – see explanatory note in the left-hand margin. The full criteria for fossil gas and nuclear energy economic activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy are laid down in Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1214.



Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

- **turnover** reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee companies
- **capital expenditure** (CapEx) showing the green investments made by investee companies, e.g. for a transition to a green economy.
- **operational expenditure** (OpEx) reflecting green operational activities of investee companies.

The two graphs below show in green the minimum percentage of investments that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the Taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy-alignment in relation to all the investments of the financial product including sovereign bonds, while the second graph shows the Taxonomy-alignment only in relation to the investments of the financial product other than sovereign bonds.



**Enabling activities** directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective.

- **What is the minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities?**  
As per the above, at the date of this Prospectus the share of investments by the Fund in transitional and enabling activities is currently deemed to constitute 0% of the Fund's portfolio.

**Transitional activities** are activities for which low-carbon alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.



- **What is the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?**  
The Fund commits to invest at least 1% of its assets in sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

are sustainable investments with an environmental objective that **do not take into account the criteria** for environmentally sustainable economic activities under the EU Taxonomy.

<sup>2</sup> As there is no Taxonomy-alignment, there is no impact on the graph if sovereign bonds are excluded (i.e. the percentage of Taxonomy-aligned investments remains 0%) and the Management Company therefore believes that there is no need to mention this information.



## What is the minimum share of socially sustainable investments?

The Fund commits to invest at least 1% of its assets in sustainable investments with a social objective.



## What investments are included under “#2 Other”, what is their purpose and are there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

**#2 Other** includes cash which is treated as neutral for sustainability purposes. #2 also includes investments that are not scored by Schroders’ proprietary sustainability tools and so do not contribute towards the Fund’s sustainability score.

Minimum safeguards are applied where relevant to Money Market Investments and other investments by restricting (as appropriate) investments in counterparties where there are ownership links or exposure to higher risk countries (for the purpose of money laundering, terrorist financing, bribery, corruption, tax evasion and sanctions risks). A firm-wide risk assessment considers the risk rating of each jurisdiction; which includes reference to a number of public statements, indices and world governance indicators issued by the UN, the European Union, the UK Government, the Financial Action Task Force and several Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), such as Transparency International and the Basel Committee.

In addition, new counterparties are reviewed by Schroders’ credit risk team and approval of a new counterparty is based on a holistic review of the various sources of information available, including, but not limited to, quality of management, ownership structure, location, regulatory and social environment to which each counterparty is subject, and the degree of development of the local banking system and its regulatory framework. Ongoing monitoring is performed through a Schroders’ proprietary tool, which supports the analysis of a counterparty’s management of environmental, social and governance trends and challenges. Any significant deterioration in the profile of the counterparty in Schroders’ proprietary tool would lead to further analysis and potential exclusion by Schroders’ credit risk team.



## Is a specific index designated as a reference benchmark to determine whether this financial product is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes?

**Reference benchmarks** are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the environmental or social characteristics that they promote.

- ***How is the reference benchmark continuously aligned with each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- ***How is the alignment of the investment strategy with the methodology of the index ensured on a continuous basis?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- ***How does the designated index differ from a relevant broad market index?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- ***Where can the methodology used for the calculation of the designated index be found?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.



## Where can I find more product specific information online?

More product-specific information can be found on the webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

Pre-contractual disclosure for the financial products referred to in Article 8, paragraphs 1, 2 and 2a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 6, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852

**Product name:** **Schroder International Selection Fund QEP Global Quality**

**Legal entity identifier:** **AOE3GPC0XP7JH5DJTH02**

## Environmental and/or social characteristics

<p><b>Sustainable investment</b> means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good governance practices.</p>	<p><b>Does this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?</b></p>	
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	<p><input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with an environmental objective: __%</b></p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> It <b>promotes Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics</b> and while it does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will have a minimum proportion of <b>25.00%</b> of sustainable investments</p>
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	<p><input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with a social objective __%</b></p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> with a social objective</p>
		<p><input type="checkbox"/> It promotes E/S characteristics, but <b>will not make any sustainable investments</b></p>

The **EU Taxonomy** is a classification system laid down in Regulation (EU) 2020/852, establishing a list of **environmentally sustainable economic activities**. That Regulation does not lay down a list of socially sustainable economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.



## What environmental and/or social characteristics are promoted by this financial product?

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the MSCI AC World (Net TR) index, based on the Investment Manager's rating system. This benchmark (which is a broad market index) does not take into account the environmental and social characteristics promoted by the Fund.

The sustainability score is measured by Schroders' proprietary tool that provides an estimate of the net "impact" that an issuer may create in terms of social and environmental "costs" or "benefits". It does this by using certain indicators with respect to that issuer, and quantifying them positively and negatively to produce an aggregate notional measure of the effect that the relevant underlying issuer may have on society and the environment. It does this using third party data as well as Schroders own estimates and assumptions and the outcome may differ from other sustainability tools and measures. Examples of such indicators are greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

The result is expressed as an aggregate score of the sustainability indicators for each issuer, specifically a notional percentage (positive or negative) of sales of the relevant underlying issuer. For example, a score of +2% would mean an issuer contributes \$2 of relative notional positive impact (i.e. benefits to society) per \$100 of sales. The sustainability score of the Fund is derived from the scores of all issuers in the Fund's portfolio measured by Schroders' proprietary tool.

The Fund invests at least 25% of its assets in sustainable investments, which are investments that the Investment Manager expects to contribute towards the advancement of one or more environmental and/or social objective (s).

### ● **What sustainability indicators are used to measure the attainment of each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?**

The Investment Manager monitors compliance with the characteristic to maintain a higher overall sustainability score than the MSCI AC World (Net TR) index by reference to the weighted average sustainability score of the Fund in Schroders' proprietary tool compared against the weighted average sustainability score of the MSCI AC World (Net TR) index in Schroders' proprietary tool over the previous six month period, based on month-end data. The overall sustainability score aggregates the effect of sustainability indicators including but not limited to greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

**Sustainability indicators** measure how the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product are attained.

The Investment Manager monitors compliance with the characteristic to invest at least 25% of its assets in sustainable investments by reference to the sustainability score of each asset in Schroders' proprietary tool. Compliance with this is monitored daily via our automated compliance controls. The Fund also applies certain exclusions, with which the Investment Manager monitors compliance on an ongoing basis via its portfolio compliance framework.

● ***What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?***

In respect of the proportion of the Fund's portfolio that is invested in sustainable investments, each sustainable investment demonstrates a net positive effect across a range of environmental or social objectives, as scored by Schroders' proprietary tool. The environmental or social objectives of the sustainable investments that the Fund partially intends to make may include, but are not limited to, increasing environmental and/or social benefits such as greater water access or fair pay and reducing environmental, and/or social costs such as carbon emissions or food waste. For example, greater water access as measured by Schroders' proprietary tool are the estimated societal benefits of the provision of clean drinking water to human health.

● ***How do the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make, not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?***

The Investment Manager's approach to investing in issuers that do not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective includes the following:

- Firm-wide investment exclusions apply to Schroders funds. These relate to international conventions on cluster munitions, anti-personnel mines, and chemical and biological weapons and a list of those companies that are excluded is available at <https://www.schroders.com/en/sustainability/active-ownership/group-exclusions/>. Firm-wide exclusions also apply to companies generating more than 20% of their revenue from thermal coal mining.
- The Fund excludes companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to tobacco and thermal coal.
- The Fund excludes companies that are assessed by Schroders to have breached one or more 'global norms' thereby causing significant environmental or social harm; these companies comprise Schroders' 'global norms' breach list. Schroders' determination of whether a company has been involved in such a breach considers relevant principles such as those contained in the UN Global Compact (UNGC) principles, the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights. The 'global norms' breach list may be informed by assessments performed by third party providers and by proprietary research, where relevant to a particular situation. In exceptional circumstances a derogation may be applied in order to allow the Fund to continue to hold a company on Schroders' 'global norms' breach list, for example where the stated investment strategy of the Fund may otherwise be compromised. Any such company cannot be categorised as a sustainable investment.
- The Fund may also apply certain other exclusions in addition to those summarised above.

Further information on all of the Fund's investment exclusions is to be found under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

● ***How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?***

When seeking to identify significant harm, Schroders' approach to taking into account the Principal Adverse Impacts (PAI) indicators involves a quantitative and a qualitative assessment. Where it is not considered appropriate or feasible to set quantitative thresholds, the Investment Manager engages, where relevant. Investee companies deemed not to satisfy the quantitative thresholds would generally be excluded, unless on a case-by-case basis the data is deemed not representative of a company's performance in the relevant area.

This framework is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability and quality of the data evolves.

Our approach includes:

1. **Quantitative:** this includes indicators where specific thresholds have been established:

- Via the application of exclusions. This approach is relevant to **PAI 4** (Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector), **PAI 5** (Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production) and **PAI 14** (Exposure to controversial weapons). Further, the following PAIs are assessed as part of Schroders 'global norms' breach list exclusion (which seeks to exclude companies where significant harm is occurring):

**Principal adverse impacts** are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anticorruption and antibribery matters.

- **PAI 7** (Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas)
- **PAI 8** (Emissions to water)
- **PAI 9** (Hazardous waste and radioactive waste ratio)
- **PAI 10** (Violations of UN Global Compact principles and Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises)
- **PAI 11** (Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and Voluntary)
- **PAI 14** in Table 3 (Number of identified cases of severe human rights issues and incidents)
- Via the application of an alert system flag if the relevant indicator(s) exceeds a threshold. These quantitative thresholds to assess significant harm are established centrally by our Sustainable Investment team and monitored systematically. This approach applies to indicators where we have segmented the population into harm groups to establish a threshold, such as carbon related PAI metrics, **PAI 1** (GHG emissions), **PAI 2** (Carbon footprint) and **Voluntary PAI 4 in Table 2** (Investing in companies without carbon emission reduction initiatives). **PAI 3** (GHG intensity of investee companies) operates in a similar way but the threshold is based on a revenue metric. A threshold for **PAI 6** (Energy consumption intensity per high impact climate sector) is established based on the ~~above mentioned~~ carbon measures. A similar approach has been taken for **PAI 15** (GHG intensity). **PAI 16** (Investee countries subject to social violations) also operates in the same way but based on data availability regarding social violations. Through this process the relevant issuer(s) that is/are deemed not to satisfy the quantitative thresholds is/are flagged to the Investment Manager for consideration, whose response may involve selling the holdings(s) or maintaining the position if on a case-by-case basis the data is deemed not representative of a company's performance in the relevant area. Investee companies deemed to cause significant harm are excluded from the Fund.
- 2. **Qualitative:** This includes PAI indicators where Schroders' believes that the data available does not enable us to make a quantitative determination regarding whether significant harm is done so as to warrant excluding an investment. In such cases, the Investment Manager engages wherever possible with the company or companies held, in accordance with the priorities documented in Schroders' Engagement Blueprint and/or voting policy. This approach applies to indicators such as **PAI 12** (Unadjusted gender pay gap) and **PAI 13** (Board gender diversity), where we engage and may use our voting rights where we consider appropriate. Both board gender diversity and disclosure of gender pay gap information are captured in our Engagement Blueprint.

● ***How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:***

Companies on Schroders' 'global norms' breach list cannot be categorised as sustainable investments. Schroders' determination of whether a company should be included on such list considers the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, among other relevant principles. The 'global norms' breach list is informed by third party providers and proprietary research, where relevant.

*The EU Taxonomy sets out a "do not significant harm" principle by which Taxonomy-aligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives and is accompanied by specific EU criteria.*

The "do not significant harm" principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.

*Any other sustainable investments must also not significantly harm any environmental or social objectives.*



## Does this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

☒ Yes, ~~the Investment Manager's approach to considering principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors involves classifying the indicators into three categories:~~

~~The Investment Manager's approach to considering principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors differs depending on the relevant indicator. Some indicators are considered via the application of exclusions, some are considered via the investment process (where data is available via Schroders PAI dashboard and via other external data sources) and some are considered via engagement. Further details are provided below. PAIs are considered as part of pre-investment through the application of exclusions. These include:~~  
~~- Controversial weapons: PAI 14 (Exposure to controversial weapons (anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, chemical weapons and biological weapons))~~

- Schroders' 'global norms' breach list, which covers: PAI 7 (Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas), PAI 8 (Emissions to water), PAI 9 (Hazardous waste and radioactive waste ratio), PAI 10 (Violations of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises), PAI 11 (Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises) and PAI 16 (Investee countries subject to social violations)

- Companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to thermal coal: PAI 4 (Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector) and PAI 5 (Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production)

Compliance with these thresholds is monitored via the Investment Manager's portfolio compliance framework. PAIs are also considered through integration in the investment process. All PAI indicators are monitored via Schroders PAI dashboard. Within the proprietary sustainability framework applied within the Fund's quantitative investment process, the following aspects are taken into account:

Greenhouse gas emissions, greenhouse gas intensity of investment companies (including carbon footprint), exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector: PAI 1, 2, 3 and 4.

Activities negatively affecting biodiversity sensitive areas, emissions to water, hazardous waste: PAI 7, 8 and 9. Unadjusted gender pay gap, board diversity: PAI 12 and 13.

PAIs are also considered post-investment through engagement where the Investment Manager engages in line with the approach and expectations set out in Schroders Engagement Blueprint, which outlines our approach to active ownership. The Investment Manager may engage with investee companies on the subject of climate change, where we seek to understand a range of companies' transition to net zero and the strategies and policies in place to manage decarbonisation efforts. These engagements relate to PAI 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6. Our approach is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability, and quality, of PAI data evolves. The Management Company's statement on principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors is available at <https://mybrand.schroders.com/m/4ab13771bdddcd9d/original/Statement-on-principal-adverse-impacts-of-investment-decisions-on-sustainability-factors-2-1-new.pdf> <https://api.schroders.com/document-store/id/ffcb39bb-96cb-4e56-9461-deba9a493e85>. The Fund level information is disclosed or will be disclosed (as applicable) in the Fund's annual report.

1. Set thresholds: these involve very explicit thresholds for considering an investment to be a "sustainable investment". For example, PAI 10 on violations of UNGC principles:

2. Active ownership: these involve indicators on which we have a plan to engage with the underlying holding as set out in the Schroders Group document - <https://mybrand.schroders.com/m/3222ea4ed44a1f2c/original/schroders-engagement-blueprint.pdf>, outlining our approach to active ownership. For example, PAI 1, 2 and 3 covering GHG emissions and PAI 13 on board gender diversity:

3. Improve coverage: these involve indicators where we consider data coverage to be too sparse to properly consider them and our focus is primarily on engaging with the underlying holdings to increase reporting. For example, PAI 7 on biodiversity, PAI 9 on hazardous waste ratio and PAI 12 on the gender pay gap:

Our approach is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability, and quality, of PAI data evolves:

The Management Company's statement on principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors is available at <https://mybrand.schroders.com/m/467910ac8e6da45c/original/Statement-on-principal-adverse-impacts-of-investment-decisions-on-sustainability-factors.pdf>. The Fund level information is disclosed or will be (as applicable) in the Fund's annual report.

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☐ No



## What investment strategy does this financial product follow?

**The investment strategy** guides investment decisions based on factors such as investment objectives and risk tolerance.

The sustainable investment strategy used by the Investment Manager is as follows:

The Fund is actively managed and invests at least two-thirds of its assets in a diversified portfolio of equity and equity-related securities of companies worldwide.

The Fund focuses on companies that have certain "Quality" characteristics. Quality is assessed by looking at indicators such as a company's profitability, stability, financial strength, governance and structural growth.

The Fund may invest directly in China B-Shares and China H-Shares and may invest less than 10% of its assets (on a net basis) directly or indirectly (for example via participatory notes) in China A-Shares through Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect and Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect and shares listed on the STAR Board and the ChiNext.

The Fund may also invest up to one-third of its assets directly or indirectly in other securities (including other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies, Investment Funds, warrants and Money Market Investments, and hold cash.

The Fund may use derivatives with the aim of reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently.

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than MSCI AC World (Net TR) index, based on the Investment Manager's rating system.

The Fund does not directly invest in certain activities, industries or groups of issuers above the limits listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage, accessed via <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>



The Investment Manager applies governance and sustainability criteria when selecting investments for the Fund. Companies in the investment universe are assessed on their governance, environmental and social profile, across a wide range of underlying measures. The Investment Manager will take into account an assessment of the sustainability profile of companies when determining position sizing within the portfolio.

Within governance, criteria assessed include risk to shareholders, business oversight, accounting risk and dividend policy. Environmental considerations include climate change related risks alongside broader environmental impact and opportunities. Social criteria reflects areas such as business involvement, safety, employee welfare, supply chain management and data privacy.

The primary sources of information include fundamental accounting data, Schroders' proprietary sustainability tools and third-party ESG data.

More details on the Investment Manager's approach to sustainability and its engagement with companies are available on the webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/>

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than its investment universe, based on the Investment Manager's rating system.

The Investment Manager ensures that at least:

- 90% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in developed countries; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with an investment grade credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by developed countries; and
  - 75% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in emerging countries; equities issued by small and medium companies; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with a high yield credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by emerging countries,
- is rated against the sustainability criteria. For the purposes of this test, small companies are those with market capitalisation below €5 billion, medium companies are those between €5 billion and €10 billion and large companies are those above €10 billion.

● ***What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?***

The following binding elements are applied throughout the investment process:

- The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the MSCI AC World (Net TR) index based on the Investment Manager's rating criteria.
- The Fund invests at least 25% of its assets in sustainable investments and such investments do not cause significant environmental or social harm.
- Exclusions are applied to direct investments in companies. The Fund applies certain exclusions relating to international conventions on cluster munitions, antipersonnel mines, and chemical and biological weapons. The Fund also excludes companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to tobacco and thermal coal, especially companies that generate at least 10% of their revenues from tobacco production, companies that generate at least 25% of their revenues from the tobacco value chain (such as suppliers, distributors, retailers and licensors), companies that generate at least 10% of their revenues from thermal coal mining and companies that generate at least 30% of their revenues from coal fired power generation. The Fund excludes companies that are assessed by Schroders to have breached one or more 'global norms' thereby causing significant environmental or social harm; these companies comprise Schroders' 'global norms' breach list. In exceptional circumstances a derogation may be applied in order to allow the Fund to continue to hold a company on Schroders' 'global norms' breach list, for example where the stated investment strategy of the Fund may otherwise be compromised. Any such company cannot be categorised as a sustainable investment. Further, the Fund may apply other exclusions as listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>
- The Fund invests in companies that have good governance practices, as determined by the Investment Manager's rating criteria.

The Investment Manager ensures that at least:

- 90% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in developed countries; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with an investment grade credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by developed countries; and
- 75% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in emerging countries; equities issued by small and medium companies; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with a high yield credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by emerging countries,

is rated against the sustainability criteria.

● ***What is the committed minimum rate to reduce the scope of the investments considered prior to the application of that investment strategy?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

**Good governance** practices include sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff and tax compliance.

● **What is the policy to assess good governance practices of the investee companies?**

Governance is a key dimension within the proprietary sustainability framework applied within the Fund's quantitative investment process. Our governance assessment is applied universally, across our entire investment universe, rewarding highly rated companies whilst penalising those with poorer standards and actively avoiding the worst. We include a breadth of underlying terms within our governance assessment, capturing material areas such as management structure (including board independence) alongside accounting quality, the treatment of shareholders by assessing ownership structures & dividend policy as well as measuring shareholder dissent. The full range of inputs included within our governance framework is included beneath.

Dividend Policy: Reward sustainable and increasing pay outs, asymmetric penalty for cuts

Accounting Risk: Over 20 key red flags including working capital stress, expense & revenue recognition and asset & liability valuation

Risks to Shareholders: Penalise higher risk ownership structures and elevated exchange related risks

Business Oversight: Reward independence and efficient structure of the board & key committees, asymmetric penalty for lower independence

Innovation: Reward firms with positive R&D relative to revenue generation

QEP Country Risk Monitor: Penalise poor country level governance standards. Political & Governance risk used as a conditional criteria

Social risks are inherently driven by the nature of the underlying business as well as management decisions. We consider seven inputs within our social framework. It is recognised that the extent to which these arise depends upon the industry the company operates in. For example, product quality is a key measure for manufacturing and consumer businesses which is why we focus on product recalls, particularly for high impact industries such as pharmaceuticals. By way of another example, data privacy is material for an increasing number of companies but is especially important for IT services and financials. However, where areas of concern are universal to companies we will apply penalties to companies globally, including for areas such as excessive employee turnover and tax avoidance.



**What is the asset allocation planned for this financial product?**

**Asset allocation** describes the share of investments in specific assets.

The planned composition of the Fund's investments that are used to meet its environmental or social characteristics are summarised below.

**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the minimum proportion of the Fund's assets used to attain the environmental or social characteristics, which is equal to 70%. The Fund commits to maintain a higher overall sustainability score than the MSCI AC World (Net TR) index, and so the Fund's investments that are scored by Schroders' proprietary sustainability tool are included within the minimum proportion stated in #1 on the basis that they will contribute to the Fund's sustainability score (whether such individual investment has a positive or a negative score). Also included within #1 is the minimum proportion of assets that are invested in sustainable investments, as indicated in #1A. The minimum proportions stated apply in normal market conditions. The actual proportion stated in #1 is expected to be higher.

The sustainability score is measured by Schroders' proprietary tool that provides an estimate of the net "impact" that an issuer may create in terms of social and environmental "costs" or "benefits". It does this by using certain indicators with respect to that issuer, and quantifying them positively and negatively to produce an aggregate notional measure of the effect that the relevant underlying issuer may have on society and the environment. Examples of such indicators are greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

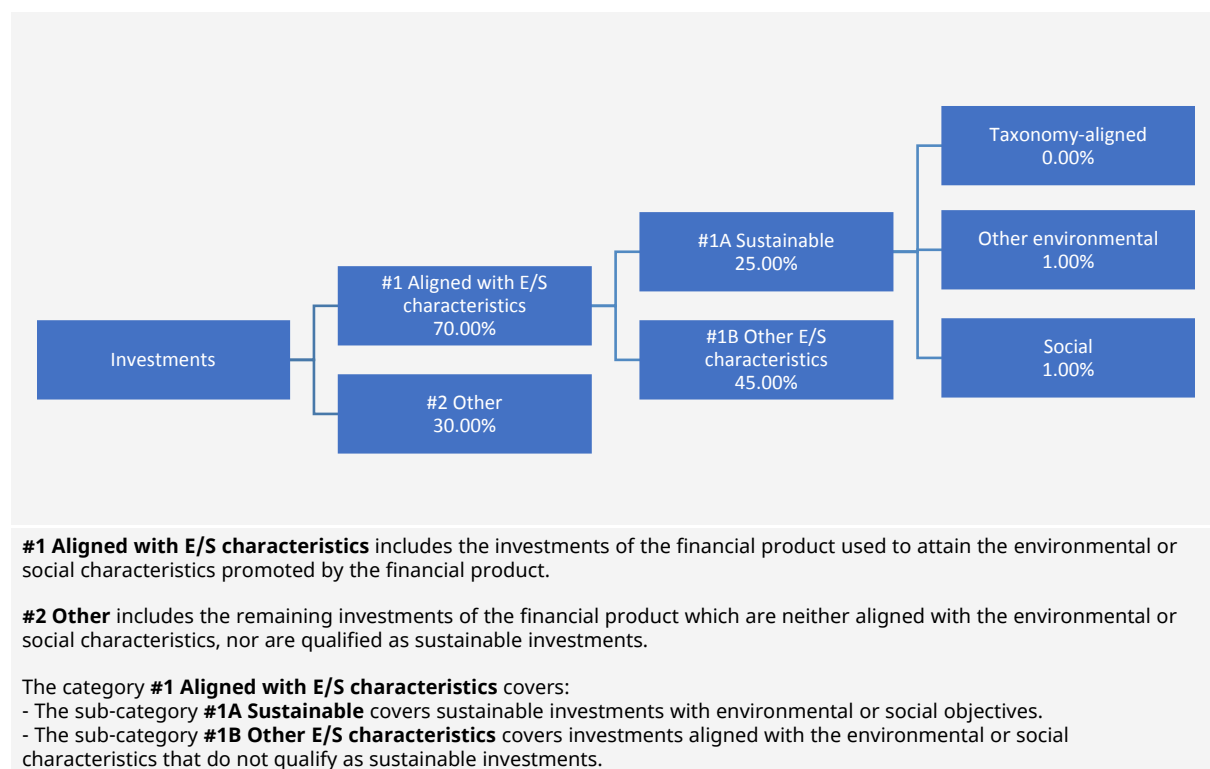
The Fund will invest at least 25% of its assets in sustainable investments. A sustainable investment is classified as having an environmental or social objective depending on whether the relevant issuer has a higher score in Schroders' proprietary tool relative to its applicable peer group for its environmental indicators or its social indicators. In each case, indicators are comprised of both "costs" and "benefits".

**#2 Other** includes cash which is treated as neutral for sustainability purposes. #2 also includes investments that are not scored by Schroders' proprietary sustainability tool and so do not contribute towards the Fund's sustainability score. As #1 states a minimum proportion that is in practice expected to be higher, the proportion stated in #2 is expected to be lower.

Minimum safeguards are applied where relevant to Money Market Investments and other investments by restricting (as appropriate) investments in counterparties where there are ownership links or exposure to higher risk countries (for the purpose of money laundering, terrorist financing, bribery, corruption, tax evasion and sanctions risks). A firm-wide risk assessment considers the risk rating of each jurisdiction; which includes reference to a number of public statements, indices and world governance indicators issued by the UN, the European Union, the UK Government, the Financial Action Task Force and several Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), such as Transparency International and the Basel Committee.

In addition, new counterparties are reviewed by Schroders' credit risk team and approval of a new counterparty is based on a holistic review of the various sources of information available, including, but not limited to, quality of management, ownership structure, location, regulatory and social environment to which each counterparty is subject, and the degree of development of the local banking system and its regulatory framework. Ongoing monitoring is performed through a Schroders' proprietary tool, which supports the analysis of a counterparty's

management of environmental, social and governance trends and challenges. Any significant deterioration in the profile of the counterparty in Schroders' proprietary tool would lead to further analysis and potential exclusion by Schroders' credit risk team.



#1 The minimum proportion stated applies in normal market conditions.

● **How does the use of derivatives attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?**

The Fund may use derivatives that are scored in Schroders' proprietary tool to meet the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted by the Fund, as such derivatives would contribute to the Fund's sustainability score (whether such individual investment has a positive or a negative score).



**To what minimum extent are sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?**

There is no minimum extent to which the Fund's investments (including transitional and enabling activities) with an environmental objective are aligned with the Taxonomy. Taxonomy alignment of this Fund's investments has therefore not been calculated and has as a result been deemed to constitute 0% of the Fund's portfolio.

In future it is expected that the Fund will assess and report on the extent to which its underlying investments are in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the Taxonomy, along with information relating to the proportion of enabling and transitional activities. This Prospectus will be updated once it is possible in the Investment Manager's opinion to accurately disclose to what extent the Fund's investments are in Taxonomy-aligned environmentally sustainable activities, including the proportions of investments in enabling and transitional activities selected for the Fund.

● **Does the financial product invest in fossil gas and/or nuclear energy related activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy<sup>1</sup>?**

- ☐ Yes:
- ☐ In fossil gas ☐ In nuclear energy
- ☒ No

To comply with the EU Taxonomy, the criteria for **fossil gas** include limitations on emissions and switching to renewable power or low-carbon fuels by the end of 2035. For **nuclear energy**, the criteria include

<sup>1</sup> Fossil gas and/or nuclear related activities will only comply with the EU Taxonomy where they contribute to limiting climate change ("climate change mitigation") and do not significantly harm any EU Taxonomy objective – see explanatory note in the left-hand margin. The full criteria for fossil gas and nuclear energy economic activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy are laid down in Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1214.

comprehensive safety and waste management rules.

Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

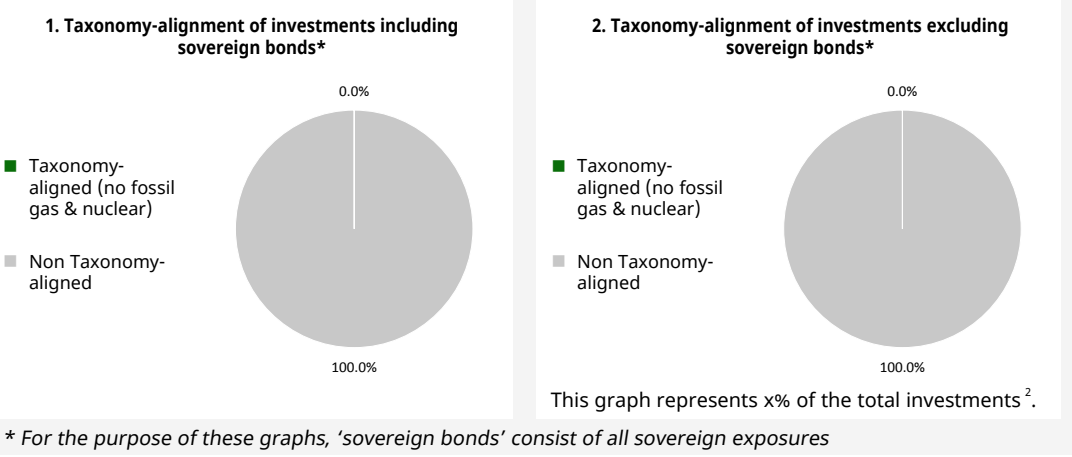
- **turnover** reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee companies
- **capital expenditure** (CapEx) showing the green investments made by investee companies, e.g. for a transition to a green economy.
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**Enabling activities** directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective.

**Transitional activities** are activities for which low-carbon alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.

are sustainable investments with an environmental objective that **do not take into account the criteria** for environmentally sustainable economic activities under the EU Taxonomy.

The two graphs below show in green the minimum percentage of investments that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the Taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy-alignment in relation to all the investments of the financial product including sovereign bonds, while the second graph shows the Taxonomy-alignment only in relation to the investments of the financial product other than sovereign bonds.



- **What is the minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities?**  
As per the above, at the date of this Prospectus the share of investments by the Fund in transitional and enabling activities is currently deemed to constitute 0% of the Fund's portfolio.



**What is the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?**  
The Fund commits to invest at least 1% of its assets in sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

<sup>2</sup> As there is no Taxonomy-alignment, there is no impact on the graph if sovereign bonds are excluded (i.e. the percentage of Taxonomy-aligned investments remains 0%) and the Management Company therefore believes that there is no need to mention this information.



## What is the minimum share of socially sustainable investments?

The Fund commits to invest at least 1% of its assets in sustainable investments with a social objective.



## What investments are included under “#2 Other”, what is their purpose and are there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

**#2 Other** includes cash which is treated as neutral for sustainability purposes. #2 also includes investments that are not scored by Schroders’ proprietary sustainability tools and so do not contribute towards the Fund’s sustainability score.

Minimum safeguards are applied where relevant to Money Market Investments and other investments by restricting (as appropriate) investments in counterparties where there are ownership links or exposure to higher risk countries (for the purpose of money laundering, terrorist financing, bribery, corruption, tax evasion and sanctions risks). A firm-wide risk assessment considers the risk rating of each jurisdiction; which includes reference to a number of public statements, indices and world governance indicators issued by the UN, the European Union, the UK Government, the Financial Action Task Force and several Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), such as Transparency International and the Basel Committee.

In addition, new counterparties are reviewed by Schroders’ credit risk team and approval of a new counterparty is based on a holistic review of the various sources of information available, including, but not limited to, quality of management, ownership structure, location, regulatory and social environment to which each counterparty is subject, and the degree of development of the local banking system and its regulatory framework. Ongoing monitoring is performed through a Schroders’ proprietary tool, which supports the analysis of a counterparty’s management of environmental, social and governance trends and challenges. Any significant deterioration in the profile of the counterparty in Schroders’ proprietary tool would lead to further analysis and potential exclusion by Schroders’ credit risk team.



## Is a specific index designated as a reference benchmark to determine whether this financial product is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes?

**Reference benchmarks** are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the environmental or social characteristics that they promote.

- ***How is the reference benchmark continuously aligned with each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- ***How is the alignment of the investment strategy with the methodology of the index ensured on a continuous basis?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- ***How does the designated index differ from a relevant broad market index?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- ***Where can the methodology used for the calculation of the designated index be found?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.



## Where can I find more product specific information online?

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Pre-contractual disclosure for the financial products referred to in Article 8, paragraphs 1, 2 and 2a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 6, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852

**Product name:** **Schroder International Selection Fund Securitised Credit**

**Legal entity identifier:** **549300JBQI0S7PKT3U55**

## Environmental and/or social characteristics

**Sustainable investment** means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good governance practices.

The **EU Taxonomy** is a classification system laid down in Regulation (EU) 2020/852, establishing a list of **environmentally sustainable economic activities**. That Regulation does not lay down a list of socially sustainable economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.

### Does this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?

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<input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with an environmental objective: ___%</b>  <input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy  <input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy  <input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with a social objective ___%</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> It <b>promotes Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics</b> and while it does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will have a minimum proportion of ___% of sustainable investments  <input type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy  <input type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy  <input type="checkbox"/> with a social objective  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> It promotes E/S characteristics, but <b>will not make any sustainable investments</b>



## What environmental and/or social characteristics are promoted by this financial product?

The Fund only invests in assets deemed above a minimum threshold based on the Investment Manager's rating system.

Securities are ranked across Environmental, Social and Governance factors using a scorecard system and are awarded points on a 100-point /100 percent scale. These scores are then translated into a scoring system of 1-star – 5-stars, with a score of 5-stars deemed the highest. The Investment Manager ensures that at least 80% of the assets in the Fund are ranked in the top 3 Sustainability categories (3, 4, 5-stars) and will invest 100% of its assets in those ranked 2-stars or higher.

No reference benchmark has been designated for the purpose of attaining the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the Fund.

**Sustainability indicators** measure how the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product are attained.

### What sustainability indicators are used to measure the attainment of each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

The Investment Manager uses different sustainability indicators to score each investment in the Fund dependent on the specific asset-type, e.g. whether the underlying secured assets are mortgages or commercial real estate or another asset type. Indicators are typically either quantitative, data-oriented measures or information provided following engagement with issuers. Indicators include but are not limited to environmental metrics such as environmental transition risk or physical risk, social indicators such as predatory lending risk or consumer education effort and governance metrics such as risk retention or clarity of roles. Compliance with the minimum required score is monitored daily via our automated compliance controls. The Fund also applies certain exclusions, with which the Investment Manager monitors compliance on an ongoing basis via its portfolio compliance framework.

### What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?

This question is not applicable for the Fund.



- **How do the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make, not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?**

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- **How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?**

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- **How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:**

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

The EU Taxonomy sets out a “do not significant harm” principle by which Taxonomy-aligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives and is accompanied by specific EU criteria.

The “do not significant harm” principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.

Any other sustainable investments must also not significantly harm any environmental or social objectives.



## Does this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

☐ Yes

☒ No, due to the nature of the Fund’s assets, the Investment Manager is not able to adequately consider the principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors as these metrics only apply to investments in companies, sovereign debt and real estate.

However, the Investment Manager does consider adverse impacts relevant to the strategy in the following way:

- The Investment Manager ensures that investments are aligned with the UN Principles for Responsible Investment (“PRI”). All investments must be compliant with industry standards, be fair, and be fit-for purpose
- The Investment Manager’s rating system takes into account adverse impacts on society such as the asset footprint on the environment or impact on climate change
- Investments that cannot meet minimum standards related to social, environmental or governance concerns are excluded from the portfolio. The list of excluded sectors is reviewed, updated and published quarterly.



## What investment strategy does this financial product follow?

The sustainable investment strategy used by the Investment Manager is as follows:

The Fund is actively managed and invests at least two-thirds of its assets in fixed and floating rate securitised investments including but not limited to asset-backed securities (ABS), residential mortgage-backed securities (MBS) and commercial mortgage-backed securities (CMBS). The Fund may also invest in collateralised loan obligations (CLOs).

The Fund may invest up to 100% of its assets in ABS, MBS and CMBS issued worldwide with an investment grade and sub-investment grade credit rating (as measured Standard & Poor’s or any equivalent grade of other credit rating agencies for rated securities and implied Schrodgers ratings for non-rated securities). Underlying assets of the asset-backed securities may include credit card receivables, personal loans, auto loans, transportation finance and small business loans.

The Fund may invest up to 30% of its assets in securities with a sub-investment grade credit rating (as measured Standard & Poor’s or any equivalent grade of other credit rating agencies for rated securities and implied Schrodgers ratings for non-rated securities).

**Principal adverse impacts** are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anticorruption and antibribery matters.

The Fund may also invest up to one-third of its assets directly or indirectly in other securities (including other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies, Investment Funds, warrants and Money Market Investments, and hold cash.

The Fund may use derivatives with the aim of achieving investment gains, reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently.

The Investment Manager assesses the sustainability credentials of potential investments using a proprietary tool. The Fund only invests in assets deemed above a minimum threshold based on the Investment Manager's rating system.

The Fund does not directly invest in certain activities, industries or groups of issuers above the limits listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

The Investment Manager applies governance and sustainability criteria when selecting investments for the Fund. The strategy aims to identify securities offering good or improving sustainability characteristics and credentials. The Investment Manager seeks to avoid, penalize or exclude collateral, structures or agents that impose a high cost on the environment and society, or those that lack acceptable governance.

This involves:

- The exclusion of sectors, assets or collateral, that the Investment Manager deems impose material uncompensated costs to the environment and those that impose unjustifiable social costs; and
- The inclusion of securities that evidence improvements to existing assets, lending conditions or governance based on the Investment Manager's rating methodology.

Securities are ranked across Environmental, Social and Governance factors using a scorecard system and are awarded points on a 100-point /100 percent scale. These scores are then translated into a scoring system of 1-star – 5-stars, with a score of 5-stars deemed the highest. The Investment Manager ensures that at least 80% of the assets in the Fund are ranked in the top 3 Sustainability categories (3, 4, 5-stars) and will invest 100% of its assets in those ranked 2-stars or higher.

The primary sources of information used to perform the analysis are the Investment Manager's proprietary tools, surveys, ESG questionnaires, public information, securitization filings and third-party research.

● ***What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?***

The following binding elements are applied throughout the investment process:

- At least 80% of the assets in the Fund are ranked in the top 3 Sustainability categories (3, 4, 5-stars) and will invest 100% of its assets in those ranked 2-stars or higher based on the Investment Manager's rating system.
- The Fund does not directly invest in certain activities, industries or groups of issuers above the limits listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>
- The Fund invests in companies that have good governance practices, as determined by the Investment Manager's rating criteria.

● ***What is the committed minimum rate to reduce the scope of the investments considered prior to the application of that investment strategy?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

● ***What is the policy to assess good governance practices of the investee companies?***

Due to the nature of the Fund's assets, the good governance principles of A) sound management structures, B) employee relations, C) remuneration of staff and D) tax compliance are not directly or fully applicable.

As part of our good governance framework, the Investment Manager ensures that the special purpose vehicles (SPVs – the structure holding the assets) are set up in jurisdictions which have well-established corporate legal frameworks and sound corporate governance and are supervised by local law, policies and regulations. One of the many characteristics of securitisation is that as a separate SPV, or pool of assets, the securitisation is not generally a managed "going concern" corporation. We assess the fiduciary behaviour of parties to the structure, such as servicers, collateral managers and trustees, and practices that mitigate risk, align interest and avoid conflict.

**Good governance** practices include sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff and tax compliance.



## What is the asset allocation planned for this financial product?

**Asset allocation** describes the share of investments in specific assets.

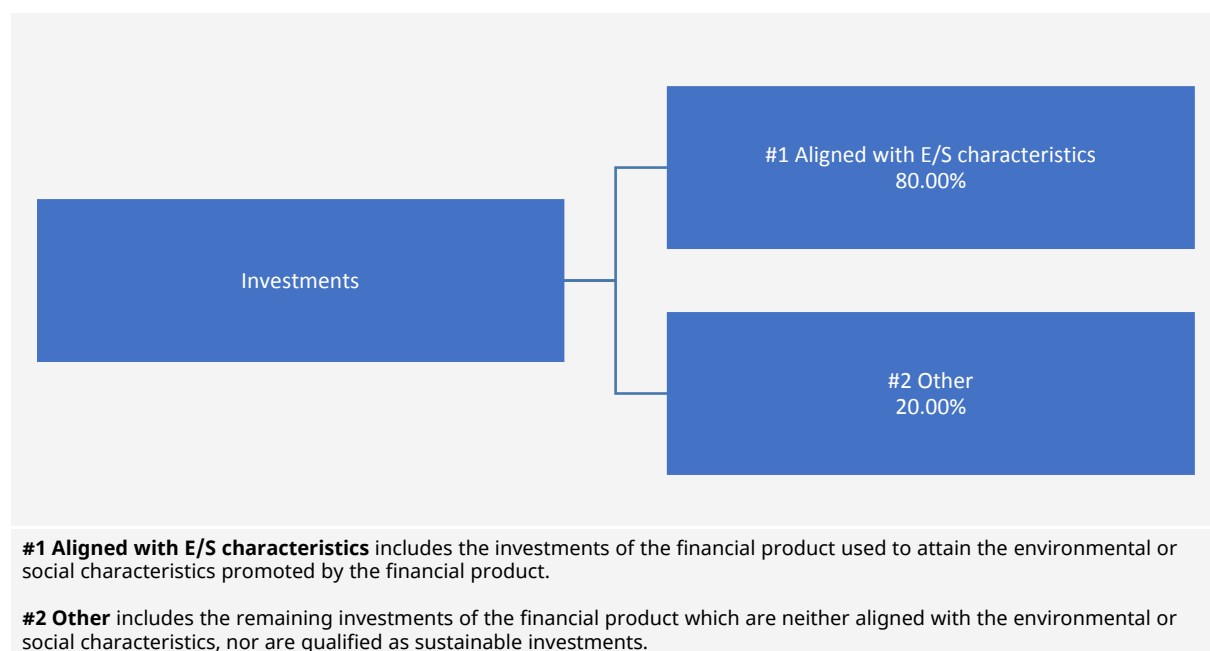
The planned composition of the Fund's investments that are used to meet its environmental or social characteristics are summarised below.

**#1 Aligned with E/S** characteristics includes the minimum proportion of the Fund's assets used to attain the environmental or social characteristics. This means investments that are ranked in the top 3 Sustainability categories according to the Investment Manager's rating criteria. The minimum proportion stated in #1 applies in normal market conditions.

**#2 Other** includes investments that are treated as neutral for sustainability purposes, such as cash and Money Market Investments and derivatives used with the aim of reducing risk (hedging) or managing the Fund more efficiently. #2 also includes any investments that are not aligned with the environmental or social characteristics as they are not ranked in the top 3 Sustainability categories according to the Investment Manager's rating criteria.

Minimum safeguards are applied where relevant to Money Market Investments and derivatives used with the aim of reducing risk (hedging) or other investments by restricting (as appropriate) investments in counterparties where there are ownership links or exposure to higher risk countries (for the purpose of money laundering, terrorist financing, bribery, corruption, tax evasion and sanctions risks). A firm-wide risk assessment considers the risk rating of each jurisdiction; which includes reference to a number of public statements, indices and world governance indicators issued by the UN, the European Union, the UK Government, the Financial Action Task Force and several Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), such as Transparency International and the Basel Committee.

In addition, new counterparties are reviewed by Schroders' credit risk team and approval of a new counterparty is based on a holistic review of the various sources of information available, including, but not limited to, quality of management, ownership structure, location, regulatory and social environment to which each counterparty is subject, and the degree of development of the local banking system and its regulatory framework. Ongoing monitoring is performed through a Schroders' proprietary tool, which supports the analysis of a counterparty's management of environmental, social and governance trends and challenges. Any significant deterioration in the profile of the counterparty in Schroders' proprietary tool would lead to further analysis and potential exclusion by Schroders' credit risk team.



### ● *How does the use of derivatives attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?*

This question is not applicable for the Fund.



### **To what minimum extent are sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?**

There is no minimum extent to which the Fund's investments (including transitional and enabling activities) with an environmental objective are aligned with the Taxonomy. Taxonomy alignment of this Fund's investments has therefore not been calculated and has as a result been deemed to constitute 0% of the Fund's portfolio.

In future it is expected that the Fund will assess and report on the extent to which its underlying investments are in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the Taxonomy, along with information relating to the proportion of enabling and transitional activities. This Prospectus will be updated once it is possible in the Investment Manager's opinion to accurately disclose to what extent the Fund's investments are in Taxonomy-aligned environmentally sustainable activities, including the proportions of investments in enabling and transitional activities selected for the Fund.

● **Does the financial product invest in fossil gas and/or nuclear energy related activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy<sup>1</sup>?**

☐ Yes:

☐ In fossil gas ☐ In nuclear energy

☒ No

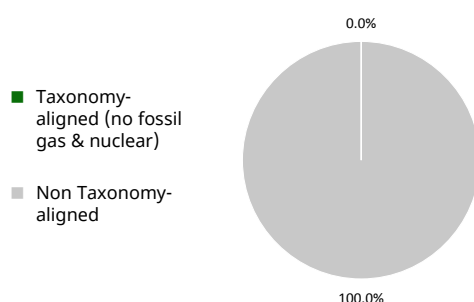
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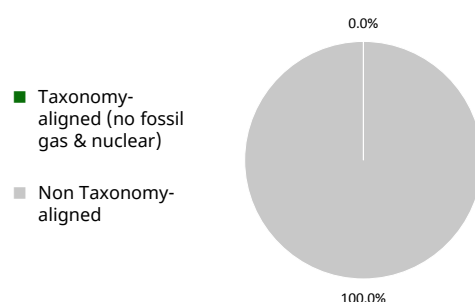
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- **operational expenditure** (OpEx) reflecting green operational activities of investee companies.

The two graphs below show in green the minimum percentage of investments that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the Taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy-alignment in relation to all the investments of the financial product including sovereign bonds, while the second graph shows the Taxonomy-alignment only in relation to the investments of the financial product other than sovereign bonds.

**1. Taxonomy-alignment of investments including sovereign bonds\***



**2. Taxonomy-alignment of investments excluding sovereign bonds\***



This graph represents x% of the total investments<sup>2</sup>.

\* For the purpose of these graphs, 'sovereign bonds' consist of all sovereign exposures

● **What is the minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities?**

As per the above, at the date of this Prospectus the share of investments by the Fund in transitional and enabling activities is currently deemed to constitute 0% of the Fund's portfolio.

**Enabling activities** directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective.

**Transitional activities** are activities for which low-carbon alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.

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## What is the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

This question is not applicable for the Fund.



are sustainable investments with an environmental objective that **do not take into account the criteria** for environmentally sustainable economic activities under the EU Taxonomy.



## What is the minimum share of socially sustainable investments?

This question is not applicable for the Fund.



## What investments are included under “#2 Other”, what is their purpose and are there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

**#2 Other** includes investments that are treated as neutral for sustainability purposes, such as cash and Money Market Investments and derivatives used with the aim of reducing risk (hedging) or managing the Fund more efficiently. #2 also includes investments that are not aligned with the environmental or social characteristics as they are not ranked in the top 3 Sustainability categories according to the Investment Manager’s rating criteria.

Minimum safeguards are applied where relevant to Money Market Investments and derivatives used with the aim of reducing risk (hedging) or other investments by restricting (as appropriate) investments in counterparties where there are ownership links or exposure to higher risk countries (for the purpose of money laundering, terrorist financing, bribery, corruption, tax evasion and sanctions risks). A firm-wide risk assessment considers the risk rating of each jurisdiction; which includes reference to a number of public statements, indices and world governance indicators issued by the UN, the European Union, the UK Government, the Financial Action Task Force and several Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), such as Transparency International and the Basel Committee.

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## Is a specific index designated as a reference benchmark to determine whether this financial product is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes?

**Reference benchmarks** are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the environmental or social characteristics that they promote.

- **How is the reference benchmark continuously aligned with each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?**

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- **How is the alignment of the investment strategy with the methodology of the index ensured on a continuous basis?**

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- ***How does the designated index differ from a relevant broad market index?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- ***Where can the methodology used for the calculation of the designated index be found?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.



## **Where can I find more product specific information online?**

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Pre-contractual disclosure for the financial products referred to in Article 8, paragraphs 1, 2 and 2a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 6, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852

**Product name:** **Schroder International Selection Fund Smart Manufacturing**

**Legal entity identifier:** **549300DYPXYJ7UC4NK03**

## Environmental and/or social characteristics

<p><b>Sustainable investment</b> means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good governance practices.</p>	<p><b>Does this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?</b></p>	
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## What environmental and/or social characteristics are promoted by this financial product?

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the MSCI AC World (Net TR) index, based on the Investment Manager's rating system. This benchmark (which is a broad market index) does not take into account the environmental and social characteristics promoted by the Fund.

The sustainability score is measured by Schroders' proprietary tool that provides an estimate of the net "impact" that an issuer may create in terms of social and environmental "costs" or "benefits". It does this by using certain indicators with respect to that issuer, and quantifying them positively and negatively to produce an aggregate notional measure of the effect that the relevant underlying issuer may have on society and the environment. It does this using third party data as well as Schroders own estimates and assumptions and the outcome may differ from other sustainability tools and measures. Examples of such indicators are greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

The result is expressed as an aggregate score of the sustainability indicators for each issuer, specifically a notional percentage (positive or negative) of sales of the relevant underlying issuer. For example, a score of +2% would mean an issuer contributes \$2 of relative notional positive impact (i.e. benefits to society) per \$100 of sales. The sustainability score of the Fund is derived from the scores of all issuers in the Fund's portfolio measured by Schroders' proprietary tool.

The Fund invests at least 25% of its assets in sustainable investments, which are investments that the Investment Manager expects to contribute towards the advancement of one or more environmental and/or social objective (s).

### ● **What sustainability indicators are used to measure the attainment of each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?**

The Investment Manager monitors compliance with the characteristic to maintain a higher overall sustainability score than the MSCI AC World (Net TR) index by reference to the weighted average sustainability score of the Fund in Schroders' proprietary tool compared against the weighted average sustainability score of the MSCI AC World (Net TR) index in Schroders' proprietary tool over the previous **six-months** period, based on month-end data. The overall sustainability score aggregates the effect of sustainability indicators including but not limited to greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

**Sustainability indicators** measure how the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product are attained.

The Investment Manager monitors compliance with the characteristic to invest at least 25% of its assets in sustainable investments by reference to the sustainability score of each asset in Schroders' proprietary tool. Compliance with this is monitored daily via our automated compliance controls. The Fund also applies certain exclusions, with which the Investment Manager monitors compliance on an ongoing basis via its portfolio compliance framework.

● ***What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?***

In respect of the proportion of the Fund's portfolio that is invested in sustainable investments, each sustainable investment demonstrates a net positive effect across a range of environmental or social objectives, as scored by Schroders' proprietary tool. The environmental or social objectives of the sustainable investments that the Fund partially intends to make may include, but are not limited to, increasing environmental and/or social benefits such as greater water access or fair pay and reducing environmental, and/or social costs such as carbon emissions or food waste. For example, greater water access as measured by Schroders' proprietary tool are the estimated societal benefits of the provision of clean drinking water to human health.

● ***How do the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make, not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?***

The Investment Manager's approach to investing in issuers that do not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective includes the following:

- Firm-wide investment exclusions apply to Schroders funds. These relate to international conventions on cluster munitions, anti-personnel mines, and chemical and biological weapons and a list of those companies that are excluded is available at <https://www.schroders.com/en/sustainability/active-ownership/group-exclusions/>. Firm-wide exclusions also apply to companies generating more than 20% of their revenue from thermal coal mining.
- The Fund excludes companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to tobacco and thermal coal.
- The Fund excludes companies that are assessed by Schroders to have breached one or more 'global norms' thereby causing significant environmental or social harm; these companies comprise Schroders' 'global norms' breach list. Schroders' determination of whether a company has been involved in such a breach considers relevant principles such as those contained in the UN Global Compact (UNG) principles, the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights. The 'global norms' breach list may be informed by assessments performed by third party providers and by proprietary research, where relevant to a particular situation. In exceptional circumstances a derogation may be applied in order to allow the Fund to continue to hold a company on Schroders' 'global norms' breach list, for example where the stated investment strategy of the Fund may otherwise be compromised. Any such company cannot be categorised as a sustainable investment.
- The Fund may also apply certain other exclusions in addition to those summarised above.

Further information on all of the Fund's investment exclusions is to be found under "Sustainability-Related Disclosures" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

● ***How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?***

When seeking to identify significant harm, Schroders' approach to taking into account the Principal Adverse Impacts (PAI) indicators involves a quantitative and a qualitative assessment. Where it is not considered appropriate or feasible to set quantitative thresholds, the Investment Manager engages, where relevant. Investee companies deemed not to satisfy the quantitative thresholds would generally be excluded, unless on a case-by-case basis the data is deemed not representative of a company's performance in the relevant area.

This framework is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability and quality of the data evolves.

Our approach includes:

1. **Quantitative:** this includes indicators where specific thresholds have been established:

- Via the application of exclusions. This approach is relevant to **PAI 4** (Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector), **PAI 5** (Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production) and **PAI 14** (Exposure to controversial weapons). Further, the following PAIs are assessed as part of Schroders 'global norms' breach list exclusion (which seeks to exclude companies where significant harm is occurring):

**Principal adverse impacts** are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anticorruption and antibribery matters.

- **PAI 7** (Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas)
- **PAI 8** (Emissions to water)
- **PAI 9** (Hazardous waste and radioactive waste ratio)
- **PAI 10** (Violations of UN Global Compact principles and Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises)
- **PAI 11** (Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and Voluntary)
- **PAI 14** in Table 3 (Number of identified cases of severe human rights issues and incidents)
- Via the application of an alert system flag if the relevant indicator(s) exceeds a threshold. These quantitative thresholds to assess significant harm are established centrally by our Sustainable Investment team and monitored systematically. This approach applies to indicators where we have segmented the population into harm groups to establish a threshold, such as carbon related PAI metrics, **PAI 1** (GHG emissions), **PAI 2** (Carbon footprint) and **Voluntary PAI 4 in Table 2** (Investing in companies without carbon emission reduction initiatives). **PAI 3** (GHG intensity of investee companies) operates in a similar way but the threshold is based on a revenue metric. A threshold for **PAI 6** (Energy consumption intensity per high impact climate sector) is established based on the above mentioned carbon measures. A similar approach has been taken for **PAI 15** (GHG intensity). **PAI 16** (Investee countries subject to social violations) also operates in the same way but based on data availability regarding social violations. Through this process the relevant issuer(s) that is/are deemed not to satisfy the quantitative thresholds is/are flagged to the Investment Manager for consideration, whose response may involve selling the holdings(s) or maintaining the position if on a case-by-case basis the data is deemed not representative of a company's performance in the relevant area. Investee companies deemed to cause significant harm are excluded from the Fund.
- 2. **Qualitative:** This includes PAI indicators where Schroders' believes that the data available does not enable us to make a quantitative determination regarding whether significant harm is done so as to warrant excluding an investment. In such cases, the Investment Manager engages wherever possible with the company or companies held, in accordance with the priorities documented in Schroders' Engagement Blueprint and/or voting policy. This approach applies to indicators such as **PAI 12** (Unadjusted gender pay gap) and **PAI 13** (Board gender diversity), where we engage and may use our voting rights where we consider appropriate. Both board gender diversity and disclosure of gender pay gap information are captured in our Engagement Blueprint.

● ***How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:***

Companies on Schroders' 'global norms' breach list cannot be categorised as sustainable investments. Schroders' determination of whether a company should be included on such list considers the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, among other relevant principles. The 'global norms' breach list is informed by third party providers and proprietary research, where relevant.

*The EU Taxonomy sets out a "do not significant harm" principle by which Taxonomy-aligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives and is accompanied by specific EU criteria.*

*The "do not significant harm" principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.*

*Any other sustainable investments must also not significantly harm any environmental or social objectives.*



## Does this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

✓ Yes, the Investment Manager's approach to considering principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors involves classifying the indicators into three categories:

The Investment Manager's approach to considering principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors differs depending on the relevant indicator. Some indicators are considered via the application of exclusions, some are considered via the investment process (where data is available via Schroders PAI dashboard and via other external data sources) and some are considered via engagement. Further details are provided below.

PAIs are considered as part of pre-investment through the application of exclusions. These include:

- Controversial weapons: PAI 14 (Exposure to controversial weapons, such as anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, chemical weapons and biological weapons).
- Schrodgers' 'global norms' breach list, which covers: PAI 7 (Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas), PAI 8 (Emissions to water), PAI 9 (Hazardous waste and radioactive waste ratio), PAI 10 (Violations of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises), PAI 11 (Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises) and PAI 16 (Investee countries subject to social violations).
- Companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to thermal coal: PAI 4 (Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector) and PAI 5 (Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production).

Compliance with these thresholds is monitored via the Investment Manager's portfolio compliance framework. PAIs are also considered through integration within the investment process. Further details are provided below: Schrodgers' proprietary tools incorporate several PAIs as a component of their scoring methodology. In assessing an issuer's overall environmental score, PAIs 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 (Greenhouse gas emissions) are included. In assessing an issuer's overall social score, PAIs 12 (Unadjusted gender pay gap) and 13 (Board gender diversity) are included.

PAIs are considered using the proprietary tools as part of analyst coverage of companies. In addition, the issuers' scores and the aggregate impact on the portfolio are considered by the fund manager as part of portfolio construction.

All PAI indicators are monitored via Schrodgers' PAI dashboard.

PAIs are also considered post-investment through engagement where the Investment Manager engages in line with the approach and expectations set out in the Schrodgers Engagement Blueprint, which outlines our approach to active ownership.

Where issuers are flagged owing to lack of data availability for any PAIs, the Investment Manager may engage with issuers where the primary focus is to improve reporting.

Our approach is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability, and quality, of PAI data evolves. The Management Company's statement on principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors is available at <https://mybrand.schrodgers.com/m/4ab13771bddd9d/original/Statement-on-principal-adverse-impacts-of-investment-decisions-on-sustainability-factors-2-1-new.pdf> <https://api.schrodgers.com/document-store/id/ffcb39bb-96cb-4e56-9461-deba9a493e85>. The Fund level information is disclosed or will be disclosed (as applicable) in the Fund's annual report.

1. Set thresholds: these involve very explicit thresholds for considering an investment to be a "sustainable investment". For example, PAI 10 on violations of UNGC principles.

2. Active ownership: these involve indicators on which we have a plan to engage with the underlying holding as set out in the Schrodgers Group document <https://mybrand.schrodgers.com/m/3222ea4ed44a1f2c/original/schrodgers-engagement-blueprint.pdf>, outlining our approach to active ownership. For example, PAI 1, 2 and 3 covering GHG emissions and PAI 13 on board gender diversity.

3. Improve coverage: these involve indicators where we consider data coverage to be too sparse to properly consider them and our focus is primarily on engaging with the underlying holdings to increase reporting. For example, PAI 7 on biodiversity, PAI 9 on hazardous waste ratio and PAI 12 on the gender pay gap.

Our approach is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability, and quality, of PAI data evolves.

The Management Company's statement on principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors is available at <https://mybrand.schrodgers.com/m/467910ac8e6da45c/original/Statement-on-principal-adverse-impacts-of-investment-decisions-on-sustainability-factors.pdf>. The Fund level information is disclosed or will be (as applicable) in the Fund's annual report.

☐ No



**The investment strategy** guides investment decisions based on factors such as investment objectives and risk tolerance.

## What investment strategy does this financial product follow?

The sustainable investment strategy used by the Investment Manager is as follows:

The Fund is actively managed and invests at least two-thirds of its assets in equity and equity related securities of companies worldwide.

Smart Manufacturing typically means the application of the latest industrial innovation techniques to address the market needs and supply chain challenges of manufacturing and related sectors such as distribution, logistics and transportation. The Investment Manager seeks to invest in companies that it believes will enjoy superior growth through their exposure to these innovations.

The Fund may invest directly in China B-Shares and China H-Shares and may invest less than 10% of its assets (on a net basis) directly or indirectly (for example via participatory notes) in China A-Shares through Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect and Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect and shares listed on the STAR Board and the ChiNext.

The Fund may also invest up to one-third of its assets directly or indirectly in other securities (including other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies, Investment Funds, warrants and Money Market Investments, and hold cash.

The Fund may use derivatives with the aim of reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently.

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the MSCI AC World (Net TR) index based on the Investment Manager's rating criteria.

The Fund does not directly invest in certain activities, industries or groups of issuers above the limits listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

The Investment Manager applies governance and sustainability criteria when selecting investments for the Fund.

The Investment Manager evaluates issuers against a range of environmental, social and governance factors in order to decide whether an issuer is eligible for the Fund's portfolio. This analysis is performed by global sector specialists and local analyst teams and is supported by Schroders' dedicated Sustainable Investment team. The Investment Manager uses Schroders' proprietary sustainability tools to provide a baseline assessment that contributes to the overall ESG appraisal of a company. Additionally, meetings with company management inform the Investment Manager's view, providing further insights on corporate culture and senior management commitment to corporate social responsibility, with third party ESG research used primarily as a benchmarking exercise to confirm proprietary analysis.

More details on the Investment Manager's approach to sustainability and its engagement with companies are available on the webpage

<https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/>

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than its investment universe, based on the Investment Manager's rating system.

The Investment Manager ensures that at least:

- 90% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in developed countries; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with an investment grade credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by developed countries; and
- 75% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in emerging countries; equities issued by small and medium companies; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with a high yield credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by emerging countries, is rated against the sustainability criteria.

For the purposes of this test, small companies are those with market capitalisation below €5 billion, medium companies are those between €5 billion and €10 billion and large companies are those above €10 billion.

● ***What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?***

The following binding elements are applied throughout the investment process:

- The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the MSCI AC World (Net TR) index based on the Investment Manager's rating criteria.
- The Fund invests at least 25% of its assets in sustainable investments and such investments do not cause significant environmental or social harm.
- Exclusions are applied to direct investments in companies. The Fund applies certain exclusions relating to international conventions on cluster munitions, antipersonnel mines, and chemical and biological weapons. The Fund also excludes companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to tobacco and thermal coal, especially companies that generate at least 10% of their revenues from tobacco production, companies that generate at least 25% of their revenues from the tobacco value chain (such as suppliers, distributors, retailers and licensors), companies that generate at least 10% of their revenues from thermal coal mining and companies that generate at least 30% of their revenues from coal fired power generation. The Fund excludes companies that are assessed by Schroders to have breached one or more 'global norms' thereby causing significant environmental or social harm; these companies comprise Schroders' 'global norms' breach list. In exceptional circumstances a derogation may be applied in order to allow the Fund to continue to hold a company on Schroders' 'global norms' breach list, for example where the stated investment strategy of the Fund may otherwise be compromised. Any such company cannot be categorised as a sustainable investment. Further, the Fund may apply other exclusions as listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>
- The Fund invests in companies that have good governance practices, as determined by the Investment Manager's rating criteria.

The Investment Manager ensures that at least:

- 90% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in developed countries; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with an investment grade credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by developed countries; and



– 75% of the portion of the Fund’s NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in emerging countries; equities issued by small and medium companies; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with a high yield credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by emerging countries,  
is rated against the sustainability criteria.

- **What is the committed minimum rate to reduce the scope of the investments considered prior to the application of that investment strategy?**

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- **What is the policy to assess good governance practices of the investee companies?**

In order to assess good governance practices, a central Good Governance Test is applied. This test is based on a data-driven quantitative framework, which uses a scorecard to assess companies across the categories of sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff, and tax compliance. Schroders has defined a number of criteria across these pillars.

Compliance with the test is monitored centrally and companies which do not pass this test cannot be held by the Fund, unless the Investment Manager has agreed that the issuer demonstrates good governance based on additional insights beyond that quantitative analysis.

**Good governance** practices include sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff and tax compliance.



## What is the asset allocation planned for this financial product?

**Asset allocation** describes the share of investments in specific assets.

The planned composition of the Fund’s investments that are used to meet its environmental or social characteristics are summarised below.

**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the minimum proportion of the Fund’s assets used to attain the environmental or social characteristics, which is equal to 70%. The Fund commits to maintain a higher overall sustainability score than the MSCI AC World (Net TR) index, and so the Fund’s investments that are scored by Schroders’ proprietary sustainability tool are included within the minimum proportion stated in #1 on the basis that they will contribute to the Fund’s sustainability score (whether such individual investment has a positive or a negative score). Also included within #1 is the minimum proportion of assets that are invested in sustainable investments, as indicated in #1A. The minimum proportions stated apply in normal market conditions. The actual proportion stated in #1 is expected to be higher.

The sustainability score is measured by Schroders’ proprietary tool that provides an estimate of the net “impact” that an issuer may create in terms of social and environmental “costs” or “benefits”. It does this by using certain indicators with respect to that issuer, and quantifying them positively and negatively to produce an aggregate notional measure of the effect that the relevant underlying issuer may have on society and the environment. Examples of such indicators are greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

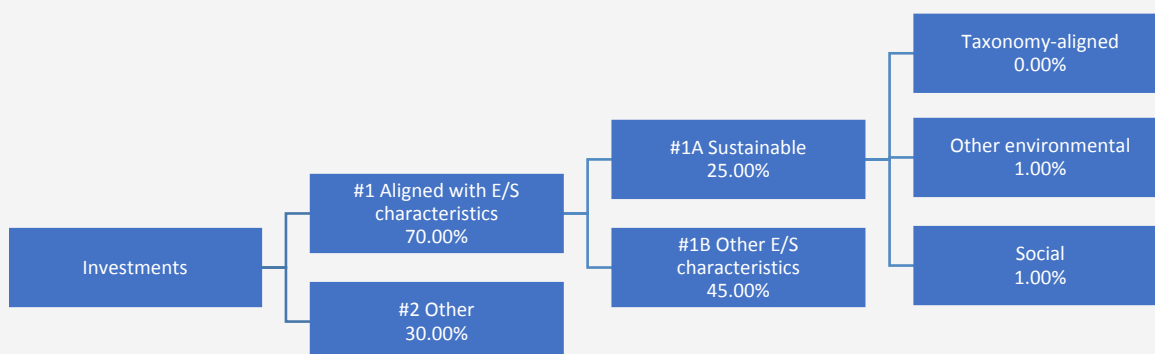
The Fund will invest at least 25% of its assets in sustainable investments. A sustainable investment is classified as having an environmental or social objective depending on whether the relevant issuer has a higher score in Schroders’ proprietary tool relative to its applicable peer group for its environmental indicators or its social indicators. In each case, indicators are comprised of both “costs” and “benefits”.

**#2 Other** includes cash which is treated as neutral for sustainability purposes. #2 also includes investments that are not scored by Schroders’ proprietary sustainability tool and so do not contribute towards the Fund’s sustainability score. As #1 states a minimum proportion that is in practice expected to be higher, the proportion stated in #2 is expected to be lower.

Minimum safeguards are applied where relevant to Money Market Investments and other investments by restricting (as appropriate) investments in counterparties where there are ownership links or exposure to higher risk countries (for the purpose of money laundering, terrorist financing, bribery, corruption, tax evasion and sanctions risks). A firm-wide risk assessment considers the risk rating of each jurisdiction; which includes reference to a number of public statements, indices and world governance indicators issued by the UN, the European Union, the UK Government, the Financial Action Task Force and several Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), such as Transparency International and the Basel Committee.

In addition, new counterparties are reviewed by Schroders’ credit risk team and approval of a new counterparty is based on a holistic review of the various sources of information available, including, but not limited to, quality of management, ownership structure, location, regulatory and social environment to which each counterparty is subject, and the degree of development of the local banking system and its regulatory framework. Ongoing monitoring is performed through a Schroders’ proprietary tool, which supports the analysis of a counterparty’s management of environmental, social and governance trends and challenges. Any significant deterioration in the profile of the counterparty in Schroders’ proprietary tool would lead to further analysis and potential exclusion by Schroders’ credit risk team.





**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the investments of the financial product used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product.

**#2 Other** includes the remaining investments of the financial product which are neither aligned with the environmental or social characteristics, nor are qualified as sustainable investments.

The category **#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** covers:

- The sub-category **#1A Sustainable** covers sustainable investments with environmental or social objectives.
- The sub-category **#1B Other E/S characteristics** covers investments aligned with the environmental or social characteristics that do not qualify as sustainable investments.

#1 The minimum proportion stated applies in normal market conditions.

● **How does the use of derivatives attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?**

The Fund may use derivatives that are scored in Schroders' proprietary tool to meet the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted by the Fund, as such derivatives would contribute to the Fund's sustainability score (whether such individual investment has a positive or a negative score).



**To what minimum extent are sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?**

There is no minimum extent to which the Fund's investments (including transitional and enabling activities) with an environmental objective are aligned with the Taxonomy. Taxonomy alignment of this Fund's investments has therefore not been calculated and has as a result been deemed to constitute 0% of the Fund's portfolio.

In future it is expected that the Fund will assess and report on the extent to which its underlying investments are in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the Taxonomy, along with information relating to the proportion of enabling and transitional activities. This Prospectus will be updated once it is possible in the Investment Manager's opinion to accurately disclose to what extent the Fund's investments are in Taxonomy-aligned environmentally sustainable activities, including the proportions of investments in enabling and transitional activities selected for the Fund.

● **Does the financial product invest in fossil gas and/or nuclear energy related activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy<sup>1</sup>?**

☐ Yes:

☐ In fossil gas ☐ In nuclear energy

☒ No

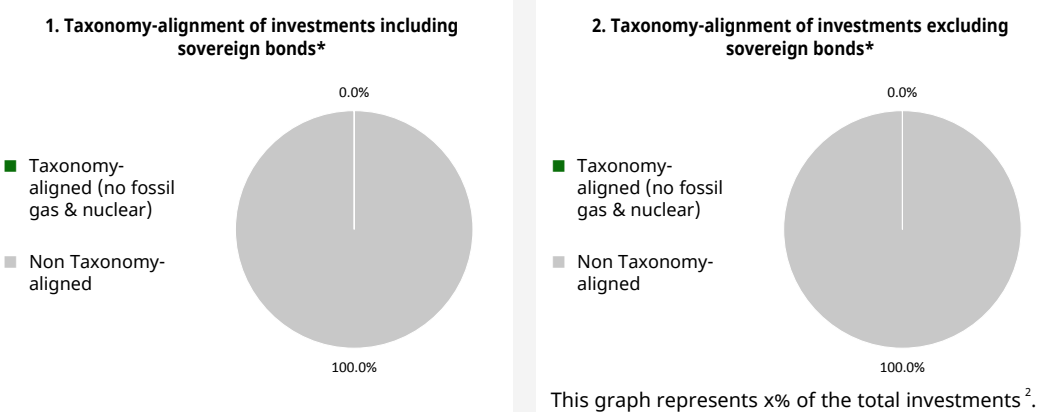
To comply with the EU Taxonomy, the criteria for **fossil gas** include limitations on emissions and switching to renewable power or low-carbon fuels by the end of 2035. For **nuclear energy**, the criteria include comprehensive safety and waste management rules.

<sup>1</sup> Fossil gas and/or nuclear related activities will only comply with the EU Taxonomy where they contribute to limiting climate change ("climate change mitigation") and do not significantly harm any EU Taxonomy objective – see explanatory note in the left-hand margin. The full criteria for fossil gas and nuclear energy economic activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy are laid down in Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1214.

Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

- **turnover** reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee companies
- **capital expenditure** (CapEx) showing the green investments made by investee companies, e.g. for a transition to a green economy.
- **operational expenditure** (OpEx) reflecting green operational activities of investee companies.

The two graphs below show in green the minimum percentage of investments that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the Taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy-alignment in relation to all the investments of the financial product including sovereign bonds, while the second graph shows the Taxonomy-alignment only in relation to the investments of the financial product other than sovereign bonds.



\* For the purpose of these graphs, 'sovereign bonds' consist of all sovereign exposures

**Enabling activities** directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective.

**Transitional activities** are activities for which low-carbon alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.

● **What is the minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities?**

As per the above, at the date of this Prospectus the share of investments by the Fund in transitional and enabling activities is currently deemed to constitute 0% of the Fund’s portfolio.



**What is the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?**

The Fund commits to invest at least 1% of its assets in sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy.



are sustainable investments with an environmental objective that **do not take into account the criteria** for environmentally sustainable economic activities under the EU Taxonomy.

<sup>2</sup> As there is no Taxonomy-alignment, there is no impact on the graph if sovereign bonds are excluded (i.e. the percentage of Taxonomy-aligned investments remains 0%) and the Management Company therefore believes that there is no need to mention this information.



## What is the minimum share of socially sustainable investments?

The Fund commits to invest at least 1% of its assets in sustainable investments with a social objective.



## What investments are included under “#2 Other”, what is their purpose and are there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

#2 Other includes cash which is treated as neutral for sustainability purposes. #2 also includes investments that are not scored by Schroders’ proprietary sustainability tools and so do not contribute towards the Fund’s sustainability score.

Minimum safeguards are applied where relevant to Money Market Investments and other investments by restricting (as appropriate) investments in counterparties where there are ownership links or exposure to higher risk countries (for the purpose of money laundering, terrorist financing, bribery, corruption, tax evasion and sanctions risks). A firm-wide risk assessment considers the risk rating of each jurisdiction; which includes reference to a number of public statements, indices and world governance indicators issued by the UN, the European Union, the UK Government, the Financial Action Task Force and several Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), such as Transparency International and the Basel Committee.

In addition, new counterparties are reviewed by Schroders’ credit risk team and approval of a new counterparty is based on a holistic review of the various sources of information available, including, but not limited to, quality of management, ownership structure, location, regulatory and social environment to which each counterparty is subject, and the degree of development of the local banking system and its regulatory framework. Ongoing monitoring is performed through a Schroders’ proprietary tool, which supports the analysis of a counterparty’s management of environmental, social and governance trends and challenges. Any significant deterioration in the profile of the counterparty in Schroders’ proprietary tool would lead to further analysis and potential exclusion by Schroders’ credit risk team.



## Is a specific index designated as a reference benchmark to determine whether this financial product is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes?

**Reference benchmarks** are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the environmental or social characteristics that they promote.

- ***How is the reference benchmark continuously aligned with each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- ***How is the alignment of the investment strategy with the methodology of the index ensured on a continuous basis?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- ***How does the designated index differ from a relevant broad market index?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- ***Where can the methodology used for the calculation of the designated index be found?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.



## Where can I find more product specific information online?

More product-specific information can be found on the webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

Pre-contractual disclosure for the financial products referred to in Article 9, paragraphs 1 to 4a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 5, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852

**Product name:** **Schroder International Selection Fund Social Impact Credit**

**Legal entity identifier:** **549300YH78G2CDHL6585**

## Sustainable investment objective

**Sustainable investment** means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good Governance practices.

The **EU Taxonomy** is a classification system laid down in Regulation (EU) 2020/852, establishing a list of **environmentally sustainable economic activities**. For the time being, it does not include a list of socially sustainable economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.

Does this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?	
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<input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with an environmental objective:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/> It <b>promotes Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics</b> and while it does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will have a minimum proportion of ___% of sustainable investments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> with a social objective</li> </ul>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with a social objective 67.00%</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> It promotes E/S characteristics, but <b>will not make any sustainable investments</b>

The Fund commits to invest at least **7580%** of its assets in sustainable investments. Within this overall commitment, there is a minimum commitment to invest at least 67% of its assets in sustainable investments with a social objective.



## What is the sustainable investment objective of this financial product?

The Fund's sustainable investment objective is to invest its assets in fixed and floating rate securities issued by governments, government agencies, supra nationals and companies worldwide that the Investment Manager expects to contribute positively towards social development themes. These themes may include but are not limited to:

- Sustainable Infrastructure (such as connectivity, sustainable power and clean water)
- Economic Inclusion (such as training, gender equality, workforce diversity, access to finance and quality work)
- Health and Wellbeing (such as medicine and healthcare services);

The Fund may also invest in investments that the Investment Manager deems to be neutral under its sustainability criteria, such as cash and Money Market Investments and derivatives used with the aim of reducing risk (hedging) or managing the Fund more efficiently.

The Investment Manager will select sustainable investments for the Fund from a universe that have been determined as meeting the Investment Manager's impact criteria. The impact criteria include an assessment of the company's, country's or purpose bond's contribution to social impact themes, which themselves align with one or more of the UN SDGs alongside the Investment Manager's assessment of impact via its proprietary scorecard. The investment process is aligned with the Operating Principles for Impact Management. The Fund may also invest in social, sustainability and green bonds, which are bonds that are specifically designed to address social challenges.

No reference benchmark has been designated for the purpose of attaining the sustainable investment objective.

### ● **What sustainability indicators are used to measure the attainment of the sustainable investment objective of this financial product?**

The Investment Manager is responsible for determining whether an investment meets the criteria of a sustainable investment. The Investment Manager may consider the extent to which the issuer's revenues, business activities or the use of proceeds of a purpose bond contributes to an environmental or social objective (as applicable), and specific sustainability key performance indicators to assess the investment's

**Sustainability indicators** measure how the sustainable objectives of this financial product are attained.

contribution to an environmental or social objective (as applicable). The output of the Investment Strategy outlined below is the production of the list of investments that meet the selection criteria, this represents the investment universe. Compliance with the minimum percentage in sustainable investments is monitored daily via our automated compliance controls. The Fund also applies certain exclusions, with which the Investment Manager monitors compliance on an ongoing basis via its portfolio compliance framework.

The Investment Manager uses different sustainability indicators to measure the impact contribution. In particular, the Investment Manager applies quantitative and/or qualitative criteria to identify companies that are expected to contribute positively towards the attainment of one or more UN SDGs, such as Quality Education (SDG 4), Gender Empowerment (SDG 5) and Quality Work (SDG 8). Examples of the indicators include, but are not limited to, female representation in the workforce and percentage of women in managerial positions. In addition, there is a detailed impact assessment of every company, country or bond (as applicable) via the completion of a proprietary scorecard. The impact scorecard focuses on the impact that a company, country or bond is expected to have. The Investment Manager considers different aspects of impact such as: what outcome and UN SDGs the company, country or bond is contributing to; who is served by the outcome (such as the relevant stakeholder or industry); an assessment of our expected contribution (including Schroders influence and engagement); and consideration of impact risks. The assessment includes tracking Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) that are used to measure and monitor the company's, country's or bond's impact over time via an annual review.

Once these steps have been completed, the impact scorecard is then validated and approved by Schroders' Impact Assessment Group (IAG), in order for the company or bond to be eligible for inclusion in the Fund's investible universe. The IAG consists of members from Schroders' impact and sustainable investment teams and members of the investment team.

### ● ***How do sustainable investments not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?***

The Investment Manager's approach to investing in issuers that do not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective includes the following:

- Firm-wide investment exclusions apply to Schroders funds. These relate to international conventions on cluster munitions, anti-personnel mines, and chemical and biological weapons and a list of those companies that are excluded is available at <https://www.schroders.com/en/sustainability/active-ownership/group-exclusions/>. Firm-wide exclusions also apply to companies generating more than 20% of their revenue from thermal coal mining.
- The Fund excludes companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to tobacco and thermal coal.
- The Fund excludes companies that are assessed by Schroders to have breached one or more 'global norms' thereby causing significant environmental or social harm; these companies comprise Schroders' 'global norms' breach list. Schroders' determination of whether a company has been involved in such a breach considers relevant principles such as those contained in the UN Global Compact (UNGC) principles, the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights. The 'global norms' breach list may be informed by assessments performed by third party providers and by proprietary research, where relevant to a particular situation.
- The Fund may also apply certain other exclusions in addition to those summarised above.

Further information on all of the Fund's investment exclusions is to be found under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>.

### ● ***How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?***

When seeking to identify significant harm, Schroders' approach to taking into account the Principal Adverse Impacts (PAI) indicators involves a quantitative and a qualitative assessment. Where it is not considered appropriate or feasible to set quantitative thresholds, the Investment Manager engages, where relevant. Investee companies deemed not to satisfy the quantitative thresholds would generally be excluded, unless on a case-by-case basis the data is deemed not representative of a company's performance in the relevant area.

This framework is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability and quality of the data evolves.

Our approach includes:

1. **Quantitative:** this includes indicators where specific thresholds have been established:

- Via the application of exclusions. This approach is relevant to **PAI 4** (Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector), **PAI 5** (Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production) and **PAI 14** (Exposure to controversial weapons). Further, the following PAIs are assessed as part of Schroders' 'global norms' breach list exclusion (which seeks to exclude companies where significant harm is occurring):
  - **PAI 7** (Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas)
  - **PAI 8** (Emissions to water)
  - **PAI 9** (Hazardous waste and radioactive waste ratio)
  - **PAI 10** (Violations of UN Global Compact principles and Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises)
  - **PAI 11** (Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and Voluntary)
  - **PAI 14** in Table 3 (Number of identified cases of severe human rights issues and incidents)

Via the application of an alert system flag if the relevant indicator(s) exceeds a threshold. These quantitative thresholds to assess significant harm are established centrally by our Sustainable Investment team and monitored systematically. This approach applies to indicators where we have segmented the population into harm groups to establish a threshold, such as carbon related PAI metrics, **PAI 1** (GHG emissions), **PAI 2** (Carbon footprint) and Voluntary **PAI 4** in Table 2 (Investing in companies without carbon emission reduction initiatives). **PAI 3** (GHG intensity of investee companies) operates in a similar way but the threshold is based on a revenue metric. A threshold for **PAI 6** (Energy consumption intensity per high impact climate sector) is established based on the above mentioned carbon measures. A similar approach has been taken for **PAI 15** (GHG intensity). **PAI 16** (Investee countries subject to social violations) also operates in the same way but based on data availability regarding social violations. Through this process the relevant issuer(s) that is/are deemed not to satisfy the quantitative thresholds is/are flagged to the Investment Manager for consideration, whose response may involve selling the holdings(s) or maintaining the position if on a case-by-case basis the data is deemed not representative of a company's performance in the relevant area. Investee companies deemed to cause significant harm are excluded from the Fund.

**2. Qualitative:** This includes PAI indicators where Schroders' believes that the data available does not enable us to make a quantitative determination regarding whether significant harm is done so as to warrant excluding an investment. In such cases, the Investment Manager engages wherever possible with the company or companies held, in accordance with the priorities documented in Schroders' Engagement Blueprint and/or voting policy. This approach applies to indicators such as **PAI 12** (Unadjusted gender pay gap) and **PAI 13** (Board gender diversity), where we engage and may use our voting rights where we consider appropriate. Both board gender diversity and disclosure of gender pay gap information are captured in our Engagement Blueprint. **Principal adverse impacts** are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anticorruption and antibribery matters.

● ***How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights?***

Companies on Schroders' 'global norms' breach list cannot be categorised as sustainable investments. Schroders' determination of whether a company should be included on such list considers the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, among other relevant principles. The 'global norms' breach list is informed by third party providers and proprietary research, where relevant.



## Does this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

☒ Yes, the Investment Manager's approach to considering principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors involves classifying the indicators into three categories:

The Investment Manager's approach to considering principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors differs depending on the relevant indicator. Some indicators are considered via the application of exclusions, some are considered via the investment process (where data is available via Schroders PAI dashboard and via other external data sources) and some are considered via engagement. Further details are provided below. PAIs are considered as part of pre-investment through the application of exclusions. These include:

- Controversial weapons: PAI 14 (Exposure to controversial weapons (anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, chemical weapons and biological weapons))
- Schroders' 'global norms' breach list, which covers: PAI 7 (Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas), PAI 8 (Emissions to water), PAI 9 (Hazardous waste and radioactive waste ratio), PAI 10 (Violations of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises), PAI 11 (Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises) and PAI 16 (Investee countries subject to social violations)
- Companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to thermal coal: PAI 4



(Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector) and PAI 5 (Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production)

Compliance with these thresholds is monitored via the Investment Manager's portfolio compliance framework. PAIs are also considered through integration in the investment process as Schroders' proprietary tool incorporates several PAIs as a component of its scoring methodology. In assessing an issuers' overall social score one or more of PAIs 10, 11, 12, 13, and 14 (Social and employee matters) and PAI 14 from Annex 1 Table 3 (Number of identified cases of severe human rights issues and incidents) are considered. All PAI indicators are monitored via Schroders PAI dashboard.

PAIs are also considered post-investment through engagement where the Investment Manager engages in line with the approach and expectations set out in Schroders Engagement Blueprint, which outlines our approach to active ownership. Issuers identified as laggards may be selected for engagement. Among others, the Investment Manager may engage with selected issuers topics such as human rights in the value chain (related to PAI 11) and inclusion and diversity, which address topics such as board gender diversity or gender pay gaps (related to PAIs 12 and 13).

Our approach is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability, and quality, of PAI data evolves. The Management Company's statement on principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors is available at <https://mybrand.schroders.com/m/4ab13771bddd9d/original/Statement-on-principal-adverse-impacts-of-investment-decisions-on-sustainability-factors-2-1-new.pdf> <https://api.schroders.com/document-store/id/ffcb39bb-96cb-4e56-9461-deba9a493e85>. The Fund level information is disclosed or will be disclosed (as applicable) in the Fund's annual report.

1. Set thresholds: these involve very explicit thresholds for considering an investment to be a "sustainable investment". For example, PAI 10 on violations of UNGC principles.

2. Active ownership: these involve indicators on which we have a plan to engage with the underlying holding as set out in the Schroders Group document - <https://mybrand.schroders.com/m/3222ea4ed44a1f2c/original/schroders-engagement-blueprint.pdf>, outlining our approach to active ownership. For example, PAI 1, 2 and 3 covering GHG emissions and PAI 13 on board gender diversity.

3. Improve coverage: these involve indicators where we consider data coverage to be too sparse to properly consider them and our focus is primarily on engaging with the underlying holdings to increase reporting. For example, PAI 7 on biodiversity, PAI 9 on hazardous waste ratio and PAI 12 on the gender pay gap.

Our approach is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability, and quality, of PAI data evolves.

The Management Company's statement on principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors is available at <https://mybrand.schroders.com/m/467910ac8e6da45c/original/Statement-on-principal-adverse-impacts-of-investment-decisions-on-sustainability-factors.pdf>. The Fund level information is disclosed or will be (as applicable) in the Fund's annual report.

☐ No



## What investment strategy does this financial product follow?

The sustainable investment strategy used by the Investment Manager is as follows:

The Fund is actively managed and invests its assets in (i) sustainable investments, which are investments that the investment manager expects to contribute positively towards social development themes. These themes may include but are not limited to:

- Sustainable Infrastructure (such as connectivity, sustainable power and clean water)
- Economic Inclusion (such as training, gender equality, workforce diversity, access to finance and quality work)
- Health and Wellbeing (such as medicine and healthcare services);

and (ii) investments that the Investment Manager deems to be neutral under its sustainability criteria such as cash and Money Market Investments and derivatives used with the aim of reducing risk (hedging) or managing the Fund more efficiently.

The Investment Manager will select sustainable investments for the Fund from a universe that have been determined as meeting the Investment Manager's impact criteria. The impact criteria include an assessment of the company's, country's or purpose bond's contribution to social impact themes, which themselves align with UN SDGs alongside the Investment Manager's assessment of impact via its proprietary impact investment management framework and tools (including an impact scorecard). The Fund may also invest in social, sustainability and green bonds, which are bonds that are specifically designed to address social challenges.

The Fund is part of Schroders' Impact Driven strategies. As such, it applies highly selective investment criteria and its investment process is aligned with the Operating Principles for Impact Management which means that an assessment of impact is embedded in the steps of the investment process. All sustainable investments in the Fund are subject to this framework.

The Fund does not directly invest in certain activities, industries or groups of issuers above the limits listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

The Fund invests in companies that do not cause significant environmental or social harm and have good governance practices, as determined by the Investment Manager's rating criteria.

The Investment Manager may also engage with companies held by the Fund to seek to improve sustainability practices and enhance social and environmental impacts generated by underlying investee companies. More details on the Investment Manager's approach to sustainability and its engagement with companies are available on the webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/>

The Fund invests at least two-thirds of its assets in a range of fixed and floating rate securities issued by governments, government agencies, supra-nationals and companies worldwide.

The Fund may invest:

- up to 60% of its assets in securities that have a below investment grade credit rating (as measured by Standard & Poor's or any equivalent grade of other credit rating agencies for rated bonds and implied Schroders ratings for non-rated bonds);
- up to 30% of its assets in convertible bonds including up to 10% of its assets in contingent convertible bonds; and
- up to 20% of its assets in asset-backed securities and mortgage-backed securities.

The Fund may also invest up to one-third of its assets directly or indirectly in other securities (including other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies, Investment Funds, warrants and Money Market Investments, and hold cash.

The Fund may use derivatives with the aim of achieving investment gains, reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently.

The Investment Manager applies sustainability criteria when selecting investments for the Fund.

Investments are composed of bonds where the issuer's products and services, business activities or use of proceeds for a purpose bond contribute positively to social impact themes, which themselves align with at least one of the UN SDGs. In order to identify bonds with a direct link to a UN SDG, the Investment Manager applies a two step approach:

- The first applies quantitative and/or qualitative criteria (following an initial screen to exclude certain activities, industries or groups) to assess the extent to which the company, country or purpose bond contributes to an environmental or social objective (as applicable). This may include consideration of revenues, business activities or use of proceeds of a purpose bond.
- The second is a detailed impact assessment of the company, country or bond (as applicable) via the completion of a proprietary impact scorecard. The Investment Manager considers different aspects of impact such as: what outcome and UN SDGs the company, country or bond is contributing to; who is served by the outcome (such as the relevant stakeholder or industry); an assessment of our expected contribution (including Schroders influence and engagement); and consideration of impact risks. The assessment typically includes Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) that are used to track the company's, country's or bond's impact over time.

The impact scorecard is then validated and approved by Schroders' Impact Assessment Group (IAG), in order for the company or bond to be eligible for inclusion in the Fund's investible universe. The IAG consists of members from Schroders' impact and sustainable investment teams and members of the investment team. There may be some limited instances where step 2 and the IAG approval may follow subsequently (such as a particularly time sensitive investment).

The Investment Manager ensures that at least 90% of the portion of the Fund's Net Asset Value composed of investments in companies is rated against the sustainability criteria. As a result of the application of sustainability criteria, at least 20% of the Fund's potential investment universe is excluded from the selection of investments.

For the purposes of this test, the potential investment universe is the core universe of issuers that the Investment Manager may select for the Fund prior to the application of sustainability criteria, in accordance with the other limitations of the Investment Objective and Policy. This universe is comprised of fixed and floating rate securities issued by companies worldwide. The universe (for the purpose of this test only) does not include fixed or floating rate securities issued by public or quasi public issuers.

### ● **What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain the sustainable investment objective?**

The following binding elements are applied throughout the investment process:

- The Fund is actively managed and invests at least **7580%** of its assets in sustainable investments.
- Exclusions are applied to direct investments in companies. The Fund applies certain exclusions relating to international conventions on cluster munitions, antipersonnel mines, and chemical and biological weapons. The Fund also excludes companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to tobacco and thermal coal, especially companies that generate revenues from tobacco production or any other part of the tobacco value chain (suppliers, distributors, retailers, licensors), and companies that generate revenues from thermal coal mining and coal fired power generation. The Fund excludes companies that are assessed by Schroders to have breached one or more 'global norms' thereby causing significant environmental or social harm; these companies

**The investment strategy** guides investment decisions based on factors such as investment objectives and risk tolerance.

comprise Schroders' 'global norms' breach list. Details of the revenue thresholds together with certain other exclusions the Fund applies are listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

- The Fund invests in companies that do not cause significant environmental or social harm and have good governance practices, as determined by the Investment Manager's rating criteria.
- The Investment Manager ensures that at least 90% of the portion of the Fund's Net Asset Value composed of investments in companies is rated against the sustainability criteria.
- As a result of the application of sustainability criteria, at least 20% of the Fund's potential investment universe is excluded from the selection of investments.

**Good governance** practices include sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff and tax compliance.

### ● **What is the policy to assess good governance practices of the investee companies?**

In order to assess good governance practices, a central Good Governance Test is applied. This test is based on a data-driven quantitative framework, which uses a scorecard to assess companies across the categories of sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff, and tax compliance. Schroders has defined a number of criteria across these pillars.

Compliance with the test is monitored centrally and companies which do not pass this test cannot be held by the Fund, unless the Investment Manager has agreed that the issuer demonstrates good governance based on additional insights beyond that quantitative analysis.



**Asset allocation** describes the share of investments in specific assets.

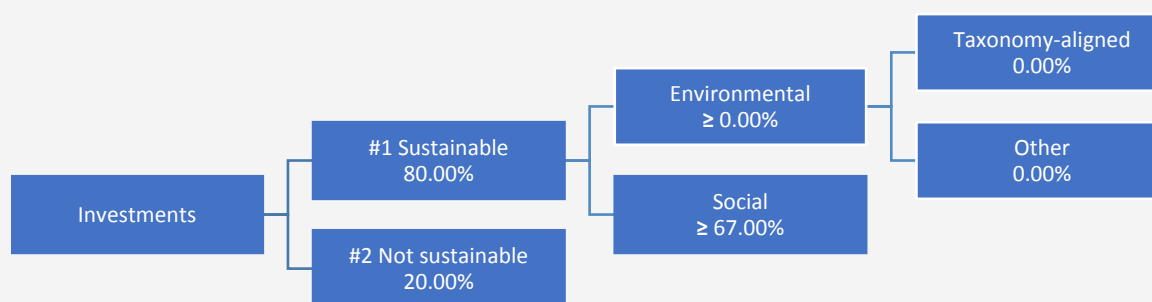
## **What is the asset allocation and the minimum share of sustainable investments?**

The planned composition of the Fund's investments that are used to meet its sustainable investment objective are summarised below. The Fund invests at least **7580%** of its assets in sustainable investments, which means included in **#1 Sustainable** are investments in fixed and floating rate securities issued by governments, government agencies, supra nationals and companies worldwide that the Investment Manager expects to contribute positively towards social development themes. The minimum proportion stated applies in normal market conditions.

**#2 Not sustainable** includes investments that are treated as neutral for sustainability purposes, such as cash and Money Market Investments and derivatives used with the aim of reducing risk (hedging) or managing the Fund more efficiently.

Minimum safeguards are applied where relevant to Money Market Investments and derivatives used with the aim of reducing risk (hedging) by restricting (as appropriate) investments in counterparties where there are ownership links or exposure to higher risk countries (for the purpose of money laundering, terrorist financing, bribery, corruption, tax evasion and sanctions risks). A firm-wide risk assessment considers the risk rating of each jurisdiction; which includes reference to a number of public statements, indices and world governance indicators issued by the UN, the European Union, the UK Government, the Financial Action Task Force and several Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), such as Transparency International and the Basel Committee.

In addition, new counterparties are reviewed by Schroders' credit risk team and approval of a new counterparty is based on a holistic review of the various sources of information available, including, but not limited to, quality of management, ownership structure, location, regulatory and social environment to which each counterparty is subject, and the degree of development of the local banking system and its regulatory framework. Ongoing monitoring is performed through a Schroders' proprietary tool, which supports the analysis of a counterparty's management of environmental, social and governance trends and challenges. Any significant deterioration in the profile of the counterparty in Schroders' proprietary tool would lead to further analysis and potential exclusion by Schroders' credit risk team.



**#1 Sustainable** covers sustainable investments with environmental or social objectives.

**#2 Not sustainable** includes investments which do not qualify as sustainable investments.

● **How does the use of derivatives attain the sustainable investment objective?**

Single name credit default swaps may be used as a proxy for direct investments which would otherwise be held by the Fund in line with its sustainability criteria. Such derivatives are therefore used to attain the Fund's sustainable investment objective.



**To what minimum extent are sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?**

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

● **Does the financial product invest in fossil gas and/or nuclear energy related activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy<sup>1</sup>?**

☐ Yes:

☐ In fossil gas ☐ In nuclear energy

☒ No

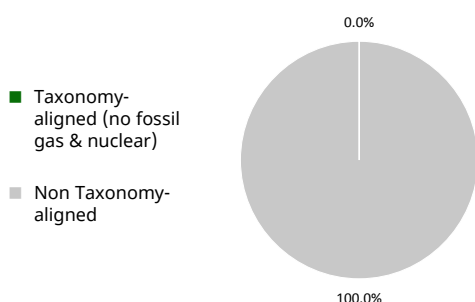
To comply with the EU Taxonomy, the criteria for **fossil gas** include limitations on emissions and switching to renewable power or low-carbon fuels by the end of 2035. For **nuclear energy**, the criteria include comprehensive safety and waste management rules.

Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

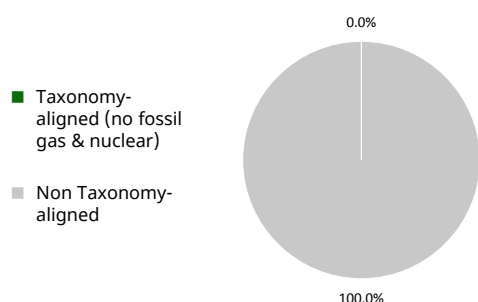
- **turnover** reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee companies
- **capital expenditure** (CapEx) showing the green investments made by investee companies, e.g. for a transition to a green economy.
- **operational expenditure** (OpEx) reflecting green operational activities of investee companies.

The two graphs below show in green the minimum percentage of investments that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the Taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy-alignment in relation to all the investments of the financial product including sovereign bonds, while the second graph shows the Taxonomy-alignment only in relation to the investments of the financial product other than sovereign bonds.

**1. Taxonomy-alignment of investments including sovereign bonds\***



**2. Taxonomy-alignment of investments excluding sovereign bonds\***



This graph represents x% of the total investments<sup>2</sup>.

\* For the purpose of these graphs, 'sovereign bonds' consist of all sovereign exposures

**Enabling activities** directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective.

**Transitional activities** are activities for which low-carbon alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas

● **What is the minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities?**

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

<sup>1</sup> Fossil gas and/or nuclear related activities will only comply with the EU Taxonomy where they contribute to limiting climate change ("climate change mitigation") and do not significantly harm any EU Taxonomy objective – see explanatory note in the left-hand margin. The full criteria for fossil gas and nuclear energy economic activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy are laid down in Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1214.

<sup>2</sup> As there is no Taxonomy-alignment, there is no impact on the graph if sovereign bonds are excluded (i.e. the percentage of Taxonomy-aligned investments remains 0%) and the Management Company therefore believes that there is no need to mention this information.

emission levels corresponding to the best performance.



### What is the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

While the sum of sustainable investments with an environmental objective and socially sustainable investments always adds up to the Fund's minimum proportion of ~~75~~<sup>80</sup>% sustainable investments, we do not commit to a minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective because the Fund's investment strategy does not have a specific environmental investment objective. Therefore, the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective is 0%.



are environmentally sustainable investments that **do not take into account the criteria** for environmentally sustainable economic activities under the EU Taxonomy.



### What is the minimum share of sustainable investments with a social objective?

The Fund commits to invest at least 67% of its assets in sustainable investments with a social objective.



### What investments are included under “#2 Not sustainable”, what is their purpose and are there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

**#2 Not Sustainable** includes investments that are treated as neutral for sustainability purposes, such as cash and Money Market Investments and derivatives used with the aim of reducing risk (hedging) or managing the Fund more efficiently.

Minimum safeguards are applied where relevant to Money Market Investments and derivatives used with the aim of reducing risk (hedging) by restricting (as appropriate) investments in counterparties where there are ownership links or exposure to higher risk countries (for the purpose of money laundering, terrorist financing, bribery, corruption, tax evasion and sanctions risks). A firm-wide risk assessment considers the risk rating of each jurisdiction; which includes reference to a number of public statements, indices and world governance indicators issued by the UN, the European Union, the UK Government, the Financial Action Task Force and several Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), such as Transparency International and the Basel Committee.

In addition, new counterparties are reviewed by Schroders' credit risk team and approval of a new counterparty is based on a holistic review of the various sources of information available, including, but not limited to, quality of management, ownership structure, location, regulatory and social environment to which each counterparty is subject, and the degree of development of the local banking system and its regulatory framework. Ongoing monitoring is performed through a Schroders' proprietary tool, which supports the analysis of a counterparty's management of environmental, social and governance trends and challenges. Any significant deterioration in the profile of the counterparty in Schroders' proprietary tool would lead to further analysis and potential exclusion by Schroders' credit risk team.



### Is a specific index designated as a reference benchmark to meet the sustainable investment objective?

**Reference benchmarks** are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the sustainable investment objective.

- **How does the reference benchmark take into account sustainability factors in a way that is continuously aligned with the sustainable investment objective?**

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- ***How is the alignment of the investment strategy with the methodology of the index ensured on a continuous basis?***  
This question is not applicable for the Fund.
- ***How does the designated index differ from a relevant broad market index?***  
This question is not applicable for the Fund.
- ***Where can the methodology used for the calculation of the designated index be found?***  
This question is not applicable for the Fund.



## **Where can I find more product specific information online?**

More product-specific information can be found on the webpage: <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>



Pre-contractual disclosure for the financial products referred to in Article 8, paragraphs 1, 2 and 2a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 6, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852

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## Environmental and/or social characteristics

<p><b>Sustainable investment</b> means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good governance practices.</p>	<p><b>Does this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?</b></p> <p> <input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Yes</b> <input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>No</b> </p>	
<p>The <b>EU Taxonomy</b> is a classification system laid down in Regulation (EU) 2020/852, establishing a list of <b>environmentally sustainable economic activities</b>. That Regulation does not lay down a list of socially sustainable economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with an environmental objective: ___%</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with a social objective ___%</b></p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> It <b>promotes Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics</b> and while it does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will have a minimum proportion of <b>10.00%</b> of sustainable investments</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> with a social objective</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> It promotes E/S characteristics, but <b>will not make any sustainable investments</b></p>



## What environmental and/or social characteristics are promoted by this financial product?

The Fund maintains a positive absolute sustainability score, based on the Investment Manager's rating system. The sustainability score is measured by Schroders' proprietary tool that provides an estimate of the net "impact" that an issuer may create in terms of social and environmental "costs" or "benefits". It does this by using certain indicators with respect to that issuer, and quantifying them positively and negatively to produce an aggregate notional measure of the effect that the relevant underlying issuer may have on society and the environment. It does this using third party data as well as Schroders own estimates and assumptions and the outcome may differ from other sustainability tools and measures. Examples of such indicators are greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

The result is expressed as an aggregate score of the sustainability indicators for each issuer, specifically a notional percentage (positive or negative) of sales or GDP of the relevant underlying issuer. For example, a score of +2% would mean an issuer contributes \$2 of relative notional positive impact (i.e. benefits to society) per \$100 of sales or GDP. The sustainability score of the Fund is derived from the scores of all issuers in the Fund's portfolio measured by Schroders' proprietary tool.

The Fund invests at least 10% of its assets in sustainable investments, which are investments that the Investment Manager expects to contribute towards the advancement of one or more environmental and/or social objective (s).

No reference benchmark has been designated for the purpose of attaining the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the Fund.

### ● **What sustainability indicators are used to measure the attainment of each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?**

The Investment Manager monitors compliance with the characteristic to maintain a positive absolute sustainability score by reference to the weighted average sustainability score of the Fund in Schroders' proprietary tool over the previous ~~six months~~**six-month** period, based on month-end data. The overall sustainability score aggregates the effect of sustainability indicators including but not limited to greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

The Investment Manager monitors compliance with the characteristic to invest at least 10% of its assets in sustainable investments by reference to (i) the sustainability score of each asset in Schroders' proprietary tool and/ or (ii) whether the asset is classified as a green, social and/ or sustainable bond. Compliance

with this is monitored daily via our automated compliance controls. The Fund also applies certain exclusions, with which the Investment Manager monitors compliance on an ongoing basis via its portfolio compliance framework.

● ***What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?***

In respect of the proportion of the Fund's portfolio that is invested in sustainable investments, each sustainable investment either (i) demonstrates a net positive effect across a range of environmental or social objectives, as scored by Schroders' proprietary tool and/or (ii) is classified as a green, social and/or sustainable bond using a third-party data source. The environmental or social objectives of the sustainable investments that the Fund partially intends to make may include, but are not limited to, increasing environmental and/or social benefits such as greater water access or fair pay and reducing environmental, and/or social costs such as carbon emissions or food waste. For example, greater water access as measured by Schroders' proprietary tool are the estimated societal benefits of the provision of clean drinking water to human health. The environmental or social objectives of green, social and/or sustainable bonds may include, but are not limited to, climate change mitigation, renewable energy initiatives, natural resource conservation, access to finance and affordable housing projects.

● ***How do the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make, not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?***

The Investment Manager's approach to investing in issuers that do not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective includes the following:

- Firm-wide investment exclusions apply to Schroders funds. These relate to international conventions on cluster munitions, anti-personnel mines, and chemical and biological weapons and a list of those companies that are excluded is available at <https://www.schroders.com/en/sustainability/active-ownership/group-exclusions/>. Firm-wide exclusions also apply to companies generating more than 20% of their revenue from thermal coal mining.
- The Fund excludes companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to tobacco and thermal coal.
- The Fund excludes companies that are assessed by Schroders to have breached one or more 'global norms' thereby causing significant environmental or social harm; these companies comprise Schroders' 'global norms' breach list. Schroders' determination of whether a company has been involved in such a breach considers relevant principles such as those contained in the UN Global Compact (UNGC) principles, the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights. The 'global norms' breach list may be informed by assessments performed by third party providers and by proprietary research, where relevant to a particular situation. In exceptional circumstances a derogation may be applied in order to allow the Fund to continue to hold a company on Schroders' 'global norms' breach list, for example where the stated investment strategy of the Fund may otherwise be compromised. Any such company cannot be categorised as a sustainable investment.
- The Fund may also apply certain other exclusions in addition to those summarised above.

Further information on all of the Fund's investment exclusions is to be found under "Sustainability-Related Disclosures" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

● ***How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?***

When seeking to identify significant harm, Schroders' approach to taking into account the Principal Adverse Impacts (PAI) indicators involves a quantitative and a qualitative assessment. Where it is not considered appropriate or feasible to set quantitative thresholds, the Investment Manager engages, where relevant. Investee companies deemed not to satisfy the quantitative thresholds would generally be excluded, unless on a case-by-case basis the data is deemed not representative of a company's performance in the relevant area.

This framework is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability and quality of the data evolves.

Our approach includes:

1. **Quantitative:** this includes indicators where specific thresholds have been established:

- Via the application of exclusions. This approach is relevant to **PAI 4** (Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector), **PAI 5** (Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production) and **PAI 14** (Exposure to controversial weapons). Further, the following PAIs are assessed as part of Schroders 'global norms' breach list exclusion (which seeks to exclude companies where significant harm is occurring):

**Principal adverse impacts** are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anticorruption and antibribery matters.

- **PAI 7** (Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas)
- **PAI 8** (Emissions to water)
- **PAI 9** (Hazardous waste and radioactive waste ratio)
- **PAI 10** (Violations of UN Global Compact principles and Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises)
- **PAI 11** (Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and Voluntary)
- **PAI 14** in Table 3 (Number of identified cases of severe human rights issues and incidents)
- Via the application of an alert system flag if the relevant indicator(s) exceeds a threshold. These quantitative thresholds to assess significant harm are established centrally by our Sustainable Investment team and monitored systematically. This approach applies to indicators where we have segmented the population into harm groups to establish a threshold, such as carbon related PAI metrics, **PAI 1** (GHG emissions), **PAI 2** (Carbon footprint) and **Voluntary PAI 4 in Table 2** (Investing in companies without carbon emission reduction initiatives). **PAI 3** (GHG intensity of investee companies) operates in a similar way but the threshold is based on a revenue metric. A threshold for **PAI 6** (Energy consumption intensity per high impact climate sector) is established based on the ~~above mentioned~~ carbon measures. A similar approach has been taken for **PAI 15** (GHG intensity). **PAI 16** (Investee countries subject to social violations) also operates in the same way but based on data availability regarding social violations. Through this process the relevant issuer(s) that is/are deemed not to satisfy the quantitative thresholds is/are flagged to the Investment Manager for consideration, whose response may involve selling the holdings(s) or maintaining the position if on a case-by-case basis the data is deemed not representative of a company's performance in the relevant area. Investee companies deemed to cause significant harm are excluded from the Fund.
- 2. **Qualitative:** This includes PAI indicators where Schroders' believes that the data available does not enable us to make a quantitative determination regarding whether significant harm is done so as to warrant excluding an investment. In such cases, the Investment Manager engages wherever possible with the company or companies held, in accordance with the priorities documented in Schroders' Engagement Blueprint and/or voting policy. This approach applies to indicators such as **PAI 12** (Unadjusted gender pay gap) and **PAI 13** (Board gender diversity), where we engage and may use our voting rights where we consider appropriate. Both board gender diversity and disclosure of gender pay gap information are captured in our Engagement Blueprint.

● ***How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:***

Companies on Schroders' 'global norms' breach list cannot be categorised as sustainable investments. Schroders' determination of whether a company should be included on such list considers the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, among other relevant principles. The 'global norms' breach list is informed by third party providers and proprietary research, where relevant.

*The EU Taxonomy sets out a "do not significant harm" principle by which Taxonomy-aligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives and is accompanied by specific EU criteria.*

*The "do not significant harm" principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.*

*Any other sustainable investments must also not significantly harm any environmental or social objectives.*



## Does this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

✓ Yes, ~~the Investment Manager's approach to considering principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors involves classifying the indicators into three categories:~~

~~The Investment Manager's approach to considering principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors differs depending on the relevant indicator. Some indicators are considered via the application of exclusions, some are considered via the investment process (where data is available via Schroders PAI dashboard and via other external data sources) and some are considered via engagement. Further details are provided below.~~

PAIs are considered as part of pre-investment through the application of exclusions. These include:

- Controversial weapons: PAI 14 (Exposure to controversial weapons (anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, chemical weapons and biological weapons)).
- Schroders' 'global norms' breach list, which covers: PAI 7 (Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas), PAI 8 (Emissions to water), PAI 9 (Hazardous waste and radioactive waste ratio), PAI 10 (Violations of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises), PAI 11 (Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises) and PAI 16 (Investee countries subject to social violations).
- Companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to thermal coal: PAI 4 (Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector) and PAI 5 (Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production).

Compliance with these thresholds is monitored via the Investment Manager's portfolio compliance framework. PAIs are also considered through integration in the investment process as Schroders' proprietary tool incorporates several PAIs as a component of its scoring methodology. In assessing an issuer's overall environmental score PAI 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 (Greenhouse gas emissions) are included. All PAI indicators are monitored via Schroders PAI dashboard.

PAIs are also considered post-investment through engagement where the Investment Manager engages in line with the approach and expectations set out in Schroders Engagement Blueprint, which outlines our approach to active ownership. The Investment Manager may engage with selected issuers held by the Fund on PAIs 1, 2, 3 and 4. We aim to engage with several issuers on net zero carbon emissions targets (PAI 1,2) and procuring renewable energy (PAI 5).

Our approach is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability, and quality, of PAI data evolves. The Management Company's statement on principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors is available at <https://mybrand.schroders.com/m/4ab13771bdddcd9d/original/Statement-on-principal-adverse-impacts-of-investment-decisions-on-sustainability-factors-2-1-new.pdf> <https://api.schroders.com/document-store/id/ffcb39bb-96cb-4e56-9461-deba9a493e85>. The Fund level information is disclosed or will be disclosed (as applicable) in the Fund's annual report.

1. Set thresholds: these involve very explicit thresholds for considering an investment to be a "sustainable investment". For example, PAI 10 on violations of UNGC principles.
  2. Active ownership: these involve indicators on which we have a plan to engage with the underlying holding as set out in the Schroders Group document - <https://mybrand.schroders.com/m/3222ea4ed44a1f2c/original/schroders-engagement-blueprint.pdf>, outlining our approach to active ownership. For example, PAI 1, 2 and 3 covering GHG emissions and PAI 13 on board gender diversity.
  3. Improve coverage: these involve indicators where we consider data coverage to be too sparse to properly consider them and our focus is primarily on engaging with the underlying holdings to increase reporting. For example, PAI 7 on biodiversity, PAI 9 on hazardous waste ratio and PAI 12 on the gender pay gap.
- Our approach is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability, and quality, of PAI data evolves. The Management Company's statement on principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors is available at <https://mybrand.schroders.com/m/467910ac8e6da45c/original/Statement-on-principal-adverse-impacts-of-investment-decisions-on-sustainability-factors.pdf>. The Fund level information is disclosed or will be (as applicable) in the Fund's annual report.

☐ No



## What investment strategy does this financial product follow?

**The investment strategy** guides investment decisions based on factors such as investment objectives and risk tolerance.

The sustainable investment strategy used by the Investment Manager is as follows:

The Fund is actively managed and invests at least two-thirds of its assets in fixed and floating rate securities issued by governments, government agencies, supra-nationals and companies worldwide.

The Fund may invest up to 100% of its assets in securities with a below investment grade credit rating (as measured by Standard & Poor's or any equivalent grade of other credit rating agencies).

The Fund may also seek up to 25% exposure to convertible bonds and bonds with warrants. The exposure to convertible bonds includes up to 10% in contingent convertible bonds.

The Fund may also invest up to one-third of its assets directly or indirectly in other securities (including other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies, Investment Funds, warrants and Money Market Investments, and hold cash.

The Fund may also invest in derivatives to create long and short exposure to the underlying assets of these derivatives.

The Fund may use derivatives with the aim of achieving investment gains, reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently.

The Fund maintains a positive absolute sustainability score, based on the Investment Manager's rating system.

The Fund does not directly invest in certain activities, industries or groups of issuers above the limits listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

The Investment Manager applies governance and sustainability criteria when selecting investments for the Fund. The strategy aims to identify issuers demonstrating good or improving sustainability credentials, and those that impose a high cost on the environment and society. This involves:

– The exclusion of issuers with certain exposure to specific activities that the Investment Manager considers environmentally destructive or socially damaging, violate human rights and/ or have demonstrated gross misconduct that the Investment Manager deems to have businesses that are materially damaging to the climate and impose unjustifiable social costs.

– The inclusion of issuers that the Investment Manager considers are well placed to deliver demonstrate stable and improving sustainability trajectories relative to their industry peers, and issuers demonstrating good governance based on the Investment Manager's sustainability rating methodology.

The Investment Manager may also engage with companies to encourage transparency, the transition to a circular economy with lower carbon emissions intensity and responsible social behaviour that promotes sustainable growth and alpha generation.

The primary sources of information used to perform the analysis are the Investment Manager's proprietary tools and research, third-party research, NGO reports and expert networks. The Investment Manager also performs its own analysis of publicly available information provided by the companies, including information provided in company sustainability reports and other relevant company material.

More details on the Investment Manager's approach to sustainability and its engagement with companies are available on the webpage

<https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/>

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than its investment universe, based on the Investment Manager's rating system.

The Investment Manager ensures that at least:

- 90% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with an investment grade credit rating; sovereign debt issued by developed countries; and equities issued by large companies domiciled in developed countries; and
  - 75% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with a high yield credit rating; sovereign debt issued by emerging countries equities issued by large companies domiciled in emerging countries; equities issued by small and medium companies,
- is rated against the sustainability criteria.

For the purposes of this test, small companies are those with market capitalisation below €5 billion, medium companies are those between €5 billion and €10 billion and large companies are those above €10 billion.

### ● ***What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?***

The following binding elements are applied throughout the investment process:

- The Fund maintains a positive absolute sustainability score, based on Schroders' proprietary tool.
- The Fund invests at least 10% of its assets in sustainable investments and such investments do not cause significant environmental or social harm.
- Exclusions are applied to direct investments in companies. The Fund applies certain exclusions relating to international conventions on cluster munitions, antipersonnel mines, and chemical and biological weapons. The Fund also excludes companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to tobacco and thermal coal, especially companies that generate at least 10% of their revenues from tobacco production, companies that generate at least 25% of their revenues from the tobacco value chain (such as suppliers, distributors, retailers and licensors), companies that generate at least 10% of their revenues from thermal coal mining and companies that generate at least 30% of their revenues from coal fired power generation. The Fund excludes companies that are assessed by Schroders to have breached one or more 'global norms' thereby causing significant environmental or social harm; these companies comprise Schroders' 'global norms' breach list. In exceptional circumstances a derogation may be applied in order to allow the Fund to continue to hold a company on Schroders' 'global norms' breach list, for example where the stated investment strategy of the Fund may otherwise be compromised. Any such company cannot be categorised as a sustainable investment. Further, the Fund may apply other exclusions as listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>. The Fund invests in companies that have good governance practices, as determined by the Investment Manager's rating criteria.

The Investment Manager ensures that at least:

- 90% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in developed countries; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with an investment grade credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by developed countries; and
- 75% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in emerging countries; equities issued by small and medium companies; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with a high yield credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by emerging countries,

is rated against the sustainability criteria.



- **What is the committed minimum rate to reduce the scope of the investments considered prior to the application of that investment strategy?**

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- **What is the policy to assess good governance practices of the investee companies?**

In order to assess good governance practices, a central Good Governance Test is applied. This test is based on a data-driven quantitative framework, which uses a scorecard to assess companies across the categories of sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff, and tax compliance. Schroders has defined a number of criteria across these pillars.

Compliance with the test is monitored centrally and companies which do not pass this test cannot be held by the Fund, unless the Investment Manager has agreed that the issuer demonstrates good governance based on additional insights beyond that quantitative analysis.

**Good governance** practices include sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff and tax compliance.



**Asset allocation** describes the share of investments in specific assets.

## What is the asset allocation planned for this financial product?

The planned composition of the Fund's investments that are used to meet its environmental or social characteristics are summarised below.

**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the minimum proportion of the Fund's assets used to attain the environmental or social characteristics, which is equal to 60%. The Fund commits to maintain a positive absolute sustainability score, and so the Fund's investments that are scored by Schroders' proprietary sustainability tool are included within the minimum proportion stated in #1 on the basis that they will contribute to the Fund's sustainability score (whether such individual investment has a positive or a negative score). Also included within #1 are any green, social or sustainable bonds that are not scored by Schroders' proprietary sustainability tool. is tThe minimum proportion of assets that are invested in sustainable investments, as indicated in #1A. The minimum proportions stated apply in normal market conditions. The actual proportion stated in #1 is expected to be higher.

The sustainability score is measured by Schroders' proprietary tool that provides an estimate of the net "impact" that an issuer may create in terms of social and environmental "costs" or "benefits". It does this by using certain indicators with respect to that issuer, and quantifying them positively and negatively to produce an aggregate notional measure of the effect that the relevant underlying issuer may have on society and the environment. Examples of such indicators are greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

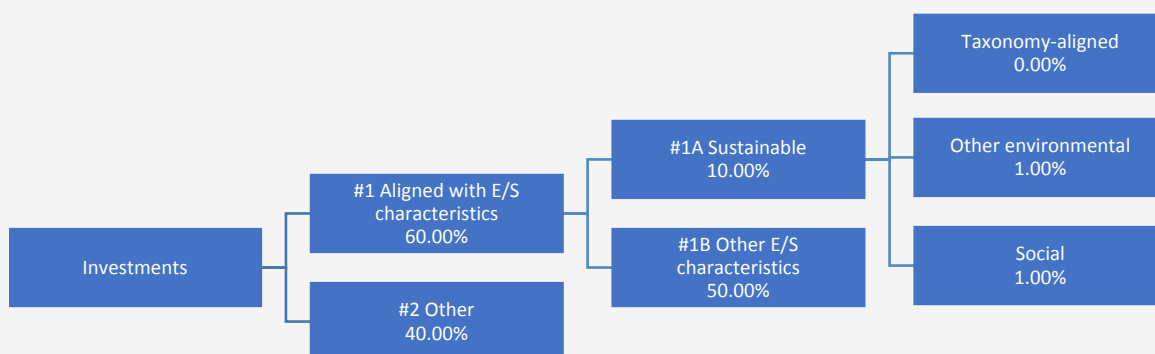
The Fund will invest at least 10% of its assets in sustainable investments. Each sustainable investment (i) demonstrates a net positive effect across a range of environmental or social objectives, as scored by Schroders' proprietary tool or (ii) is classified as a green, social and/ or sustainable bond using a third-party data source. With the exception of any green or social bonds, which will be classified as having an environmental or social objective respectively, a sustainable investment is classified as having an environmental or social objective depending on whether the relevant issuer has a higher score in Schroders' proprietary tool relative to its applicable peer group for its environmental indicators or its social indicators. In each case, indicators are comprised of both "costs" and "benefits".

**#2 Other** includes cash which is treated as neutral for sustainability purposes. #2 also includes other investments that are not scored by Schroders' proprietary sustainability tool and so do not contribute towards the Fund's sustainability score. As #1 states a minimum proportion that is in practice expected to be higher, the proportion stated in #2 is expected to be lower.

Minimum safeguards are applied where relevant to investments by restricting (as appropriate) investments in counterparties where there are ownership links or exposure to higher risk countries (for the purpose of money laundering, terrorist financing, bribery, corruption, tax evasion and sanctions risks). A firm-wide risk assessment considers the risk rating of each jurisdiction; which includes reference to a number of public statements, indices and world governance indicators issued by the UN, the European Union, the UK Government, the Financial Action Task Force and several Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), such as Transparency International and the Basel Committee.

In addition, new counterparties are reviewed by Schroders' credit risk team and approval of a new counterparty is based on a holistic review of the various sources of information available, including, but not limited to, quality of management, ownership structure, location, regulatory and social environment to which each counterparty is subject, and the degree of development of the local banking system and its regulatory framework. Ongoing monitoring is performed through a Schroders' proprietary tool, which supports the analysis of a counterparty's management of environmental, social and governance trends and challenges. Any significant deterioration in the profile of the counterparty in Schroders' proprietary tool would lead to further analysis and potential exclusion by Schroders' credit risk team.





**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the investments of the financial product used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product.

**#2 Other** includes the remaining investments of the financial product which are neither aligned with the environmental or social characteristics, nor are qualified as sustainable investments.

The category **#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** covers:

- The sub-category **#1A Sustainable** covers sustainable investments with environmental or social objectives.
- The sub-category **#1B Other E/S characteristics** covers investments aligned with the environmental or social characteristics that do not qualify as sustainable investments.

#1 The minimum proportion stated applies in normal market conditions.

### ● **How does the use of derivatives attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?**

Single name credit default swaps are used as a proxy for direct investments which would otherwise be held by the Fund in line with its sustainability criteria. Such derivatives are therefore used to attain the Fund's sustainability score in Schroders proprietary tool which is one of the binding elements of the Fund. The Fund may use other derivatives that are scored in Schroders' proprietary tool to meet the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted by the Fund, as such derivatives would contribute to the Fund's sustainability score (whether such individual investment has a positive or a negative score).



### **To what minimum extent are sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?**

There is no minimum extent to which the Fund's investments (including transitional and enabling activities) with an environmental objective are aligned with the Taxonomy. Taxonomy alignment of this Fund's investments has therefore not been calculated and has as a result been deemed to constitute 0% of the Fund's portfolio.

In future it is expected that the Fund will assess and report on the extent to which its underlying investments are in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the Taxonomy, along with information relating to the proportion of enabling and transitional activities. This Prospectus will be updated once it is possible in the Investment Manager's opinion to accurately disclose to what extent the Fund's investments are in Taxonomy-aligned environmentally sustainable activities, including the proportions of investments in enabling and transitional activities selected for the Fund.

### ● **Does the financial product invest in fossil gas and/or nuclear energy related activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy<sup>1</sup>?**

☐ Yes:

☐ In fossil gas ☐ In nuclear energy

☒ No

To comply with the EU Taxonomy, the criteria for **fossil gas** include limitations on emissions and switching to renewable power or low-carbon fuels by the end of 2035. For **nuclear energy**, the criteria include

<sup>1</sup> Fossil gas and/or nuclear related activities will only comply with the EU Taxonomy where they contribute to limiting climate change ("climate change mitigation") and do not significantly harm any EU Taxonomy objective – see explanatory note in the left-hand margin. The full criteria for fossil gas and nuclear energy economic activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy are laid down in Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1214.

comprehensive safety and waste management rules.

Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

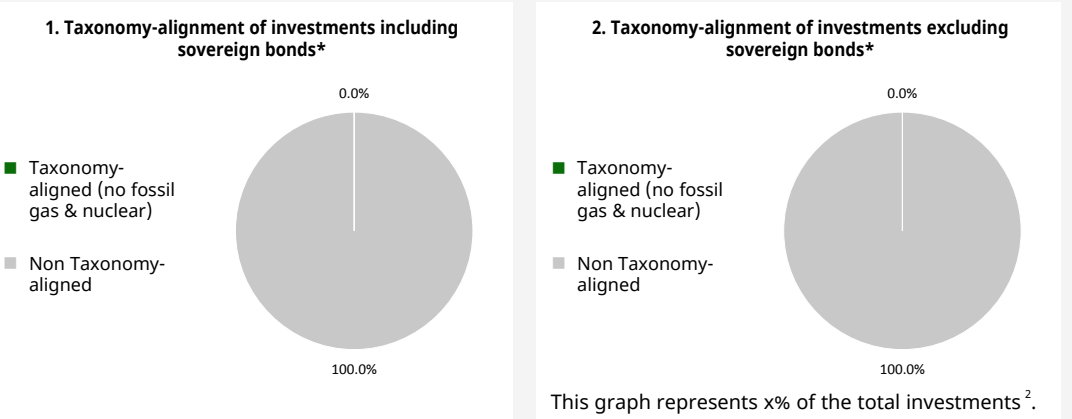
- **turnover** reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee companies
- **capital expenditure** (CapEx) showing the green investments made by investee companies, e.g. for a transition to a green economy.
- **operational expenditure** (OpEx) reflecting green operational activities of investee companies.

**Enabling activities** directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective.

**Transitional activities** are activities for which low-carbon alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.

are sustainable investments with an environmental objective that **do not take into account the criteria** for environmentally sustainable economic activities under the EU Taxonomy.

The two graphs below show in green the minimum percentage of investments that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the Taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy-alignment in relation to all the investments of the financial product including sovereign bonds, while the second graph shows the Taxonomy-alignment only in relation to the investments of the financial product other than sovereign bonds.



\* For the purpose of these graphs, 'sovereign bonds' consist of all sovereign exposures

- **What is the minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities?**  
As per the above, at the date of this Prospectus the share of investments by the Fund in transitional and enabling activities is currently deemed to constitute 0% of the Fund's portfolio.



**What is the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?**  
The Fund commits to invest at least 1% of its assets in sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

<sup>2</sup> As there is no Taxonomy-alignment, there is no impact on the graph if sovereign bonds are excluded (i.e. the percentage of Taxonomy-aligned investments remains 0%) and the Management Company therefore believes that there is no need to mention this information.



## What is the minimum share of socially sustainable investments?

The Fund commits to invest at least 1% of its assets in sustainable investments with a social objective.



## What investments are included under “#2 Other”, what is their purpose and are there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

**#2 Other** includes cash which is treated as neutral for sustainability purposes. #2 also includes other investments that are not scored by Schroders’ proprietary sustainability tools and so do not contribute towards the Fund’s sustainability score.

Minimum safeguards are applied where relevant to investments by restricting (as appropriate) investments in counterparties where there are ownership links or exposure to higher risk countries (for the purpose of money laundering, terrorist financing, bribery, corruption, tax evasion and sanctions risks). A firm-wide risk assessment considers the risk rating of each jurisdiction; which includes reference to a number of public statements, indices and world governance indicators issued by the UN, the European Union, the UK Government, the Financial Action Task Force and several Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), such as Transparency International and the Basel Committee.

In addition, new counterparties are reviewed by Schroders’ credit risk team and approval of a new counterparty is based on a holistic review of the various sources of information available, including, but not limited to, quality of management, ownership structure, location, regulatory and social environment to which each counterparty is subject, and the degree of development of the local banking system and its regulatory framework. Ongoing monitoring is performed through a Schroders’ proprietary tool, which supports the analysis of a counterparty’s management of environmental, social and governance trends and challenges. Any significant deterioration in the profile of the counterparty in Schroders’ proprietary tool would lead to further analysis and potential exclusion by Schroders’ credit risk team.



## Is a specific index designated as a reference benchmark to determine whether this financial product is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes?

**Reference benchmarks** are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the environmental or social characteristics that they promote.

- ***How is the reference benchmark continuously aligned with each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- ***How is the alignment of the investment strategy with the methodology of the index ensured on a continuous basis?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- ***How does the designated index differ from a relevant broad market index?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- ***Where can the methodology used for the calculation of the designated index be found?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.



## Where can I find more product specific information online?

More product-specific information can be found on the webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

Pre-contractual disclosure for the financial products referred to in Article 8, paragraphs 1, 2 and 2a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 6, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852

**Product name:** **Schroder International Selection Fund Sustainable Asian Equity**

**Legal entity identifier:** **549300B7ECKLDTN5I839**

## Environmental and/or social characteristics

**Sustainable investment** means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good governance practices.

The **EU Taxonomy** is a classification system laid down in Regulation (EU) 2020/852, establishing a list of **environmentally sustainable economic activities**. That Regulation does not lay down a list of socially sustainable economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.

Does this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?	
●● <input type="checkbox"/> Yes	●○ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
<input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with an environmental objective: __%</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> It <b>promotes Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics</b> and while it does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will have a minimum proportion of <b>40.00%</b> of sustainable investments
<input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy	<input type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy
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<input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with a social objective __%</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> with a social objective
	<input type="checkbox"/> It promotes E/S characteristics, but <b>will not make any sustainable investments</b>



## What environmental and/or social characteristics are promoted by this financial product?

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the MSCI AC Asia Pacific ex Japan (Net TR) index, based on the Investment Manager's rating system. This benchmark (which is a broad market index) does not take into account the environmental and social characteristics promoted by the Fund.

The sustainability score is measured by Schroders' proprietary tool that provides an estimate of the net "impact" that an issuer may create in terms of social and environmental "costs" or "benefits". It does this by using certain indicators with respect to that issuer, and quantifying them positively and negatively to produce an aggregate notional measure of the effect that the relevant underlying issuer may have on society and the environment. It does this using third party data as well as Schroders own estimates and assumptions and the outcome may differ from other sustainability tools and measures. Examples of such indicators are greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

The result is expressed as an aggregate score of the sustainability indicators for each issuer, specifically a notional percentage (positive or negative) of sales of the relevant underlying issuer. For example, a score of +2% would mean an issuer contributes \$2 of relative notional positive impact (i.e. benefits to society) per \$100 of sales. The sustainability score of the Fund is derived from the scores of all issuers in the Fund's portfolio measured by Schroders' proprietary tool.

The Fund invests at least 40% of its assets in sustainable investments, which are investments that the Investment Manager expects to contribute towards the advancement of one or more environmental and/or social objective (s).

### ● What sustainability indicators are used to measure the attainment of each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

The Investment Manager monitors compliance with the characteristic to maintain a higher overall sustainability score than the MSCI AC Asia Pacific ex Japan (Net TR) index by reference to the weighted average sustainability score of the Fund in Schroders' proprietary tool compared against the weighted average sustainability score of the MSCI AC Asia Pacific ex Japan (Net TR) index in Schroders' proprietary tool over the previous ~~six months~~**six-month** period, based on month-end data. The overall sustainability score aggregates the effect of sustainability indicators including but not limited to greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

**Sustainability indicators** measure how the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product are attained.

The Investment Manager monitors compliance with the characteristic to invest at least 40% of its assets in sustainable investments by reference to the sustainability score of each asset in Schroders' proprietary tool. Compliance with this is monitored daily via our automated compliance controls. The Fund also applies certain exclusions, with which the Investment Manager monitors compliance on an ongoing basis via its portfolio compliance framework.

● ***What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?***

In respect of the proportion of the Fund's portfolio that is invested in sustainable investments, each sustainable investment demonstrates a net positive effect across a range of environmental or social objectives, as scored by Schroders' proprietary tool. The environmental or social objectives of the sustainable investments that the Fund partially intends to make may include, but are not limited to, increasing environmental and/or social benefits such as greater water access or fair pay and reducing environmental, and/or social costs such as carbon emissions or food waste. For example, greater water access as measured by Schroders' proprietary tool are the estimated societal benefits of the provision of clean drinking water to human health.

● ***How do the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make, not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?***

The Investment Manager's approach to investing in issuers that do not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective includes the following:

- Firm-wide investment exclusions apply to Schroders funds. These relate to international conventions on cluster munitions, anti-personnel mines, and chemical and biological weapons and a list of those companies that are excluded is available at <https://www.schroders.com/en/sustainability/active-ownership/group-exclusions/>. Firm-wide exclusions also apply to companies generating more than 20% of their revenue from thermal coal mining.
- The Fund excludes companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to tobacco and thermal coal.
- The Fund excludes companies that are assessed by Schroders to have breached one or more 'global norms' thereby causing significant environmental or social harm; these companies comprise Schroders' 'global norms' breach list. Schroders' determination of whether a company has been involved in such a breach considers relevant principles such as those contained in the UN Global Compact (UNGC) principles, the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights. The 'global norms' breach list may be informed by assessments performed by third party providers and by proprietary research, where relevant to a particular situation.
- The Fund may also apply certain other exclusions in addition to those summarised above.

Further information on all of the Fund's investment exclusions is to be found under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

● ***How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?***

When seeking to identify significant harm, Schroders' approach to taking into account the Principal Adverse Impacts (PAI) indicators involves a quantitative and a qualitative assessment. Where it is not considered appropriate or feasible to set quantitative thresholds, the Investment Manager engages, where relevant. Investee companies deemed not to satisfy the quantitative thresholds would generally be excluded, unless on a case-by-case basis the data is deemed not representative of a company's performance in the relevant area.

This framework is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability and quality of the data evolves.

Our approach includes:

1. **Quantitative:** this includes indicators where specific thresholds have been established:
  - Via the application of exclusions. This approach is relevant to **PAI 4** (Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector), **PAI 5** (Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production) and **PAI 14** (Exposure to controversial weapons). Further, the following PAIs are assessed as part of Schroders 'global norms' breach list exclusion (which seeks to exclude companies where significant harm is occurring):
    - **PAI 7** (Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas)
    - **PAI 8** (Emissions to water)

**Principal adverse impacts** are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anticorruption and antibribery matters.

- **PAI 9** (Hazardous waste and radioactive waste ratio)
- **PAI 10** (Violations of UN Global Compact principles and Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises)
- **PAI 11** (Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and Voluntary)
- **PAI 14** in Table 3 (Number of identified cases of severe human rights issues and incidents)
- Via the application of an alert system flag if the relevant indicator(s) exceeds a threshold. These quantitative thresholds to assess significant harm are established centrally by our Sustainable Investment team and monitored systematically. This approach applies to indicators where we have segmented the population into harm groups to establish a threshold, such as carbon related PAI metrics, **PAI 1** (GHG emissions), **PAI 2** (Carbon footprint) and **Voluntary PAI 4 in Table 2** (Investing in companies without carbon emission reduction initiatives). **PAI 3** (GHG intensity of investee companies) operates in a similar way but the threshold is based on a revenue metric. A threshold for **PAI 6** (Energy consumption intensity per high impact climate sector) is established based on the ~~above-mentioned~~ carbon measures. A similar approach has been taken for **PAI 15** (GHG intensity). **PAI 16** (Investee countries subject to social violations) also operates in the same way but based on data availability regarding social violations. Through this process the relevant issuer(s) that is/are deemed not to satisfy the quantitative thresholds is/are flagged to the Investment Manager for consideration, whose response may involve selling the holdings(s) or maintaining the position if on a case-by-case basis the data is deemed not representative of a company's performance in the relevant area. Investee companies deemed to cause significant harm are excluded from the Fund.
- 2. **Qualitative:** This includes PAI indicators where Schroders' believes that the data available does not enable us to make a quantitative determination regarding whether significant harm is done so as to warrant excluding an investment. In such cases, the Investment Manager engages wherever possible with the company or companies held, in accordance with the priorities documented in Schroders' Engagement Blueprint and/or voting policy. This approach applies to indicators such as **PAI 12** (Unadjusted gender pay gap) and **PAI 13** (Board gender diversity), where we engage and may use our voting rights where we consider appropriate. Both board gender diversity and disclosure of gender pay gap information are captured in our Engagement Blueprint.

● ***How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:***

Companies on Schroders' 'global norms' breach list cannot be categorised as sustainable investments. Schroders' determination of whether a company should be included on such list considers the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, among other relevant principles. The 'global norms' breach list is informed by third party providers and proprietary research, where relevant.

*The EU Taxonomy sets out a "do not significant harm" principle by which Taxonomy-aligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives and is accompanied by specific EU criteria.*

*The "do not significant harm" principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.*

*Any other sustainable investments must also not significantly harm any environmental or social objectives.*



## Does this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

☒ Yes, ~~the Investment Manager's approach to considering principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors involves classifying the indicators into three categories:~~

~~The Investment Manager's approach to considering principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors differs depending on the relevant indicator. Some indicators are considered via the application of exclusions, some are considered via the investment process (where data is available via Schroders PAI dashboard and via other external data sources) and some via engagement. Further details on how these have been considered during the reference period are detailed below.~~

~~PAIs are considered as part of pre-investment through the application of exclusions. These include:~~

~~- Controversial weapons: PAI 14 (Exposure to controversial weapons (anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, chemical weapons and biological weapons)).~~



- Schrodgers' 'global norms' breach list, which covers: PAI 7 (Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas), PAI 8 (Emissions to water), PAI 9 (Hazardous waste and radioactive waste ratio), PAI 10 (Violations of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises), PAI 11 (Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises) and PAI 16 (Investee countries subject to social violations)

- Companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to thermal coal: PAI 4 (Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector) and PAI 5 (Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production).

Compliance with these thresholds is monitored via the Investment Manager's portfolio compliance framework. PAIs are also considered through integration in the investment process through the bottom-up stock analysis at a company level. The Asian Equities investment team uses a proprietary tool which provides a framework for analysing a company's relationship with its stakeholders and the sustainability of its business model and covers PAIs 1, 2, 3 and 6 (Greenhouse gas emissions). PAI indicators may be further reviewed via the Schrodgers PAI dashboard.

PAIs are also considered post-investment through engagement where the Investment Manager engages in line with the approach and expectations set out in Schrodgers Engagement Blueprint, which outlines our approach to active ownership.

The Investment Manager may engage with selected issuers held by the Fund on PAIs. For example, we aim to engage with several issuers on net zero carbon emissions targets (PAI 1,2,3), procuring renewable energy (PAI 5) and further topics of engagement may include board gender diversity which relates to PAI 13.

Where issuers are flagged on lack of data availability on PAIs, the Investment Manager may engage with issuers where the primary focus is to increase reporting, quality and availability of PAI data.

Our approach is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability, and quality, of PAI data evolves. The Management Company's statement on principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors is available at <https://mybrand.schrodgers.com/m/4ab13771bddd9d/original/Statement-on-principal-adverse-impacts-of-investment-decisions-on-sustainability-factors-2-1-new.pdf> <https://api.schrodgers.com/document-store/id/ffcb39bb-96cb-4e56-9461-deba9a493e85>. The Fund level information is disclosed or will be disclosed (as applicable) in the Fund's annual report.

1. Set thresholds: these involve very explicit thresholds for considering an investment to be a "sustainable investment". For example, PAI 10 on violations of UNGC principles.

2. Active ownership: these involve indicators on which we have a plan to engage with the underlying holding as set out in the Schrodgers Group document - <https://mybrand.schrodgers.com/m/3222ea4ed44a1f2c/original/schrodgers-engagement-blueprint.pdf>, outlining our approach to active ownership. For example, PAI 1, 2 and 3 covering GHG emissions and PAI 13 on board gender diversity.

3. Improve coverage: these involve indicators where we consider data coverage to be too sparse to properly consider them and our focus is primarily on engaging with the underlying holdings to increase reporting. For example, PAI 7 on biodiversity, PAI 9 on hazardous waste ratio and PAI 12 on the gender pay gap.

Our approach is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability, and quality, of PAI data evolves.

The Management Company's statement on principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors is available at <https://mybrand.schrodgers.com/m/467910ac8e6da45c/original/Statement-on-principal-adverse-impacts-of-investment-decisions-on-sustainability-factors.pdf>. The Fund level information is disclosed or will be (as applicable) in the Fund's annual report.

☐ No



## What investment strategy does this financial product follow?

**The investment strategy** guides investment decisions based on factors such as investment objectives and risk tolerance.

The sustainable investment strategy used by the Investment Manager is as follows:

The Fund is actively managed and invests at least two-thirds of its assets in equity and equity related securities of companies in Asia Pacific markets (excluding Japan) or companies which derive a significant proportion of their revenues or profits from the Asia Pacific region.

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the MSCI AC Asia Pacific ex Japan (Net TR) index, based on the Investment Manager's rating system.

The Fund does not directly invest in certain activities, industries or groups of issuers above the limits listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schrodgers.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

The Fund invests in companies that have good governance practices, as determined by the Investment Manager's rating criteria.

The Investment Manager may also engage with companies held by the Fund to challenge identified areas of weakness on sustainability issues. More details on the Investment Manager's approach to sustainability and its engagement with companies are available on the webpage <https://www.schrodgers.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/>

The Fund may invest directly in China B-Shares and China H-Shares and may invest less than 30% of its assets (on a net basis) directly or indirectly (for example via participatory notes) in China A-Shares through:

- Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect and Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect;

- the Qualified Foreign Investor (QFI) Scheme;
- shares listed on the STAR Board and the ChiNext; and
- Regulated Markets.

The Fund may also invest up to one-third of its assets directly or indirectly in other securities (including other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies, Investment Funds, warrants and Money Market Investments, and hold cash.

The Fund may use derivatives with the aim of achieving investment gains, reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently.

The Investment Manager applies sustainability criteria when selecting investments for the Fund.

The investable universe is assessed using a number of proprietary tools, as well as external rating services. Companies being considered for investment are assessed on a stakeholder-based approach against criteria including, but not limited to (1) good governance practices; (2) impact on the environment and local communities; and (3) fair and equitable treatment of employees, suppliers and customers.

In the portfolio construction process, companies that fall into the bottom quintile based on the Investment Manager's overall sustainability score will not be eligible for inclusion in the first instance.

However, if, based on proprietary analysis and ongoing engagement with a company, the Investment Manager believes that the company is taking concrete steps to transition out of business segments that have not met the sustainability criteria or to improve their relevant areas of weakness, the company may be deemed eligible for investment.

The Investment Manager ensures that at least 90% of the portion of the Fund's Net Asset Value composed of investments in companies is rated against the sustainability criteria. As a result of the application of sustainability criteria, at least 20% of the Fund's potential investment universe is excluded from the selection of investments.

For the purposes of this test, the potential investment universe is the core universe of issuers that the Investment Manager may select for the Fund prior to the application of sustainability criteria, in accordance with the other limitations of the Investment Objective and Policy. This universe is comprised of equity and equity related securities of companies in Asia Pacific markets or companies which derive a significant proportion of their revenues or profits from the Asia Pacific region.

● ***What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?***

The following binding elements are applied throughout the investment process:

- The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the MSCI AC Asia Pacific ex Japan (Net TR) index based on the Investment Manager's rating criteria.
- The Fund invests at least 40% of its assets in sustainable investments and such investments do not cause significant environmental or social harm.
- Exclusions are applied to direct investments in companies. The Fund applies certain exclusions relating to international conventions on cluster munitions, antipersonnel mines, and chemical and biological weapons. The Fund also excludes companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to tobacco and thermal coal, especially companies that generate at least 10% of their revenues from tobacco production, companies that generate at least 25% of their revenues from the tobacco value chain (such as suppliers, distributors, retailers and licensors), companies that generate at least 10% of their revenues from thermal coal mining and companies that generate at least 30% of their revenues from coal fired power generation. The Fund excludes companies that are assessed by Schroders to have breached one or more 'global norms' thereby causing significant environmental or social harm; these companies comprise Schroders' 'global norms' breach list. Further, the Fund may apply other exclusions as listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>. The Fund invests in companies that have good governance practices, as determined by the Investment Manager's rating criteria.
- The Investment Manager ensures that at least 90% of the portion of the Fund's Net Asset Value composed of investments in companies is rated against the sustainability criteria.
- As a result of the application of sustainability criteria, at least 20% of the Fund's potential investment universe is excluded from the selection of investments.

● ***What is the committed minimum rate to reduce the scope of the investments considered prior to the application of that investment strategy?***

As a result of the application of the Fund's sustainability criteria, at least 20% of the Fund's potential investment universe is excluded from the selection of investments. For the purposes of this test, the potential investment universe is the core universe of issuers that the Investment Manager may select for the Fund prior to the application of sustainability criteria, in accordance with the other limitations of the Investment Objective and Policy.

**Good governance** practices include sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff and tax compliance.

● **What is the policy to assess good governance practices of the investee companies?**

In order to assess good governance practices, a central Good Governance Test is applied. This test is based on a data-driven quantitative framework, which uses a scorecard to assess companies across the categories of sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff, and tax compliance. Schroders has defined a number of criteria across these pillars.

Compliance with the test is monitored centrally and companies which do not pass this test cannot be held by the Fund, unless the Investment Manager has agreed that the issuer demonstrates good governance based on additional insights beyond that quantitative analysis.

**Asset allocation** describes the share of investments in specific assets.

**What is the asset allocation planned for this financial product?**

The planned composition of the Fund’s investments that are used to meet its environmental or social characteristics are summarised below.

**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the minimum proportion of the Fund’s assets used to attain the environmental or social characteristics, which is equal to 70%. The Fund commits to maintain a higher overall sustainability score than the MSCI AC Asia Pacific ex Japan (Net TR) index, and so the Fund’s investments that are scored by Schroders’ proprietary sustainability tool are included within the minimum proportion stated in #1 on the basis that they will contribute to the Fund’s sustainability score (whether such individual investment has a positive or a negative score). Also included within #1 is the minimum proportion of assets that are invested in sustainable investments, as indicated in #1A. The minimum proportions stated apply in normal market conditions. The actual proportion stated in #1 is expected to be higher.

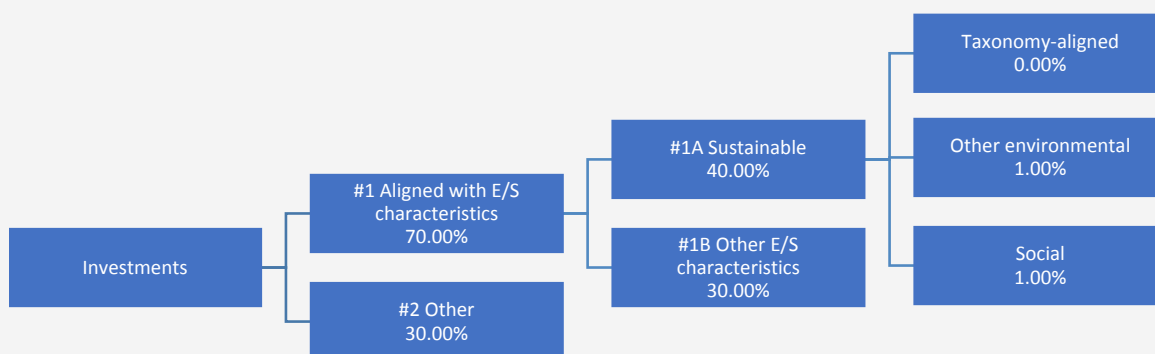
The sustainability score is measured by Schroders’ proprietary tool that provides an estimate of the net “impact” that an issuer may create in terms of social and environmental “costs” or “benefits”. It does this by using certain indicators with respect to that issuer, and quantifying them positively and negatively to produce an aggregate notional measure of the effect that the relevant underlying issuer may have on society and the environment. Examples of such indicators are greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

The Fund will invest at least 40% of its assets in sustainable investments. A sustainable investment is classified as having an environmental or social objective depending on whether the relevant issuer has a higher score in Schroders’ proprietary tool relative to its applicable peer group for its environmental indicators or its social indicators. In each case, indicators are comprised of both “costs” and “benefits”.

**#2 Other** includes cash which is treated as neutral for sustainability purposes. #2 also includes investments that are not scored by Schroders’ proprietary sustainability tool and so do not contribute towards the Fund’s sustainability score. As #1 states a minimum proportion that is in practice expected to be higher, the proportion stated in #2 is expected to be lower.

Minimum safeguards are applied where relevant to Money Market Investments and other investments by restricting (as appropriate) investments in counterparties where there are ownership links or exposure to higher risk countries (for the purpose of money laundering, terrorist financing, bribery, corruption, tax evasion and sanctions risks). A firm-wide risk assessment considers the risk rating of each jurisdiction; which includes reference to a number of public statements, indices and world governance indicators issued by the UN, the European Union, the UK Government, the Financial Action Task Force and several Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), such as Transparency International and the Basel Committee.

In addition, new counterparties are reviewed by Schroders’ credit risk team and approval of a new counterparty is based on a holistic review of the various sources of information available, including, but not limited to, quality of management, ownership structure, location, regulatory and social environment to which each counterparty is subject, and the degree of development of the local banking system and its regulatory framework. Ongoing monitoring is performed through a Schroders’ proprietary tool, which supports the analysis of a counterparty’s management of environmental, social and governance trends and challenges. Any significant deterioration in the profile of the counterparty in Schroders’ proprietary tool would lead to further analysis and potential exclusion by Schroders’ credit risk team.



**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the investments of the financial product used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product.

**#2 Other** includes the remaining investments of the financial product which are neither aligned with the environmental or social characteristics, nor are qualified as sustainable investments.

The category **#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** covers:

- The sub-category **#1A Sustainable** covers sustainable investments with environmental or social objectives.
- The sub-category **#1B Other E/S characteristics** covers investments aligned with the environmental or social characteristics that do not qualify as sustainable investments.

#1 The minimum proportion stated applies in normal market conditions.

● **How does the use of derivatives attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?**

The Fund may use derivatives that are scored in Schroders' proprietary tool to meet the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted by the Fund, as such derivatives would contribute to the Fund's sustainability score (whether such individual investment has a positive or a negative score).



**To what minimum extent are sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?**

There is no minimum extent to which the Fund's investments (including transitional and enabling activities) with an environmental objective are aligned with the Taxonomy. Taxonomy alignment of this Fund's investments has therefore not been calculated and has as a result been deemed to constitute 0% of the Fund's portfolio.

In future it is expected that the Fund will assess and report on the extent to which its underlying investments are in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the Taxonomy, along with information relating to the proportion of enabling and transitional activities. This Prospectus will be updated once it is possible in the Investment Manager's opinion to accurately disclose to what extent the Fund's investments are in Taxonomy-aligned environmentally sustainable activities, including the proportions of investments in enabling and transitional activities selected for the Fund.

● **Does the financial product invest in fossil gas and/or nuclear energy related activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy<sup>1</sup>?**

☐ Yes:

☐ In fossil gas ☐ In nuclear energy

☒ No

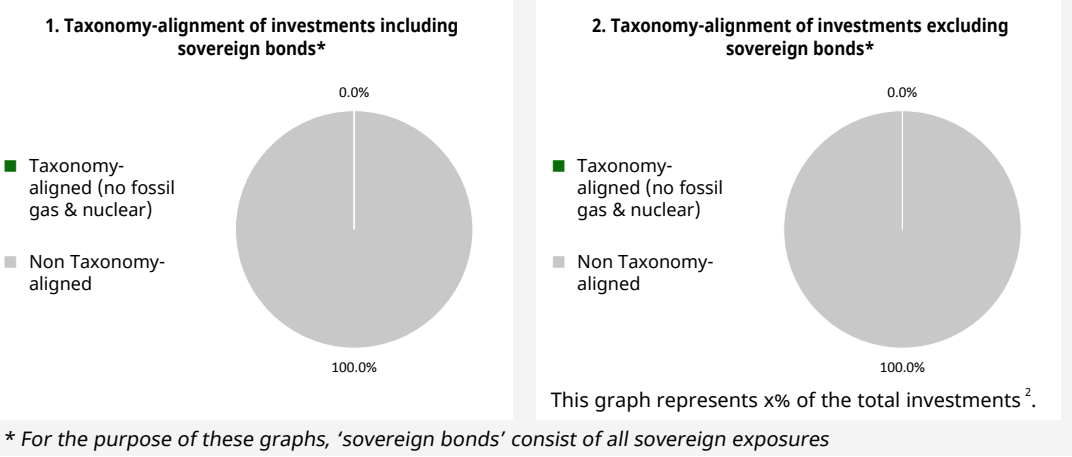
To comply with the EU Taxonomy, the criteria for **fossil gas** include limitations on emissions and switching to renewable power or low-carbon fuels by the end of 2035. For **nuclear energy**, the criteria include comprehensive safety and waste management rules.

<sup>1</sup> Fossil gas and/or nuclear related activities will only comply with the EU Taxonomy where they contribute to limiting climate change ("climate change mitigation") and do not significantly harm any EU Taxonomy objective – see explanatory note in the left-hand margin. The full criteria for fossil gas and nuclear energy economic activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy are laid down in Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1214.

Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

- **turnover** reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee companies
- **capital expenditure** (CapEx) showing the green investments made by investee companies, e.g. for a transition to a green economy.
- **operational expenditure** (OpEx) reflecting green operational activities of investee companies.

The two graphs below show in green the minimum percentage of investments that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the Taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy-alignment in relation to all the investments of the financial product including sovereign bonds, while the second graph shows the Taxonomy-alignment only in relation to the investments of the financial product other than sovereign bonds.



**Enabling activities** directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective.

- **What is the minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities?**  
As per the above, at the date of this Prospectus the share of investments by the Fund in transitional and enabling activities is currently deemed to constitute 0% of the Fund's portfolio.

**Transitional activities** are activities for which low-carbon alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.



**What is the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?**

The Fund commits to invest at least 1% of its assets in sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy.



are sustainable investments with an environmental objective that **do not take into account the criteria** for environmentally sustainable economic activities under the EU Taxonomy.

<sup>2</sup> As there is no Taxonomy-alignment, there is no impact on the graph if sovereign bonds are excluded (i.e. the percentage of Taxonomy-aligned investments remains 0%) and the Management Company therefore believes that there is no need to mention this information.



## What is the minimum share of socially sustainable investments?

The Fund commits to invest at least 1% of its assets in sustainable investments with a social objective.



## What investments are included under “#2 Other”, what is their purpose and are there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

**#2 Other** includes cash which is treated as neutral for sustainability purposes. #2 also includes investments that are not scored by Schroders’ proprietary sustainability tools and so do not contribute towards the Fund’s sustainability score.

Minimum safeguards are applied where relevant to Money Market Investments and other investments by restricting (as appropriate) investments in counterparties where there are ownership links or exposure to higher risk countries (for the purpose of money laundering, terrorist financing, bribery, corruption, tax evasion and sanctions risks). A firm-wide risk assessment considers the risk rating of each jurisdiction; which includes reference to a number of public statements, indices and world governance indicators issued by the UN, the European Union, the UK Government, the Financial Action Task Force and several Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), such as Transparency International and the Basel Committee.

In addition, new counterparties are reviewed by Schroders’ credit risk team and approval of a new counterparty is based on a holistic review of the various sources of information available, including, but not limited to, quality of management, ownership structure, location, regulatory and social environment to which each counterparty is subject, and the degree of development of the local banking system and its regulatory framework. Ongoing monitoring is performed through a Schroders’ proprietary tool, which supports the analysis of a counterparty’s management of environmental, social and governance trends and challenges. Any significant deterioration in the profile of the counterparty in Schroders’ proprietary tool would lead to further analysis and potential exclusion by Schroders’ credit risk team.



## Is a specific index designated as a reference benchmark to determine whether this financial product is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes?

**Reference benchmarks** are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the environmental or social characteristics that they promote.

- ***How is the reference benchmark continuously aligned with each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- ***How is the alignment of the investment strategy with the methodology of the index ensured on a continuous basis?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- ***How does the designated index differ from a relevant broad market index?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- ***Where can the methodology used for the calculation of the designated index be found?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.



## Where can I find more product specific information online?

More product-specific information can be found on the webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>



Pre-contractual disclosure for the financial products referred to in Article 8, paragraphs 1, 2 and 2a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 6, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852

**Product name:** **Schroder International Selection Fund Sustainable Euro Credit**

**Legal entity identifier:** **5493003OZ3JFD52K6J04**

## Environmental and/or social characteristics

**Sustainable investment** means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good governance practices.

The **EU Taxonomy** is a classification system laid down in Regulation (EU) 2020/852, establishing a list of **environmentally sustainable economic activities**. That Regulation does not lay down a list of socially sustainable economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.

Does this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?	
●● <input type="checkbox"/> Yes	●○ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
<input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with an environmental objective: ___%</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> It <b>promotes Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics</b> and while it does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will have a minimum proportion of <b>50.00%</b> of sustainable investments
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<input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with a social objective ___%</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> with a social objective
	<input type="checkbox"/> It promotes E/S characteristics, but <b>will not make any sustainable investments</b>



## What environmental and/or social characteristics are promoted by this financial product?

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the ICE Bank of America Euro Corporate index, based on the Investment Manager's rating system. This benchmark (which is a broad market index) does not take into account the environmental and social characteristics promoted by the Fund.

The sustainability score is measured by Schroders' proprietary tool that provides an estimate of the net "impact" that an issuer may create in terms of social and environmental "costs" or "benefits". It does this by using certain indicators with respect to that issuer, and quantifying them positively and negatively to produce an aggregate notional measure of the effect that the relevant underlying issuer may have on society and the environment. It does this using third party data as well as Schroders own estimates and assumptions and the outcome may differ from other sustainability tools and measures. Examples of such indicators are greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

The result is expressed as an aggregate score of the sustainability indicators for each issuer, specifically a notional percentage (positive or negative) of sales or GDP of the relevant underlying issuer. For example, a score of +2% would mean an issuer contributes \$2 of relative notional positive impact (i.e. benefits to society) per \$100 of sales or GDP. The sustainability score of the Fund is derived from the scores of all issuers in the Fund's portfolio measured by Schroders' proprietary tool.

**The Fund invests at least 10% of its assets in green, social and/or sustainable bonds:**

The Fund invests at least **50%** of its assets in sustainable investments, which are investments that the Investment Manager expects to contribute towards the advancement of one or more environmental and/or social objective(s).

**Sustainability indicators** measure how the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product are attained.

### What sustainability indicators are used to measure the attainment of each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

The Investment Manager monitors compliance with the characteristic to maintain a higher overall sustainability score than the ICE Bank of America Euro Corporate index by reference to the weighted average sustainability score of the Fund in Schroders' proprietary tool compared against the weighted average sustainability score of the ICE Bank of America Euro Corporate index in Schroders' proprietary tool over the previous six month period, based on month-end data. The overall sustainability score aggregates the effect of sustainability indicators including but not limited to greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

The Investment Manager monitors compliance with the characteristic to invest at least ~~10% of its assets in green, social and/or sustainable bonds~~ and 50% of its assets in sustainable investments by reference to (i) the sustainability score of each asset in Schroders' proprietary tool and/or (ii) ~~whether the asset is classified as a green, social and/or sustainable bond~~. Compliance with these requirements are monitored daily via our automated compliance controls. The Fund also applies certain exclusions, with which the Investment Manager monitors compliance on an ongoing basis via its portfolio compliance framework.

● ***What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?***

In respect of the proportion of the Fund's portfolio that is invested in sustainable investments, each sustainable investment ~~either (i) demonstrates a net positive effect across a range of environmental or social objectives, as scored by Schroders' proprietary tool and/or (ii) is classified as a green, social and/or sustainable bond using a third-party data source~~. The environmental or social objectives of the sustainable investments that the Fund partially intends to make may include, but are not limited to, increasing environmental and/or social benefits such as greater water access or fair pay and reducing environmental, and/or social costs such as carbon emissions or food waste. For example, greater water access as measured by Schroders' proprietary tool are the estimated societal benefits of the provision of clean drinking water to human health. The environmental or social objectives of green, social and/or sustainable bonds may include, but are not limited to, climate change mitigation, renewable energy initiatives, natural resource conservation, access to finance and affordable housing projects.

● ***How do the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make, not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?***

The Investment Manager's approach to investing in issuers that do not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective includes the following:

- Firm-wide investment exclusions apply to Schroders funds. These relate to international conventions on cluster munitions, anti-personnel mines, and chemical and biological weapons and a list of those companies that are excluded is available at <https://www.schroders.com/en/sustainability/active-ownership/group-exclusions/>. Firm-wide exclusions also apply to companies generating more than 20% of their revenue from thermal coal mining.
- The Fund excludes companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to tobacco and thermal coal.
- The Fund excludes companies that are assessed by Schroders to have breached one or more 'global norms' thereby causing significant environmental or social harm; these companies comprise Schroders' 'global norms' breach list. Schroders' determination of whether a company has been involved in such a breach considers relevant principles such as those contained in the UN Global Compact (UNGC) principles, the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights. The 'global norms' breach list may be informed by assessments performed by third party providers and by proprietary research, where relevant to a particular situation.
- The Fund may also apply certain other exclusions in addition to those summarised above.

Further information on all of the Fund's investment exclusions is to be found under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>.

● ***How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?***

When seeking to identify significant harm, Schroders' approach to taking into account the Principal Adverse Impacts (PAI) indicators involves a quantitative and a qualitative assessment. Where it is not considered appropriate or feasible to set quantitative thresholds, the Investment Manager engages, where relevant. Investee companies deemed not to satisfy the quantitative thresholds would generally be excluded, unless on a case-by-case basis the data is deemed not representative of a company's performance in the relevant area.

This framework is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability and quality of the data evolves.

Our approach includes:

1. **Quantitative:** this includes indicators where specific thresholds have been established:

- Via the application of exclusions. This approach is relevant to **PAI 4** (Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector), **PAI 5** (Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production) and **PAI 14** (Exposure to controversial weapons). Further, the following PAIs are assessed as part of Schroders 'global norms' breach list exclusion (which seeks to exclude companies where significant harm is occurring):

**Principal adverse impacts** are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anticorruption and antibribery matters.

- **PAI 7** (Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas)
- **PAI 8** (Emissions to water)
- **PAI 9** (Hazardous waste and radioactive waste ratio)
- **PAI 10** (Violations of UN Global Compact principles and Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises)
- **PAI 11** (Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and Voluntary)
- **PAI 14** in Table 3 (Number of identified cases of severe human rights issues and incidents)
- Via the application of an alert system flag if the relevant indicator(s) exceeds a threshold. These quantitative thresholds to assess significant harm are established centrally by our Sustainable Investment team and monitored systematically. This approach applies to indicators where we have segmented the population into harm groups to establish a threshold, such as carbon related PAI metrics, **PAI 1** (GHG emissions), **PAI 2** (Carbon footprint) and **Voluntary PAI 4 in Table 2** (Investing in companies without carbon emission reduction initiatives). **PAI 3** (GHG intensity of investee companies) operates in a similar way but the threshold is based on a revenue metric. A threshold for **PAI 6** (Energy consumption intensity per high impact climate sector) is established based on the ~~above mentioned~~ carbon measures. A similar approach has been taken for **PAI 15** (GHG intensity). **PAI 16** (Investee countries subject to social violations) also operates in the same way but based on data availability regarding social violations. Through this process the relevant issuer(s) that is/are deemed not to satisfy the quantitative thresholds is/are flagged to the Investment Manager for consideration, whose response may involve selling the holdings(s) or maintaining the position if on a case-by-case basis the data is deemed not representative of a company's performance in the relevant area. Investee companies deemed to cause significant harm are excluded from the Fund.
- 2. **Qualitative:** This includes PAI indicators where Schroders' believes that the data available does not enable us to make a quantitative determination regarding whether significant harm is done so as to warrant excluding an investment. In such cases, the Investment Manager engages wherever possible with the company or companies held, in accordance with the priorities documented in Schroders' Engagement Blueprint and/or voting policy. This approach applies to indicators such as **PAI 12** (Unadjusted gender pay gap) and **PAI 13** (Board gender diversity), where we engage and may use our voting rights where we consider appropriate. Both board gender diversity and disclosure of gender pay gap information are captured in our Engagement Blueprint.

● ***How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:***

Companies on Schroders' 'global norms' breach list cannot be categorised as sustainable investments. Schroders' determination of whether a company should be included on such list considers the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, among other relevant principles. The 'global norms' breach list is informed by third party providers and proprietary research, where relevant.

*The EU Taxonomy sets out a "do not significant harm" principle by which Taxonomy-aligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives and is accompanied by specific EU criteria.*

The "do not significant harm" principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.

*Any other sustainable investments must also not significantly harm any environmental or social objectives.*



## Does this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

☒ Yes, ~~the Investment Manager's approach to considering principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors involves classifying the indicators into three categories:~~

~~The Investment Manager's approach to considering principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors differs depending on the relevant indicator. Some indicators are considered via the application of exclusions, some are considered via the investment process (where data is available via Schroders PAI dashboard and via other external data sources) and some are considered via engagement. Further details are provided below. PAIs are considered as part of pre-investment through the application of exclusions. These include:~~  
~~- Controversial weapons: PAI 14 (Exposure to controversial weapons (anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, chemical weapons and biological weapons)).~~

- Schroders' 'global norms' breach list, which covers: PAI 7 (Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas), PAI 8 (Emissions to water), PAI 9 (Hazardous waste and radioactive waste ratio), PAI 10 (Violations of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises), PAI 11 (Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises) and PAI 16 (Investee countries subject to social violations).

- Companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to thermal coal: PAI 4 (Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector) and PAI 5 (Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production).

Compliance with these thresholds is monitored via the Investment Manager's portfolio compliance framework. PAIs are also considered through integration in the investment process as Schroders' proprietary tool incorporates several PAIs as a component of its scoring methodology. In assessing an issuers' overall environmental score PAI 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 (Greenhouse gas emissions) are included. All PAI indicators are monitored via Schroders PAI dashboard.

PAIs are also considered post-investment through engagement where the Investment Manager engages in line with the approach and expectations set out in Schroders Engagement Blueprint, which outlines our approach to active ownership. The Investment Manager may engage with selected issuers held by the Fund on PAIs 1, 2, 3 and 4. We aim to engage with several issuers on net zero carbon emissions targets (PAI 1,2), procuring renewable energy (PAI 5).

Our approach is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability, and quality, of PAI data evolves. The Management Company's statement on principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors is available at <https://mybrand.schroders.com/m/4ab13771bddd9d/original/Statement-on-principal-adverse-impacts-of-investment-decisions-on-sustainability-factors-2-1-new.pdf> <https://api.schroders.com/document-store/id/ffcb39bb-96cb-4e56-9461-deba9a493e85>. The Fund level information is disclosed or will be disclosed (as applicable) in the Fund's annual report.

1. Set thresholds: these involve very explicit thresholds for considering an investment to be a "sustainable investment". For example, PAI 10 on violations of UNGC principles.

2. Active ownership: these involve indicators on which we have a plan to engage with the underlying holding as set out in the Schroders Group document - <https://mybrand.schroders.com/m/3222ea4ed44a1f2c/original/schroders-engagement-blueprint.pdf>, outlining our approach to active ownership. For example, PAI 1, 2 and 3 covering GHG emissions and PAI 13 on board gender diversity.

3. Improve coverage: these involve indicators where we consider data coverage to be too sparse to properly consider them and our focus is primarily on engaging with the underlying holdings to increase reporting. For example, PAI 7 on biodiversity, PAI 9 on hazardous waste ratio and PAI 12 on the gender pay gap.

Our approach is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability, and quality, of PAI data evolves.

The Management Company's statement on principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors is available at <https://mybrand.schroders.com/m/467910ac8e6da45c/original/Statement-on-principal-adverse-impacts-of-investment-decisions-on-sustainability-factors.pdf>. The Fund level information is disclosed or will be (as applicable) in the Fund's annual report.

☐ No



## What investment strategy does this financial product follow?

**The investment strategy** guides investment decisions based on factors such as investment objectives and risk tolerance.

The sustainable investment strategy used by the Investment Manager is as follows:

The Fund is actively managed and invests at least two-thirds of its assets in fixed and floating rate securities denominated in or hedged to Euro issued by companies and other non-sovereign bond issuers, governments, government agencies and supra-nationals worldwide.

In security analysis, the Fund compares issuers in the context of their sector and country peers.

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than ICE Bank of America Euro Corporate index, based on the Investment Manager's rating system.

**The Fund invests at least 10% of its assets in green, social and/or sustainable bonds:**

The Fund does not directly invest in certain activities, industries or groups of issuers above the limits listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

The Fund invests in companies that have good governance practices, as determined by the Investment Manager's rating criteria.

The Investment Manager may also engage with companies held by the Fund to challenge identified areas of weakness on sustainability issues. More details on the Investment Manager's approach to sustainability and its engagement with companies are available on the webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/>

The Fund may invest:

- up to 30% of its assets in securities that have a below investment grade credit rating (as measured by Standard & Poor's or any equivalent grade of other credit rating agencies for rated bonds and implied Schroders ratings for non-rated bonds);
- up to 20% of its assets in sovereign government bonds;

- up to 20% of its assets in asset-backed securities and mortgage-backed securities; and
- up to 20% of its assets in convertible bonds including up to 10% of its assets in contingent convertible bonds.

The Fund may also invest up to one-third of its assets directly or indirectly in other securities (including other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies, Investment Funds, warrants and Money Market Investments, and hold cash.

The Fund may use derivatives with the aim of achieving investment gains, reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently.

The Investment Manager applies sustainability criteria when selecting investments for the Fund. The strategy applies screens to combine best-in-class companies with investments in issuers demonstrating good or improving sustainability credentials. This is achieved by:

- The exclusion of issuers with certain exposure to specific activities that the Investment Manager considers environmentally destructive or socially damaging, violate human rights and/or have demonstrated gross misconduct that the Investment Manager deems to have businesses that are environmentally destructive, socially costly, violate human rights and/or have demonstrated gross misconduct.
- The inclusion of issuers that the Investment Manager considers are well placed to deliver demonstrate stable and improving sustainability trajectories relative to their industry peers. As part of the selection process, the Investment Manager also considers companies' commitment to sustainable themes such as responsible finance, waste management, climate change mitigation, education, health and wellbeing, and circular packaging.

The Fund may also invest strategically in green, social and sustainable bonds. The selection of green, social and sustainable bonds entails assessing the overall sustainability of the issuer, and analysing the use of proceeds and the expected impact on the bond's objectives. A green bond is a fixed or floating rate security that finances an environmental objective. A social bond is a fixed or floating rate security that finances a social objective. A sustainable bond is a fixed or floating rate security that finances both environmental and social objectives.

The Investment Manager may also engage with companies to encourage transparency, the transition to a circular economy with lower carbon emissions intensity and responsible social behaviour that promotes sustainable growth and alpha generation.

The primary sources of information used to perform the analysis are Schroders' proprietary sustainability tools and research, and the Investment Manager's third-party research, NGO reports and expert networks. The Investment Manager also performs its own analysis of information provided by the companies, including information provided in company sustainability reports and other relevant company material.

The Investment Manager ensures that at least 90% of the portion of the Fund's Net Asset Value composed of investments in companies is rated against the sustainability criteria. As a result of the application of sustainability criteria, at least 20% of the Fund's potential investment universe is excluded from the selection of investments.

For the purposes of this test, the potential investment universe is the core universe of issuers that the Investment Manager may select for the Fund prior to the application of sustainability criteria, in accordance with the other limitations of the Investment Objective and Policy. This universe is comprised of fixed and floating rate securities denominated in various currencies and issued by companies worldwide. The universe (for the purpose of this test only) does not include fixed or floating rate securities issued by public or quasi-public issuers.

### ● ***What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?***

The following binding elements are applied throughout the investment process:

- The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the ICE Bank of America Euro Corporate index based on the Investment Manager's rating criteria.
- The Fund invests at least 10% of its assets in green, social and/or sustainable bonds.
- The Fund invests at least 50% of its assets in sustainable investments and such investments do not cause significant environmental or social harm.
- Exclusions are applied to direct investments in companies. The Fund applies certain exclusions relating to international conventions on cluster munitions, antipersonnel mines, and chemical and biological weapons. The Fund also excludes companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to tobacco and thermal coal, especially companies that generate at least 10% of their revenues from tobacco production, companies that generate at least 25% of their revenues from the tobacco value chain (such as suppliers, distributors, retailers and licensors), companies that generate at least 10% of their revenues from thermal coal mining and companies that generate at least 30% of their revenues from coal fired power generation. The Fund excludes companies that are assessed by Schroders to have breached one or more 'global norms' thereby causing significant environmental or social harm; these companies comprise Schroders' 'global norms' breach list. Further, the Fund may apply other exclusions as listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>. The Fund invests in companies that have good governance practices, as determined by the Investment Manager's rating criteria.
- The Investment Manager ensures that at least 90% of the portion of the Fund's Net Asset Value composed of investments in companies is rated against the sustainability criteria.



- As a result of the application of sustainability criteria, at least 20% of the Fund's potential investment universe is excluded from the selection of investments.

● **What is the committed minimum rate to reduce the scope of the investments considered prior to the application of that investment strategy?**

As a result of the application of the Fund's sustainability criteria, at least 20% of the Fund's potential investment universe is excluded from the selection of investments. For the purposes of this test, the potential investment universe is the core universe of issuers that the Investment Manager may select for the Fund prior to the application of sustainability criteria, in accordance with the other limitations of the Investment Objective and Policy.

● **What is the policy to assess good governance practices of the investee companies?**

In order to assess good governance practices, a central Good Governance Test is applied. This test is based on a data-driven quantitative framework, which uses a scorecard to assess companies across the categories of sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff, and tax compliance. Schroders has defined a number of criteria across these pillars.

Compliance with the test is monitored centrally and companies which do not pass this test cannot be held by the Fund, unless the Investment Manager has agreed that the issuer demonstrates good governance based on additional insights beyond that quantitative analysis.

**Good governance** practices include sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff and tax compliance.



**Asset allocation** describes the share of investments in specific assets.

## What is the asset allocation planned for this financial product?

The planned composition of the Fund's investments that are used to meet its environmental or social characteristics are summarised below.

**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the minimum proportion of the Fund's assets used to attain the environmental or social characteristics, which is equal to 680%. The Fund commits to maintain a higher overall sustainability score than the ICE Bank of America Euro Corporate index, and so the Fund's investments that are scored by Schroders' proprietary sustainability tool are included within the minimum proportion stated in #1 on the basis that they will contribute to the Fund's sustainability score (whether such individual investment has a positive or a negative score). Also included within #1 are any green, social or sustainable bonds that are not scored by Schroders' proprietary sustainability tool. The minimum proportion of assets that are invested in sustainable investments, is indicated in #1A. The minimum proportions stated apply in normal market conditions. The actual proportion stated in #1 is expected to be higher.

The sustainability score is measured by Schroders' proprietary tool that provides an estimate of the net "impact" that an issuer may create in terms of social and environmental "costs" or "benefits". It does this by using certain indicators with respect to that issuer, and quantifying them positively and negatively to produce an aggregate notional measure of the effect that the relevant underlying issuer may have on society and the environment. Examples of such indicators are greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

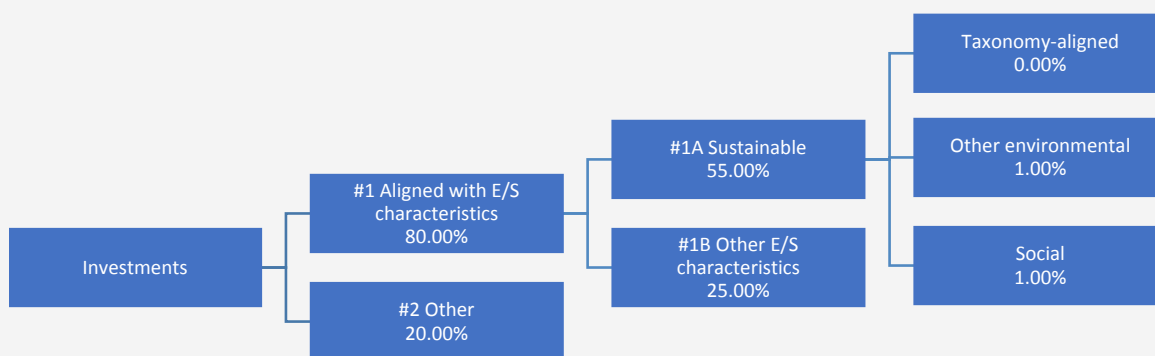
The Fund will invest at least 550% of its assets in sustainable investments. Each sustainable investment (i) demonstrates a net positive effect across a range of environmental or social objectives, as scored by Schroders' proprietary tool or (ii) is classified as a green, social and/or sustainable bond using a third-party data source. With the exception of any green or social bonds, which will be classified as having an environmental or social objective respectively, a sustainable investment is classified as having an environmental or social objective depending on whether the relevant issuer has a higher score in Schroders' proprietary tool relative to its applicable peer group for its environmental indicators or its social indicators. In each case, indicators are comprised of both "costs" and "benefits."

**#2 Other** includes cash which is treated as neutral for sustainability purposes. #2 also includes other investments that are not scored by Schroders' proprietary sustainability tool and so do not contribute towards the Fund's sustainability score. As #1 states a minimum proportion that is in practice expected to be higher, the proportion stated in #2 is expected to be lower.

Minimum safeguards are applied where relevant to investments by restricting (as appropriate) investments in counterparties where there are ownership links or exposure to higher risk countries (for the purpose of money laundering, terrorist financing, bribery, corruption, tax evasion and sanctions risks). A firm-wide risk assessment considers the risk rating of each jurisdiction; which includes reference to a number of public statements, indices and world governance indicators issued by the UN, the European Union, the UK Government, the Financial Action Task Force and several Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), such as Transparency International and the Basel Committee.

In addition, new counterparties are reviewed by Schroders' credit risk team and approval of a new counterparty is based on a holistic review of the various sources of information available, including, but not limited to, quality of management, ownership structure, location, regulatory and social environment to which each counterparty is subject, and the degree of development of the local banking system and its regulatory framework. Ongoing monitoring is performed through a Schroders' proprietary tool, which supports the analysis of a counterparty's management of environmental, social and governance trends and challenges. Any significant deterioration in the profile of the counterparty in Schroders' proprietary tool would lead to further analysis and potential exclusion by Schroders' credit risk team.





**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the investments of the financial product used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product.

**#2 Other** includes the remaining investments of the financial product which are neither aligned with the environmental or social characteristics, nor are qualified as sustainable investments.

The category **#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** covers:

- The sub-category **#1A Sustainable** covers sustainable investments with environmental or social objectives.
- The sub-category **#1B Other E/S characteristics** covers investments aligned with the environmental or social characteristics that do not qualify as sustainable investments.

#1 The minimum proportion stated applies in normal market conditions.

### ● **How does the use of derivatives attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?**

Single name credit default swaps are used as a proxy for direct investments which would otherwise be held by the Fund in line with its sustainability criteria. Such derivatives are therefore used to attain the Fund's sustainability score in Schroders proprietary tool which is one of the binding elements of the Fund. The Fund may use other derivatives that are scored in Schroders' proprietary tool to meet the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted by the Fund, as such derivatives would contribute to the Fund's sustainability score (whether such individual investment has a positive or a negative score).



### **To what minimum extent are sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?**

There is no minimum extent to which the Fund's investments (including transitional and enabling activities) with an environmental objective are aligned with the Taxonomy. Taxonomy alignment of this Fund's investments has therefore not been calculated and has as a result been deemed to constitute 0% of the Fund's portfolio.

In future it is expected that the Fund will assess and report on the extent to which its underlying investments are in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the Taxonomy, along with information relating to the proportion of enabling and transitional activities. This Prospectus will be updated once it is possible in the Investment Manager's opinion to accurately disclose to what extent the Fund's investments are in Taxonomy-aligned environmentally sustainable activities, including the proportions of investments in enabling and transitional activities selected for the Fund.

### ● **Does the financial product invest in fossil gas and/or nuclear energy related activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy<sup>1</sup>?**

☐ Yes:

☐ In fossil gas ☐ In nuclear energy

☒ No

To comply with the EU Taxonomy, the criteria for **fossil gas** include limitations on emissions and switching to renewable power or low-carbon fuels by the end of 2035. For **nuclear energy**, the criteria include

<sup>1</sup> Fossil gas and/or nuclear related activities will only comply with the EU Taxonomy where they contribute to limiting climate change ("climate change mitigation") and do not significantly harm any EU Taxonomy objective – see explanatory note in the left-hand margin. The full criteria for fossil gas and nuclear energy economic activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy are laid down in Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1214.

comprehensive safety and waste management rules.

Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

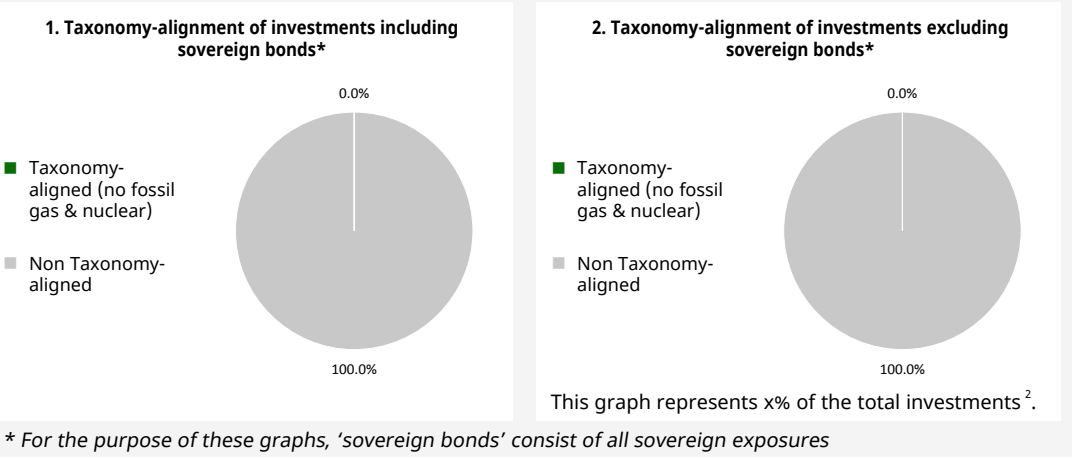
- **turnover** reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee companies
- **capital expenditure** (CapEx) showing the green investments made by investee companies, e.g. for a transition to a green economy.
- **operational expenditure** (OpEx) reflecting green operational activities of investee companies.

**Enabling activities** directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective.

**Transitional activities** are activities for which low-carbon alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.

are sustainable investments with an environmental objective that **do not take into account the criteria** for environmentally sustainable economic activities under the EU Taxonomy.

The two graphs below show in green the minimum percentage of investments that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the Taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy-alignment in relation to all the investments of the financial product including sovereign bonds, while the second graph shows the Taxonomy-alignment only in relation to the investments of the financial product other than sovereign bonds.



- **What is the minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities?**  
As per the above, at the date of this Prospectus the share of investments by the Fund in transitional and enabling activities is currently deemed to constitute 0% of the Fund's portfolio.



**What is the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?**  
The Fund commits to invest at least 1% of its assets in sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

<sup>2</sup> As there is no Taxonomy-alignment, there is no impact on the graph if sovereign bonds are excluded (i.e. the percentage of Taxonomy-aligned investments remains 0%) and the Management Company therefore believes that there is no need to mention this information.



## What is the minimum share of socially sustainable investments?

The Fund commits to invest at least 1% of its assets in sustainable investments with a social objective.



## What investments are included under “#2 Other”, what is their purpose and are there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

**#2 Other** includes cash which is treated as neutral for sustainability purposes. #2 also includes investments that are not scored by Schroders’ proprietary sustainability tools and so do not contribute towards the Fund’s sustainability score.

Minimum safeguards are applied where relevant to investments by restricting (as appropriate) investments in counterparties where there are ownership links or exposure to higher risk countries (for the purpose of money laundering, terrorist financing, bribery, corruption, tax evasion and sanctions risks). A firm-wide risk assessment considers the risk rating of each jurisdiction; which includes reference to a number of public statements, indices and world governance indicators issued by the UN, the European Union, the UK Government, the Financial Action Task Force and several Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), such as Transparency International and the Basel Committee.

In addition, new counterparties are reviewed by Schroders’ credit risk team and approval of a new counterparty is based on a holistic review of the various sources of information available, including, but not limited to, quality of management, ownership structure, location, regulatory and social environment to which each counterparty is subject, and the degree of development of the local banking system and its regulatory framework. Ongoing monitoring is performed through a Schroders’ proprietary tool, which supports the analysis of a counterparty’s management of environmental, social and governance trends and challenges. Any significant deterioration in the profile of the counterparty in Schroders’ proprietary tool would lead to further analysis and potential exclusion by Schroders’ credit risk team.



## Is a specific index designated as a reference benchmark to determine whether this financial product is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes?

**Reference benchmarks** are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the environmental or social characteristics that they promote.

- ***How is the reference benchmark continuously aligned with each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- ***How is the alignment of the investment strategy with the methodology of the index ensured on a continuous basis?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- ***How does the designated index differ from a relevant broad market index?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- ***Where can the methodology used for the calculation of the designated index be found?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.



## Where can I find more product specific information online?

More product-specific information can be found on the webpage: <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

Pre-contractual disclosure for the financial products referred to in Article 8, paragraphs 1, 2 and 2a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 6, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852

**Product name:** **Schroder International Selection Fund Sustainable Emerging Markets Synergy**

**Legal entity identifier:** 54930003F8X2ITJLMY54

## Environmental and/or social characteristics

<p><b>Sustainable investment</b> means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good governance practices.</p>	<p><b>Does this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?</b></p> <p> <input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Yes</b> <input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>No</b> </p>		
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## What environmental and/or social characteristics are promoted by this financial product?

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the MSCI Emerging Markets (NDR) index, based on the Investment Manager's rating system. This benchmark (which is a broad market index) does not take into account the environmental and social characteristics promoted by the Fund.

The sustainability score is measured by Schroders' proprietary tool that provides an estimate of the net "impact" that an issuer may create in terms of social and environmental "costs" or "benefits". It does this by using certain indicators with respect to that issuer, and quantifying them positively and negatively to produce an aggregate notional measure of the effect that the relevant underlying issuer may have on society and the environment. It does this using third party data as well as Schroders own estimates and assumptions and the outcome may differ from other sustainability tools and measures. Examples of such indicators are greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

The result is expressed as an aggregate score of the sustainability indicators for each issuer, specifically a notional percentage (positive or negative) of sales of the relevant underlying issuer. For example, a score of +2% would mean an issuer contributes \$2 of relative notional positive impact (i.e. benefits to society) per \$100 of sales. The sustainability score of the Fund is derived from the scores of all issuers in the Fund's portfolio measured by Schroders' proprietary tool.

The Fund invests at least 25% of its assets in sustainable investments, which are investments that the Investment Manager expects to contribute towards the advancement of one or more environmental and/or social objective (s).

### What sustainability indicators are used to measure the attainment of each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

The Investment Manager monitors compliance with the characteristic to maintain a higher overall sustainability score than the MSCI Emerging Markets (NDR) index by reference to the weighted average sustainability score of the Fund in Schroders' proprietary tool compared against the weighted average sustainability score of the MSCI Emerging Markets (NDR) index in Schroders' proprietary tool over the previous six month period, based on month-end data. The overall sustainability score aggregates the effect of sustainability indicators including but not limited to greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

**Sustainability indicators** measure how the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product are attained.

The Investment Manager monitors compliance with the characteristic to invest at least 25% of its assets in sustainable investments by reference to the sustainability score of each asset in Schroders' proprietary tool. Compliance with this is monitored daily via our automated compliance controls. The Fund also applies certain exclusions, with which the Investment Manager monitors compliance on an ongoing basis via its portfolio compliance framework.

● ***What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?***

In respect of the proportion of the Fund's portfolio that is invested in sustainable investments, each sustainable investment demonstrates a net positive effect across a range of environmental or social objectives, as scored by Schroders' proprietary tool. The environmental or social objectives of the sustainable investments that the Fund partially intends to make may include, but are not limited to, increasing environmental and/or social benefits such as greater water access or fair pay and reducing environmental, and/or social costs such as carbon emissions or food waste. For example, greater water access as measured by Schroders' proprietary tool are the estimated societal benefits of the provision of clean drinking water to human health.

● ***How do the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make, not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?***

The Investment Manager's approach to investing in issuers that do not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective includes the following:

- Firm-wide investment exclusions apply to Schroders funds. These relate to international conventions on cluster munitions, anti-personnel mines, and chemical and biological weapons and a list of those companies that are excluded is available at <https://www.schroders.com/en/sustainability/active-ownership/group-exclusions/>. Firm-wide exclusions also apply to companies generating more than 20% of their revenue from thermal coal mining.
- The Fund excludes companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to tobacco and thermal coal.
- The Fund excludes companies that are assessed by Schroders to have breached one or more 'global norms' thereby causing significant environmental or social harm; these companies comprise Schroders' 'global norms' breach list. Schroders' determination of whether a company has been involved in such a breach considers relevant principles such as those contained in the UN Global Compact (UNGC) principles, the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights. The 'global norms' breach list may be informed by assessments performed by third party providers and by proprietary research, where relevant to a particular situation.
- The Fund may also apply certain other exclusions in addition to those summarised above.

Further information on all of the Fund's investment exclusions is to be found under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

● ***How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?***

When seeking to identify significant harm, Schroders' approach to taking into account the Principal Adverse Impacts (PAI) indicators involves a quantitative and a qualitative assessment. Where it is not considered appropriate or feasible to set quantitative thresholds, the Investment Manager engages, where relevant, investee companies deemed not to satisfy the quantitative thresholds would generally be excluded, unless on a case-by-case basis the data is deemed not representative of a company's performance in the relevant area.

This framework is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability and quality of the data evolves.

Our approach includes:

1. **Quantitative:** this includes indicators where specific thresholds have been established:
  - Via the application of exclusions. This approach is relevant to **PAI 4** (Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector), **PAI 5** (Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production) and **PAI 14** (Exposure to controversial weapons). Further, the following PAIs are assessed as part of Schroders 'global norms' breach list exclusion (which seeks to exclude companies where significant harm is occurring):
    - **PAI 7** (Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas)
    - **PAI 8** (Emissions to water)

**Principal adverse impacts** are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anticorruption and antibribery matters.

- **PAI 9** (Hazardous waste and radioactive waste ratio)
- **PAI 10** (Violations of UN Global Compact principles and Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises)
- **PAI 11** (Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and Voluntary)
- **PAI 14** in Table 3 (Number of identified cases of severe human rights issues and incidents)
- Via the application of an alert system flag if the relevant indicator(s) exceeds a threshold. These quantitative thresholds to assess significant harm are established centrally by our Sustainable Investment team and monitored systematically. This approach applies to indicators where we have segmented the population into harm groups to establish a threshold, such as carbon related PAI metrics, **PAI 1** (GHG emissions), **PAI 2** (Carbon footprint) and **Voluntary PAI 4 in Table 2** (Investing in companies without carbon emission reduction initiatives). **PAI 3** (GHG intensity of investee companies) operates in a similar way but the threshold is based on a revenue metric. A threshold for **PAI 6** (Energy consumption intensity per high impact climate sector) is established based on the ~~above-mentioned~~ carbon measures. A similar approach has been taken for **PAI 15** (GHG intensity). **PAI 16** (Investee countries subject to social violations) also operates in the same way but based on data availability regarding social violations. Through this process the relevant issuer(s) that is/are deemed not to satisfy the quantitative thresholds is/are flagged to the Investment Manager for consideration, whose response may involve selling the holdings(s) or maintaining the position if on a case-by-case basis the data is deemed not representative of a company's performance in the relevant area. Investee companies deemed to cause significant harm are excluded from the Fund.
- 2. **Qualitative:** This includes PAI indicators where Schroders' believes that the data available does not enable us to make a quantitative determination regarding whether significant harm is done so as to warrant excluding an investment. In such cases, the Investment Manager engages wherever possible with the company or companies held, in accordance with the priorities documented in Schroders' Engagement Blueprint and/or voting policy. This approach applies to indicators such as **PAI 12** (Unadjusted gender pay gap) and **PAI 13** (Board gender diversity), where we engage and may use our voting rights where we consider appropriate. Both board gender diversity and disclosure of gender pay gap information are captured in our Engagement Blueprint.

● ***How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:***

Companies on Schroders' 'global norms' breach list cannot be categorised as sustainable investments. Schroders' determination of whether a company should be included on such list considers the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, among other relevant principles. The 'global norms' breach list is informed by third party providers and proprietary research, where relevant.

*The EU Taxonomy sets out a "do not significant harm" principle by which Taxonomy-aligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives and is accompanied by specific EU criteria.*

*The "do not significant harm" principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.*

*Any other sustainable investments must also not significantly harm any environmental or social objectives.*



## Does this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

☒ Yes, ~~the Investment Manager's approach to considering principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors involves classifying the indicators into three categories:~~

~~The Investment Manager's approach to considering principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors differs depending on the relevant indicator. Some indicators are considered via the application of exclusions, some are considered via the investment process (where data is available via Schroders PAI dashboard and via other external data sources) and some are considered via engagement. Further details are provided below.~~

~~PAIs are considered as part of pre-investment through the application of exclusions. These include:~~

~~- Controversial weapons: PAI 14 (Exposure to controversial weapons (anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, chemical weapons and biological weapons))~~

~~- Schroders' 'global norms' breach list, which covers: PAI 7 (Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas), PAI 8 (Emissions to water), PAI 9 (Hazardous waste and radioactive waste ratio), PAI 10 (Violations of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises), PAI 11 (Lack of processes and~~



compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises) and PAI 16 (Investee countries subject to social violations)

- Companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to thermal coal: PAI 4 (Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector) and PAI 5 (Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production)

Compliance with these thresholds is monitored via the Investment Manager's portfolio compliance framework. PAIs are also considered through integration in the investment process. All PAI indicators are monitored via Schroders PAI dashboard. Within the proprietary sustainability framework applied within the Fund's quantitative investment process, the following aspects are taken into account:

Greenhouse gas emissions, greenhouse gas intensity of investment companies (including carbon footprint), exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector: PAI 1, 2, 3 and 4.

Activities negatively affecting biodiversity sensitive areas, emissions to water, hazardous waste: PAI 7, 8 and 9.

Unadjusted gender pay gap, board diversity: PAI 12 and 13.

PAIs are also considered post-investment through engagement where the Investment Manager engages in line with the approach and expectations set out in Schroders Engagement Blueprint, which outlines our approach to active ownership. The Investment Manager may engage with investee companies on the subject of climate change, where we seek to understand a range of companies' transition to net zero and the strategies and policies in place to manage decarbonisation efforts. These engagements relate to PAI 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6.

Our approach is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability, and quality, of PAI data evolves. The Management Company's statement on principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors is available at <https://mybrand.schroders.com/m/4ab13771bddd9d/original/Statement-on-principal-adverse-impacts-of-investment-decisions-on-sustainability-factors-2-1-new.pdf> <https://api.schroders.com/document-store/id/ffcb39bb-96cb-4e56-9461-deba9a493e85>. The Fund level information is disclosed or will be disclosed (as applicable) in the Fund's annual report.

1. Set thresholds: these involve very explicit thresholds for considering an investment to be a "sustainable investment". For example, PAI 10 on violations of UNGC principles.

2. Active ownership: these involve indicators on which we have a plan to engage with the underlying holding as set out in the Schroders Group document - <https://mybrand.schroders.com/m/3222ea4ed44a1f2c/original/schroders-engagement-blueprint.pdf>, outlining our approach to active ownership. For example, PAI 1, 2 and 3 covering GHG emissions and PAI 13 on board gender diversity.

3. Improve coverage: these involve indicators where we consider data coverage to be too sparse to properly consider them and our focus is primarily on engaging with the underlying holdings to increase reporting. For example, PAI 7 on biodiversity, PAI 9 on hazardous waste ratio and PAI 12 on the gender pay gap.

Our approach is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability, and quality, of PAI data evolves.

The Management Company's statement on principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors is available at <https://mybrand.schroders.com/m/467910ac8e6da45c/original/Statement-on-principal-adverse-impacts-of-investment-decisions-on-sustainability-factors.pdf>. The Fund level information is disclosed or will be (as applicable) in the Fund's annual report.

☐ No



**The investment strategy** guides investment decisions based on factors such as investment objectives and risk tolerance.

## What investment strategy does this financial product follow?

The sustainable investment strategy used by the Investment Manager is as follows:

The Fund is actively managed and invests at least two-thirds of its assets in a diversified portfolio of equity and equity related securities of companies in emerging market countries.

The Fund primarily focuses on companies with strong fundamentals based on bottom-up research as well as those with certain "Value" and/or "Quality" characteristics. Value is assessed by looking at indicators such as cash flows, dividends and earnings to identify securities which the Investment Manager believes have been undervalued by the market. Quality is assessed by looking at indicators such as a company's profitability, stability, financial strength, structural growth and governance.

The Fund may invest directly in China B-Shares and China H-Shares and may invest less than 20% of its assets (on a net basis) directly or indirectly (for example via participatory notes) in China A-Shares through Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect and Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect and shares listed on the STAR Board and the ChiNext.

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than MSCI Emerging Markets (NDR) index, based on the Investment Manager's rating system.

The Fund does not directly invest in certain activities, industries or groups of issuers above the limits listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

The Fund invests in companies that have good governance practices, as determined by the Investment Manager's rating criteria.

The Investment Manager may also engage with companies held by the Fund to challenge identified areas of weakness on sustainability issues. More details on the Investment Manager's approach to sustainability and its engagement with companies are available on the webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/>

The Fund may also invest up to one-third of its assets directly or indirectly in other securities (including other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies, Investment Funds, warrants and Money Market Investments, and hold cash.

The Fund may use derivatives with the aim of reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently.

The Investment Manager applies sustainability criteria when selecting investments for the Fund.

Companies in the investment universe are assessed on their governance, environmental and social profile, across a wide range of underlying measures. The Investment Manager will then decide whether a company is eligible for inclusion in the Fund, based on its sustainability profile. The sustainability characteristics of a company can also impact the sizing of positions in the Fund.

Within governance, criteria assessed include risk to shareholders, business oversight, accounting risk and dividend policy. Environmental considerations include climate change related risks alongside broader environmental impact and opportunities. Social criteria reflects areas such as business involvement, safety, employee welfare, supply chain management and data privacy.

The primary sources of information include fundamental accounting data, Schroders' proprietary sustainability tools and third-party ESG data.

The Investment Manager ensures that at least 90% of the portion of the Fund's Net Asset Value composed of investments in companies is rated against the sustainability criteria. As a result of the application of sustainability criteria, the portfolio exhibits a higher overall sustainability score than its investment universe after the bottom rated 20% of stocks within the investment universe are excluded.

For the purposes of this test, the potential investment universe is the core universe of issuers that the Investment Manager may select for the Fund prior to the application of sustainability criteria, in accordance with the other limitations of the Investment Objective and Policy. This universe is comprised of equity and equity related securities of emerging and frontier markets companies or companies which derive a significant proportion of their revenues or profits from emerging markets or frontier markets countries.

● ***What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?***

The following binding elements are applied throughout the investment process:

- The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the MSCI Emerging Markets (NDR) index based on the Investment Manager's rating criteria.
- The Fund invests at least 25% of its assets in sustainable investments and such investments do not cause significant environmental or social harm.
- Exclusions are applied to direct investments in companies. The Fund applies certain exclusions relating to international conventions on cluster munitions, antipersonnel mines, and chemical and biological weapons. The Fund also excludes companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to tobacco and thermal coal, especially companies that generate at least 10% of their revenues from tobacco production, companies that generate at least 25% of their revenues from the tobacco value chain (such as suppliers, distributors, retailers and licensors), companies that generate at least 10% of their revenues from thermal coal mining and companies that generate at least 30% of their revenues from coal fired power generation. The Fund excludes companies that are assessed by Schroders to have breached one or more 'global norms' thereby causing significant environmental or social harm; these companies comprise Schroders' 'global norms' breach list. Further, the Fund may apply other exclusions as listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>
- The Fund invests in companies that have good governance practices, as determined by the Investment Manager's rating criteria.
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● ***What is the committed minimum rate to reduce the scope of the investments considered prior to the application of that investment strategy?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

● ***What is the policy to assess good governance practices of the investee companies?***

The Fund leverages the competitive advantages of fundamental and quantitative analysis to create a core emerging markets strategy with different investment approaches applied to the largest stocks in the universe versus the more diversified portion of the strategy. Allocation to the largest stocks follows an in-depth fundamental research process with the diversified portion following a quantitative approach. This means that good governance is applied in slightly different ways.

Quantitative Approach:

**Good governance** practices include sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff and tax compliance.

Governance is a key dimension within the proprietary sustainability framework applied within the diversified segment of the Fund which follows the Fund's quantitative investment process. Our governance assessment is applied universally, across our entire investment universe, rewarding highly rated companies whilst penalising those with poorer standards and actively avoiding the worst. We include a breadth of underlying terms within our governance assessment, capturing material areas such as management structure (including board independence) alongside accounting quality, the treatment of shareholders by assessing ownership structures & dividend policy as well as measuring shareholder dissent. The full range of inputs included within our governance framework is included beneath.

Dividend Policy: Reward sustainable and increasing pay outs, asymmetric penalty for cuts

Accounting Risk: Over 20 key red flags including working capital stress, expense & revenue recognition and asset & liability valuation

Risks to Shareholders: Penalise higher risk ownership structures and elevated exchange related risks

Business Oversight: Reward independence and efficient structure of the board & key committees, asymmetric penalty for lower independence

Innovation: Reward firms with positive R&D relative to revenue generation

QEP Country Risk Monitor: Penalise poor country level governance standards. Political & Governance risk used as a conditional criteria

Social risks are inherently driven by the nature of the underlying business as well as management decisions. We consider seven inputs within our social framework. It is recognised that the extent to which these arise depends upon the industry the company operates in. For example, product quality is a key measure for manufacturing and consumer businesses which is why we focus on product recalls, particularly for high impact industries such as pharmaceuticals. By way of another example, data privacy is material for an increasing number of companies but is especially important for IT services and financials. However, where areas of concern are universal to companies we will apply penalties to companies globally, including for areas such as excessive employee turnover and tax avoidance.

Fundamental Approach:

In our allocation to the largest stocks, sustainability analysis is carried out as part of the investment process, including governance considerations. These considerations are a central pillar to how we value companies and impacts portfolio construction. In order to assess good governance practices across the relevant investments falling in this portion, a central Good Governance Test is applied. This test is based on a data-driven quantitative framework, which uses a scorecard to assess companies across the categories of sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff, and tax compliance. Schroders has defined a number of criteria across these pillars. Compliance with the test is monitored centrally and companies which do not pass this test cannot be held by the Fund, unless the Investment Manager has agreed that the issuer demonstrates good governance based on additional insights beyond that quantitative analysis.



## What is the asset allocation planned for this financial product?

**Asset allocation** describes the share of investments in specific assets.

The planned composition of the Fund's investments that are used to meet its environmental or social characteristics are summarised below.

**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the minimum proportion of the Fund's assets used to attain the environmental or social characteristics, which is equal to 60%. The Fund commits to maintain a higher overall sustainability score than the MSCI Emerging Markets (NDR) index, and so the Fund's investments that are scored by Schroders' proprietary sustainability tool are included within the minimum proportion stated in #1 on the basis that they will contribute to the Fund's sustainability score (whether such individual investment has a positive or a negative score). Also included within #1 is the minimum proportion of assets that are invested in sustainable investments, as indicated in #1A. The minimum proportions stated apply in normal market conditions. The actual proportion stated in #1 is expected to be higher.

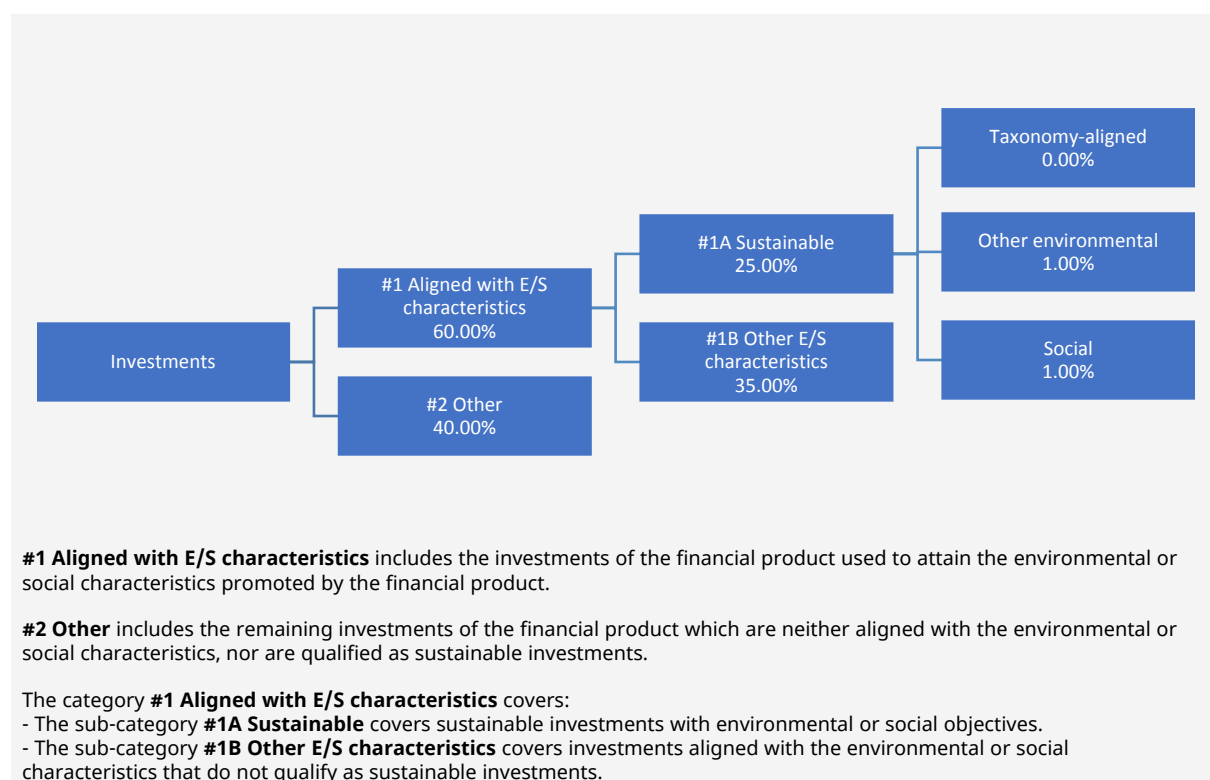
The sustainability score is measured by Schroders' proprietary tool that provides an estimate of the net "impact" that an issuer may create in terms of social and environmental "costs" or "benefits". It does this by using certain indicators with respect to that issuer, and quantifying them positively and negatively to produce an aggregate notional measure of the effect that the relevant underlying issuer may have on society and the environment. Examples of such indicators are greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

The Fund will invest at least 25% of its assets in sustainable investments. A sustainable investment is classified as having an environmental or social objective depending on whether the relevant issuer has a higher score in Schroders' proprietary tool relative to its applicable peer group for its environmental indicators or its social indicators. In each case, indicators are comprised of both "costs" and "benefits".

**#2 Other** includes cash which is treated as neutral for sustainability purposes. #2 also includes investments that are not scored by Schroders' proprietary sustainability tool and so do not contribute towards the Fund's sustainability score. As #1 states a minimum proportion that is in practice expected to be higher, the proportion stated in #2 is expected to be lower.

Minimum safeguards are applied where relevant to Money Market Investments and other investments by restricting (as appropriate) investments in counterparties where there are ownership links or exposure to higher risk countries (for the purpose of money laundering, terrorist financing, bribery, corruption, tax evasion and sanctions risks). A firm-wide risk assessment considers the risk rating of each jurisdiction; which includes reference to a number of public statements, indices and world governance indicators issued by the UN, the European Union, the UK Government, the Financial Action Task Force and several Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), such as Transparency International and the Basel Committee.

In addition, new counterparties are reviewed by Schroders' credit risk team and approval of a new counterparty is based on a holistic review of the various sources of information available, including, but not limited to, quality of management, ownership structure, location, regulatory and social environment to which each counterparty is subject, and the degree of development of the local banking system and its regulatory framework. Ongoing monitoring is performed through a Schroders' proprietary tool, which supports the analysis of a counterparty's management of environmental, social and governance trends and challenges. Any significant deterioration in the profile of the counterparty in Schroders' proprietary tool would lead to further analysis and potential exclusion by Schroders' credit risk team.



#1 The minimum proportion stated applies in normal market conditions.

### ● **How does the use of derivatives attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?**

The Fund may use derivatives that are scored in Schroders' proprietary tool to meet the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted by the Fund, as such derivatives would contribute to the Fund's sustainability score (whether such individual investment has a positive or a negative score).



### **To what minimum extent are sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?**

There is no minimum extent to which the Fund's investments (including transitional and enabling activities) with an environmental objective are aligned with the Taxonomy. Taxonomy alignment of this Fund's investments has therefore not been calculated and has as a result been deemed to constitute 0% of the Fund's portfolio.

In future it is expected that the Fund will assess and report on the extent to which its underlying investments are in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the Taxonomy, along with information relating to the proportion of enabling and transitional activities. This Prospectus will be updated once it is possible in the Investment Manager's opinion to accurately disclose to what extent the Fund's investments are in Taxonomy-aligned environmentally sustainable activities, including the proportions of investments in enabling and transitional activities selected for the Fund.

To comply with the EU Taxonomy, the criteria for **fossil gas** include limitations on emissions and switching to renewable power or low-carbon fuels by the end of 2035. For **nuclear energy**, the criteria include comprehensive safety and waste management rules.

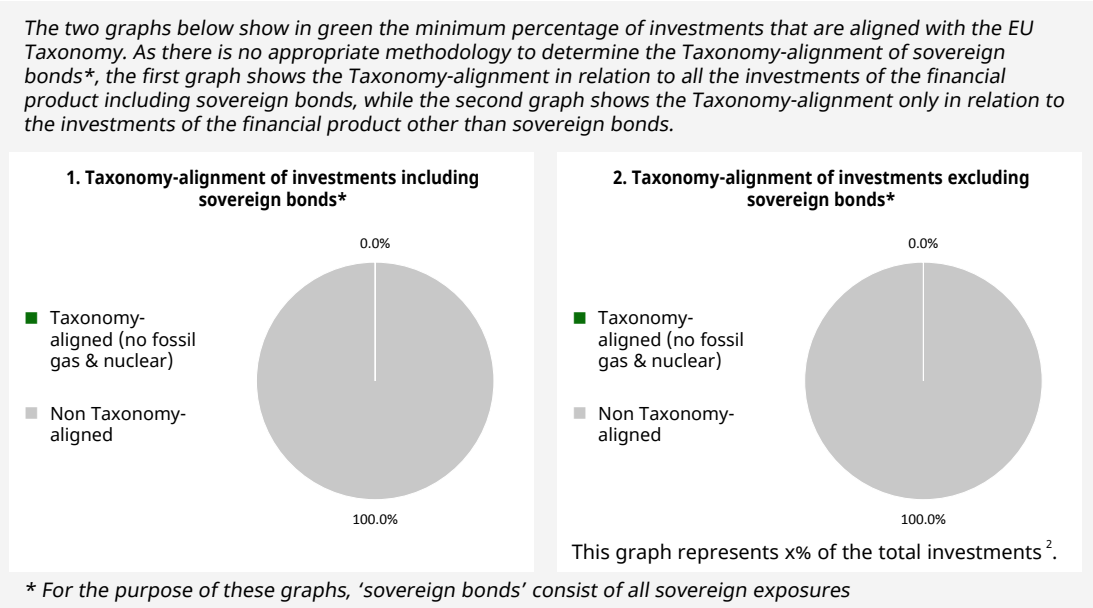
Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

- **turnover** reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee companies
- **capital expenditure** (CapEx) showing the green investments made by investee companies, e.g. for a transition to a green economy.
- **operational expenditure** (OpEx) reflecting green operational activities of investee companies.

**Enabling activities** directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective.

**Transitional activities** are activities for which low-carbon alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.

- **Does the financial product invest in fossil gas and/or nuclear energy related activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy<sup>1</sup>?**
  - ☐ Yes:
    - ☐ In fossil gas ☐ In nuclear energy
  - ☒ No



- **What is the minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities?**

As per the above, at the date of this Prospectus the share of investments by the Fund in transitional and enabling activities is currently deemed to constitute 0% of the Fund's portfolio.

<sup>1</sup> Fossil gas and/or nuclear related activities will only comply with the EU Taxonomy where they contribute to limiting climate change ("climate change mitigation") and do not significantly harm any EU Taxonomy objective – see explanatory note in the left-hand margin. The full criteria for fossil gas and nuclear energy economic activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy are laid down in Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1214.

<sup>2</sup> As there is no Taxonomy-alignment, there is no impact on the graph if sovereign bonds are excluded (i.e. the percentage of Taxonomy-aligned investments remains 0%) and the Management Company therefore believes that there is no need to mention this information.



## What is the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

The Fund commits to invest at least 1% of its assets in sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy.



are sustainable investments with an environmental objective that **do not take into account the criteria** for environmentally sustainable economic activities under the EU Taxonomy.



## What is the minimum share of socially sustainable investments?

The Fund commits to invest at least 1% of its assets in sustainable investments with a social objective.



## What investments are included under “#2 Other”, what is their purpose and are there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

**#2 Other** includes cash which is treated as neutral for sustainability purposes. #2 also includes investments that are not scored by Schroders' proprietary sustainability tools and so do not contribute towards the Fund's sustainability score.

Minimum safeguards are applied where relevant to Money Market Investments and other investments by restricting (as appropriate) investments in counterparties where there are ownership links or exposure to higher risk countries (for the purpose of money laundering, terrorist financing, bribery, corruption, tax evasion and sanctions risks). A firm-wide risk assessment considers the risk rating of each jurisdiction; which includes reference to a number of public statements, indices and world governance indicators issued by the UN, the European Union, the UK Government, the Financial Action Task Force and several Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), such as Transparency International and the Basel Committee.

In addition, new counterparties are reviewed by Schroders' credit risk team and approval of a new counterparty is based on a holistic review of the various sources of information available, including, but not limited to, quality of management, ownership structure, location, regulatory and social environment to which each counterparty is subject, and the degree of development of the local banking system and its regulatory framework. Ongoing monitoring is performed through a Schroders' proprietary tool, which supports the analysis of a counterparty's management of environmental, social and governance trends and challenges. Any significant deterioration in the profile of the counterparty in Schroders' proprietary tool would lead to further analysis and potential exclusion by Schroders' credit risk team.



## Is a specific index designated as a reference benchmark to determine whether this financial product is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes?

**Reference benchmarks** are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the environmental or social characteristics that they promote.

- **How is the reference benchmark continuously aligned with each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?**

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- **How is the alignment of the investment strategy with the methodology of the index ensured on a continuous basis?**

This question is not applicable for the Fund.



- ***How does the designated index differ from a relevant broad market index?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- ***Where can the methodology used for the calculation of the designated index be found?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.



## **Where can I find more product specific information online?**

More product-specific information can be found on the webpage: <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

Pre-contractual disclosure for the financial products referred to in Article 8, paragraphs 1, 2 and 2a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 6, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852

**Product name:** **Schroder International Selection Fund Sustainable Emerging Markets ex China Synergy**

**Legal entity identifier:** **54930047EQ4A8M663C94**

## Environmental and/or social characteristics

**Sustainable investment** means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good governance practices.

The **EU Taxonomy** is a classification system laid down in Regulation (EU) 2020/852, establishing a list of **environmentally sustainable economic activities**. That Regulation does not lay down a list of socially sustainable economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.

### Does this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?

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<input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with an environmental objective: __%</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> It <b>promotes Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics</b> and while it does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will have a minimum proportion of <b>25.00%</b> of sustainable investments
<input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy	<input type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy
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<input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with a social objective __%</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> with a social objective
	<input type="checkbox"/> It promotes E/S characteristics, but <b>will not make any sustainable investments</b>



## What environmental and/or social characteristics are promoted by this financial product?

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the MSCI Emerging Markets ex. China (NDR) index, based on the Investment Manager's rating system. This benchmark (which is a broad market index) does not take into account the environmental and social characteristics promoted by the Fund.

The sustainability score is measured by Schroders' proprietary tool that provides an estimate of the net "impact" that an issuer may create in terms of social and environmental "costs" or "benefits". It does this by using certain indicators with respect to that issuer, and quantifying them positively and negatively to produce an aggregate notional measure of the effect that the relevant underlying issuer may have on society and the environment. It does this using third party data as well as Schroders own estimates and assumptions and the outcome may differ from other sustainability tools and measures. Examples of such indicators are greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

The result is expressed as an aggregate score of the sustainability indicators for each issuer, specifically a notional percentage (positive or negative) of sales of the relevant underlying issuer. For example, a score of +2% would mean an issuer contributes \$2 of relative notional positive impact (i.e. benefits to society) per \$100 of sales. The sustainability score of the Fund is derived from the scores of all issuers in the Fund's portfolio measured by Schroders' proprietary tool.

The Fund invests at least 25% of its assets in sustainable investments, which are investments that the Investment Manager expects to contribute towards the advancement of one or more environmental and/or social objective (s).

### ● **What sustainability indicators are used to measure the attainment of each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?**

The Investment Manager monitors compliance with the characteristic to maintain a higher overall sustainability score than the MSCI Emerging Markets ex. China (NDR) index by reference to the weighted average sustainability score of the Fund in Schroders' proprietary tool compared against the weighted average sustainability score of the MSCI Emerging Markets ex. China (NDR) index in Schroders' proprietary tool over the previous ~~six months~~**six-month** period, based on month-end data. The overall sustainability score aggregates the effect of sustainability indicators including but not limited to greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

**Sustainability indicators** measure how the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product are attained.

The Investment Manager monitors compliance with the characteristic to invest at least 25% of its assets in sustainable investments by reference to the sustainability score of each asset in Schroders' proprietary tool. Compliance with this is monitored daily via our automated compliance controls. The Fund also applies certain exclusions, with which the Investment Manager monitors compliance on an ongoing basis via its portfolio compliance framework.

● ***What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?***

In respect of the proportion of the Fund's portfolio that is invested in sustainable investments, each sustainable investment demonstrates a net positive effect across a range of environmental or social objectives, as scored by Schroders' proprietary tool. The environmental or social objectives of the sustainable investments that the Fund partially intends to make may include, but are not limited to, increasing environmental and/or social benefits such as greater water access or fair pay and reducing environmental, and/or social costs such as carbon emissions or food waste. For example, greater water access as measured by Schroders' proprietary tool are the estimated societal benefits of the provision of clean drinking water to human health.

● ***How do the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make, not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?***

The Investment Manager's approach to investing in issuers that do not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective includes the following:

- Firm-wide investment exclusions apply to Schroders funds. These relate to international conventions on cluster munitions, anti-personnel mines, and chemical and biological weapons and a list of those companies that are excluded is available at <https://www.schroders.com/en/sustainability/active-ownership/group-exclusions/>. Firm-wide exclusions also apply to companies generating more than 20% of their revenue from thermal coal mining.
- The Fund excludes companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to tobacco and thermal coal.
- The Fund excludes companies that are assessed by Schroders to have breached one or more 'global norms' thereby causing significant environmental or social harm; these companies comprise Schroders' 'global norms' breach list. Schroders' determination of whether a company has been involved in such a breach considers relevant principles such as those contained in the UN Global Compact (UNGC) principles, the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights. The 'global norms' breach list may be informed by assessments performed by third party providers and by proprietary research, where relevant to a particular situation.
- The Fund may also apply certain other exclusions in addition to those summarised above.

Further information on all of the Fund's investment exclusions is to be found under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

● ***How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?***

When seeking to identify significant harm, Schroders' approach to taking into account the Principal Adverse Impacts (PAI) indicators involves a quantitative and a qualitative assessment. Where it is not considered appropriate or feasible to set quantitative thresholds, the Investment Manager engages, where relevant. Investee companies deemed not to satisfy the quantitative thresholds would generally be excluded, unless on a case-by-case basis the data is deemed not representative of a company's performance in the relevant area.

This framework is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability and quality of the data evolves.

Our approach includes:

1. **Quantitative:** this includes indicators where specific thresholds have been established:
  - Via the application of exclusions. This approach is relevant to **PAI 4** (Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector), **PAI 5** (Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production) and **PAI 14** (Exposure to controversial weapons). Further, the following PAIs are assessed as part of Schroders 'global norms' breach list exclusion (which seeks to exclude companies where significant harm is occurring):
    - **PAI 7** (Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas)
    - **PAI 8** (Emissions to water)

**Principal adverse impacts** are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anticorruption and antibribery matters.

- **PAI 9** (Hazardous waste and radioactive waste ratio)
- **PAI 10** (Violations of UN Global Compact principles and Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises)
- **PAI 11** (Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and Voluntary)
- **PAI 14** in Table 3 (Number of identified cases of severe human rights issues and incidents)
- Via the application of an alert system flag if the relevant indicator(s) exceeds a threshold. These quantitative thresholds to assess significant harm are established centrally by our Sustainable Investment team and monitored systematically. This approach applies to indicators where we have segmented the population into harm groups to establish a threshold, such as carbon related PAI metrics, **PAI 1** (GHG emissions), **PAI 2** (Carbon footprint) and **Voluntary PAI 4 in Table 2** (Investing in companies without carbon emission reduction initiatives). **PAI 3** (GHG intensity of investee companies) operates in a similar way but the threshold is based on a revenue metric. A threshold for **PAI 6** (Energy consumption intensity per high impact climate sector) is established based on the ~~above-mentioned~~ carbon measures. A similar approach has been taken for **PAI 15** (GHG intensity). **PAI 16** (Investee countries subject to social violations) also operates in the same way but based on data availability regarding social violations. Through this process the relevant issuer(s) that is/are deemed not to satisfy the quantitative thresholds is/are flagged to the Investment Manager for consideration, whose response may involve selling the holdings(s) or maintaining the position if on a case-by-case basis the data is deemed not representative of a company's performance in the relevant area. Investee companies deemed to cause significant harm are excluded from the Fund.
- 2. **Qualitative:** This includes PAI indicators where Schroders' believes that the data available does not enable us to make a quantitative determination regarding whether significant harm is done so as to warrant excluding an investment. In such cases, the Investment Manager engages wherever possible with the company or companies held, in accordance with the priorities documented in Schroders' Engagement Blueprint and/or voting policy. This approach applies to indicators such as **PAI 12** (Unadjusted gender pay gap) and **PAI 13** (Board gender diversity), where we engage and may use our voting rights where we consider appropriate. Both board gender diversity and disclosure of gender pay gap information are captured in our Engagement Blueprint.

● ***How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:***

Companies on Schroders' 'global norms' breach list cannot be categorised as sustainable investments. Schroders' determination of whether a company should be included on such list considers the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, among other relevant principles. The 'global norms' breach list is informed by third party providers and proprietary research, where relevant.

*The EU Taxonomy sets out a "do not significant harm" principle by which Taxonomy-aligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives and is accompanied by specific EU criteria.*

*The "do not significant harm" principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.*

*Any other sustainable investments must also not significantly harm any environmental or social objectives.*



## Does this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

☒ Yes, ~~the Investment Manager's approach to considering principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors involves classifying the indicators into three categories:~~

~~The Investment Manager's approach to considering principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors differs depending on the relevant indicator. Some indicators are considered via the application of exclusions, some are considered via the investment process (where data is available via Schroders PAI dashboard and via other external data sources) and some are considered via engagement. Further details are provided below.~~

~~PAIs are considered as part of pre-investment through the application of exclusions. These include:~~

~~- Controversial weapons: PAI 14 (Exposure to controversial weapons (anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, chemical weapons and biological weapons))~~

~~- Schroders' 'global norms' breach list, which covers: PAI 7 (Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas), PAI 8 (Emissions to water), PAI 9 (Hazardous waste and radioactive waste ratio), PAI 10 (Violations of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises), PAI 11 (Lack of processes and~~

compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises) and PAI 16 (Investee countries subject to social violations)

- Companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to thermal coal: PAI 4 (Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector) and PAI 5 (Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production)

Compliance with these thresholds is monitored via the Investment Manager's portfolio compliance framework. PAIs are also considered through integration in the investment process. All PAI indicators are monitored via Schroders PAI dashboard. Within the proprietary sustainability framework applied within the Fund's quantitative investment process, the following aspects are taken into account:

Greenhouse gas emissions, greenhouse gas intensity of investment companies (including carbon footprint), exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector: PAI 1, 2, 3 and 4.

Activities negatively affecting biodiversity sensitive areas, emissions to water, hazardous waste: PAI 7, 8 and 9.

Unadjusted gender pay gap, board diversity: PAI 12 and 13.

PAIs are also considered post-investment through engagement where the Investment Manager engages in line with the approach and expectations set out in Schroders Engagement Blueprint, which outlines our approach to active ownership. The Investment Manager may engage with investee companies on the subject of climate change, where we seek to understand a range of companies' transition to net zero and the strategies and policies in place to manage decarbonisation efforts. These engagements relate to PAI 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6.

Our approach is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability, and quality, of PAI data evolves. The Management Company's statement on principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors is available at <https://mybrand.schroders.com/m/4ab13771bddd9d/original/Statement-on-principal-adverse-impacts-of-investment-decisions-on-sustainability-factors-2-1-new.pdf> <https://api.schroders.com/document-store/id/ffcb39bb-96cb-4e56-9461-deba9a493e85>. The Fund level information is disclosed or will be disclosed (as applicable) in the Fund's annual report.

1. Set thresholds: these involve very explicit thresholds for considering an investment to be a "sustainable investment". For example, PAI 10 on violations of UNGC principles:

2. Active ownership: these involve indicators on which we have a plan to engage with the underlying holding as set out in the Schroders Group document - <https://mybrand.schroders.com/m/3222ea4ed44a1f2c/original/schroders-engagement-blueprint.pdf>, outlining our approach to active ownership. For example, PAI 1, 2 and 3 covering GHG emissions and PAI 13 on board gender diversity:

3. Improve coverage: these involve indicators where we consider data coverage to be too sparse to properly consider them and our focus is primarily on engaging with the underlying holdings to increase reporting. For example, PAI 7 on biodiversity, PAI 9 on hazardous waste ratio and PAI 12 on the gender pay gap:

Our approach is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability, and quality, of PAI data evolves:

The Management Company's statement on principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors is available at <https://mybrand.schroders.com/m/467910ac8e6da45c/original/Statement-on-principal-adverse-impacts-of-investment-decisions-on-sustainability-factors.pdf>. The Fund level information is disclosed or will be (as applicable) in the Fund's annual report:

☐ No



**The investment strategy** guides investment decisions based on factors such as investment objectives and risk tolerance.

## What investment strategy does this financial product follow?

The sustainable investment strategy used by the Investment Manager is as follows:

The Fund is actively managed and invests at least two-thirds of its assets in a diversified portfolio of equity and equity related securities of companies in emerging market countries, excluding China.

The Fund primarily focuses on companies with strong fundamentals based on bottom-up research as well as those with certain "Value" and/or "Quality" characteristics. Value is assessed by looking at indicators such as cash flows, dividends and earnings to identify securities which the Investment Manager believes have been undervalued by the market. Quality is assessed by looking at indicators such as a company's profitability, stability, financial strength, structural growth and governance.

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than MSCI Emerging Markets ex. China (NDR) index, based on the Investment Manager's rating system.

The Fund does not directly invest in certain activities, industries or groups of issuers above the limits listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

The Fund invests in companies that have good governance practices, as determined by the Investment Manager's rating criteria.

The Investment Manager may also engage with companies held by the Fund to challenge identified areas of weakness on sustainability issues. More details on the Investment Manager's approach to sustainability and its engagement with companies are available on the webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/>

The Fund may also invest up to one-third of its assets directly or indirectly in other securities (including other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies, Investment Funds, warrants and Money Market Investments, and hold cash.

The Fund may use derivatives with the aim of reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently.

The Investment Manager applies sustainability criteria when selecting investments for the Fund.

Companies in the investment universe are assessed on their governance, environmental and social profile, across a wide range of underlying measures. The Investment Manager will then decide whether a company is eligible for inclusion in the Fund, based on its sustainability profile. The sustainability characteristics of a company can also impact the sizing of positions in the Fund. Within governance, criteria assessed include risk to shareholders, business oversight, accounting risk and dividend policy. Environmental considerations include climate change related risks alongside broader environmental impact and opportunities. Social criteria reflects areas such as business involvement, safety, employee welfare, supply chain management and data privacy.

The primary sources of information include fundamental accounting data, Schroders' proprietary sustainability tools and third-party ESG data.

The Investment Manager ensures that at least 90% of the portion of the Fund's Net Asset Value composed of investments in companies is rated against the sustainability criteria. As a result of the application of sustainability criteria, the portfolio exhibits a higher overall sustainability score than its investment universe after the bottom rated 20% of stocks within the investment universe are excluded.

For the purposes of this test, the potential investment universe is the core universe of issuers that the Investment Manager may select for the Fund prior to the application of sustainability criteria, in accordance with the other limitations of the Investment Objective and Policy. This universe is comprised of equity and equity related securities of emerging and frontier markets companies, excluding China, or companies which derive a significant proportion of their revenues or profits from emerging markets or frontier markets countries, excluding China.

● ***What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?***

The following binding elements are applied throughout the investment process:

- The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the MSCI Emerging Markets ex. China (NDR) index based on the Investment Manager's rating criteria.
- The Fund invests at least 25% of its assets in sustainable investments and such investments do not cause significant environmental or social harm.
- Exclusions are applied to direct investments in companies. The Fund applies certain exclusions relating to international conventions on cluster munitions, antipersonnel mines, and chemical and biological weapons. The Fund also excludes companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to tobacco and thermal coal, especially companies that generate at least 10% of their revenues from tobacco production, companies that generate at least 25% of their revenues from the tobacco value chain (such as suppliers, distributors, retailers and licensors), companies that generate at least 10% of their revenues from thermal coal mining and companies that generate at least 30% of their revenues from coal fired power generation. The Fund excludes companies that are assessed by Schroders to have breached one or more 'global norms' thereby causing significant environmental or social harm; these companies comprise Schroders' 'global norms' breach list. Further, the Fund may apply other exclusions as listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>
- The Fund invests in companies that have good governance practices, as determined by the Investment Manager's rating criteria.
- The Investment Manager ensures that at least 90% of the portion of the Fund's Net Asset Value composed of investments in companies is rated against the sustainability criteria.
- As a result of the application of sustainability criteria, the portfolio exhibits a higher overall sustainability score than its investment universe after the bottom rated 20% of stocks within the investment universe are excluded.

● ***What is the committed minimum rate to reduce the scope of the investments considered prior to the application of that investment strategy?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

● ***What is the policy to assess good governance practices of the investee companies?***

The Fund leverages the competitive advantages of fundamental and quantitative analysis to create a core emerging markets strategy with different investment approaches applied to the largest stocks in the universe versus the more diversified portion of the strategy. Allocation to the largest stocks follows an in-depth fundamental research process with the diversified portion following a quantitative approach. This means that good governance is applied in slightly different ways.

Quantitative Approach:

Governance is a key dimension within the proprietary sustainability framework applied within the diversified segment of the Fund which follows the Fund's quantitative investment process. Our governance assessment is applied universally, across our entire investment universe, rewarding highly rated companies whilst penalising those with poorer standards and actively avoiding the worst. We include a breadth of underlying terms within our governance assessment, capturing material areas such

**Good governance** practices include sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff and tax compliance.



as management structure (including board independence) alongside accounting quality, the treatment of shareholders by assessing ownership structures & dividend policy as well as measuring shareholder dissent. The full range of inputs included within our governance framework is included beneath.

Dividend Policy: Reward sustainable and increasing pay outs, asymmetric penalty for cuts

Accounting Risk: Over 20 key red flags including working capital stress, expense & revenue recognition and asset & liability valuation

Risks to Shareholders: Penalise higher risk ownership structures and elevated exchange related risks

Business Oversight: Reward independence and efficient structure of the board & key committees, asymmetric penalty for lower independence

Innovation: Reward firms with positive R&D relative to revenue generation

QEP Country Risk Monitor: Penalise poor country level governance standards. Political & Governance risk used as a conditional criteria

Social risks are inherently driven by the nature of the underlying business as well as management decisions. We consider seven inputs within our social framework. It is recognised that the extent to which these arise depends upon the industry the company operates in. For example, product quality is a key measure for manufacturing and consumer businesses which is why we focus on product recalls, particularly for high impact industries such as pharmaceuticals. By way of another example, data privacy is material for an increasing number of companies but is especially important for IT services and financials. However, where areas of concern are universal to companies we will apply penalties to companies globally, including for areas such as excessive employee turnover and tax avoidance.

Fundamental Approach:

In our allocation to the largest stocks, sustainability analysis is carried out as part of the investment process, including governance considerations. These considerations are a central pillar to how we value companies and impacts portfolio construction. In order to assess good governance practices across the relevant investments falling in this portion, a central Good Governance Test is applied. This test is based on a data-driven quantitative framework, which uses a scorecard to assess companies across the categories of sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff, and tax compliance. Schroders has defined a number of criteria across these pillars. Compliance with the test is monitored centrally and companies which do not pass this test cannot be held by the Fund, unless the Investment Manager has agreed that the issuer demonstrates good governance based on additional insights beyond that quantitative analysis.



**Asset allocation** describes the share of investments in specific assets.

## What is the asset allocation planned for this financial product?

The planned composition of the Fund's investments that are used to meet its environmental or social characteristics are summarised below.

**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the minimum proportion of the Fund's assets used to attain the environmental or social characteristics, which is equal to 70%. The Fund commits to maintain a higher overall sustainability score than the MSCI Emerging Markets ex. China (NDR) index, and so the Fund's investments that are scored by Schroders' proprietary sustainability tool are included within the minimum proportion stated in #1 on the basis that they will contribute to the Fund's sustainability score (whether such individual investment has a positive or a negative score). Also included within #1 is the minimum proportion of assets that are invested in sustainable investments, as indicated in #1A. The minimum proportions stated apply in normal market conditions. The actual proportion stated in #1 is expected to be higher.

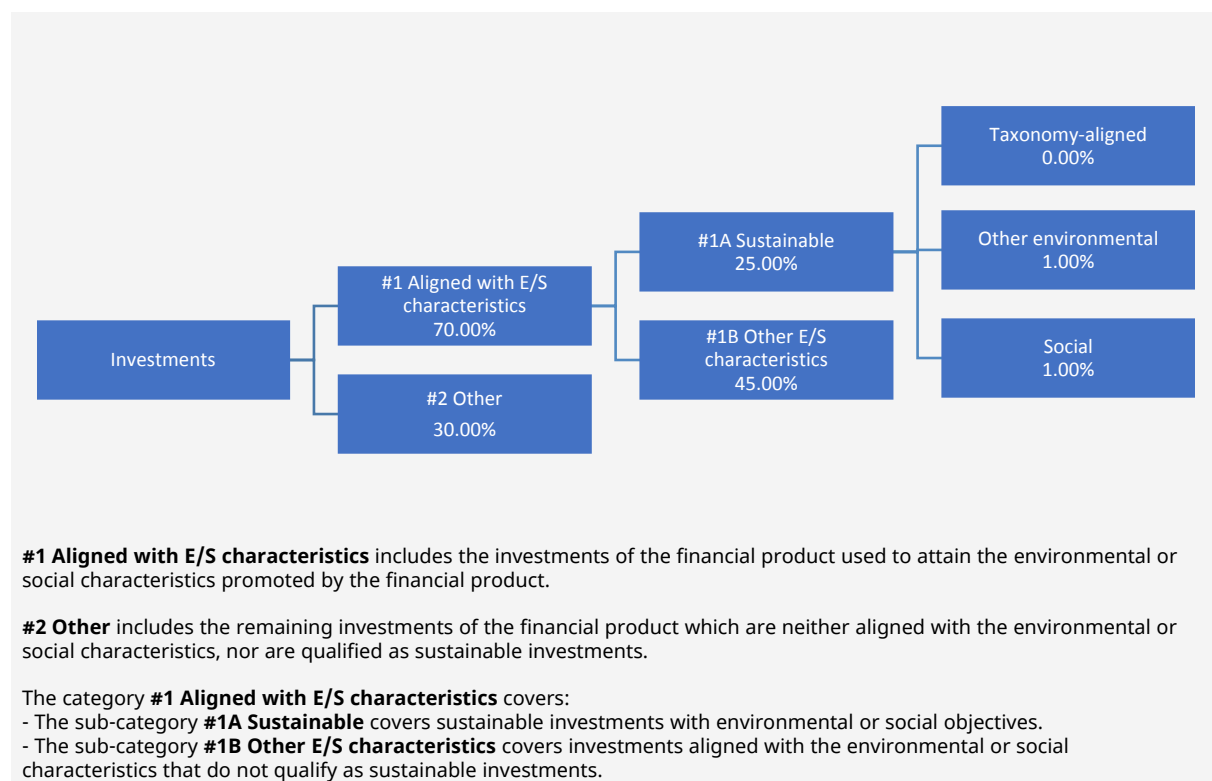
The sustainability score is measured by Schroders' proprietary tool that provides an estimate of the net "impact" that an issuer may create in terms of social and environmental "costs" or "benefits". It does this by using certain indicators with respect to that issuer, and quantifying them positively and negatively to produce an aggregate notional measure of the effect that the relevant underlying issuer may have on society and the environment. Examples of such indicators are greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

The Fund will invest at least 25% of its assets in sustainable investments. A sustainable investment is classified as having an environmental or social objective depending on whether the relevant issuer has a higher score in Schroders' proprietary tool relative to its applicable peer group for its environmental indicators or its social indicators. In each case, indicators are comprised of both "costs" and "benefits".

**#2 Other** includes cash which is treated as neutral for sustainability purposes. #2 also includes investments that are not scored by Schroders' proprietary sustainability tool and so do not contribute towards the Fund's sustainability score. As #1 states a minimum proportion that is in practice expected to be higher, the proportion stated in #2 is expected to be lower.

Minimum safeguards are applied where relevant to Money Market Investments and other investments by restricting (as appropriate) investments in counterparties where there are ownership links or exposure to higher risk countries (for the purpose of money laundering, terrorist financing, bribery, corruption, tax evasion and sanctions risks). A firm-wide risk assessment considers the risk rating of each jurisdiction; which includes reference to a number of public statements, indices and world governance indicators issued by the UN, the European Union, the UK Government, the Financial Action Task Force and several Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), such as Transparency International and the Basel Committee.

In addition, new counterparties are reviewed by Schroders' credit risk team and approval of a new counterparty is based on a holistic review of the various sources of information available, including, but not limited to, quality of management, ownership structure, location, regulatory and social environment to which each counterparty is subject, and the degree of development of the local banking system and its regulatory framework. Ongoing monitoring is performed through a Schroders' proprietary tool, which supports the analysis of a counterparty's management of environmental, social and governance trends and challenges. Any significant deterioration in the profile of the counterparty in Schroders' proprietary tool would lead to further analysis and potential exclusion by Schroders' credit risk team.



#1 The minimum proportion stated applies in normal market conditions.

● **How does the use of derivatives attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?**

The Fund may use derivatives that are scored in Schroders' proprietary tool to meet the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted by the Fund, as such derivatives would contribute to the Fund's sustainability score (whether such individual investment has a positive or a negative score).



**To what minimum extent are sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?**

There is no minimum extent to which the Fund's investments (including transitional and enabling activities) with an environmental objective are aligned with the Taxonomy. Taxonomy alignment of this Fund's investments has therefore not been calculated and has as a result been deemed to constitute 0% of the Fund's portfolio.

In future it is expected that the Fund will assess and report on the extent to which its underlying investments are in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the Taxonomy, along with information relating to the proportion of enabling and transitional activities. This Prospectus will be updated once it is possible in the Investment Manager's opinion to accurately disclose to what extent the Fund's investments are in Taxonomy-aligned environmentally sustainable activities, including the proportions of investments in enabling and transitional activities selected for the Fund.

● **Does the financial product invest in fossil gas and/or nuclear energy related activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy<sup>1</sup>?**

☐ Yes:

☐ In fossil gas ☐ In nuclear energy

To comply with the EU Taxonomy, the criteria for **fossil gas** include limitations on emissions and

<sup>1</sup> Fossil gas and/or nuclear related activities will only comply with the EU Taxonomy where they contribute to limiting climate change ("climate change mitigation") and do not significantly harm any EU Taxonomy objective – see explanatory note in the left-hand margin. The full criteria for fossil gas and nuclear energy economic activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy are laid down in Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1214.

☒ No

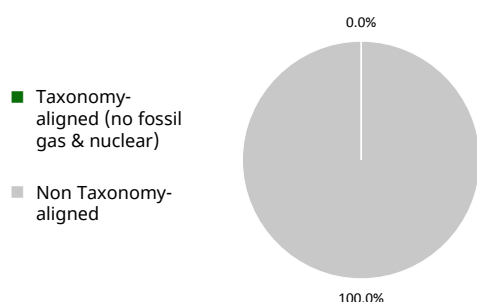
switching to renewable power or low-carbon fuels by the end of 2035. For **nuclear energy**, the criteria include comprehensive safety and waste management rules.

Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

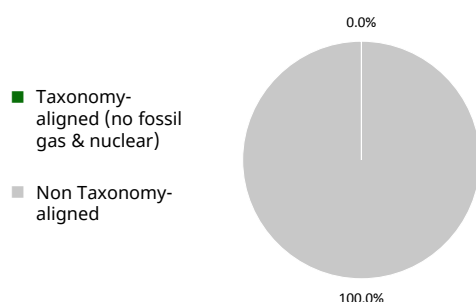
- **turnover** reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee companies
- **capital expenditure** (CapEx) showing the green investments made by investee companies, e.g. for a transition to a green economy.
- **operational expenditure** (OpEx) reflecting green operational activities of investee companies.

The two graphs below show in green the minimum percentage of investments that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the Taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy-alignment in relation to all the investments of the financial product including sovereign bonds, while the second graph shows the Taxonomy-alignment only in relation to the investments of the financial product other than sovereign bonds.

1. Taxonomy-alignment of investments including sovereign bonds\*



2. Taxonomy-alignment of investments excluding sovereign bonds\*



This graph represents x% of the total investments<sup>2</sup>.

\* For the purpose of these graphs, 'sovereign bonds' consist of all sovereign exposures

**Enabling activities** directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective.

**Transitional activities** are activities for which low-carbon alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.

#### ● What is the minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities?

As per the above, at the date of this Prospectus the share of investments by the Fund in transitional and enabling activities is currently deemed to constitute 0% of the Fund's portfolio.



#### What is the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

The Fund commits to invest at least 1% of its assets in sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy.



are sustainable investments with an environmental objective that **do not take into account the criteria** for

<sup>2</sup> As there is no Taxonomy-alignment, there is no impact on the graph if sovereign bonds are excluded (i.e. the percentage of Taxonomy-aligned investments remains 0%) and the Management Company therefore believes that there is no need to mention this information.



### What is the minimum share of socially sustainable investments?

The Fund commits to invest at least 1% of its assets in sustainable investments with a social objective.



### What investments are included under “#2 Other”, what is their purpose and are there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

**#2 Other** includes cash which is treated as neutral for sustainability purposes. #2 also includes investments that are not scored by Schroders’ proprietary sustainability tools and so do not contribute towards the Fund’s sustainability score.

Minimum safeguards are applied where relevant to Money Market Investments and other investments by restricting (as appropriate) investments in counterparties where there are ownership links or exposure to higher risk countries (for the purpose of money laundering, terrorist financing, bribery, corruption, tax evasion and sanctions risks). A firm-wide risk assessment considers the risk rating of each jurisdiction; which includes reference to a number of public statements, indices and world governance indicators issued by the UN, the European Union, the UK Government, the Financial Action Task Force and several Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), such as Transparency International and the Basel Committee.

In addition, new counterparties are reviewed by Schroders’ credit risk team and approval of a new counterparty is based on a holistic review of the various sources of information available, including, but not limited to, quality of management, ownership structure, location, regulatory and social environment to which each counterparty is subject, and the degree of development of the local banking system and its regulatory framework. Ongoing monitoring is performed through a Schroders’ proprietary tool, which supports the analysis of a counterparty’s management of environmental, social and governance trends and challenges. Any significant deterioration in the profile of the counterparty in Schroders’ proprietary tool would lead to further analysis and potential exclusion by Schroders’ credit risk team.



### Is a specific index designated as a reference benchmark to determine whether this financial product is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes?

**Reference benchmarks** are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the environmental or social characteristics that they promote.

- **How is the reference benchmark continuously aligned with each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?**

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- **How is the alignment of the investment strategy with the methodology of the index ensured on a continuous basis?**

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- **How does the designated index differ from a relevant broad market index?**

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- **Where can the methodology used for the calculation of the designated index be found?**

This question is not applicable for the Fund.



### Where can I find more product specific information online?

More product-specific information can be found on the webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

Pre-contractual disclosure for the financial products referred to in Article 8, paragraphs 1, 2 and 2a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 6, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852

**Product name:** **Schroder International Selection Fund Sustainable Future Trends**

**Legal entity identifier:** **5493002E4JUCFUL6QF10**

## Environmental and/or social characteristics

<p><b>Sustainable investment</b> means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good governance practices.</p>	<p><b>Does this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?</b></p>	
<p>The <b>EU Taxonomy</b> is a classification system laid down in Regulation (EU) 2020/852, establishing a list of <b>environmentally sustainable economic activities</b>. That Regulation does not lay down a list of socially sustainable economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.</p>	<p><input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Yes</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with an environmental objective: ___%</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with a social objective ___%</b></p>	<p><input type="radio"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>No</b></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> It <b>promotes Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics</b> and while it does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will have a minimum proportion of <b>30.00%</b> of sustainable investments</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> with a social objective</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> It promotes E/S characteristics, but <b>will not make any sustainable investments</b></p>



## What environmental and/or social characteristics are promoted by this financial product?

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the 50% MSCI World EUR Hedged and 30% FTSE World Government Bond Index EUR Hedged and 20% Bloomberg Global Aggregate Corporate Index EUR Hedged, based on the Investment Manager's rating system. This benchmark (which is a broad market index) does not take into account the environmental and social characteristics promoted by the Fund.

The sustainability score is measured by Schroders' proprietary tool that provides an estimate of the net "impact" that an issuer may create in terms of social and environmental "costs" or "benefits". It does this by using certain indicators with respect to that issuer, and quantifying them positively and negatively to produce an aggregate notional measure of the effect that the relevant underlying issuer may have on society and the environment. It does this using third party data as well as Schroders own estimates and assumptions and the outcome may differ from other sustainability tools and measures. Examples of such indicators are greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

The result is expressed as an aggregate score of the sustainability indicators for each issuer, specifically a notional percentage (positive or negative) of sales or GDP of the relevant underlying issuer. For example, a score of +2% would mean an issuer contributes \$2 of relative notional positive impact (i.e. benefits to society) per \$100 of sales or GDP. The sustainability score of the Fund is derived from the scores of all issuers in the Fund's portfolio measured by Schroders' proprietary tool.

The Fund invests at least 30% of its assets in sustainable investments, which are investments that the Investment Manager expects to contribute towards the advancement of one or more environmental and/or social objective (s).

### ● **What sustainability indicators are used to measure the attainment of each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?**

The Investment Manager monitors compliance with the characteristic to maintain a higher overall sustainability score than the 50% MSCI World EUR Hedged and 30% FTSE World Government Bond Index EUR Hedged and 20% Bloomberg Global Aggregate Corporate Index EUR Hedged by reference to the weighted average sustainability score of the Fund in Schroders' proprietary tool compared against the weighted average sustainability score of the 50% MSCI World EUR Hedged and 30% FTSE World Government Bond Index EUR Hedged and 20% Bloomberg Global Aggregate Corporate Index EUR Hedged

in Schroders' proprietary tool over the previous six month period, based on month-end data. The overall sustainability score aggregates the effect of sustainability indicators including but not limited to greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

The Investment Manager monitors compliance with the characteristic to invest at least 30% of its assets in sustainable investments by reference to (i) the sustainability score of each asset in Schroders' proprietary tool and/or (ii) whether the asset is classified as a green, social and/or sustainable bond. Compliance with this is monitored daily via our automated compliance controls. The Fund also applies certain exclusions, with which the Investment Manager monitors compliance on an ongoing basis via its portfolio compliance framework.

● ***What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?***

In respect of the proportion of the Fund's portfolio that is invested in sustainable investments, each sustainable investment either (i) demonstrates a net positive effect across a range of environmental or social objectives, as scored by Schroders' proprietary tool and/or (ii) is classified as a green, social and/or sustainable bond using a third-party data source. The environmental or social objectives of the sustainable investments that the Fund partially intends to make may include, but are not limited to, increasing environmental and/or social benefits such as greater water access or fair pay and reducing environmental, and/or social costs such as carbon emissions or food waste. For example, greater water access as measured by Schroders' proprietary tool are the estimated societal benefits of the provision of clean drinking water to human health. The environmental or social objectives of green, social and/or sustainable bonds may include, but are not limited to, climate change mitigation, renewable energy initiatives, natural resource conservation, access to finance and affordable housing projects.

● ***How do the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make, not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?***

The Investment Manager's approach to investing in issuers that do not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective includes the following:

- Firm-wide investment exclusions apply to Schroders funds. These relate to international conventions on cluster munitions, anti-personnel mines, and chemical and biological weapons and a list of those companies that are excluded is available at <https://www.schroders.com/en/sustainability/active-ownership/group-exclusions/>. Firm-wide exclusions also apply to companies generating more than 20% of their revenue from thermal coal mining.
- The Fund excludes companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to tobacco and thermal coal.
- The Fund excludes companies that are assessed by Schroders to have breached one or more 'global norms' thereby causing significant environmental or social harm; these companies comprise Schroders' 'global norms' breach list. Schroders' determination of whether a company has been involved in such a breach considers relevant principles such as those contained in the UN Global Compact (UNG) principles, the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights. The 'global norms' breach list may be informed by assessments performed by third party providers and by proprietary research, where relevant to a particular situation.
- The Fund may also apply certain other exclusions in addition to those summarised above.

Further information on all of the Fund's investment exclusions is to be found under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

● ***How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?***

When seeking to identify significant harm, Schroders' approach to taking into account the Principal Adverse Impacts (PAI) indicators involves a quantitative and a qualitative assessment. Where it is not considered appropriate or feasible to set quantitative thresholds, the Investment Manager engages, where relevant. Investee companies deemed not to satisfy the quantitative thresholds would generally be excluded, unless on a case-by-case basis the data is deemed not representative of a company's performance in the relevant area.

This framework is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability and quality of the data evolves.

Our approach includes:

1. **Quantitative:** this includes indicators where specific thresholds have been established:

**Principal adverse impacts** are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anticorruption and antibribery matters.



- Via the application of exclusions. This approach is relevant to **PAI 4** (Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector), **PAI 5** (Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production) and **PAI 14** (Exposure to controversial weapons). Further, the following PAIs are assessed as part of Schroders' 'global norms' breach list exclusion (which seeks to exclude companies where significant harm is occurring):
  - **PAI 7** (Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas)
  - **PAI 8** (Emissions to water)
  - **PAI 9** (Hazardous waste and radioactive waste ratio)
  - **PAI 10** (Violations of UN Global Compact principles and Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises)
  - **PAI 11** (Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and Voluntary)
  - **PAI 14** in Table 3 (Number of identified cases of severe human rights issues and incidents)
- Via the application of an alert system flag if the relevant indicator(s) exceeds a threshold. These quantitative thresholds to assess significant harm are established centrally by our Sustainable Investment team and monitored systematically. This approach applies to indicators where we have segmented the population into harm groups to establish a threshold, such as carbon related PAI metrics, **PAI 1** (GHG emissions), **PAI 2** (Carbon footprint) and **Voluntary PAI 4 in Table 2** (Investing in companies without carbon emission reduction initiatives). **PAI 3** (GHG intensity of investee companies) operates in a similar way but the threshold is based on a revenue metric. A threshold for **PAI 6** (Energy consumption intensity per high impact climate sector) is established based on the ~~above-mentioned~~ carbon measures. A similar approach has been taken for **PAI 15** (GHG intensity). **PAI 16** (Investee countries subject to social violations) also operates in the same way but based on data availability regarding social violations. Through this process the relevant issuer(s) that is/are deemed not to satisfy the quantitative thresholds is/are flagged to the Investment Manager for consideration, whose response may involve selling the holdings(s) or maintaining the position if on a case-by-case basis the data is deemed not representative of a company's performance in the relevant area. Investee companies deemed to cause significant harm are excluded from the Fund.
- 2. **Qualitative:** This includes PAI indicators where Schroders' believes that the data available does not enable us to make a quantitative determination regarding whether significant harm is done so as to warrant excluding an investment. In such cases, the Investment Manager engages wherever possible with the company or companies held, in accordance with the priorities documented in Schroders' Engagement Blueprint and/or voting policy. This approach applies to indicators such as **PAI 12** (Unadjusted gender pay gap) and **PAI 13** (Board gender diversity), where we engage and may use our voting rights where we consider appropriate. Both board gender diversity and disclosure of gender pay gap information are captured in our Engagement Blueprint.

● ***How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:***

Companies on Schroders' 'global norms' breach list cannot be categorised as sustainable investments. Schroders' determination of whether a company should be included on such list considers the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, among other relevant principles. The 'global norms' breach list is informed by third party providers and proprietary research, where relevant.

*The EU Taxonomy sets out a "do not significant harm" principle by which Taxonomy-aligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives and is accompanied by specific EU criteria.*

*The "do not significant harm" principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.*

*Any other sustainable investments must also not significantly harm any environmental or social objectives.*



## Does this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

☒ Yes, the Investment Manager's approach to considering principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors involves classifying the indicators into three categories:

The Fund allocates its assets across multiple underlying strategies. Some PAIs are considered at the Fund level, whilst other PAIs are considered at the level of the underlying strategies by the relevant investment manager where applicable.

Some PAIs are considered as part of pre-investment through the application of exclusions applied at the Fund level. These include:

- Controversial weapons (PAI 14 - Exposure to controversial weapons (anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, chemical weapons and biological weapons)).

- Schroders' 'global norms' breach list, which covers: PAI 7 (Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas), PAI 8 (Emissions to water), PAI 9 (Hazardous waste and radioactive waste ratio), PAI 10 (Violations of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises), PAI 11 (Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises) and PAI 16 (Investee countries subject to social violations).

- Companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to thermal coal: (PAI 4 (Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector), PAI 5 (Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production) – applied to relevant underlying strategies.

Compliance with these thresholds is monitored via the Investment Manager's portfolio compliance framework.

Where appropriate PAIs are also considered through integration in the investment process, specifically the stock selection process in underlying strategies. For example the global equity strategy considers PAIs in the following way:

- Schroders' proprietary tool, which is used as part of screening the investment universe and for providing a maximum that can be invested in each company, incorporates several PAIs as a component of its scoring methodology. In assessing an issuer's overall environmental score, PAIs 1, 2 and 3 are included. In assessing an issuer's overall social score, PAIs 12 and 13 are included.

The investment team monitors all PAI indicators via Schroders' PAI dashboard.

Other PAIs are considered via active ownership, which where relevant is performed indirectly via the underlying investment managers. Where applicable, based on the underlying strategies and the relevant investment manager's own investment process, PAIs are considered post-investment through engagement in line with the approach and expectations set out in Schroders Engagement Blueprint. Examples of PAIs captured via this approach included PAI 1 (GHG emissions), PAI 2 (Carbon footprint), PAI 3 (GHG intensity of investee companies) and PAI 13 (Board gender diversity).

Our approach is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability, and quality, of PAI data evolves. The Management Company's statement on principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors is available at <https://mybrand.schroders.com/m/4ab13771bdddcd9d/original/Statement-on-principal-adverse-impacts-of-investment-decisions-on-sustainability-factors-2-1-new.pdf> <https://api.schroders.com/document-store/id/ffcb39bb-96cb-4e56-9461-deba9a493e85>. The Fund level information is disclosed or will be disclosed (as applicable) in the Fund's annual report.

1. Set thresholds: these involve very explicit thresholds for considering an investment to be a "sustainable investment". For example, PAI 10 on violations of UNGC principles.

2. Active ownership: these involve indicators on which we have a plan to engage with the underlying holding as set out in the Schroders Group document - <https://mybrand.schroders.com/m/3222ea4ed44a1f2c/original/schroders-engagement-blueprint.pdf>, outlining our approach to active ownership. For example, PAI 1, 2 and 3 covering GHG emissions and PAI 13 on board gender diversity.

3. Improve coverage: these involve indicators where we consider data coverage to be too sparse to properly consider them and our focus is primarily on engaging with the underlying holdings to increase reporting. For example, PAI 7 on biodiversity, PAI 9 on hazardous waste ratio and PAI 12 on the gender pay gap.

Our approach is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability, and quality, of PAI data evolves.

The Management Company's statement on principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors is available at <https://mybrand.schroders.com/m/467910ac8e6da45c/original/Statement-on-principal-adverse-impacts-of-investment-decisions-on-sustainability-factors.pdf>. The Fund level information is disclosed or will be (as applicable) in the Fund's annual report.

☐ No



## What investment strategy does this financial product follow?

**The investment strategy** guides investment decisions based on factors such as investment objectives and risk tolerance.

The sustainable investment strategy used by the Investment Manager is as follows:

The Fund is actively managed and invests directly or indirectly through derivatives in equity and equity related securities, fixed income securities and Alternative Asset Classes.

The Fund takes a forward looking approach to identifying trends in sustainable investing through top down and bottom up analysis.

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than 50% MSCI World EUR Hedged and 30% FTSE World Government Bond Index EUR Hedged and 20% Bloomberg Global Aggregate Corporate Index EUR Hedged, based on the Investment Manager's rating system.

The Fund does not directly invest in certain activities, industries or groups of issuers above the limits listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

The Fund invests in companies that have good governance practices, as determined by the Investment Manager's rating criteria.

The Investment Manager may also engage with companies held by the Fund to challenge identified areas of weakness on sustainability issues. More details on the Investment Manager's approach to sustainability and its engagement with companies are available on the webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/>

The Fund aims to achieve its target return in excess of 50% MSCI World EUR Hedged and 30% FTSE World Government Bond Index EUR Hedged and 20% Bloomberg Global Aggregate Corporate Index EUR Hedged over a five to seven year period with approximately two thirds of the level of global equity market volatility (a measure of how much the Fund's returns may vary) over the same period.

The Fund intends to use derivatives (including total return swaps), long and short, with the aim of achieving investment gains, reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently.

Where the Fund uses total return swaps and contracts for difference, the underlying consists of instruments in which the Fund may invest according to its Investment Objective and Investment Policy. In particular, the aim is to use total return swaps and contracts for difference on a temporary basis in market conditions including but not limited to during periods of expanding global economic growth and rising inflation or elevated geopolitical risk, or when credit spreads are expected to widen such during periods of falling economic growth, rising interest rates or elevated geopolitical risk. Contracts for difference and total return swaps are intended to be used to gain long and short exposure on equity and equity related securities, fixed and floating rate securities and commodity indices. The gross exposure of total return swaps and contracts for difference will not exceed 30% and is expected to remain within the range of 0% to 30% of the Net Asset Value. Due to short-term market movements, this proportion may be higher at times.

The Fund may (exceptionally) hold up to 100% of its assets in cash and Money Market Investments. This will be limited to a maximum of six months (otherwise the Fund will be liquidated). During this period, the Fund will not fall within the scope of MMFR. The Fund may also invest up to 10% of its assets in open-ended Investment Funds.

The Investment Manager applies sustainability criteria when selecting investments for the Fund. The Investment Manager uses both negative and positive screening.

Firstly, a company is given an ESG score, which takes into account issues such as climate change, environmental performance, labour standards and board composition. The Investment Manager will decide whether an investment is eligible for inclusion taking into account this ESG score and will generally exclude companies with the lowest scores across each industrial group. The multi-asset nature of the Fund means that the Investment Manager will analyse the ESG scores across asset classes as an input into the asset allocation of the Fund.

Within the Fund's investment universe established by this screening, the Investment Manager will assess companies against a variety of environmental and social metrics, and may then select investments based on which it deems to contribute to one or more environmental or social objectives, provided that they do no significant harm to any other environmental or social objectives.

The sources of information used to perform the analysis include information provided by the companies, such as company sustainability reports and other relevant company material, as well as Schroders' proprietary sustainability tools and third-party data.

The Investment Manager ensures that at least 90% of the portion of the Fund's Net Asset Value composed of investments in companies is rated against the sustainability criteria. As a result of the application of sustainability criteria, at least 20% of the Fund's potential investment universe is excluded from the selection of investments.

For the purposes of this test, the potential investment universe is the core universe of issuers that the Investment Manager may select for the Fund prior to the application of sustainability criteria, in accordance with the other limitations of the Investment Objective and Policy. This universe is comprised of equity and equity related securities and fixed income securities issued by companies worldwide and Alternative Asset Classes. However, the universe (for the purpose of this test only) shall not include fixed income securities issued by public or quasi-public issuers.

● ***What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?***

The following binding elements are applied throughout the investment process:

- The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the 50% MSCI World EUR Hedged and 30% FTSE World Government Bond Index EUR Hedged and 20% Bloomberg Global Aggregate Corporate Index EUR Hedged based on the Investment Manager's rating criteria.
- The Fund invests at least 30% of its assets in sustainable investments and such investments do not cause significant environmental or social harm.
- Exclusions are applied to direct investments in companies. The Fund applies certain exclusions relating to international conventions on cluster munitions, antipersonnel mines, and chemical and biological weapons. The Fund also excludes companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to tobacco and thermal coal, especially companies that generate at least 10% of their revenues from tobacco production, companies that generate at least 25% of their revenues from the tobacco value chain (such as suppliers, distributors, retailers and licensors), companies that

generate at least 10% of their revenues from thermal coal mining and companies that generate at least 30% of their revenues from coal fired power generation. The Fund excludes companies that are assessed by Schroders to have breached one or more 'global norms' thereby causing significant environmental or social harm; these companies comprise Schroders' 'global norms' breach list. Further, the Fund may apply other exclusions as listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

- The Fund invests in companies that have good governance practices, as determined by the Investment Manager's rating criteria.
- The Investment Manager ensures that at least 90% of the portion of the Fund's Net Asset Value composed of investments in companies is rated against the sustainability criteria.
- As a result of the application of sustainability criteria, at least 20% of the Fund's potential investment universe is excluded from the selection of investments.

### ● **What is the committed minimum rate to reduce the scope of the investments considered prior to the application of that investment strategy?**

As a result of the application of the Fund's sustainability criteria, at least 20% of the Fund's potential investment universe is excluded from the selection of investments. For the purposes of this test, the potential investment universe is the core universe of issuers that the Investment Manager may select for the Fund prior to the application of sustainability criteria, in accordance with the other limitations of the Investment Objective and Policy.

### ● **What is the policy to assess good governance practices of the investee companies?**

In order to assess good governance practices, a central Good Governance Test is applied. This test is based on a data-driven quantitative framework, which uses a scorecard to assess companies across the categories of sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff, and tax compliance. Schroders has defined a number of criteria across these pillars.

Compliance with the test is monitored centrally and companies which do not pass this test cannot be held by the Fund, unless the Investment Manager has agreed that the issuer demonstrates good governance based on additional insights beyond that quantitative analysis.

**Good governance** practices include sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff and tax compliance.



**Asset allocation** describes the share of investments in specific assets.

## **What is the asset allocation planned for this financial product?**

The planned composition of the Fund's investments that are used to meet its environmental or social characteristics are summarised below.

**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the minimum proportion of the Fund's assets used to attain the environmental or social characteristics, which is equal to **860%**. The Fund commits to maintain a higher overall sustainability score than the 50% MSCI World EUR Hedged and 30% FTSE World Government Bond Index EUR Hedged and 20% Bloomberg Global Aggregate Corporate Index EUR Hedged, and so the Fund's investments that are scored by Schroders' proprietary sustainability tool are included within the minimum proportion stated in #1 on the basis that they will contribute to the Fund's sustainability score (whether such individual investment has a positive or a negative score). Also included within #1 **are any green, social or sustainable bonds that are not scored by Schroders' proprietary tool. is+ The minimum proportion of assets that are invested in sustainable investments; a is indicated in #1A. The minimum proportions stated apply in normal market conditions. The actual proportion stated in #1 is expected to be higher.**

The sustainability score is measured by Schroders' proprietary tool that provides an estimate of the net "impact" that an issuer may create in terms of social and environmental "costs" or "benefits". It does this by using certain indicators with respect to that issuer, and quantifying them positively and negatively to produce an aggregate notional measure of the effect that the relevant underlying issuer may have on society and the environment. Examples of such indicators are greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

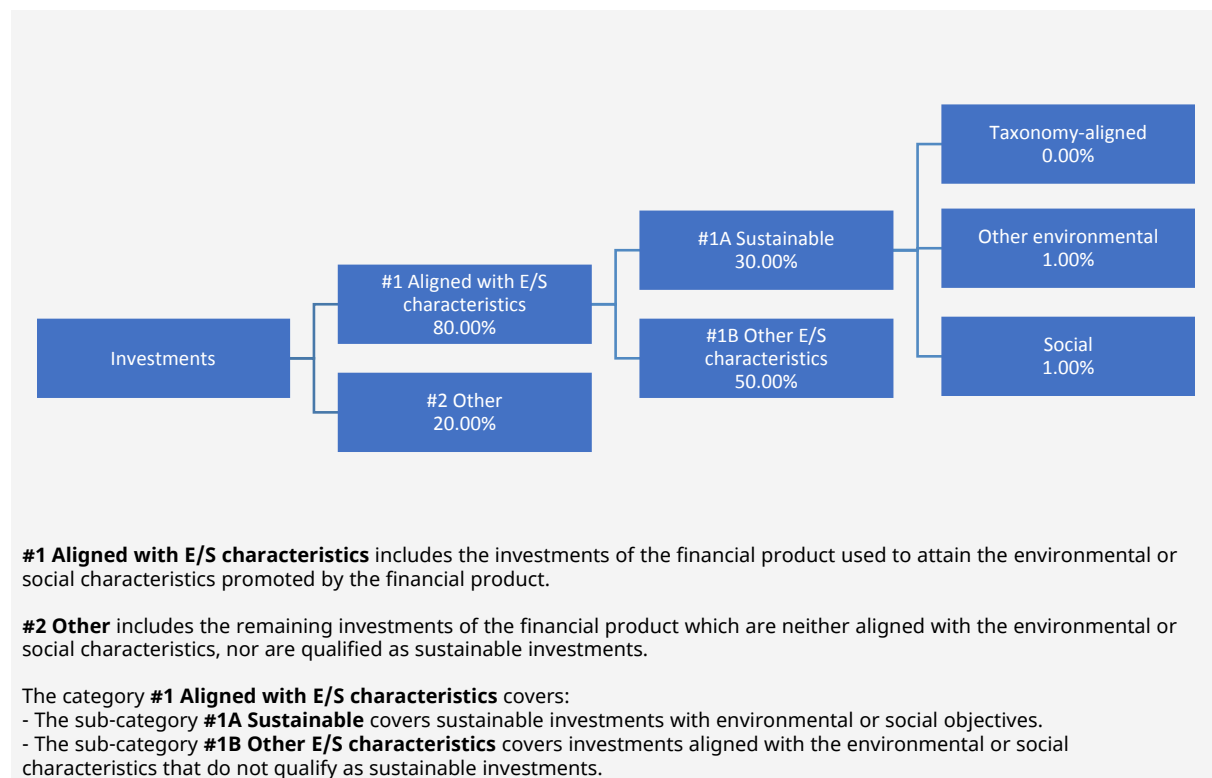
The Fund will invest at least 30% of its assets in sustainable investments. **Each sustainable investment (i) demonstrates a net positive effect across a range of environmental or social objectives, as scored by Schroders' proprietary tool or (ii) is classified as a green, social and/or sustainable bond using a third-party data source.** With the exception of any green or social bonds, which will be classified as having an environmental or social objective respectively, a sustainable investment is classified as having an environmental or social objective depending on whether the relevant issuer has a higher score in Schroders' proprietary tool relative to its applicable peer group for its environmental indicators or its social indicators. In each case, indicators are comprised of both "costs" and "benefits".

**#2 Other** includes cash which is treated as neutral for sustainability purposes. #2 also includes **other** investments that are not scored by Schroders' proprietary sustainability tool and so do not contribute towards the Fund's sustainability score. As #1 states a minimum proportion that is in practice expected to be higher, the proportion stated in #2 is expected to be lower.

Minimum safeguards are applied where relevant to investments by restricting (as appropriate) investments in counterparties where there are ownership links or exposure to higher risk countries (for the purpose of money laundering, terrorist financing, bribery, corruption, tax evasion and sanctions risks). A firm-wide risk assessment

considers the risk rating of each jurisdiction; which includes reference to a number of public statements, indices and world governance indicators issued by the UN, the European Union, the UK Government, the Financial Action Task Force and several Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), such as Transparency International and the Basel Committee.

In addition, new counterparties are reviewed by Schroders' credit risk team and approval of a new counterparty is based on a holistic review of the various sources of information available, including, but not limited to, quality of management, ownership structure, location, regulatory and social environment to which each counterparty is subject, and the degree of development of the local banking system and its regulatory framework. Ongoing monitoring is performed through a Schroders' proprietary tool, which supports the analysis of a counterparty's management of environmental, social and governance trends and challenges. Any significant deterioration in the profile of the counterparty in Schroders' proprietary tool would lead to further analysis and potential exclusion by Schroders' credit risk team.



#1 The minimum proportion stated applies in normal market conditions.

### ● **How does the use of derivatives attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?**

Derivatives such as equity index futures may be used as a proxy for direct investments which would otherwise be held by the Fund in line with its sustainability criteria. Such derivatives may therefore be used to attain the Fund's sustainability score in Schroders' proprietary tool which is one of the binding elements of the Fund. The Fund may use other derivatives that are scored in Schroders' proprietary tool to meet the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted by the Fund, as such derivatives would contribute to the Fund's sustainability score (whether such individual investment has a positive or a negative score).



### **To what minimum extent are sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?**

There is no minimum extent to which the Fund's investments (including transitional and enabling activities) with an environmental objective are aligned with the Taxonomy. Taxonomy alignment of this Fund's investments has therefore not been calculated and has as a result been deemed to constitute 0% of the Fund's portfolio.

In future it is expected that the Fund will assess and report on the extent to which its underlying investments are in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the Taxonomy, along with information relating to the proportion of enabling and transitional activities. This Prospectus will be updated once it is possible in the Investment Manager's opinion to accurately disclose to what extent the Fund's investments are in Taxonomy-aligned environmentally sustainable activities, including the proportions of investments in enabling and transitional activities selected for the Fund.



To comply with the EU Taxonomy, the criteria for **fossil gas** include limitations on emissions and switching to renewable power or low-carbon fuels by the end of 2035. For **nuclear energy**, the criteria include comprehensive safety and waste management rules.

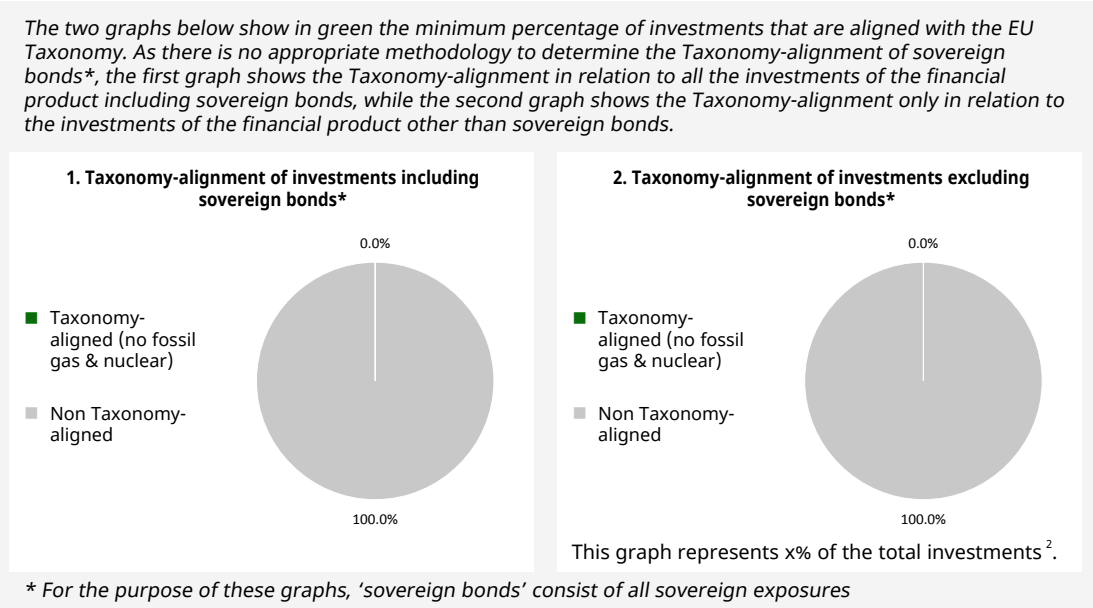
Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

- **turnover** reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee companies
- **capital expenditure** (CapEx) showing the green investments made by investee companies, e.g. for a transition to a green economy.
- **operational expenditure** (OpEx) reflecting green operational activities of investee companies.

**Enabling activities** directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective.

**Transitional activities** are activities for which low-carbon alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.

- **Does the financial product invest in fossil gas and/or nuclear energy related activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy<sup>1</sup>?**
  - ☐ Yes:
    - ☐ In fossil gas ☐ In nuclear energy
  - ☒ No



- **What is the minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities?**

As per the above, at the date of this Prospectus the share of investments by the Fund in transitional and enabling activities is currently deemed to constitute 0% of the Fund's portfolio.

<sup>1</sup> Fossil gas and/or nuclear related activities will only comply with the EU Taxonomy where they contribute to limiting climate change ("climate change mitigation") and do not significantly harm any EU Taxonomy objective – see explanatory note in the left-hand margin. The full criteria for fossil gas and nuclear energy economic activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy are laid down in Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1214.

<sup>2</sup> As there is no Taxonomy-alignment, there is no impact on the graph if sovereign bonds are excluded (i.e. the percentage of Taxonomy-aligned investments remains 0%) and the Management Company therefore believes that there is no need to mention this information.





## What is the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

The Fund commits to invest at least 1% of its assets in sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy.



are sustainable investments with an environmental objective that **do not take into account the criteria** for environmentally sustainable economic activities under the EU Taxonomy.



## What is the minimum share of socially sustainable investments?

The Fund commits to invest at least 1% of its assets in sustainable investments with a social objective.



## What investments are included under “#2 Other”, what is their purpose and are there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

**#2 Other** includes cash which is treated as neutral for sustainability purposes. #2 also includes other investments that are not scored by Schroders' proprietary sustainability tools and so do not contribute towards the Fund's sustainability score.

Minimum safeguards are applied where relevant to investments by restricting (as appropriate) investments in counterparties where there are ownership links or exposure to higher risk countries (for the purpose of money laundering, terrorist financing, bribery, corruption, tax evasion and sanctions risks). A firm-wide risk assessment considers the risk rating of each jurisdiction; which includes reference to a number of public statements, indices and world governance indicators issued by the UN, the European Union, the UK Government, the Financial Action Task Force and several Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), such as Transparency International and the Basel Committee.

In addition, new counterparties are reviewed by Schroders' credit risk team and approval of a new counterparty is based on a holistic review of the various sources of information available, including, but not limited to, quality of management, ownership structure, location, regulatory and social environment to which each counterparty is subject, and the degree of development of the local banking system and its regulatory framework. Ongoing monitoring is performed through a Schroders' proprietary tool, which supports the analysis of a counterparty's management of environmental, social and governance trends and challenges. Any significant deterioration in the profile of the counterparty in Schroders' proprietary tool would lead to further analysis and potential exclusion by Schroders' credit risk team.



## Is a specific index designated as a reference benchmark to determine whether this financial product is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes?

**Reference benchmarks** are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the environmental or social characteristics that they promote.

- **How is the reference benchmark continuously aligned with each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?**

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- **How is the alignment of the investment strategy with the methodology of the index ensured on a continuous basis?**

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- ***How does the designated index differ from a relevant broad market index?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- ***Where can the methodology used for the calculation of the designated index be found?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.



## **Where can I find more product specific information online?**

More product-specific information can be found on the webpage: <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

Pre-contractual disclosure for the financial products referred to in Article 8, paragraphs 1, 2 and 2a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 6, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852

**Product name:** **Schroder International Selection Fund Sustainable Global Credit Income Short Duration**

**Legal entity identifier:** **5493006ZQNNBQCGW4K92**

## Environmental and/or social characteristics

**Sustainable investment** means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good governance practices.

The **EU Taxonomy** is a classification system laid down in Regulation (EU) 2020/852, establishing a list of **environmentally sustainable economic activities**. That Regulation does not lay down a list of socially sustainable economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.

Does this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> No
<input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with an environmental objective: __%</b>  <input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy  <input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> It <b>promotes Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics</b> and while it does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will have a minimum proportion of <b>140.00%</b> of sustainable investments  <input type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> with a social objective
<input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with a social objective __%</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> It promotes E/S characteristics, but <b>will not make any sustainable investments</b>



## What environmental and/or social characteristics are promoted by this financial product?

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the Bloomberg Multiverse 1-5 year TR ex-Treasury A+ to B- EUR hedged index, based on the Investment Manager's rating system. This benchmark (which is a broad market index) does not take into account the environmental and social characteristics promoted by the Fund.

The sustainability score is measured by Schroders' proprietary tool that provides an estimate of the net "impact" that an issuer may create in terms of social and environmental "costs" or "benefits". It does this by using certain indicators with respect to that issuer, and quantifying them positively and negatively to produce an aggregate notional measure of the effect that the relevant underlying issuer may have on society and the environment. It does this using third party data as well as Schroders own estimates and assumptions and the outcome may differ from other sustainability tools and measures. Examples of such indicators are greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

The result is expressed as an aggregate score of the sustainability indicators for each issuer, specifically a notional percentage (positive or negative) of sales or GDP of the relevant underlying issuer. For example, a score of +2% would mean an issuer contributes \$2 of relative notional positive impact (i.e. benefits to society) per \$100 of sales or GDP. The sustainability score of the Fund is derived from the scores of all issuers in the Fund's portfolio measured by Schroders' proprietary tool.

The Fund invests at least **410%** of its assets in sustainable investments, which are investments that the Investment Manager expects to contribute towards the advancement of one or more environmental and/or social objective(s).

**Sustainability indicators** measure how the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product are attained.

- **What sustainability indicators are used to measure the attainment of each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?**  
The Investment Manager monitors compliance with the characteristic to maintain a higher overall sustainability score than the Bloomberg Multiverse 1-5 year TR ex-Treasury A+ to B- EUR hedged index by reference to the weighted average sustainability score of the Fund in Schroders' proprietary tool compared against the weighted average sustainability score of the Bloomberg Multiverse 1-5 year TR ex-Treasury A+ to B- EUR hedged index in Schroders' proprietary tool over the previous six month period,

based on month-end data. The overall sustainability score aggregates the effect of sustainability indicators including but not limited to greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

The Investment Manager monitors compliance with the characteristic to invest at least ~~40~~40% of its assets in sustainable investments by reference to (i) the sustainability score of each asset in Schroders' proprietary tool and/or (ii) whether the asset is classified as a green, social and/or sustainable bond. Compliance with this is monitored daily via our automated compliance controls. The Fund also applies certain exclusions, with which the Investment Manager monitors compliance on an ongoing basis via its portfolio compliance framework.

● ***What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?***

In respect of the proportion of the Fund's portfolio that is invested in sustainable investments, each sustainable investment either (i) demonstrates a net positive effect across a range of environmental or social objectives, as scored by Schroders' proprietary tool and/or (ii) is classified as a green, social and/or sustainable bond using a third-party data source. The environmental or social objectives of the sustainable investments that the Fund partially intends to make may include, but are not limited to, increasing environmental and/or social benefits such as greater water access or fair pay and reducing environmental, and/or social costs such as carbon emissions or food waste. For example, greater water access as measured by Schroders' proprietary tool are the estimated societal benefits of the provision of clean drinking water to human health. The environmental or social objectives of green, social and/or sustainable bonds may include, but are not limited to, climate change mitigation, renewable energy initiatives, natural resource conservation, access to finance and affordable housing projects.

● ***How do the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make, not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?***

The Investment Manager's approach to investing in issuers that do not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective includes the following:

- Firm-wide investment exclusions apply to Schroders funds. These relate to international conventions on cluster munitions, anti-personnel mines, and chemical and biological weapons and a list of those companies that are excluded is available at <https://www.schroders.com/en/sustainability/active-ownership/group-exclusions/>. Firm-wide exclusions also apply to companies generating more than 20% of their revenue from thermal coal mining.
- The Fund excludes companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to tobacco and thermal coal.
- The Fund excludes companies that are assessed by Schroders to have breached one or more 'global norms' thereby causing significant environmental or social harm; these companies comprise Schroders' 'global norms' breach list. Schroders' determination of whether a company has been involved in such a breach considers relevant principles such as those contained in the UN Global Compact (UNGC) principles, the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights. The 'global norms' breach list may be informed by assessments performed by third party providers and by proprietary research, where relevant to a particular situation. In exceptional circumstances a derogation may be applied in order to allow the Fund to continue to hold a company on Schroders' 'global norms' breach list, for example where the stated investment strategy of the Fund may otherwise be compromised. Any such company cannot be categorised as a sustainable investment.
- The Fund may also apply certain other exclusions in addition to those summarised above.

Further information on all of the Fund's investment exclusions is to be found under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>.

● ***How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?***

When seeking to identify significant harm, Schroders' approach to taking into account the Principal Adverse Impacts (PAI) indicators involves a quantitative and a qualitative assessment. Where it is not considered appropriate or feasible to set quantitative thresholds, the Investment Manager engages, where relevant. Investee companies deemed not to satisfy the quantitative thresholds would generally be excluded, unless on a case-by-case basis the data is deemed not representative of a company's performance in the relevant area.

This framework is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability and quality of the data evolves.

Our approach includes:

1. **Quantitative:** this includes indicators where specific thresholds have been established:

**Principal adverse impacts** are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anticorruption and antibribery matters.

- Via the application of exclusions. This approach is relevant to **PAI 4** (Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector), **PAI 5** (Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production) and **PAI 14** (Exposure to controversial weapons). Further, the following PAIs are assessed as part of Schroders' 'global norms' breach list exclusion (which seeks to exclude companies where significant harm is occurring):
  - **PAI 7** (Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas)
  - **PAI 8** (Emissions to water)
  - **PAI 9** (Hazardous waste and radioactive waste ratio)
  - **PAI 10** (Violations of UN Global Compact principles and Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises)
  - **PAI 11** (Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and Voluntary)
  - **PAI 14** in Table 3 (Number of identified cases of severe human rights issues and incidents)
- Via the application of an alert system flag if the relevant indicator(s) exceeds a threshold. These quantitative thresholds to assess significant harm are established centrally by our Sustainable Investment team and monitored systematically. This approach applies to indicators where we have segmented the population into harm groups to establish a threshold, such as carbon related PAI metrics, **PAI 1** (GHG emissions), **PAI 2** (Carbon footprint) and **Voluntary PAI 4 in Table 2** (Investing in companies without carbon emission reduction initiatives). **PAI 3** (GHG intensity of investee companies) operates in a similar way but the threshold is based on a revenue metric. A threshold for **PAI 6** (Energy consumption intensity per high impact climate sector) is established based on the ~~above-mentioned~~ carbon measures. A similar approach has been taken for **PAI 15** (GHG intensity). **PAI 16** (Investee countries subject to social violations) also operates in the same way but based on data availability regarding social violations. Through this process the relevant issuer(s) that is/are deemed not to satisfy the quantitative thresholds is/are flagged to the Investment Manager for consideration, whose response may involve selling the holdings(s) or maintaining the position if on a case-by-case basis the data is deemed not representative of a company's performance in the relevant area. Investee companies deemed to cause significant harm are excluded from the Fund.
- 2. **Qualitative:** This includes PAI indicators where Schroders' believes that the data available does not enable us to make a quantitative determination regarding whether significant harm is done so as to warrant excluding an investment. In such cases, the Investment Manager engages wherever possible with the company or companies held, in accordance with the priorities documented in Schroders' Engagement Blueprint and/or voting policy. This approach applies to indicators such as **PAI 12** (Unadjusted gender pay gap) and **PAI 13** (Board gender diversity), where we engage and may use our voting rights where we consider appropriate. Both board gender diversity and disclosure of gender pay gap information are captured in our Engagement Blueprint.

● ***How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:***

Companies on Schroders' 'global norms' breach list cannot be categorised as sustainable investments. Schroders' determination of whether a company should be included on such list considers the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, among other relevant principles. The 'global norms' breach list is informed by third party providers and proprietary research, where relevant.

*The EU Taxonomy sets out a "do not significant harm" principle by which Taxonomy-aligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives and is accompanied by specific EU criteria.*

*The "do not significant harm" principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.*

*Any other sustainable investments must also not significantly harm any environmental or social objectives.*



## Does this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

☒ Yes, the Investment Manager's approach to considering principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors involves classifying the indicators into three categories:

The Investment Manager's approach to considering principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors differs depending on the relevant indicator. Some indicators are considered via the application of exclusions, some are considered via the investment process (where data is available via Schroders PAI dashboard and via other external data sources) and some are considered via engagement. Further details are provided below. PAIs are considered as part of pre-investment through the application of exclusions. These include:

- Controversial weapons: PAI 14 (Exposure to controversial weapons (anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, chemical weapons and biological weapons)).
- Schroders' 'global norms' breach list, which covers: PAI 7 (Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas), PAI 8 (Emissions to water), PAI 9 (Hazardous waste and radioactive waste ratio), PAI 10 (Violations of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises), PAI 11 (Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises) and PAI 16 (Investee countries subject to social violations).
- Companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to thermal coal: PAI 4 (Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector) and PAI 5 (Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production).

Compliance with these thresholds is monitored via the Investment Manager's portfolio compliance framework.

PAIs are also considered through integration in the investment process as Schroders' proprietary tool incorporates several PAIs as a component of its scoring methodology. In assessing an issuer's overall environmental score PAI 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 are included. All PAI indicators are monitored via Schroders PAI dashboard.

PAIs are also considered post-investment through engagement where the Investment Manager engages in line with the approach and expectations set out in Schroders Engagement Blueprint, which outlines our approach to active ownership. The Investment Manager may engage with selected issuers held by the Fund on PAIs 1, 2, 3 and 4. We aim to engage with several issuers on net zero carbon emissions targets (PAI 1,2) and procuring renewable energy (PAI 5).

Our approach is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability, and quality, of PAI data evolves. The Management Company's statement on principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors is available at <https://mybrand.schroders.com/m/4ab13771bddd9d/original/Statement-on-principal-adverse-impacts-of-investment-decisions-on-sustainability-factors-2-1-new.pdf> <https://api.schroders.com/document-store/id/ffcb39bb-96cb-4e56-9461-deba9a493e85>. The Fund level information is disclosed or will be disclosed (as applicable) in the Fund's annual report.

1. Set thresholds: these involve very explicit thresholds for considering an investment to be a "sustainable investment". For example, PAI 10 on violations of UNGC principles.

2. Active ownership: these involve indicators on which we have a plan to engage with the underlying holding as set out in the Schroders Group document, accessed via <https://mybrand.schroders.com/m/3222ea4ed44a1f2c/original/schroders-engagement-blueprint.pdf>, outlining our approach to active ownership. For example, PAI 1, 2 and 3 covering GHG emissions and PAI 13 on board gender diversity.

3. Improve coverage: these involve indicators where we consider data coverage to be too sparse to properly consider them and our focus is primarily on engaging with the underlying holdings to increase reporting. For example, PAI 7 on biodiversity, PAI 9 on hazardous waste ratio and PAI 12 on the gender pay gap.

Our approach is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability, and quality, of PAI data evolves.

The Management Company's statement on principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors is available at <https://mybrand.schroders.com/m/467910ac8e6da45c/original/Statement-on-principal-adverse-impacts-of-investment-decisions-on-sustainability-factors.pdf>. The Fund level information is disclosed or will be (as applicable) in the Fund's annual report.

☐ No



## What investment strategy does this financial product follow?

**The investment strategy** guides investment decisions based on factors such as investment objectives and risk tolerance.

The sustainable investment strategy used by the Investment Manager is as follows:

The Fund is actively managed and invests at least two-thirds of its assets in fixed and floating rate investment grade and high yield securities issued by governments, government agencies, supra-nationals and companies worldwide, including emerging market countries. The Fund's strategy will have an overall duration of less than four years but this does not preclude the fund from investing in securities with a duration above four years. The Investment Manager believes the short duration strategy should limit the overall level of interest rate risk.

The Fund may invest:

- in excess of 50% of its assets in securities that have a below investment grade credit rating (as measured by Standard & Poor's or any equivalent grade of other credit rating agencies for rated bonds and implied Schroders ratings for non-rated bonds);
- up to 20% of its assets in asset-backed securities and mortgage-backed securities;
- up to 10% of its assets in convertible bonds (including contingent convertible bonds); and
- up to 10% of its assets in open-ended Investment Funds.

The Investment Manager also aims to mitigate losses by diversifying the Fund's asset allocation away from areas of the market identified as having a high risk of material negative return or principal risk.



The Fund may also invest up to one-third of its assets directly or indirectly in other securities (including other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies, warrants and Money Market Investments, and hold cash.

The Fund may use derivatives, long and short, with the aim of achieving investment gains, reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently.

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than Bloomberg Multiverse 1-5 year TR ex-Treasury A+ to B- EUR hedged index, based on the Investment Manager's rating system.

The Fund does not directly invest in certain activities, industries or groups of issuers above the limits listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage, accessed via <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

The Fund invests in companies that have good governance practices, as determined by the Investment Manager's rating criteria (please see the Fund Characteristics section for more details).

The Investment Manager may also engage with companies held by the Fund to challenge identified areas of weakness on sustainability issues. More details on the Investment Manager's approach to sustainability and its engagement with companies are available on the webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/>

The Fund may also invest in derivatives to create long and short exposure to the underlying assets of these derivatives. The Investment Manager applies governance and sustainability criteria when selecting investments for the Fund.

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The strategy applies structural sustainability themes and screens to combine best-in-class companies with investments in issuers demonstrating good or improving sustainability credentials. This is achieved by:

– The exclusion of issuers with certain exposure to specific activities that the Investment Manager considers environmentally destructive or socially damaging, violate human rights and/or have demonstrated gross misconduct. ~~with certain exposure to specific activities that the Investment Manager considers deems to have businesses that are environmentally destructive, socially damaging costly, violate human rights and/or have demonstrated gross misconduct.~~

– The inclusion of issuers that the Investment Manager considers are well placed to deliver demonstrate stable and improving sustainability trajectories relative to their industry peers and issuers demonstrating good governance based on the Investment Manager's sustainability rating methodology. As part of the selection process, the Investment Manager also considers companies' commitment to sustainable themes such as climate change mitigation, economic inclusion and health and wellbeing.

The selection of green, social and sustainable bonds entails assessing the overall sustainability of the issuer, and analysing the use of ~~proceeds and the expected impact on the bond's objectives~~. A green bond is a fixed or floating rate security that finances an environmental objective. A social bond is a fixed or floating rate security that finances a social objective. A sustainable bond is a fixed or floating rate security that finances both environmental and social objectives.

The Investment Manager may also engage with companies to encourage transparency, the transition to a circular economy with lower carbon emissions intensity and responsible social behaviour that promotes sustainable growth and alpha generation.

The primary sources of information used to perform the analysis are Schroders' proprietary sustainability tools and research, and the Investment Manager's third-party research, NGO reports and expert networks. The Investment Manager also performs its own analysis of information provided by the companies, including information provided in company sustainability reports and other relevant company material.

More details on the Investment Manager's approach to sustainability and its engagement with companies are available on the webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/>

The Investment Manager ensures that at least 90% of the portion of the Fund's Net Asset Value composed of investments in companies is rated against the sustainability criteria. As a result of the application of sustainability criteria, at least 20% of the Fund's potential investment universe is excluded from the selection of investments.

For the purposes of this test, the potential investment universe is the core universe of issuers that the Investment Manager may select for the Fund prior to the application of sustainability criteria, in accordance with the other limitations of the Investment Objective and Policy. This universe is comprised of fixed and floating rate securities issued by companies worldwide. However, the universe (for the purpose of this test only) does not include fixed or floating rate securities issued by public or quasi-public issuers.

● ***What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?***

The following binding elements are applied throughout the investment process:

- The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the Bloomberg Multiverse 1-5 year TR ex-Treasury A+ to B- EUR hedged index based on the Investment Manager's rating criteria.

- The Fund invests at least ~~40~~40% of its assets in sustainable investments and such investments do not cause significant environmental or social harm.
- Exclusions are applied to direct investments in companies. The Fund applies certain exclusions relating to international conventions on cluster munitions, antipersonnel mines, and chemical and biological weapons. The Fund also excludes companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to tobacco and thermal coal, especially companies that generate at least 10% of their revenues from tobacco production, companies that generate at least 25% of their revenues from the tobacco value chain (such as suppliers, distributors, retailers and licensors), companies that generate at least 10% of their revenues from thermal coal mining and companies that generate at least 30% of their revenues from coal fired power generation. The Fund excludes companies that are assessed by Schroders to have breached one or more 'global norms' thereby causing significant environmental or social harm; these companies comprise Schroders' 'global norms' breach list. ~~In exceptional circumstances a derogation may be applied in order to allow the Fund to continue to hold a company on Schroders' 'global norms' breach list, for example where the stated investment strategy of the Fund may otherwise be compromised. Any such company cannot be categorised as a sustainable investment.~~ Further, the Fund may apply other exclusions as listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>. The Fund invests in companies that have good governance practices, as determined by the Investment Manager's rating criteria.

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● **What is the committed minimum rate to reduce the scope of the investments considered prior to the application of that investment strategy?**

As a result of the application of the Fund's sustainability criteria, at least 20% of the Fund's potential investment universe is excluded from the selection of investments. For the purposes of this test, the potential investment universe is the core universe of issuers that the Investment Manager may select for the Fund prior to the application of sustainability criteria, in accordance with the other limitations of the Investment Objective and Policy.

~~This question is not applicable for the Fund.~~

● **What is the policy to assess good governance practices of the investee companies?**

In order to assess good governance practices, a central Good Governance Test is applied. This test is based on a data-driven quantitative framework, which uses a scorecard to assess companies across the categories of sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff, and tax compliance. Schroders has defined a number of criteria across these pillars.

Compliance with the test is monitored centrally and companies which do not pass this test cannot be held by the Fund, unless the Investment Manager has agreed that the issuer demonstrates good governance based on additional insights beyond that quantitative analysis.

**Good governance** practices include sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff and tax compliance.



## What is the asset allocation planned for this financial product?

**Asset allocation** describes the share of investments in specific assets.

The planned composition of the Fund's investments that are used to meet its environmental or social characteristics are summarised below.

**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the minimum proportion of the Fund's assets used to attain the environmental or social characteristics, which is equal to ~~68~~60%. The Fund commits to maintain a higher overall sustainability score than the Bloomberg Multiverse 1-5 year TR ex-Treasury A+ to B- EUR hedged index, and so the Fund's investments that are scored by Schroders' proprietary sustainability tool are included within the minimum proportion stated in #1 on the basis that they will contribute to the Fund's sustainability score (whether such individual investment has a positive or a negative score). Also included within #1 ~~are any green, social or sustainable bonds that are not scored by Schroders' proprietary sustainability tool.~~ is €1 The minimum proportion of assets that are invested in sustainable investments, ~~is~~ indicated in #1A. The minimum proportions stated apply in normal market conditions. The actual proportion stated in #1 is expected to be higher.

The sustainability score is measured by Schroders' proprietary tool that provides an estimate of the net "impact" that an issuer may create in terms of social and environmental "costs" or "benefits". It does this by using certain indicators with respect to that issuer, and quantifying them positively and negatively to produce an aggregate notional measure of the effect that the relevant underlying issuer may have on society and the environment. Examples of such indicators are greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

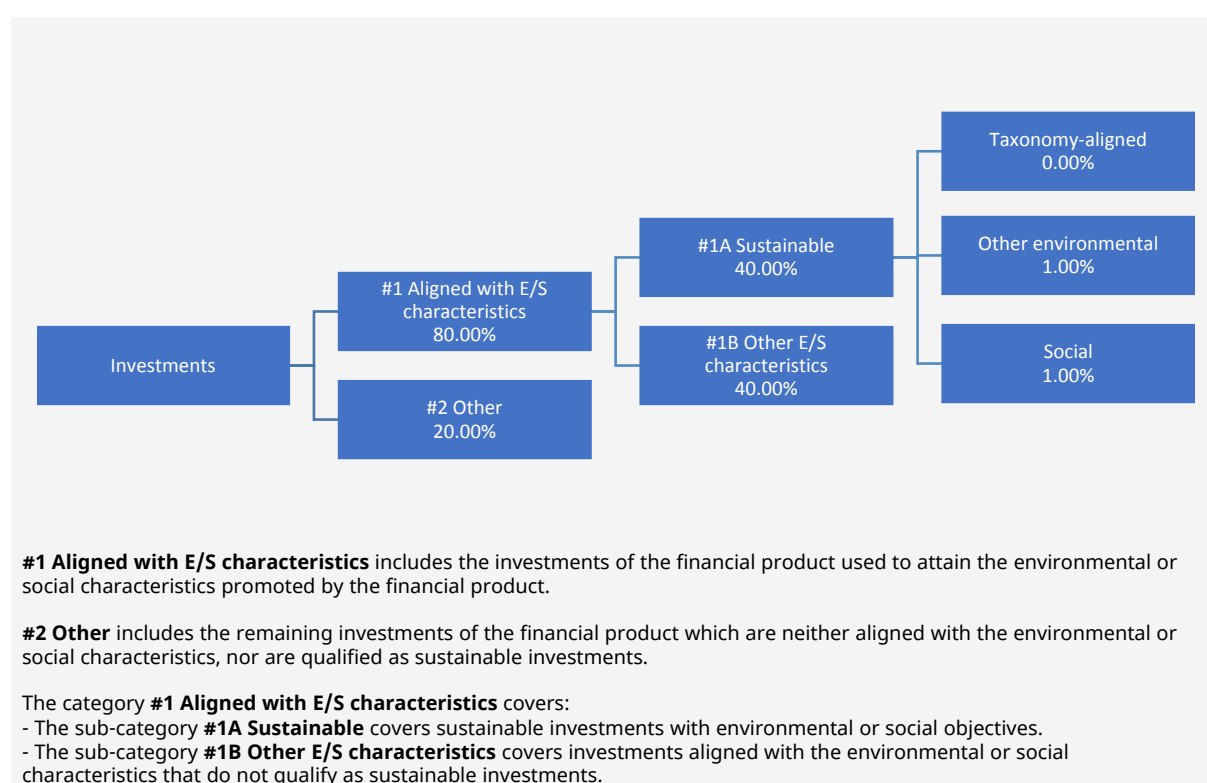
The Fund will invest at least ~~40~~40% of its assets in sustainable investments. Each sustainable investment (i) demonstrates a net positive effect across a range of environmental or social objectives as scored by Schroders' proprietary tool or (ii) is classified as a green, social and/or sustainable bond using a third-party data source. With the exception of any green or social bonds, which will be classified as having an environmental or social objective respectively, a sustainable investment is classified as having an environmental or social objective

depending on whether the relevant issuer has a higher score in Schroders' proprietary tool relative to its applicable peer group for its environmental indicators or its social indicators. In each case, indicators are comprised of both "costs" and "benefits".

**#2 Other** includes cash which is treated as neutral for sustainability purposes. #2 also includes **other** investments that are not scored by Schroders' proprietary sustainability tool and so do not contribute towards the Fund's sustainability score. As #1 states a minimum proportion that is in practice expected to be higher, the proportion stated in #2 is expected to be lower.

Minimum safeguards are applied where relevant to investments by restricting (as appropriate) investments in counterparties where there are ownership links or exposure to higher risk countries (for the purpose of money laundering, terrorist financing, bribery, corruption, tax evasion and sanctions risks). A firm-wide risk assessment considers the risk rating of each jurisdiction; which includes reference to a number of public statements, indices and world governance indicators issued by the UN, the European Union, the UK Government, the Financial Action Task Force and several Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), such as Transparency International and the Basel Committee.

In addition, new counterparties are reviewed by Schroders' credit risk team and approval of a new counterparty is based on a holistic review of the various sources of information available, including, but not limited to, quality of management, ownership structure, location, regulatory and social environment to which each counterparty is subject, and the degree of development of the local banking system and its regulatory framework. Ongoing monitoring is performed through a Schroders' proprietary tool, which supports the analysis of a counterparty's management of environmental, social and governance trends and challenges. Any significant deterioration in the profile of the counterparty in Schroders' proprietary tool would lead to further analysis and potential exclusion by Schroders' credit risk team.



#1 The minimum proportion stated applies in normal market conditions.

### ● **How does the use of derivatives attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?**

Single name credit default swaps are used as a proxy for direct investments which would otherwise be held by the Fund in line with its sustainability criteria. Such derivatives are therefore used to attain the Fund's sustainability score in Schroders proprietary tool which is one of the binding elements of the Fund. The Fund may use other derivatives that are scored in Schroders' proprietary tool to meet the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted by the Fund, as such derivatives would contribute to the Fund's sustainability score (whether such individual investment has a positive or a negative score).



## To what minimum extent are sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

There is no minimum extent to which the Fund's investments (including transitional and enabling activities) with an environmental objective are aligned with the Taxonomy. Taxonomy alignment of this Fund's investments has therefore not been calculated and has as a result been deemed to constitute 0% of the Fund's portfolio.

In future it is expected that the Fund will assess and report on the extent to which its underlying investments are in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the Taxonomy, along with information relating to the proportion of enabling and transitional activities. This Prospectus will be updated once it is possible in the Investment Manager's opinion to accurately disclose to what extent the Fund's investments are in Taxonomy-aligned environmentally sustainable activities, including the proportions of investments in enabling and transitional activities selected for the Fund.

### ● Does the financial product invest in fossil gas and/or nuclear energy related activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy<sup>1</sup>?

☐ Yes:

☐ In fossil gas ☐ In nuclear energy

☒ No

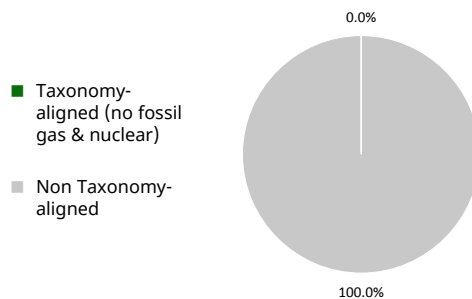
To comply with the EU Taxonomy, the criteria for **fossil gas** include limitations on emissions and switching to renewable power or low-carbon fuels by the end of 2035. For **nuclear energy**, the criteria include comprehensive safety and waste management rules.

Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

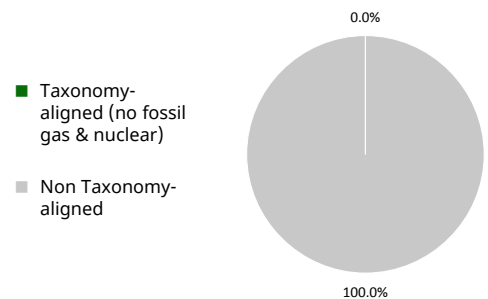
- **turnover** reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee companies
- **capital expenditure** (CapEx) showing the green investments made by investee companies, e.g. for a transition to a green economy.
- **operational expenditure** (OpEx) reflecting green operational activities of investee companies.

The two graphs below show in green the minimum percentage of investments that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the Taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy-alignment in relation to all the investments of the financial product including sovereign bonds, while the second graph shows the Taxonomy-alignment only in relation to the investments of the financial product other than sovereign bonds.

1. Taxonomy-alignment of investments including sovereign bonds\*



2. Taxonomy-alignment of investments excluding sovereign bonds\*



This graph represents x% of the total investments<sup>2</sup>.

\* For the purpose of these graphs, 'sovereign bonds' consist of all sovereign exposures

### ● What is the minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities?

As per the above, at the date of this Prospectus the share of investments by the Fund in transitional and enabling activities is currently deemed to constitute 0% of the Fund's portfolio.

**Enabling activities** directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective.

**Transitional activities** are activities for which low-carbon

<sup>1</sup> Fossil gas and/or nuclear related activities will only comply with the EU Taxonomy where they contribute to limiting climate change ("climate change mitigation") and do not significantly harm any EU Taxonomy objective – see explanatory note in the left-hand margin. The full criteria for fossil gas and nuclear energy economic activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy are laid down in Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1214.

<sup>2</sup> As there is no Taxonomy-alignment, there is no impact on the graph if sovereign bonds are excluded (i.e. the percentage of Taxonomy-aligned investments remains 0%) and the Management Company therefore believes that there is no need to mention this information.

alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.



### What is the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

The Fund commits to invest at least 1% of its assets in sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy.



are sustainable investments with an environmental objective that **do not take into account the criteria** for environmentally sustainable economic activities under the EU Taxonomy.



### What is the minimum share of socially sustainable investments?

The Fund commits to invest at least 1% of its assets in sustainable investments with a social objective.



### What investments are included under “#2 Other”, what is their purpose and are there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

**#2 Other** includes cash which is treated as neutral for sustainability purposes. #2 also **other** includes investments that are not scored by Schroders’ proprietary sustainability tools and so do not contribute towards the Fund’s sustainability score.

Minimum safeguards are applied where relevant to investments by restricting (as appropriate) investments in counterparties where there are ownership links or exposure to higher risk countries (for the purpose of money laundering, terrorist financing, bribery, corruption, tax evasion and sanctions risks). A firm-wide risk assessment considers the risk rating of each jurisdiction; which includes reference to a number of public statements, indices and world governance indicators issued by the UN, the European Union, the UK Government, the Financial Action Task Force and several Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), such as Transparency International and the Basel Committee.

In addition, new counterparties are reviewed by Schroders’ credit risk team and approval of a new counterparty is based on a holistic review of the various sources of information available, including, but not limited to, quality of management, ownership structure, location, regulatory and social environment to which each counterparty is subject, and the degree of development of the local banking system and its regulatory framework. Ongoing monitoring is performed through a Schroders’ proprietary tool, which supports the analysis of a counterparty’s management of environmental, social and governance trends and challenges. Any significant deterioration in the profile of the counterparty in Schroders’ proprietary tool would lead to further analysis and potential exclusion by Schroders’ credit risk team.



### Is a specific index designated as a reference benchmark to determine whether this financial product is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes?

- **How is the reference benchmark continuously aligned with each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?**

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

**Reference benchmarks** are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the

- ***How is the alignment of the investment strategy with the methodology of the index ensured on a continuous basis?***  
This question is not applicable for the Fund.
- ***How does the designated index differ from a relevant broad market index?***  
This question is not applicable for the Fund.
- ***Where can the methodology used for the calculation of the designated index be found?***  
This question is not applicable for the Fund.



## **Where can I find more product specific information online?**

More product-specific information can be found on the webpage: <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>



Pre-contractual disclosure for the financial products referred to in Article 8, paragraphs 1, 2 and 2a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 6, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852

**Product name:** **Schroder International Selection Fund Sustainable Global Growth and Income**

**Legal entity identifier:** **549300UPXPBL5GB7UE22**

## Environmental and/or social characteristics

<p><b>Sustainable investment</b> means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good governance practices.</p>	<p><b>Does this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?</b></p> <p> <input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Yes</b> <input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>No</b> </p>		
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## What environmental and/or social characteristics are promoted by this financial product?

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the MSCI All Country World (Net TR) index, based on the Investment Manager's rating system. This benchmark (which is a broad market index) does not take into account the environmental and social characteristics promoted by the Fund.

The sustainability score is measured by Schroders' proprietary tool that provides an estimate of the net "impact" that an issuer may create in terms of social and environmental "costs" or "benefits". It does this by using certain indicators with respect to that issuer, and quantifying them positively and negatively to produce an aggregate notional measure of the effect that the relevant underlying issuer may have on society and the environment. It does this using third party data as well as Schroders own estimates and assumptions and the outcome may differ from other sustainability tools and measures. Examples of such indicators are greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

The result is expressed as an aggregate score of the sustainability indicators for each issuer, specifically a notional percentage (positive or negative) of sales of the relevant underlying issuer. For example, a score of +2% would mean an issuer contributes \$2 of relative notional positive impact (i.e. benefits to society) per \$100 of sales. The sustainability score of the Fund is derived from the scores of all issuers in the Fund's portfolio measured by Schroders' proprietary tool.

The Fund invests at least 50% of its assets in sustainable investments, which are investments that the Investment Manager expects to contribute towards the advancement of one or more environmental and/or social objective (s).

### What sustainability indicators are used to measure the attainment of each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

The Investment Manager monitors compliance with the characteristic to maintain a higher overall sustainability score than the MSCI All Country World (Net TR) index by reference to the weighted average sustainability score of the Fund in Schroders' proprietary tool compared against the weighted average sustainability score of the MSCI All Country World (Net TR) index in Schroders' proprietary tool over the previous ~~six months~~**six-month** period, based on month-end data. The overall sustainability score aggregates the effect of sustainability indicators including but not limited to greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

**Sustainability indicators** measure how the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product are attained.

The Investment Manager monitors compliance with the characteristic to invest at least 50% of its assets in sustainable investments by reference to the sustainability score of each asset in Schroders' proprietary tool. Compliance with this is monitored daily via our automated compliance controls. The Fund also applies certain exclusions, with which the Investment Manager monitors compliance on an ongoing basis via its portfolio compliance framework.

● ***What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?***

In respect of the proportion of the Fund's portfolio that is invested in sustainable investments, each sustainable investment demonstrates a net positive effect across a range of environmental or social objectives, as scored by Schroders' proprietary tool. The environmental or social objectives of the sustainable investments that the Fund partially intends to make may include, but are not limited to, increasing environmental and/or social benefits such as greater water access or fair pay and reducing environmental, and/or social costs such as carbon emissions or food waste. For example, greater water access as measured by Schroders' proprietary tool are the estimated societal benefits of the provision of clean drinking water to human health.

● ***How do the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make, not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?***

The Investment Manager's approach to investing in issuers that do not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective includes the following:

- Firm-wide investment exclusions apply to Schroders funds. These relate to international conventions on cluster munitions, anti-personnel mines, and chemical and biological weapons and a list of those companies that are excluded is available at <https://www.schroders.com/en/sustainability/active-ownership/group-exclusions/>. Firm-wide exclusions also apply to companies generating more than 20% of their revenue from thermal coal mining.
- The Fund excludes companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to tobacco and thermal coal.
- The Fund excludes companies that are assessed by Schroders to have breached one or more 'global norms' thereby causing significant environmental or social harm; these companies comprise Schroders' 'global norms' breach list. Schroders' determination of whether a company has been involved in such a breach considers relevant principles such as those contained in the UN Global Compact (UNGC) principles, the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights. The 'global norms' breach list may be informed by assessments performed by third party providers and by proprietary research, where relevant to a particular situation.
- The Fund may also apply certain other exclusions in addition to those summarised above.

Further information on all of the Fund's investment exclusions is to be found under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

● ***How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?***

When seeking to identify significant harm, Schroders' approach to taking into account the Principal Adverse Impacts (PAI) indicators involves a quantitative and a qualitative assessment. Where it is not considered appropriate or feasible to set quantitative thresholds, the Investment Manager engages, where relevant, investee companies deemed not to satisfy the quantitative thresholds would generally be excluded, unless on a case-by-case basis the data is deemed not representative of a company's performance in the relevant area.

This framework is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability and quality of the data evolves.

Our approach includes:

1. **Quantitative:** this includes indicators where specific thresholds have been established:
  - Via the application of exclusions. This approach is relevant to **PAI 4** (Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector), **PAI 5** (Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production) and **PAI 14** (Exposure to controversial weapons). Further, the following PAIs are assessed as part of Schroders 'global norms' breach list exclusion (which seeks to exclude companies where significant harm is occurring):
    - **PAI 7** (Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas)
    - **PAI 8** (Emissions to water)

**Principal adverse impacts** are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anticorruption and antibribery matters.

- **PAI 9** (Hazardous waste and radioactive waste ratio)
- **PAI 10** (Violations of UN Global Compact principles and Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises)
- **PAI 11** (Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and Voluntary)
- **PAI 14** in Table 3 (Number of identified cases of severe human rights issues and incidents)
- Via the application of an alert system flag if the relevant indicator(s) exceeds a threshold. These quantitative thresholds to assess significant harm are established centrally by our Sustainable Investment team and monitored systematically. This approach applies to indicators where we have segmented the population into harm groups to establish a threshold, such as carbon related PAI metrics, **PAI 1** (GHG emissions), **PAI 2** (Carbon footprint) and **Voluntary PAI 4 in Table 2** (Investing in companies without carbon emission reduction initiatives). **PAI 3** (GHG intensity of investee companies) operates in a similar way but the threshold is based on a revenue metric. A threshold for **PAI 6** (Energy consumption intensity per high impact climate sector) is established based on the **above-mentioned** carbon measures. A similar approach has been taken for **PAI 15** (GHG intensity). **PAI 16** (Investee countries subject to social violations) also operates in the same way but based on data availability regarding social violations. Through this process the relevant issuer(s) that is/are deemed not to satisfy the quantitative thresholds is/are flagged to the Investment Manager for consideration, whose response may involve selling the holdings(s) or maintaining the position if on a case-by-case basis the data is deemed not representative of a company's performance in the relevant area. Investee companies deemed to cause significant harm are excluded from the Fund.
- 2. **Qualitative:** This includes PAI indicators where Schroders' believes that the data available does not enable us to make a quantitative determination regarding whether significant harm is done so as to warrant excluding an investment. In such cases, the Investment Manager engages wherever possible with the company or companies held, in accordance with the priorities documented in Schroders' Engagement Blueprint and/or voting policy. This approach applies to indicators such as **PAI 12** (Unadjusted gender pay gap) and **PAI 13** (Board gender diversity), where we engage and may use our voting rights where we consider appropriate. Both board gender diversity and disclosure of gender pay gap information are captured in our Engagement Blueprint.

● ***How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:***

Companies on Schroders' 'global norms' breach list cannot be categorised as sustainable investments. Schroders' determination of whether a company should be included on such list considers the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, among other relevant principles. The 'global norms' breach list is informed by third party providers and proprietary research, where relevant.

*The EU Taxonomy sets out a "do not significant harm" principle by which Taxonomy-aligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives and is accompanied by specific EU criteria.*

*The "do not significant harm" principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.*

*Any other sustainable investments must also not significantly harm any environmental or social objectives.*



## Does this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

☒ Yes, ~~the Investment Manager's approach to considering principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors involves classifying the indicators into three categories:~~

~~The Investment Manager's approach to considering principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors differs depending on the relevant indicator. Some indicators are considered via the application of exclusions, some are considered via the investment process (where data is available via Schroders PAI dashboard and via other external data sources) and some are considered via engagement. Further details are provided below.~~

~~PAIs are considered as part of pre-investment through the application of exclusions. These include:~~

~~- Controversial weapons: PAI 14 (Exposure to controversial weapons, such as anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, chemical weapons and biological weapons).~~

- Schroders' 'global norms' breach list, which covers: PAI 7 (Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas), PAI 8 (Emissions to water), PAI 9 (Hazardous waste and radioactive waste ratio), PAI 10 (Violations of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises), PAI 11 (Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises) and PAI 16 (Investee countries subject to social violations).

- Companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to thermal coal: PAI 4 (Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector) and PAI 5 (Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production).

Compliance with these thresholds is monitored via the Investment Manager's portfolio compliance framework.

PAIs are also considered and integrated into the investment process through the stakeholder analysis that is central to the appraisal and selection of companies deemed suitable for the Fund. The process examines the impact of companies' operations and activities across seven stakeholder groups in order to determine the long-term sustainable growth attributes of the companies being analysed, and PAIs directly contribute to this assessment. In assessing an issuer's overall environmental score, PAIs 1, 2, 3 (Greenhouse gas emissions) and 7 (Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas) are included. In assessing an issuer's overall social score, PAIs 12 (Unadjusted gender pay gap) and 13 (Board gender diversity) are included. All PAI indicators are monitored via Schroders' PAI dashboard.

PAIs are also considered post-investment through engagement where the Investment Manager engages in line with the approach and expectations set out in the Schroders Engagement Blueprint, which outlines our approach to active ownership.

Where issuers are flagged on lack of data availability for any PAIs, the Investment Manager may engage with issuers where the primary focus is to increase reporting.

Our approach is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability, and quality, of PAI data evolves. The Management Company's statement on principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors is available at <https://mybrand.schroders.com/m/4ab13771bddd9d/original/Statement-on-principal-adverse-impacts-of-investment-decisions-on-sustainability-factors-2-1-new.pdf> <https://api.schroders.com/document-store/id/ffcb39bb-96cb-4e56-9461-deba9a493e85>. The Fund level information is disclosed or will be disclosed (as applicable) in the Fund's annual report.

1. Set thresholds: these involve very explicit thresholds for considering an investment to be a "sustainable investment". For example, PAI 10 on violations of UNGC principles.

2. Active ownership: these involve indicators on which we have a plan to engage with the underlying holding as set out in the Schroders Group document <https://mybrand.schroders.com/m/3222ea4ed44a1f2c/original/schroders-engagement-blueprint.pdf>, outlining our approach to active ownership. For example, PAI 1, 2 and 3 covering GHG emissions and PAI 13 on board gender diversity.

3. Improve coverage: these involve indicators where we consider data coverage to be too sparse to properly consider them and our focus is primarily on engaging with the underlying holdings to increase reporting. For example, PAI 7 on biodiversity, PAI 9 on hazardous waste ratio and PAI 12 on the gender pay gap.

Our approach is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability, and quality, of PAI data evolves.

The Management Company's statement on principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors is available at <https://mybrand.schroders.com/m/467910ac8e6da45c/original/Statement-on-principal-adverse-impacts-of-investment-decisions-on-sustainability-factors.pdf>. The Fund level information is disclosed or will be (as applicable) in the Fund's annual report.

☐ No



## What investment strategy does this financial product follow?

**The investment strategy** guides investment decisions based on factors such as investment objectives and risk tolerance.

The sustainable investment strategy used by the Investment Manager is as follows:

The Fund is actively managed and invests at least two-thirds of its assets in equity and equity related securities of companies worldwide. To enhance the dividend yield of the Fund, the Investment Manager may, from time to time, sell short dated call options over individual securities held by the Fund. This may at times adversely affect the capital growth of fund.

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than MSCI All Country World (Net TR) index, based on the Investment Manager's rating system.

The Fund does not directly invest in certain activities, industries or groups of issuers above the limits listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

The Fund invests in companies that have good governance practices, as determined by the Investment Manager's rating criteria.

The Investment Manager may also engage with companies held by the Fund to challenge identified areas of weakness on sustainability issues. More details on the Investment Manager's approach to sustainability and its engagement with companies are available on the webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/>

The Fund may use derivatives with the aim of reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently.

The Investment Manager applies sustainability criteria when selecting investments for the Fund. The Investment Manager uses a proprietary screening tool to exclude companies ranked on ESG performance in the bottom quartile of the broader investable universe. Individual names identified by this screen may be included in the investable universe by exception, if the Investment Manager believes that the company is on track to improve its ESG performance. A negative screen augments this process to ensure the exclusion of specified industries from the universe.

Another proprietary screening tool is then used in order to select issuers with a positive sustainability score. Whilst not every investment selected will exhibit a positive score, the Investment Manager will ensure that in aggregate, the portfolio demonstrates a positive score relative to the benchmark specified in the investment policy. Any investment being considered for the portfolio with a negative score will be appraised in light of the Investment Manager's analysis of the company's overall ESG performance and stated sustainability policy and objectives.

The sources of information used to perform the analysis include information provided by the companies, such as company sustainability reports and other relevant company material, as well as Schroders' proprietary sustainability tools and third-party data.

The Investment Manager ensures that at least 90% of the portion of the Fund's Net Asset Value composed of investments in companies is rated against the sustainability criteria. As a result of the application of sustainability criteria, at least 20% of the Fund's potential investment universe is excluded from the selection of investments.

For the purposes of this test, the potential investment universe is the core universe of issuers that the Investment Manager may select for the Fund prior to the application of sustainability criteria, in accordance with the other limitations of the Investment Objective and Policy. This universe is comprised of equity and equity related securities of companies worldwide.

● ***What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?***

The following binding elements are applied throughout the investment process:

- The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the MSCI All Country World (Net TR) index based on the Investment Manager's rating criteria.
- The Fund invests at least 50% of its assets in sustainable investments and such investments do not cause significant environmental or social harm.
- Exclusions are applied to direct investments in companies. The Fund applies certain exclusions relating to international conventions on cluster munitions, antipersonnel mines, and chemical and biological weapons. The Fund also excludes companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to tobacco and thermal coal, especially companies that generate at least 10% of their revenues from tobacco production, companies that generate at least 25% of their revenues from the tobacco value chain (such as suppliers, distributors, retailers and licensors), companies that generate at least 10% of their revenues from thermal coal mining and companies that generate at least 30% of their revenues from coal fired power generation. The Fund excludes companies that are assessed by Schroders to have breached one or more 'global norms' thereby causing significant environmental or social harm; these companies comprise Schroders' 'global norms' breach list. Further, the Fund may apply other exclusions as listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>. The Fund invests in companies that have good governance practices, as determined by the Investment Manager's rating criteria.
- The Investment Manager ensures that at least 90% of the portion of the Fund's Net Asset Value composed of investments in companies is rated against the sustainability criteria.
- As a result of the application of sustainability criteria, at least 20% of the Fund's potential investment universe is excluded from the selection of investments.

● ***What is the committed minimum rate to reduce the scope of the investments considered prior to the application of that investment strategy?***

As a result of the application of the Fund's sustainability criteria, at least 20% of the Fund's potential investment universe is excluded from the selection of investments. For the purposes of this test, the potential investment universe is the core universe of issuers that the Investment Manager may select for the Fund prior to the application of sustainability criteria, in accordance with the other limitations of the Investment Objective and Policy.

● ***What is the policy to assess good governance practices of the investee companies?***

In order to assess good governance practices, a central Good Governance Test is applied. This test is based on a data-driven quantitative framework, which uses a scorecard to assess companies across the categories of sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff, and tax compliance. Schroders has defined a number of criteria across these pillars.

**Good governance** practices include sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff and tax compliance.



Compliance with the test is monitored centrally and companies which do not pass this test cannot be held by the Fund, unless the Investment Manager has agreed that the issuer demonstrates good governance based on additional insights beyond that quantitative analysis.



## What is the asset allocation planned for this financial product?

**Asset allocation** describes the share of investments in specific assets.

The planned composition of the Fund's investments that are used to meet its environmental or social characteristics are summarised below.

**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the minimum proportion of the Fund's assets used to attain the environmental or social characteristics, which is equal to 70%. The Fund commits to maintain a higher overall sustainability score than the MSCI All Country World (Net TR) index, and so the Fund's investments that are scored by Schroders' proprietary sustainability tool are included within the minimum proportion stated in #1 on the basis that they will contribute to the Fund's sustainability score (whether such individual investment has a positive or a negative score). Also included within #1 is the minimum proportion of assets that are invested in sustainable investments, as indicated in #1A. The minimum proportions stated apply in normal market conditions. The actual proportion stated in #1 is expected to be higher.

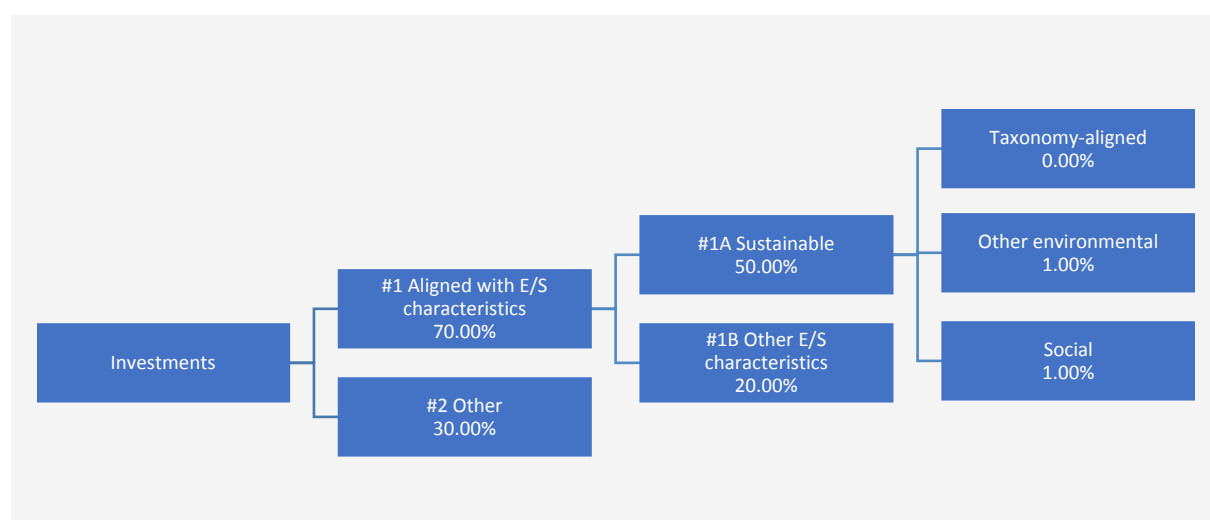
The sustainability score is measured by Schroders' proprietary tool that provides an estimate of the net "impact" that an issuer may create in terms of social and environmental "costs" or "benefits". It does this by using certain indicators with respect to that issuer, and quantifying them positively and negatively to produce an aggregate notional measure of the effect that the relevant underlying issuer may have on society and the environment. Examples of such indicators are greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

The Fund will invest at least 50% of its assets in sustainable investments. A sustainable investment is classified as having an environmental or social objective depending on whether the relevant issuer has a higher score in Schroders' proprietary tool relative to its applicable peer group for its environmental indicators or its social indicators. In each case, indicators are comprised of both "costs" and "benefits".

**#2 Other** includes cash which is treated as neutral for sustainability purposes. #2 also includes investments that are not scored by Schroders' proprietary sustainability tool and so do not contribute towards the Fund's sustainability score. As #1 states a minimum proportion that is in practice expected to be higher, the proportion stated in #2 is expected to be lower.

Minimum safeguards are applied where relevant to Money Market Investments and other investments by restricting (as appropriate) investments in counterparties where there are ownership links or exposure to higher risk countries (for the purpose of money laundering, terrorist financing, bribery, corruption, tax evasion and sanctions risks). A firm-wide risk assessment considers the risk rating of each jurisdiction; which includes reference to a number of public statements, indices and world governance indicators issued by the UN, the European Union, the UK Government, the Financial Action Task Force and several Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), such as Transparency International and the Basel Committee.

In addition, new counterparties are reviewed by Schroders' credit risk team and approval of a new counterparty is based on a holistic review of the various sources of information available, including, but not limited to, quality of management, ownership structure, location, regulatory and social environment to which each counterparty is subject, and the degree of development of the local banking system and its regulatory framework. Ongoing monitoring is performed through a Schroders' proprietary tool, which supports the analysis of a counterparty's management of environmental, social and governance trends and challenges. Any significant deterioration in the profile of the counterparty in Schroders' proprietary tool would lead to further analysis and potential exclusion by Schroders' credit risk team.





**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the investments of the financial product used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product.

**#2 Other** includes the remaining investments of the financial product which are neither aligned with the environmental or social characteristics, nor are qualified as sustainable investments.

The category **#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** covers:

- The sub-category **#1A Sustainable** covers sustainable investments with environmental or social objectives.
- The sub-category **#1B Other E/S characteristics** covers investments aligned with the environmental or social characteristics that do not qualify as sustainable investments.

#1 The minimum proportion stated applies in normal market conditions.

● **How does the use of derivatives attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?**

The Fund may use derivatives that are scored in Schroders' proprietary tool to meet the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted by the Fund, as such derivatives would contribute to the Fund's sustainability score (whether such individual investment has a positive or a negative score).



**To what minimum extent are sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?**

There is no minimum extent to which the Fund's investments (including transitional and enabling activities) with an environmental objective are aligned with the Taxonomy. Taxonomy alignment of this Fund's investments has therefore not been calculated and has as a result been deemed to constitute 0% of the Fund's portfolio.

In future it is expected that the Fund will assess and report on the extent to which its underlying investments are in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the Taxonomy, along with information relating to the proportion of enabling and transitional activities. This Prospectus will be updated once it is possible in the Investment Manager's opinion to accurately disclose to what extent the Fund's investments are in Taxonomy-aligned environmentally sustainable activities, including the proportions of investments in enabling and transitional activities selected for the Fund.

● **Does the financial product invest in fossil gas and/or nuclear energy related activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy<sup>1</sup>?**

☐ Yes:

☐ In fossil gas ☐ In nuclear energy

☒ No

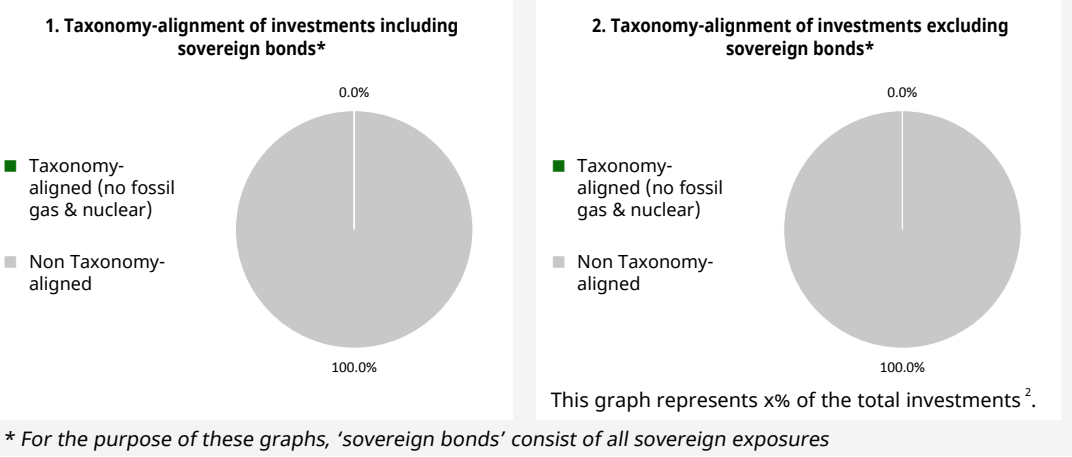
To comply with the EU Taxonomy, the criteria for **fossil gas** include limitations on emissions and switching to renewable power or low-carbon fuels by the end of 2035. For **nuclear energy**, the criteria include comprehensive safety and waste management rules.

<sup>1</sup> Fossil gas and/or nuclear related activities will only comply with the EU Taxonomy where they contribute to limiting climate change ("climate change mitigation") and do not significantly harm any EU Taxonomy objective – see explanatory note in the left-hand margin. The full criteria for fossil gas and nuclear energy economic activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy are laid down in Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1214.

Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

- **turnover** reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee companies
- **capital expenditure** (CapEx) showing the green investments made by investee companies, e.g. for a transition to a green economy.
- **operational expenditure** (OpEx) reflecting green operational activities of investee companies.

The two graphs below show in green the minimum percentage of investments that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the Taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy-alignment in relation to all the investments of the financial product including sovereign bonds, while the second graph shows the Taxonomy-alignment only in relation to the investments of the financial product other than sovereign bonds.



**Enabling activities** directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective.

**Transitional activities** are activities for which low-carbon alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.

- **What is the minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities?**  
As per the above, at the date of this Prospectus the share of investments by the Fund in transitional and enabling activities is currently deemed to constitute 0% of the Fund's portfolio.



**What is the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?**  
The Fund commits to invest at least 1% of its assets in sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

are sustainable investments with an environmental objective that **do not take into account the criteria** for environmentally sustainable economic activities under the EU Taxonomy.

<sup>2</sup> As there is no Taxonomy-alignment, there is no impact on the graph if sovereign bonds are excluded (i.e. the percentage of Taxonomy-aligned investments remains 0%) and the Management Company therefore believes that there is no need to mention this information.



## What is the minimum share of socially sustainable investments?

The Fund commits to invest at least 1% of its assets in sustainable investments with a social objective.



## What investments are included under “#2 Other”, what is their purpose and are there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

**#2 Other** includes cash which is treated as neutral for sustainability purposes. #2 also includes investments that are not scored by Schroders’ proprietary sustainability tools and so do not contribute towards the Fund’s sustainability score.

Minimum safeguards are applied where relevant to Money Market Investments and other investments by restricting (as appropriate) investments in counterparties where there are ownership links or exposure to higher risk countries (for the purpose of money laundering, terrorist financing, bribery, corruption, tax evasion and sanctions risks). A firm-wide risk assessment considers the risk rating of each jurisdiction; which includes reference to a number of public statements, indices and world governance indicators issued by the UN, the European Union, the UK Government, the Financial Action Task Force and several Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), such as Transparency International and the Basel Committee.

In addition, new counterparties are reviewed by Schroders’ credit risk team and approval of a new counterparty is based on a holistic review of the various sources of information available, including, but not limited to, quality of management, ownership structure, location, regulatory and social environment to which each counterparty is subject, and the degree of development of the local banking system and its regulatory framework. Ongoing monitoring is performed through a Schroders’ proprietary tool, which supports the analysis of a counterparty’s management of environmental, social and governance trends and challenges. Any significant deterioration in the profile of the counterparty in Schroders’ proprietary tool would lead to further analysis and potential exclusion by Schroders’ credit risk team.



## Is a specific index designated as a reference benchmark to determine whether this financial product is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes?

**Reference benchmarks** are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the environmental or social characteristics that they promote.

- ***How is the reference benchmark continuously aligned with each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- ***How is the alignment of the investment strategy with the methodology of the index ensured on a continuous basis?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- ***How does the designated index differ from a relevant broad market index?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- ***Where can the methodology used for the calculation of the designated index be found?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.



## Where can I find more product specific information online?

More product-specific information can be found on the webpage: <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

Pre-contractual disclosure for the financial products referred to in Article 8, paragraphs 1, 2 and 2a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 6, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852

**Product name:** **Schroder International Selection Fund Sustainable Global Multi Credit**

**Legal entity identifier:** **549300N4PLUJQQE2N097**

## Environmental and/or social characteristics

**Sustainable investment** means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good governance practices.

The **EU Taxonomy** is a classification system laid down in Regulation (EU) 2020/852, establishing a list of **environmentally sustainable economic activities**. That Regulation does not lay down a list of socially sustainable economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.

Does this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?	
●● <input type="checkbox"/> Yes	●○ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
<input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with an environmental objective: __%</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> It <b>promotes Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics</b> and while it does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will have a minimum proportion of <b>40.00%</b> of sustainable investments
<input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy	<input type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy
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<input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with a social objective __%</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> with a social objective
	<input type="checkbox"/> It promotes E/S characteristics, but <b>will not make any sustainable investments</b>



## What environmental and/or social characteristics are promoted by this financial product?

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the Bloomberg Multiverse (TR) ex Treasury A+ to B- index, USD Hedged, based on the Investment Manager's rating system. This benchmark (which is a broad market index) does not take into account the environmental and social characteristics promoted by the Fund.

The sustainability score is measured by Schroders' proprietary tool that provides an estimate of the net "impact" that an issuer may create in terms of social and environmental "costs" or "benefits". It does this by using certain indicators with respect to that issuer, and quantifying them positively and negatively to produce an aggregate notional measure of the effect that the relevant underlying issuer may have on society and the environment. It does this using third party data as well as Schroders own estimates and assumptions and the outcome may differ from other sustainability tools and measures. Examples of such indicators are greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

The result is expressed as an aggregate score of the sustainability indicators for each issuer, specifically a notional percentage (positive or negative) of sales or GDP of the relevant underlying issuer. For example, a score of +2% would mean an issuer contributes \$2 of relative notional positive impact (i.e. benefits to society) per \$100 of sales or GDP. The sustainability score of the Fund is derived from the scores of all issuers in the Fund's portfolio measured by Schroders' proprietary tool.

The Fund invests at least 40% of its assets in sustainable investments, which are investments that the Investment Manager expects to contribute towards the advancement of one or more environmental and/or social objective (s).

### ● What sustainability indicators are used to measure the attainment of each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

The Investment Manager monitors compliance with the characteristic to maintain a higher overall sustainability score than the Bloomberg Multiverse (TR) ex Treasury A+ to B- index, USD Hedged by reference to the weighted average sustainability score of the Fund in Schroders' proprietary tool compared against the weighted average sustainability score of the Bloomberg Multiverse (TR) ex Treasury A+ to B- index, USD Hedged in Schroders' proprietary tool over the previous six month period, based on month-end data. The overall sustainability score aggregates the effect of sustainability indicators including but not limited to greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

**Sustainability indicators** measure how the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product are attained.

The Investment Manager monitors compliance with the characteristic to invest at least 40% of its assets in sustainable investments by reference to (i) the sustainability score of each asset in Schroders' proprietary tool and/or (ii) whether the asset is classified as a green, social and/or sustainable bond. Compliance with this is monitored daily via our automated compliance controls. The Fund also applies certain exclusions, with which the Investment Manager monitors compliance on an ongoing basis via its portfolio compliance framework.

● ***What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?***

In respect of the proportion of the Fund's portfolio that is invested in sustainable investments, each sustainable investment either (i) demonstrates a net positive effect across a range of environmental or social objectives, as scored by Schroders' proprietary tool and/or (ii) is classified as a green, social and/or sustainable bond using a third-party data source. The environmental or social objectives of the sustainable investments that the Fund partially intends to make may include, but are not limited to, increasing environmental and/or social benefits such as greater water access or fair pay and reducing environmental, and/or social costs such as carbon emissions or food waste. For example, greater water access as measured by Schroders' proprietary tool are the estimated societal benefits of the provision of clean drinking water to human health. The environmental or social objectives of green, social and/or sustainable bonds may include, but are not limited to, climate change mitigation, renewable energy initiatives, natural resource conservation, access to finance and affordable housing projects.

● ***How do the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make, not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?***

The Investment Manager's approach to investing in issuers that do not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective includes the following:

- Firm-wide investment exclusions apply to Schroders funds. These relate to international conventions on cluster munitions, anti-personnel mines, and chemical and biological weapons and a list of those companies that are excluded is available at <https://www.schroders.com/en/sustainability/active-ownership/group-exclusions/>. Firm-wide exclusions also apply to companies generating more than 20% of their revenue from thermal coal mining.
- The Fund excludes companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to tobacco and thermal coal.
- The Fund excludes companies that are assessed by Schroders to have breached one or more 'global norms' thereby causing significant environmental or social harm; these companies comprise Schroders' 'global norms' breach list. Schroders' determination of whether a company has been involved in such a breach considers relevant principles such as those contained in the UN Global Compact (UNGC) principles, the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights. The 'global norms' breach list may be informed by assessments performed by third party providers and by proprietary research, where relevant to a particular situation.
- The Fund may also apply certain other exclusions in addition to those summarised above.

Further information on all of the Fund's investment exclusions is to be found under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <http://www.schroders.com/en/lu/private-investor/>

● ***How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?***

When seeking to identify significant harm, Schroders' approach to taking into account the Principal Adverse Impacts (PAI) indicators involves a quantitative and a qualitative assessment. Where it is not considered appropriate or feasible to set quantitative thresholds, the Investment Manager engages, where relevant. Investee companies deemed not to satisfy the quantitative thresholds would generally be excluded, unless on a case-by-case basis the data is deemed not representative of a company's performance in the relevant area.

This framework is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability and quality of the data evolves.

Our approach includes:

1. **Quantitative:** this includes indicators where specific thresholds have been established:

- Via the application of exclusions. This approach is relevant to **PAI 4** (Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector), **PAI 5** (Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production) and **PAI 14** (Exposure to controversial weapons). Further, the following PAIs are assessed as part of Schroders 'global norms' breach list exclusion (which seeks to exclude companies where significant harm is occurring):

**Principal adverse impacts** are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anticorruption and antibribery matters.

- **PAI 7** (Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas)
- **PAI 8** (Emissions to water)
- **PAI 9** (Hazardous waste and radioactive waste ratio)
- **PAI 10** (Violations of UN Global Compact principles and Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises)
- **PAI 11** (Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and Voluntary)
- **PAI 14** in Table 3 (Number of identified cases of severe human rights issues and incidents)
- Via the application of an alert system flag if the relevant indicator(s) exceeds a threshold. These quantitative thresholds to assess significant harm are established centrally by our Sustainable Investment team and monitored systematically. This approach applies to indicators where we have segmented the population into harm groups to establish a threshold, such as carbon related PAI metrics, **PAI 1** (GHG emissions), **PAI 2** (Carbon footprint) and **Voluntary PAI 4 in Table 2** (Investing in companies without carbon emission reduction initiatives). **PAI 3** (GHG intensity of investee companies) operates in a similar way but the threshold is based on a revenue metric. A threshold for **PAI 6** (Energy consumption intensity per high impact climate sector) is established based on the ~~above-mentioned~~ carbon measures. A similar approach has been taken for **PAI 15** (GHG intensity). **PAI 16** (Investee countries subject to social violations) also operates in the same way but based on data availability regarding social violations. Through this process the relevant issuer(s) that is/are deemed not to satisfy the quantitative thresholds is/are flagged to the Investment Manager for consideration, whose response may involve selling the holdings(s) or maintaining the position if on a case-by-case basis the data is deemed not representative of a company's performance in the relevant area. Investee companies deemed to cause significant harm are excluded from the Fund.
- 2. **Qualitative:** This includes PAI indicators where Schroders' believes that the data available does not enable us to make a quantitative determination regarding whether significant harm is done so as to warrant excluding an investment. In such cases, the Investment Manager engages wherever possible with the company or companies held, in accordance with the priorities documented in Schroders' Engagement Blueprint and/or voting policy. This approach applies to indicators such as **PAI 12** (Unadjusted gender pay gap) and **PAI 13** (Board gender diversity), where we engage and may use our voting rights where we consider appropriate. Both board gender diversity and disclosure of gender pay gap information are captured in our Engagement Blueprint.

● ***How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:***

Companies on Schroders' 'global norms' breach list cannot be categorised as sustainable investments. Schroders' determination of whether a company should be included on such list considers the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, among other relevant principles. The 'global norms' breach list is informed by third party providers and proprietary research, where relevant.

*The EU Taxonomy sets out a "do not significant harm" principle by which Taxonomy-aligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives and is accompanied by specific EU criteria.*

The "do not significant harm" principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.

*Any other sustainable investments must also not significantly harm any environmental or social objectives.*



## Does this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

☒ Yes, ~~the Investment Manager's approach to considering principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors involves classifying the indicators into three categories:~~

~~The Investment Manager's approach to considering principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors differs depending on the relevant indicator. Some indicators are considered via the application of exclusions, some are considered via the investment process (where data is available via Schroders PAI dashboard and via other external data sources) and some are considered via engagement. Further details are provided below. PAIs are considered as part of pre-investment through the application of exclusions. These include:~~  
~~- Controversial weapons: PAI 14 (Exposure to controversial weapons (anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, chemical weapons and biological weapons)).~~



- Schroders' 'global norms' breach list, which covers: PAI 7 (Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas), PAI 8 (Emissions to water), PAI 9 (Hazardous waste and radioactive waste ratio), PAI 10 (Violations of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises), PAI 11 (Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises) and PAI 16 (Investee countries subject to social violations).

- Companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to thermal coal: PAI 4 (Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector) and PAI 5 (Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production).

Compliance with these thresholds is monitored via the Investment Manager's portfolio compliance framework. PAIs are also considered through integration in the investment process as Schroders' proprietary tool incorporates several PAIs as a component of its scoring methodology. In assessing an issuers' overall environmental score PAI 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 (Greenhouse gas emissions) are included. All PAI indicators are monitored via Schroders PAI dashboard.

PAIs are also considered post-investment through engagement where the Investment Manager engages in line with the approach and expectations set out in Schroders Engagement Blueprint, which outlines our approach to active ownership. The Investment Manager may engage with selected issuers held by the Fund on PAIs 1, 2, 3 and 4. We aim to engage with several issuers on net zero carbon emissions targets (PAI 1,2), procuring renewable energy (PAI 5).

Our approach is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability, and quality, of PAI data evolves. The Management Company's statement on principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors is available at <https://mybrand.schroders.com/m/4ab13771bddd9d/original/Statement-on-principal-adverse-impacts-of-investment-decisions-on-sustainability-factors-2-1-new.pdf> <https://api.schroders.com/document-store/id/ffcb39bb-96cb-4e56-9461-deba9a493e85>. The Fund level information is disclosed or will be disclosed (as applicable) in the Fund's annual report.

1. Set thresholds: these involve very explicit thresholds for considering an investment to be a "sustainable investment". For example, PAI 10 on violations of UNGC principles.

2. Active ownership: these involve indicators on which we have a plan to engage with the underlying holding as set out in the Schroders Group document <https://mybrand.schroders.com/m/3222ea4ed44a1f2c/original/schroders-engagement-blueprint.pdf>, outlining our approach to active ownership. For example, PAI 1, 2 and 3 covering GHG emissions and PAI 13 on board gender diversity.

3. Improve coverage: these involve indicators where we consider data coverage to be too sparse to properly consider them and our focus is primarily on engaging with the underlying holdings to increase reporting. For example, PAI 7 on biodiversity, PAI 9 on hazardous waste ratio and PAI 12 on the gender pay gap.

Our approach is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability, and quality, of PAI data evolves.

The Management Company's statement on principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors is available at <https://mybrand.schroders.com/m/467910ac8e6da45c/original/Statement-on-principal-adverse-impacts-of-investment-decisions-on-sustainability-factors.pdf>. The Fund level information is disclosed or will be (as applicable) in the Fund's annual report.

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☐ No



## What investment strategy does this financial product follow?

**The investment strategy** guides investment decisions based on factors such as investment objectives and risk tolerance.

The sustainable investment strategy used by the Investment Manager is as follows:

The Fund is actively managed and invests at least two-thirds of its assets in investment grade and sub-investment grade fixed and floating rate securities (as measured by Standard & Poor's or any equivalent grade of other credit rating agencies) issued by governments, government agencies, supra-nationals and companies worldwide, including emerging market countries.

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than Bloomberg Multiverse (TR) ex Treasury A+ to B- index, USD Hedged, based on the Investment Manager's rating system.

The Fund does not directly invest in certain activities, industries or groups of issuers above the limits listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

The Fund invests in companies that have good governance practices, as determined by the Investment Manager's rating criteria.

The Investment Manager may also engage with companies held by the Fund to challenge identified areas of weakness on sustainability issues. More details on the Investment Manager's approach to sustainability and its engagement with companies are available on the webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/>

The Fund may invest:

- in excess of 50% of its assets in securities that have a below investment grade credit rating (as measured by Standard & Poor's or any equivalent grade of other credit rating agencies for rated bonds and implied Schroders ratings for non-rated bonds);
- up to 20% of its assets in asset-backed and mortgage backed securities; and

– up to 30% of its assets in convertible bonds including up to 10% of its assets in contingent convertible bonds (CoCos).

The Fund may also invest up to one-third of its assets directly or indirectly in other securities (including other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies, Investment Funds, warrants and Money Market Investments, and hold cash.

The Fund may also invest in derivatives to create long and short exposure to the underlying assets of these derivatives.

The Fund may use derivatives with the aim of achieving investment gains, reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently.

The Investment Manager applies sustainability criteria when selecting investments for the Fund.

The strategy applies structural sustainability themes and screens to combine companies that the Investment Manager considers are best-in-class with investments in issuers demonstrating good or improving sustainability credentials. This is achieved by:

- The exclusion of issuers with certain exposure to specific activities that the Investment Manager ~~considers~~deems to have businesses that are environmentally destructive, socially damaging ~~costly~~, violate human rights and/or have demonstrated gross misconduct.
- The inclusion of issuers that the Investment Manager considers are well placed to deliver demonstrate stable and improving sustainability trajectories relative to their industry peers ~~and issuers demonstrating good governance based on the Investment Manager's sustainability rating methodology~~. As part of the selection process, the Investment Manager also considers companies' commitment to sustainable themes such as climate change mitigation, economic inclusion and health and wellbeing.

The Investment Manager may also engage with companies to encourage transparency, the transition to a circular economy with lower carbon emissions intensity and responsible social behaviour that promotes sustainable growth and alpha generation.

The Fund may also invest strategically in green, social and sustainable bonds. The selection of green, social and sustainable bonds entails assessing the overall sustainability of the issuer; and analysing the use of proceeds, and the expected impact on the bond's objectives. A green bond is a fixed or floating rate security that finances an environmental objective. A social bond is a fixed or floating rate security that finances a social objective. A sustainable bond is a fixed or floating rate security that finances both environmental and social objectives.

The primary sources of information used to perform the analysis are Schroders' proprietary sustainability tools and research, and the Investment Manager's third-party research, NGO reports and expert networks. The Investment Manager also performs its own analysis of information provided by the companies, including information provided in company sustainability reports and other relevant company material.

The Investment Manager ensures that at least 90% of the portion of the Fund's Net Asset Value composed of investments in companies is rated against the sustainability criteria. As a result of the application of sustainability criteria, at least 20% of the Fund's potential investment universe is excluded from the selection of investments.

For the purposes of this test, the potential investment universe is the core universe of issuers that the Investment Manager may select for the Fund prior to the application of sustainability criteria, in accordance with the other limitations of the Investment Objective and Policy. This universe is comprised of fixed and floating rate securities issued by companies worldwide. However, the universe (for the purpose of this test only) does not include fixed or floating rate securities issued by public or quasi-public issuers.

### ● ***What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?***

The following binding elements are applied throughout the investment process:

- The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the Bloomberg Multiverse (TR) ex Treasury A+ to B- index, USD Hedged based on the Investment Manager's rating criteria.
- The Fund invests at least 40% of its assets in sustainable investments and such investments do not cause significant environmental or social harm.
- Exclusions are applied to direct investments in companies. The Fund applies certain exclusions relating to international conventions on cluster munitions, antipersonnel mines, and chemical and biological weapons. The Fund also excludes companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to tobacco and thermal coal, especially companies that generate at least 10% of their revenues from tobacco production, companies that generate at least 25% of their revenues from the tobacco value chain (such as suppliers, distributors, retailers and licensors), companies that generate at least 10% of their revenues from thermal coal mining and companies that generate at least 30% of their revenues from coal fired power generation. The Fund excludes companies that are assessed by Schroders to have breached one or more 'global norms' thereby causing significant environmental or social harm; these companies comprise Schroders' 'global norms' breach list. Further, the Fund may apply other exclusions as listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

The Fund invests in companies that have good governance practices, as determined by the Investment Manager's rating criteria.

- The Investment Manager ensures that at least 90% of the portion of the Fund's Net Asset Value composed of investments in companies is rated against the sustainability criteria.
- As a result of the application of sustainability criteria, at least 20% of the Fund's potential investment universe is excluded from the selection of investments.

● **What is the committed minimum rate to reduce the scope of the investments considered prior to the application of that investment strategy?**

As a result of the application of the Fund's sustainability criteria, at least 20% of the Fund's potential investment universe is excluded from the selection of investments. For the purposes of this test, the potential investment universe is the core universe of issuers that the Investment Manager may select for the Fund prior to the application of sustainability criteria, in accordance with the other limitations of the Investment Objective and Policy.

● **What is the policy to assess good governance practices of the investee companies?**

In order to assess good governance practices, a central Good Governance Test is applied. This test is based on a data-driven quantitative framework, which uses a scorecard to assess companies across the categories of sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff, and tax compliance. Schroders has defined a number of criteria across these pillars.

Compliance with the test is monitored centrally and companies which do not pass this test cannot be held by the Fund, unless the Investment Manager has agreed that the issuer demonstrates good governance based on additional insights beyond that quantitative analysis.

**Good governance** practices include sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff and tax compliance.



**Asset allocation** describes the share of investments in specific assets.

## What is the asset allocation planned for this financial product?

The planned composition of the Fund's investments that are used to meet its environmental or social characteristics are summarised below.

**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the minimum proportion of the Fund's assets used to attain the environmental or social characteristics, which is equal to 680%. The Fund commits to maintain a higher overall sustainability score than the Bloomberg Multiverse (TR) ex Treasury A+ to B- index, USD Hedged, and so the Fund's investments that are scored by Schroders' proprietary sustainability tool are included within the minimum proportion stated in #1 on the basis that they will contribute to the Fund's sustainability score (whether such individual investment has a positive or a negative score). Also included within #1 are any green, social or sustainable bonds that are not scored by Schroders' proprietary tool. is € The minimum proportion of assets that are invested in sustainable investments, is indicated in #1A. The minimum proportions stated apply in normal market conditions. The actual proportion stated in #1 is expected to be higher.

The sustainability score is measured by Schroders' proprietary tool that provides an estimate of the net "impact" that an issuer may create in terms of social and environmental "costs" or "benefits". It does this by using certain indicators with respect to that issuer, and quantifying them positively and negatively to produce an aggregate notional measure of the effect that the relevant underlying issuer may have on society and the environment. Examples of such indicators are greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

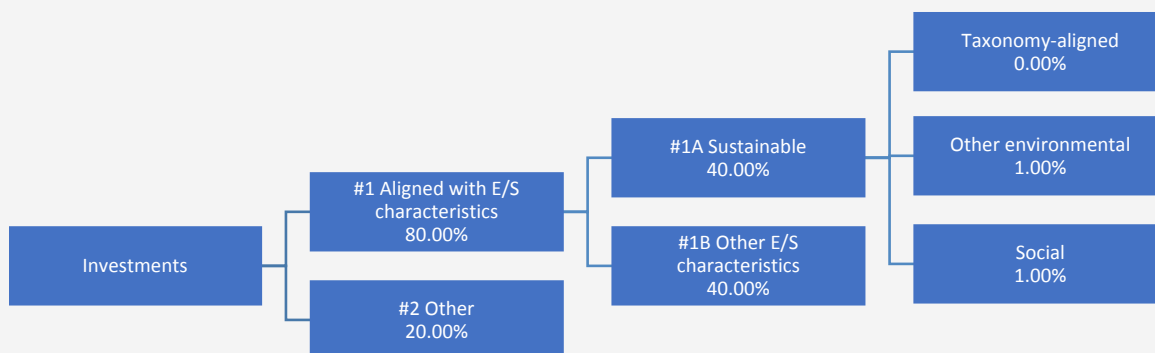
The Fund will invest at least 40% of its assets in sustainable investments. Each sustainable investment (i) demonstrates a net positive effect across a range of environmental or social objectives, as scored by Schroders' proprietary tool or (ii) is classified as a green, social and/or sustainable bond using a third-party data source. With the exception of any green or social bonds, which will be classified as having an environmental or social objective respectively, a sustainable investment is classified as having an environmental or social objective depending on whether the relevant issuer has a higher score in Schroders' proprietary tool relative to its applicable peer group for its environmental indicators or its social indicators. In each case, indicators are comprised of both "costs" and "benefits".

**#2 Other** includes cash which is treated as neutral for sustainability purposes. #2 also includes other investments that are not scored by Schroders' proprietary sustainability tool and so do not contribute towards the Fund's sustainability score. As #1 states a minimum proportion that is in practice expected to be higher, the proportion stated in #2 is expected to be lower.

Minimum safeguards are applied where relevant to investments by restricting (as appropriate) investments in counterparties where there are ownership links or exposure to higher risk countries (for the purpose of money laundering, terrorist financing, bribery, corruption, tax evasion and sanctions risks). A firm-wide risk assessment considers the risk rating of each jurisdiction; which includes reference to a number of public statements, indices and world governance indicators issued by the UN, the European Union, the UK Government, the Financial Action Task Force and several Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), such as Transparency International and the Basel Committee.

In addition, new counterparties are reviewed by Schroders' credit risk team and approval of a new counterparty is based on a holistic review of the various sources of information available, including, but not limited to, quality of management, ownership structure, location, regulatory and social environment to which each counterparty is subject, and the degree of development of the local banking system and its regulatory framework. Ongoing monitoring is performed through a Schroders' proprietary tool, which supports the analysis of a counterparty's

management of environmental, social and governance trends and challenges. Any significant deterioration in the profile of the counterparty in Schroders' proprietary tool would lead to further analysis and potential exclusion by Schroders' credit risk team.



**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the investments of the financial product used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product.

**#2 Other** includes the remaining investments of the financial product which are neither aligned with the environmental or social characteristics, nor are qualified as sustainable investments.

The category **#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** covers:

- The sub-category **#1A Sustainable** covers sustainable investments with environmental or social objectives.
- The sub-category **#1B Other E/S characteristics** covers investments aligned with the environmental or social characteristics that do not qualify as sustainable investments.

#1 The minimum proportion stated applies in normal market conditions.

### ● **How does the use of derivatives attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?**

Single name credit default swaps are used as a proxy for direct investments which would otherwise be held by the Fund in line with its sustainability criteria. Such derivatives are therefore used to attain the Fund's sustainability score in Schroders proprietary tool which is one of the binding elements of the Fund. The Fund may use other derivatives that are scored in Schroders' proprietary tool to meet the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted by the Fund, as such derivatives would contribute to the Fund's sustainability score (whether such individual investment has a positive or a negative score).



### **To what minimum extent are sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?**

There is no minimum extent to which the Fund's investments (including transitional and enabling activities) with an environmental objective are aligned with the Taxonomy. Taxonomy alignment of this Fund's investments has therefore not been calculated and has as a result been deemed to constitute 0% of the Fund's portfolio.

In future it is expected that the Fund will assess and report on the extent to which its underlying investments are in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the Taxonomy, along with information relating to the proportion of enabling and transitional activities. This Prospectus will be updated once it is possible in the Investment Manager's opinion to accurately disclose to what extent the Fund's investments are in Taxonomy-aligned environmentally sustainable activities, including the proportions of investments in enabling and transitional activities selected for the Fund.

### ● **Does the financial product invest in fossil gas and/or nuclear energy related activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy<sup>1</sup>?**

☐ Yes:

☐ In fossil gas ☐ In nuclear energy

☒ No

To comply with the EU Taxonomy, the criteria for **fossil gas** include limitations on emissions and switching to renewable power or

<sup>1</sup> Fossil gas and/or nuclear related activities will only comply with the EU Taxonomy where they contribute to limiting climate change ("climate change mitigation") and do not significantly harm any EU Taxonomy objective – see explanatory note in the left-hand margin. The full criteria for fossil gas and nuclear energy economic activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy are laid down in Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1214.

low-carbon fuels by the end of 2035. For **nuclear energy**, the criteria include comprehensive safety and waste management rules.

Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

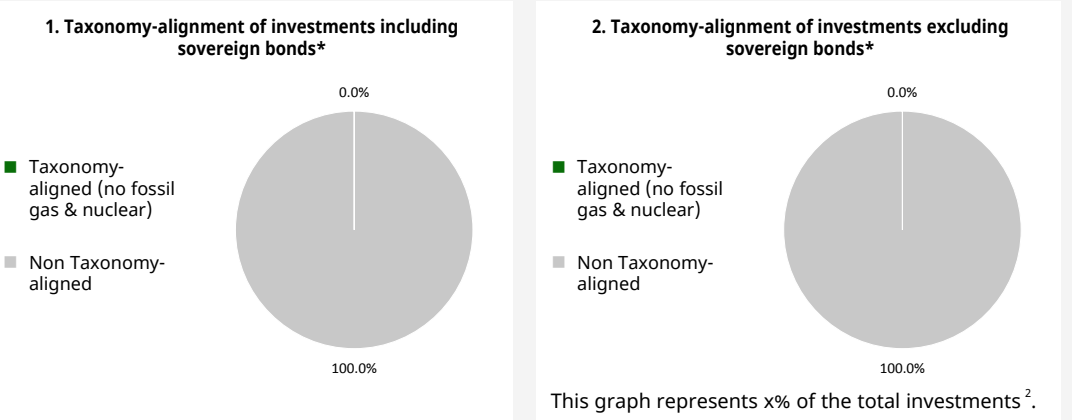
- **turnover** reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee companies
- **capital expenditure** (CapEx) showing the green investments made by investee companies, e.g. for a transition to a green economy.
- **operational expenditure** (OpEx) reflecting green operational activities of investee companies.

**Enabling activities** directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective.

**Transitional activities** are activities for which low-carbon alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.

are sustainable investments with an environmental objective that **do not take into account the criteria** for environmentally

The two graphs below show in green the minimum percentage of investments that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the Taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy-alignment in relation to all the investments of the financial product including sovereign bonds, while the second graph shows the Taxonomy-alignment only in relation to the investments of the financial product other than sovereign bonds.



\* For the purpose of these graphs, 'sovereign bonds' consist of all sovereign exposures

- **What is the minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities?**  
As per the above, at the date of this Prospectus the share of investments by the Fund in transitional and enabling activities is currently deemed to constitute 0% of the Fund's portfolio.



**What is the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?**  
The Fund commits to invest at least 1% of its assets in sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

<sup>2</sup> As there is no Taxonomy-alignment, there is no impact on the graph if sovereign bonds are excluded (i.e. the percentage of Taxonomy-aligned investments remains 0%) and the Management Company therefore believes that there is no need to mention this information.



## What is the minimum share of socially sustainable investments?

The Fund commits to invest at least 1% of its assets in sustainable investments with a social objective.



## What investments are included under “#2 Other”, what is their purpose and are there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

**#2 Other** includes cash which is treated as neutral for sustainability purposes. #2 also includes other investments that are not scored by Schroders’ proprietary sustainability tools and so do not contribute towards the Fund’s sustainability score.

Minimum safeguards are applied where relevant to investments by restricting (as appropriate) investments in counterparties where there are ownership links or exposure to higher risk countries (for the purpose of money laundering, terrorist financing, bribery, corruption, tax evasion and sanctions risks). A firm-wide risk assessment considers the risk rating of each jurisdiction; which includes reference to a number of public statements, indices and world governance indicators issued by the UN, the European Union, the UK Government, the Financial Action Task Force and several Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), such as Transparency International and the Basel Committee.

In addition, new counterparties are reviewed by Schroders’ credit risk team and approval of a new counterparty is based on a holistic review of the various sources of information available, including, but not limited to, quality of management, ownership structure, location, regulatory and social environment to which each counterparty is subject, and the degree of development of the local banking system and its regulatory framework. Ongoing monitoring is performed through a Schroders’ proprietary tool, which supports the analysis of a counterparty’s management of environmental, social and governance trends and challenges. Any significant deterioration in the profile of the counterparty in Schroders’ proprietary tool would lead to further analysis and potential exclusion by Schroders’ credit risk team.



## Is a specific index designated as a reference benchmark to determine whether this financial product is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes?

**Reference benchmarks** are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the environmental or social characteristics that they promote.

- **How is the reference benchmark continuously aligned with each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?**

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- **How is the alignment of the investment strategy with the methodology of the index ensured on a continuous basis?**

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- **How does the designated index differ from a relevant broad market index?**

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- **Where can the methodology used for the calculation of the designated index be found?**

This question is not applicable for the Fund.



## Where can I find more product specific information online?

More product-specific information can be found on the webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>



Pre-contractual disclosure for financial products referred to in Article 8 of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 6, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852.

**Product name:** **Schroder International Selection Fund Sustainable Global Sovereign Bond**

**Legal entity identifier:** **549300TDFLMR980UAQ49**

# Environmental and/or social characteristics

**Sustainable investment** means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good governance practices.

The **EU Taxonomy** is a classification system laid down in Regulation (EU) 2020/852, establishing a list of **environmentally sustainable economic activities**. That Regulation does not lay down a list of socially sustainable economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.

Does this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?	
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<input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with an environmental objective: __%</b> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy           <input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy         </div> <input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with a social objective __%</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> It <b>promotes Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics</b> and while it does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will have a minimum proportion of <b>40.00%</b> of sustainable investments <div> <input type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy           <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy           <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> with a social objective         </div> <input type="checkbox"/> It promotes E/S characteristics, but <b>will not make any sustainable investments</b>



## What environmental and/or social characteristics are promoted by this financial product?

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the Bloomberg Global Treasury EUR hedged index, based on the Investment Manager’s rating system. This benchmark (which is a broad market index) does not take into account the environmental and social characteristics promoted by the Fund.

The sustainability score is measured by Schroders’ proprietary tool that provides an estimate of the net “impact” that an issuer may create in terms of social and environmental “costs” or “benefits”. It does this by using certain indicators with respect to that issuer, and quantifying them positively and negatively to produce an aggregate notional measure of the effect that the relevant underlying issuer may have on society and the environment. It does this using third party data as well as Schroders own estimates and assumptions and the outcome may differ from other sustainability tools and measures. Examples of such indicators are greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

The result is expressed as an aggregate score of the sustainability indicators for each issuer, specifically a notional percentage (positive or negative) of sales or GDP of the relevant underlying issuer. For example, a score of +2% would mean an issuer contributes \$2 of relative notional positive impact (i.e. benefits to society) per \$100 of sales or GDP. The sustainability score of the Fund is derived from the scores of all issuers in the Fund’s portfolio measured by Schroders’ proprietary tool.

The Fund invests at least 40% of its assets in sustainable investments, which are investments that the Investment Manager expects to contribute towards the advancement of one or more environmental and/or social objective (s).

**Sustainability indicators** measure how the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product are attained.

- What sustainability indicators are used to measure the attainment of each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?**

The Investment Manager monitors compliance with the characteristic to maintain a higher overall sustainability score than the Bloomberg Global Treasury EUR hedged index by reference to the weighted average sustainability score of the Fund in Schroders’ proprietary tool compared against the weighted average sustainability score of the Bloomberg Global Treasury EUR hedged index in Schroders’ proprietary tool over the previous six month period, based on month-end data. The overall sustainability score aggregates the effect of sustainability indicators including but not limited to greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

The Investment Manager monitors compliance with the characteristic to invest at least 40% of its assets in sustainable investments by reference to (i) the sustainability score of each asset in Schroders' proprietary tool and/or (ii) whether the asset is classified as a green, social and/or sustainable bond. Compliance with this is monitored daily via our automated compliance controls. The Fund also applies certain exclusions, with which the Investment Manager monitors compliance on an ongoing basis via its portfolio compliance framework.

● ***What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?***

In respect of the proportion of the Fund's portfolio that is invested in sustainable investments, each sustainable investment either (i) demonstrates a net positive effect across a range of environmental or social objectives, as scored by Schroders' proprietary tool and/or (ii) is classified as a green, social and/or sustainable bond using a third-party data source. The environmental or social objectives of the sustainable investments that the Fund partially intends to make may include, but are not limited to, increasing environmental and/or social benefits such as greater water access or fair pay and reducing environmental, and/or social costs such as carbon emissions or food waste. For example, greater water access as measured by Schroders' proprietary tool are the estimated societal benefits of the provision of clean drinking water to human health. The environmental or social objectives of green, social and/or sustainable bonds may include, but are not limited to, climate change mitigation, renewable energy initiatives, natural resource conservation, access to finance and affordable housing projects.

● ***How do the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make, not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?***

The Investment Manager's approach to investing in issuers that do not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective includes the following:

- Firm-wide investment exclusions apply to Schroders funds. These relate to international conventions on cluster munitions, anti-personnel mines, and chemical and biological weapons and a list of those companies that are excluded is available at <https://www.schroders.com/en/sustainability/active-ownership/group-exclusions/>. Firm-wide exclusions also apply to companies generating more than 20% of their revenue from thermal coal mining.
- The Fund excludes companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to tobacco and thermal coal.
- The Fund excludes companies that are assessed by Schroders to have breached one or more 'global norms' thereby causing significant environmental or social harm; these companies comprise Schroders' 'global norms' breach list. Schroders' determination of whether a company has been involved in such a breach considers relevant principles such as those contained in the UN Global Compact (UNGC) principles, the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights. The 'global norms' breach list may be informed by assessments performed by third party providers and by proprietary research, where relevant to a particular situation.
- The Fund may also apply certain other exclusions in addition to those summarised above.

Further information on all of the Fund's investment exclusions is to be found under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

● ***How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?***

When seeking to identify significant harm, Schroders' approach to taking into account the Principal Adverse Impacts (PAI) indicators involves a quantitative and a qualitative assessment. Where it is not considered appropriate or feasible to set quantitative thresholds, the Investment Manager engages, where relevant. Investee companies deemed not to satisfy the quantitative thresholds would generally be excluded, unless on a case-by-case basis the data is deemed not representative of a company's performance in the relevant area.

This framework is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability and quality of the data evolves.

Our approach includes:

1. **Quantitative:** this includes indicators where specific thresholds have been established:

- Via the application of exclusions. This approach is relevant to **PAI 4** (Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector), **PAI 5** (Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production) and **PAI 14** (Exposure to controversial weapons). Further, the following PAIs are assessed as part of Schroders 'global norms' breach list exclusion (which seeks to exclude companies where significant harm is occurring):

**Principal adverse impacts** are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anticorruption and antibribery matters.

- **PAI 7** (Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas)
- **PAI 8** (Emissions to water)
- **PAI 9** (Hazardous waste and radioactive waste ratio)
- **PAI 10** (Violations of UN Global Compact principles and Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises)
- **PAI 11** (Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and Voluntary)
- **PAI 14** in Table 3 (Number of identified cases of severe human rights issues and incidents)
- Via the application of an alert system flag if the relevant indicator(s) exceeds a threshold. These quantitative thresholds to assess significant harm are established centrally by our Sustainable Investment team and monitored systematically. This approach applies to indicators where we have segmented the population into harm groups to establish a threshold, such as carbon related PAI metrics, **PAI 1** (GHG emissions), **PAI 2** (Carbon footprint) and **Voluntary PAI 4 in Table 2** (Investing in companies without carbon emission reduction initiatives). **PAI 3** (GHG intensity of investee companies) operates in a similar way but the threshold is based on a revenue metric. A threshold for **PAI 6** (Energy consumption intensity per high impact climate sector) is established based on the ~~above-mentioned~~ carbon measures. A similar approach has been taken for **PAI 15** (GHG intensity). **PAI 16** (Investee countries subject to social violations) also operates in the same way but based on data availability regarding social violations. Through this process the relevant issuer(s) that is/are deemed not to satisfy the quantitative thresholds is/are flagged to the Investment Manager for consideration, whose response may involve selling the holdings(s) or maintaining the position if on a case-by-case basis the data is deemed not representative of a company's performance in the relevant area. Investee companies deemed to cause significant harm are excluded from the Fund.
- 2. **Qualitative:** This includes PAI indicators where Schroders' believes that the data available does not enable us to make a quantitative determination regarding whether significant harm is done so as to warrant excluding an investment. In such cases, the Investment Manager engages wherever possible with the company or companies held, in accordance with the priorities documented in Schroders' Engagement Blueprint and/or voting policy. This approach applies to indicators such as **PAI 12** (Unadjusted gender pay gap) and **PAI 13** (Board gender diversity), where we engage and may use our voting rights where we consider appropriate. Both board gender diversity and disclosure of gender pay gap information are captured in our Engagement Blueprint.

● ***How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:***

Companies on Schroders' 'global norms' breach list cannot be categorised as sustainable investments. Schroders' determination of whether a company should be included on such list considers the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, among other relevant principles. The 'global norms' breach list is informed by third party providers and proprietary research, where relevant.

*The EU Taxonomy sets out a "do not significant harm" principle by which Taxonomy-aligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives and is accompanied by specific EU criteria.*

*The "do not significant harm" principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.*

*Any other sustainable investments must also not significantly harm any environmental or social objectives.*



## Does this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

☒ Yes, ~~the Investment Manager's approach to considering principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors involves classifying the indicators into three categories:~~

~~The Investment Manager's approach to considering principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors differs depending on the relevant indicator. Some indicators are considered via the application of exclusions, some are considered via the investment process (where data is available via Schroders' PAI dashboard and via other external data sources) and some are considered via engagement. Further details are provided below. PAIs are considered as part of pre-investment through the application of exclusions. The investment process for this strategy incorporates the exclusion of sovereign issuers who fail to meet our sustainable criteria on environmental, social or developmental grounds. Sovereign issuers may therefore be~~

excluded on grounds of insufficient progress or aspiration on environmental improvements (which relates to PAI 15 - GHG intensity) or of an unsatisfactory approach to achieving the UN SDGs or allowing basic social freedoms (which relate to PAI 16 – investee countries subject to social violations).

The nature of this Fund is such that it does not invest in corporate bonds and hence in practice corporate exclusions are less important than for other Funds. Nonetheless, those formally applied include Schroders firmwide corporate exclusions regarding:

- Controversial weapons: PAI 14 Exposure to controversial weapons (anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, chemical weapons and biological weapons).

- Schroders' 'global norms' breach list, which covers: PAI 7 (Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas), PAI 8 (Emissions to water), PAI 9 (Hazardous waste and radioactive waste ratio), PAI 10 (Violations of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises), PAI 11 (Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises) and PAI 16 (Investee countries subject to social violations).

- Companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to thermal coal: PAI 4 (Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector) and PAI 5 (Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production).

Compliance with these thresholds is monitored via the Investment Manager's portfolio compliance framework. PAIs are also considered through integration in the investment process. All PAI indicators are monitored via Schroders PAI dashboard.

Schroders' proprietary tool incorporates PAIs as a component of its scoring methodology. The attractiveness of a particular sovereign issuer as an investment for the portfolio is based on its ability to pay its bondholders over the long term, so as part of our process we consider the materiality of PAIs 15 (GHG intensity) and 16 (investee countries subject to social violations) as to whether we should regard these as areas of potential concern. PAIs are also considered post-investment through engagement where the Investment Manager engages in line with the approach and expectations set out in Schroders Engagement Blueprint, which outlines our approach to active ownership.

There tend to be fewer opportunities to engage with sovereign issuers, as opposed to corporate issuers (in which this Fund does not invest), but nonetheless we aim to engage with sovereign and supranational issuers on a periodic basis, primarily with respect to their approach to net zero carbon strategies (relating to PAI 15, GHG intensity).

Our approach is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability, and quality, of PAI data evolves. The Management Company's statement on principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors is available at <https://mybrand.schroders.com/m/4ab13771bddd9d/original/Statement-on-principal-adverse-impacts-of-investment-decisions-on-sustainability-factors-2-1-new.pdf> <https://api.schroders.com/document-store/id/ffcb39bb-96cb-4e56-9461-deba9a493e85>. The Fund level information is disclosed or will be disclosed (as applicable) in the Fund's annual report.

1. Set thresholds: these involve very explicit thresholds for considering an investment to be a "sustainable investment". For example, PAI 10 on violations of UNGC principles.

2. Active ownership: these involve indicators on which we have a plan to engage with the underlying holding as set out in the Schroders Group document, <https://mybrand.schroders.com/m/3222ea4ed44a1f2c/original/schroders-engagement-blueprint.pdf>, outlining our approach to active ownership. For example, PAI 1, 2 and 3 covering GHG emissions and PAI 13 on board gender diversity.

3. Improve coverage: these involve indicators where we consider data coverage to be too sparse to properly consider them and our focus is primarily on engaging with the underlying holdings to increase reporting. For example, PAI 7 on biodiversity, PAI 9 on hazardous waste ratio and PAI 12 on the gender pay gap.

Our approach is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability, and quality, of PAI data evolves.

The Management Company's statement on principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors is available at <https://mybrand.schroders.com/m/467910ac8e6da45c/original/Statement-on-principal-adverse-impacts-of-investment-decisions-on-sustainability-factors.pdf>. The Fund level information is disclosed or will be (as applicable) in the Fund's annual report.

☐ No



**The investment strategy** guides investment decisions based on factors such as investment objectives and risk tolerance.

## What investment strategy does this financial product follow?

The Fund is actively managed and invests at least two-thirds of its assets in fixed and floating rate securities with an investment grade or sub-investment grade credit rating (as measured by Standard & Poor's; or any equivalent grade of other credit rating agencies for rated bonds and implied Schroders ratings for non-rated bonds) issued by governments, government agencies and supra-nationals worldwide in various currencies.

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the Bloomberg Global Treasury EUR hedged index based on the Investment Manager's rating criteria.

The Fund does not directly invest in certain activities, industries or groups of issuers above the limits listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

The Investment Manager may also engage with companies held by the Fund to challenge identified areas of weakness on sustainability issues. More details on the Investment Manager's approach to sustainability and its engagement with companies are available on the webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/>

The Fund may also invest up to one-third of its assets directly or indirectly in other securities (including other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies, Investment Funds, warrants and Money Market Investments; and may also hold cash.

The Fund may use derivatives, long and short, with the aim of achieving investment gains, reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently.

The Investment Manager applies sustainability criteria when selecting investments for the Fund.

Sustainability factors are assessed – across both sovereign markets and asset allocation decisions – in tandem with macroeconomic factors throughout the Investment Manager’s top-down thematic investment process.

In assessing sustainability factors for sovereign issuers, the Investment Manager considers that countries with stable and non-corrupt governments are likely to be more willing and able to service their debts, while political considerations, including the impact of social and governance factors, can influence a country’s inflation and currency profile and thus have a material impact on the real value of debt. Environmental impacts – which can be more pertinent over a longer-term horizon – are also incorporated. The Investment Manager’s approach includes the use of Schroders’ proprietary sustainability tools to rank countries by measuring their performance against multiple sustainability related indicators.

For sovereign bonds, only those sovereign issuers whose activities and behaviours are assessed as being in line with the UN Sustainable Development Goals are included, while countries making insufficient progress are not eligible for inclusion in the universe. To further support the objective of allocating capital only to issuers that can demonstrate behaviour in line with the UN SDGs, countries are also judged on other core criteria relating to the level of political and civil liberty afforded to their citizens and to their commitments to addressing climate and environmental issues. Exceptions to the criteria may be permitted through allocation to sovereign green, social and sustainability (SGSS) bonds from sovereigns that would otherwise be excluded.

The selection of green, social and sustainable bonds entails assessing the overall sustainability of the issuer and, analysing the use of proceeds ~~and the expected impact on the bond’s objectives~~. A green bond is a fixed or floating rate security that finances an environmental objective. A social bond is a fixed or floating rate security that finances a social objective. A sustainable bond is a fixed or floating rate security that finances both environmental and social objectives.

Building on the foundation of the defined sustainable universe, the Investment Manager applies a top-down thematic investment process to allocate capital and risk to selected investment opportunities from the sovereign, government agencies and supra-nationals.

The Investment Manager ensures that at least 90% of the portion of the Fund’s Net Asset Value composed of investments in companies is rated against the sustainability criteria. As a result of the application of sustainability criteria, at least 20% of the Fund’s potential investment universe is excluded from the selection of investments.

For the purposes of this test, the potential investment universe is the core universe of issuers that the Investment Manager may select for the Fund prior to the application of sustainability criteria, in accordance with the other limitations of the Investment Objective and Policy.

● ***What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?***

The following binding elements are applied throughout the investment process:

- The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the Bloomberg Barclays Global Treasury EUR hedged index based on the Investment Manager’s rating criteria.
- The Fund invests at least 40% of its assets in sustainable investments and such investments do not cause significant environmental or social harm.
- Exclusions are applied to direct investments in companies. The Fund applies certain exclusions relating to international conventions on cluster munitions, antipersonnel mines, and chemical and biological weapons. The Fund also excludes companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to tobacco and thermal coal, especially companies that generate at least 10% of their revenues from tobacco production, companies that generate at least 25% of their revenues from the tobacco value chain (such as suppliers, distributors, retailers and licensors), companies that generate at least 10% of their revenues from thermal coal mining and companies that generate at least 30% of their revenues from coal fired power generation. The Fund excludes companies that are assessed by Schroders to have breached one or more “global norms” thereby causing significant environmental or social harm; these companies comprise Schroders’ ‘global norms’ breach list. Any such company cannot be categorised as a sustainable investment. Further, the Fund may apply other exclusions as listed under “Sustainability-Related Disclosures” on the Fund’s webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>
- The Investment Manager ensures that at least 90% of the portion of the Fund’s Net Asset Value composed of investments in companies is rated against the sustainability criteria
- As a result of the application of sustainability criteria, at least 20% of the Fund’s potential investment universe is excluded from the selection of investments.



- **What is the committed minimum rate to reduce the scope of the investments considered prior to the application of that investment strategy?**

As a result of the application of sustainability criteria, at least 20% of the Fund's potential investment universe is excluded from the selection of investments.

- **What is the policy to assess good governance practices of the investee companies?**

The Fund does not invest in corporates, so it does not need to assess good governance practices as there are no investee companies held.

**Good governance** practices include sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff and tax compliance.



## What is the asset allocation planned for this financial product?

**Asset allocation** describes the share of investments in specific assets.

The planned composition of the Fund's investments that are used to meet its environmental or social characteristics are summarised below.

**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the minimum proportion of the Fund's assets used to attain the environmental or social characteristics, which is equal to 860%. The Fund commits to maintain a higher overall sustainability score than the Bloomberg Barclays Global Treasury EUR hedged index, and so the Fund's investments that are scored by Schroders' proprietary sustainability tool are included within the minimum proportion stated in #1 on the basis that they will contribute to the Fund's sustainability score (whether such individual investment has a positive or a negative score). Also included within #1 are any green, social or sustainable bonds that are not scored by Schroders' proprietary tool. The minimum proportion of assets that are invested in sustainable investments, as indicated in #1A. The minimum proportions stated apply in normal market conditions. The actual proportion stated in #1 is expected to be higher.

The sustainability score is measured by Schroders' proprietary tool that provides an estimate of the net "impact" that an issuer may create in terms of social and environmental "costs" or "benefits". It does this by using certain indicators with respect to that issuer, and quantifying them positively and negatively to produce an aggregate notional measure of the effect that the relevant underlying issuer may have on society and the environment. Examples of such indicators are greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

The Fund will invest at least 40% of its assets in sustainable investments. Each sustainable investment (i) demonstrates a net positive effect across a range of environmental or social objectives, as scored by Schroders' proprietary tool or (ii) is classified as a green, social and/or sustainable bond using a third-party data source.

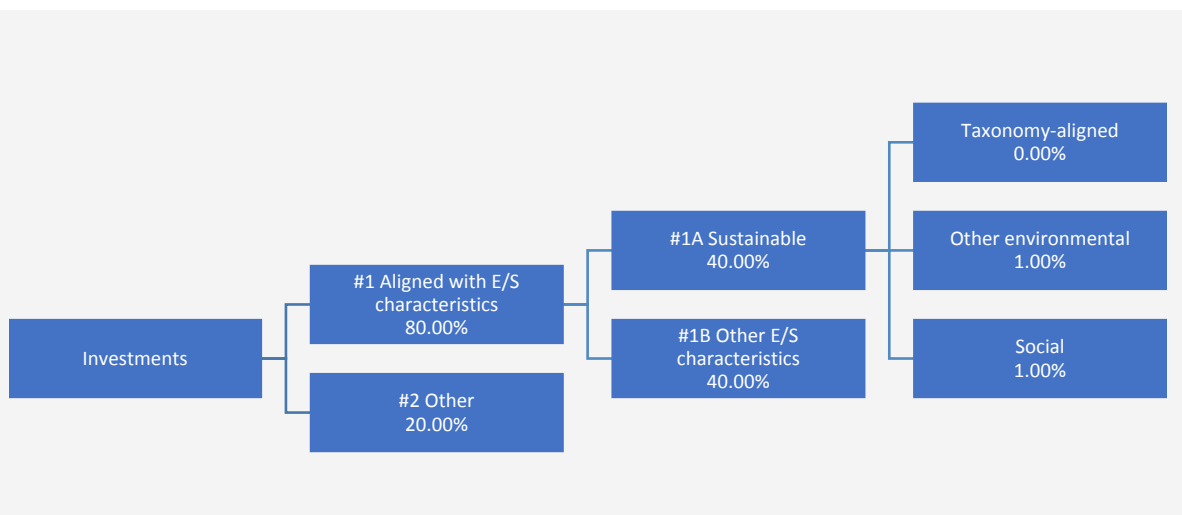
With the exception of any green or social bonds, which will be classified as having an environmental or social objective respectively, a sustainable investment is classified as having an environmental or social objective depending on whether the relevant issuer has a higher score in Schroders' proprietary tool relative to its applicable peer group for its environmental indicators or its social indicators. In each case, indicators are comprised of both "costs" and "benefits".

**#2 Other** includes cash, which is treated as neutral for sustainability purposes. #2 also includes other investments that are not scored by Schroders' proprietary sustainability tool and so do not contribute towards the Fund's sustainability score. As #1 states a minimum proportion that is in practice expected to be higher, the proportion stated in #2 is expected to be lower.

Minimum safeguards are applied where relevant to investments by restricting (as appropriate) investments in counterparties where there are ownership links or exposure to higher risk countries (for the purpose of money laundering, terrorist financing, bribery, corruption, tax evasion and sanctions risks). A firm-wide risk assessment considers the risk rating of each jurisdiction; which includes reference to a number of public statements, indices and world governance indicators issued by the UN, the European Union, the UK Government, the Financial Action Task Force and several Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), such as Transparency International and the Basel Committee.

In addition, new counterparties are reviewed by Schroders' credit risk team and approval of a new counterparty is based on a holistic review of the various sources of information available, including, but not limited to, quality of management, ownership structure, location, regulatory and social environment to which each counterparty is subject, and the degree of development of the local banking system and its regulatory framework. Ongoing monitoring is performed through a Schroders' proprietary tool, which supports the analysis of a counterparty's management of environmental, social and governance trends and challenges. Any significant deterioration in the profile of the counterparty in Schroders' proprietary tool would lead to further analysis and potential exclusion by Schroders' credit risk team.





**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the investments of the financial product used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product.

**#2 Other** includes the remaining investments of the financial product which are neither aligned with the environmental or social characteristics, nor are qualified as sustainable investments.

The category **#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** covers:

- The sub-category **#1A Sustainable** covers sustainable investments with environmental or social objectives.
- The sub-category **#1B Other E/S characteristics** covers investments aligned with the environmental or social characteristics that do not qualify as sustainable investments.

### ● **How does the use of derivatives attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?**

The Fund may use derivatives that are scored in Schroders' proprietary tool to meet the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted by the Fund, as such derivatives would contribute to the Fund's sustainability score (whether such individual investment has a positive or a negative score).



### **To what minimum extent are sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?**

There is no minimum extent to which the Fund's investments (including transitional and enabling activities) with an environmental objective are aligned with the Taxonomy. Taxonomy alignment of this Fund's investments has therefore not been calculated and has as a result been deemed to constitute 0% of the Fund's portfolio.

In future it is expected that the Fund will assess and report on the extent to which its underlying investments are in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the Taxonomy, along with information relating to the proportion of enabling and transitional activities. This Prospectus will be updated once it is possible in the Investment Manager's opinion to accurately disclose to what extent the Fund's investments are in Taxonomy-aligned environmentally sustainable activities, including the proportions of investments in enabling and transitional activities selected for the Fund.

### ● **Does the financial product invest in fossil gas and/or nuclear energy related activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy<sup>1</sup>?**

☐ Yes:

☐ In fossil gas ☐ In nuclear energy

☒ No

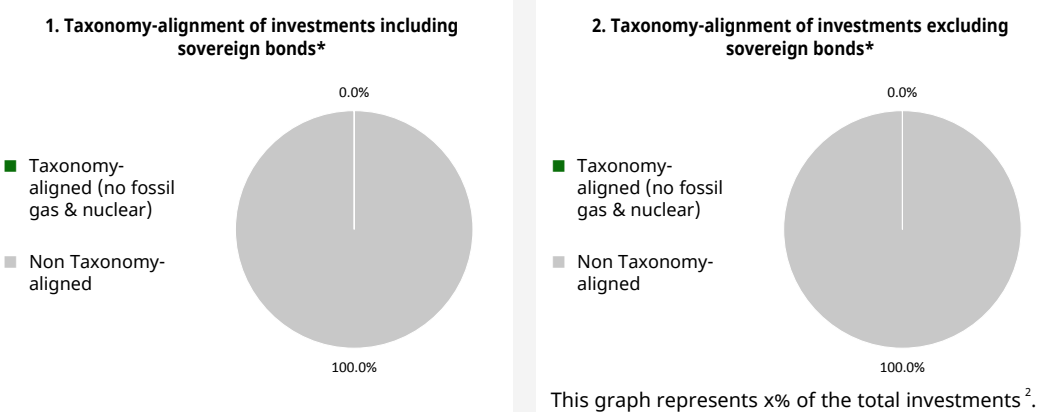
To comply with the EU Taxonomy, the criteria for **fossil gas** include limitations on emissions and switching to renewable power or low-carbon fuels by the end of 2035. For **nuclear energy**, the criteria include comprehensive safety and waste management rules.

<sup>1</sup> Fossil gas and/or nuclear related activities will only comply with the EU Taxonomy where they contribute to limiting climate change ("climate change mitigation") and do not significantly harm any EU Taxonomy objective – see explanatory note in the left-hand margin. The full criteria for fossil gas and nuclear energy economic activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy are laid down in Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1214.

Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

- **turnover** reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee companies
- **capital expenditure** (CapEx) showing the green investments made by investee companies, e.g. for a transition to a green economy.
- **operational expenditure** (OpEx) reflecting green operational activities of investee companies.

The two graphs below show in green the minimum percentage of investments that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the Taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy-alignment in relation to all the investments of the financial product including sovereign bonds, while the second graph shows the Taxonomy-alignment only in relation to the investments of the financial product other than sovereign bonds.



\* For the purpose of these graphs, 'sovereign bonds' consist of all sovereign exposures

**Enabling activities** directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective.

**Transitional activities** are activities for which low-carbon alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.

● **What is the minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities?**

As per the above, at the date of this Prospectus the share of investments by the Fund in transitional and enabling activities is currently deemed to constitute 0% of the Fund’s portfolio.



**What is the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?**

The Fund commits to invest at least 1% of its assets in sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy.



are sustainable investments with an environmental objective that **do not take into account the criteria** for environmentally sustainable economic activities under the EU Taxonomy.

<sup>2</sup> As there is no Taxonomy-alignment, there is no impact on the graph if sovereign bonds are excluded (i.e. the percentage of Taxonomy-aligned investments remains 0%) and the Management Company therefore believes that there is no need to mention this information.



## What is the minimum share of socially sustainable investments?

The Fund commits to invest at least 1% of its assets in sustainable investments with a social objective.



## What investments are included under “#2 Other”, what is their purpose and are there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

**#2 Other** includes cash, which is treated as neutral for sustainability purposes. #2 also includes **other** investments that are not scored by Schroders' proprietary sustainability tools and so do not contribute towards the Fund's sustainability score.

Minimum safeguards are applied where relevant to investments in counterparties where there are ownership links or exposure to higher risk countries (for the purpose of money laundering, terrorist financing, bribery, corruption, tax evasion and sanctions risks). A firm-wide risk assessment considers the risk rating of each jurisdiction; which includes reference to a number of public statements, indices and world governance indicators issued by the UN, the European Union, the UK Government, the Financial Action Task Force and several Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), such as Transparency International and the Basel Committee.

In addition, new counterparties are reviewed by Schroders' credit risk team and approval of a new counterparty is based on a holistic review of the various sources of information available, including, but not limited to, quality of management, ownership structure, location, regulatory and social environment to which each counterparty is subject, and the degree of development of the local banking system and its regulatory framework. Ongoing monitoring is performed through a Schroders' proprietary tool, which supports the analysis of a counterparty's management of environmental, social and governance trends and challenges. Any significant deterioration in the profile of the counterparty in Schroders' proprietary tool would lead to further analysis and potential exclusion by Schroders' credit risk team.



## Is a specific index designated as a reference benchmark to determine whether this financial product is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes?

**Reference benchmarks** are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the environmental or social characteristics that they promote.

- ***How is the reference benchmark continuously aligned with each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- ***How is the alignment of the investment strategy with the methodology of the index ensured on a continuous basis?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- ***How does the designated index differ from a relevant broad market index?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- ***Where can the methodology used for the calculation of the designated index be found?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.



## Where can I find more product specific information online?

More product-specific information can be found on the website  
<https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

Pre-contractual disclosure for financial products referred to in Article 9 of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 6, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852.

**Product name:** **Schroder International Selection Fund Sustainable Infrastructure**

**Legal entity identifier:** **549300LQDLCTMJKBFO18**

## Sustainable investment objective

**Sustainable investment** means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good governance practices.

The **EU Taxonomy** is a classification system laid down in Regulation (EU) 2020/852, establishing a list of **environmentally sustainable economic activities**. That Regulation does not lay down a list of socially sustainable economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.

Does this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?	
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with an environmental objective: 10.00%</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> It <b>promotes Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics</b> and while it does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will have a minimum proportion of ___% of sustainable investments
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The Fund commits to invest at least 90% of its assets in sustainable investments. Within this overall commitment, there is a minimum commitment to invest at least 10% of its assets in sustainable investments with an environmental objective and at least 5% of its assets in sustainable investments with a social objective.



## What is the sustainable investment objective of this financial product?

The Fund's sustainable investment objective is to invest its assets in companies worldwide that the Investment Manager expects to contribute towards the development of global sustainable infrastructure such as sustainable infrastructure assets including regulated energy utilities, renewable energy, water and waste utilities, rail and communications infrastructure. The Fund may also invest in investments that the Investment Manager deems to be neutral under its sustainability criteria, such as cash and Money Market Investments and derivatives used with the aim of reducing risk (hedging) or managing the Fund more efficiently.

No reference benchmark has been designated for the purpose of attaining the sustainable investment objective.

**Sustainability indicators** measure how the sustainable objectives of this financial product are attained.

### What sustainability indicators are used to measure the attainment of the sustainable investment objective of this financial product?

The Investment Manager is responsible for determining whether an investment meets the criteria of a sustainable investment. The Investment Manager ~~assesses~~uses a revenue-based approach in this assessment by considering whether a certain percentage of the relevant issuer's revenues, capital expenditure or operating expenditure contributes to an environmental or social objective (as applicable). The output of the Investment Strategy outlined below is the investment universe – this is the production of the list of investments that meet the selection criteria, ~~this represents the investment universe~~. Compliance with the minimum percentage in sustainable investments is monitored daily via our automated compliance controls. The Fund also applies certain exclusions, with which the Investment Manager monitors compliance on an ongoing basis via its portfolio compliance framework.

The Investment Manager ~~uses different sustainability~~may use several indicators ~~to measure the impact contribution~~ at an investee company level. ~~In particular, to measure its contribution to the Fund's sustainability objective. This results in the Fund focusing on companies principally involved in more sustainable regulated energy utilities, renewable energy, water and waste utilities, rail and communications infrastructure and avoiding less sustainable and lower growth oil & gas infrastructure, roads, airports and port activities.~~

The Investment Manager reviews companies' revenue alignment to UN SDGs including UN SDG 6 (Clean Water and Sanitation), UN SDG 7 (Affordable and Clean Energy), UN SDG 9 (Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure), UN SDG 11 (Sustainable Cities and Communities), UN SDG 12 (Responsible Consumption and Production) and UN SDG 13 (Climate Action) using a Schroders' proprietary sustainability tool as well as the proportion of capital expenditure which contributes to environmental objectives using company reports as well as desk and third party estimates. Rates companies based on their treatment of key stakeholders, including communities and the environment.

In addition, the indicators include, but are not limited to, an assessment of management structures, employee relations, remuneration and tax also reviewed against external third party ESG ratings.

## ● **How do sustainable investments not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?**

The Investment Manager's approach to investing in issuers that do not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective includes the following:

- Firm-wide investment exclusions apply to Schroders funds. These relate to international conventions on cluster munitions, anti-personnel mines, and chemical and biological weapons and a list of those companies that are excluded is available at <https://www.schroders.com/en/sustainability/active-ownership/group-exclusions/>. Firm-wide exclusions also apply to companies generating more than 20% of their revenue from thermal coal mining.
- The Fund excludes companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to tobacco and thermal coal.
- The Fund excludes companies that are assessed by Schroders to have breached one or more 'global norms' thereby causing significant environmental or social harm; these companies comprise Schroders' 'global norms' breach list. Schroders' determination of whether a company has been involved in such a breach considers relevant principles such as those contained in the UN Global Compact (UNGC) principles, the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights. The 'global norms' breach list may be informed by assessments performed by third party providers and by proprietary research, where relevant to a particular situation.
- The Fund may also apply certain other exclusions in addition to those summarised above.

Further information on all of the Fund's investment exclusions is to be found under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>.

## ● **How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?**

When seeking to identify significant harm, Schroders' approach to taking into account the Principal Adverse Impacts (PAI) indicators involves a quantitative and a qualitative assessment. Where it is not considered appropriate or feasible to set quantitative thresholds, the Investment Manager engages, where relevant, Investee companies deemed not to satisfy the quantitative thresholds would generally be excluded, unless on a case-by-case basis the data is deemed not representative of a company's performance in the relevant area.

This framework is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability and quality of the data evolves.

Our approach includes:

1. **Quantitative:** this includes indicators where specific thresholds have been established:

- Via the application of exclusions. This approach is relevant to **PAI 4** (Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector), **PAI 5** (Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production) and **PAI 14** (Exposure to controversial weapons). Further, the following PAIs are assessed as part of Schroders 'global norms' breach list exclusion (which seeks to exclude companies where significant harm is occurring):
  - **PAI 7** (Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas)
  - **PAI 8** (Emissions to water)
  - **PAI 9** (Hazardous waste and radioactive waste ratio)
  - **PAI 10** (Violations of UN Global Compact principles and Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises)
  - **PAI 11** (Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and Voluntary)

**Principal adverse impacts** are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anticorruption and antibribery matters.

- **PAI 14** in Table 3 (Number of identified cases of severe human rights issues and incidents)
- Via the application of an alert system flag if the relevant indicator(s) exceeds a threshold. These quantitative thresholds to assess significant harm are established centrally by our Sustainable Investment team and monitored systematically. This approach applies to indicators where we have segmented the population into harm groups to establish a threshold, such as carbon related PAI metrics, **PAI 1** (GHG emissions), **PAI 2** (Carbon footprint) and **Voluntary PAI 4 in Table 2** (Investing in companies without carbon emission reduction initiatives). **PAI 3** (GHG intensity of investee companies) operates in a similar way but the threshold is based on a revenue metric. A threshold for **PAI 6** (Energy consumption intensity per high impact climate sector) is established based on the ~~above mentioned~~ carbon measures. A similar approach has been taken for **PAI 15** (GHG intensity). **PAI 16** (Investee countries subject to social violations) also operates in the same way but based on data availability regarding social violations. Through this process the relevant issuer(s) that is/are deemed not to satisfy the quantitative thresholds is/are flagged to the Investment Manager for consideration, whose response may involve selling the holdings(s) or maintaining the position if on a case-by-case basis the data is deemed not representative of a company's performance in the relevant area. Investee companies deemed to cause significant harm are excluded from the Fund.
- 2. **Qualitative:** This includes PAI indicators where Schroders' believes that the data available does not enable us to make a quantitative determination regarding whether significant harm is done so as to warrant excluding an investment. In such cases, the Investment Manager engages wherever possible with the company or companies held, in accordance with the priorities documented in Schroders' Engagement Blueprint and/or voting policy. This approach applies to indicators such as **PAI 12** (Unadjusted gender pay gap) and **PAI 13** (Board gender diversity), where we engage and may use our voting rights where we consider appropriate. Both board gender diversity and disclosure of gender pay gap information are captured in our Engagement Blueprint.

● ***How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:***

Companies on Schroders' 'global norms' breach list cannot be categorised as sustainable investments. Schroders' determination of whether a company should be included on such list considers the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, among other relevant principles. The 'global norms' breach list is informed by third party providers and proprietary research, where relevant.



## Does this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

☒ Yes, the Investment Manager's approach to considering principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors involves classifying the indicators into three categories:

The Investment Manager's approach to considering principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors differs depending on the relevant indicator. Some indicators are considered via the application of exclusions, some are considered via the investment process (where data is available via Schroders PAI dashboard and via other external data sources) and some are considered via engagement. Further details are provided below.

PAIs are considered as part of pre-investment through the application of exclusions. These include:

- Controversial weapons: PAI 14 (Exposure to controversial weapons, such as anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, chemical weapons and biological weapons).

- Schroders' 'global norms' breach list, which covers: PAI 7 (Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas), PAI 8 (Emissions to water), PAI 9 (Hazardous waste ratio), PAI 10 (Violations of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises), PAI 11 (Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises) and PAI 16 (Investee countries subject to social violations).

- Companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to thermal coal: PAI 4 (Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector) and PAI 5 (Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production).

Compliance with these thresholds is monitored via the Investment Manager's portfolio compliance framework. PAIs are also considered through integration in the investment process. Further details are provided below:

Emissions and emissions intensity (PAI 1-3) are a particular focus, both absolute and relative to the benchmark. Science based targets, temperature alignment, environmentally contributing capex and emissions intensity (g CO2/KWh for power generation) are assessed via various data sources.

Schroders' proprietary tools incorporate several PAIs as a component of their scoring methodology. In assessing an issuer's overall environmental score, PAIs 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 (Greenhouse gas emissions) are included. In assessing an issuer's overall social score, PAIs 12 (Unadjusted gender pay gap) and 13 (Board gender diversity) are included.



PAIs are considered using the proprietary tools as part of analyst coverage of companies. In addition, the issuers' scores and the aggregate impact on the portfolio are considered by the fund managers as part of portfolio construction.

While individual PAI data is reviewed on an adhoc basis, the entire portfolio and investible universe is reviewed on at least a quarterly basis which can result in some changes to the investible universe (new inclusions and exclusions).

All PAI indicators are monitored via Schroders' PAI dashboard.

PAIs are also considered post-investment through engagement where the Investment Manager engages in line with the approach and expectations set out in the Schroders Engagement Blueprint, which outlines our approach to active ownership.

We actively participate in a number of working groups and are co-lead managers for company engagement within the CA100+/IIGCC/Ceres collaborative engagement framework. The main PAIs that are engaged on are carbon related (PAIs 1-4), energy intensity (PAIs 5-6), environmental impact (PAIs 7-10) and human rights (PAI 14). We have also participated in working groups with other collaborative investor initiatives such as The Investor Forum's water working group (PAI 8).

We also engage with NGOs such as RMI, Sustainability First, ChemSec, ChemScore and environmental and economic regulators (e.g. Environment Agency, Defra, Ofwat, Ofgem) with regard to carbon emissions (PAIs 1-4) and environmental impacts (PAIs 7-10).

Where issuers are flagged on lack of data availability for any PAIs, the Investment Manager may engage with issuers where the primary focus is to improve reporting.

Our approach is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability, and quality, of PAI data evolves. The Management Company's statement on principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors is available at <https://mybrand.schroders.com/m/4ab13771bdddde9d/original/Statement-on-principal-adverse-impacts-of-investment-decisions-on-sustainability-factors-2-1-new.pdf> <https://api.schroders.com/document-store/id/ffcb39bb-96cb-4e56-9461-deba9a493e85>. The Fund level information is disclosed or will be disclosed (as applicable) in the Fund's annual report.

1. Set thresholds: these involve very explicit thresholds for considering an investment to be a "sustainable investment". For example, PAI 10 on violations of UNGC principles.

2. Active ownership: these involve indicators on which we have a plan to engage with the underlying holding as set out in the Schroders Group document <https://mybrand.schroders.com/m/3222ea4ed44a1f2c/original/schroders-engagement-blueprint.pdf>, outlining our approach to active ownership. For example, PAI 1, 2 and 3 covering GHG emissions and PAI 13 on board gender diversity.

3. Improve coverage: these involve indicators where we consider data coverage to be too sparse to properly consider them and our focus is primarily on engaging with the underlying holdings to increase reporting. For example, PAI 7 on biodiversity, PAI 9 on hazardous waste ratio and PAI 12 on the gender pay gap.

Our approach is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability, and quality, of PAI data evolves.

The Management Company's statement on principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors is available at <https://mybrand.schroders.com/m/467910ac8e6da45c/original/Statement-on-principal-adverse-impacts-of-investment-decisions-on-sustainability-factors.pdf>. The Fund level information is disclosed or will be (as applicable) in the Fund's annual report.

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☐ No

## What investment strategy does this financial product follow?

The sustainable investment strategy used by the Investment Manager is as follows:

The Fund is actively managed and invests its assets in (i) sustainable investments, which are investments that the Investment Manager expects to contribute towards the development of global sustainable infrastructure such as sustainable infrastructure assets including regulated energy utilities, renewable energy, water and waste utilities, rail and communications infrastructure and (ii) investments that the Investment Manager deems to be neutral under its sustainability criteria such as cash and Money Market Investments and derivatives used with the aim of reducing risk (hedging) or managing the Fund more efficiently.

The Fund does not directly invest in certain activities, industries or groups of issuers above the limits listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>.

The Fund invests in companies that do not cause significant environmental or social harm and have good governance practices, as determined by the Investment Manager's rating criteria (please see the Fund Characteristics section for more details).

The Investment Manager may also engage with companies held by the Fund to challenge identified areas of weakness on sustainability issues. More details on the Investment Manager's approach to sustainability and its engagement with companies are available on the webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/>

The Fund invests at least two-thirds of its assets in equity and equity related securities of companies worldwide.



**The investment strategy** guides investment decisions based on factors such as investment objectives and risk tolerance.

The Investment Manager may selectively sell short dated call options over individual securities held by the Fund, generating extra income by agreeing strike prices above which potential capital growth is sold.

The Fund may also invest up to one-third of its assets directly or indirectly in other securities (including other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies, Investment Funds, warrants and Money Market Investments, and hold cash.

The Fund may use derivatives with the aim of achieving investment gains, reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently.

The Investment Manager applies sustainability criteria when selecting investments for the Fund.

The Investment Manager carries out analysis to assess a company's alignment with a number of UN Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs) including UN SDG 6 (Clean Water and Sanitation), UN SDG 7 (Affordable and Clean Energy), UN SDG 9 (Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure), UN SDG 11 (Sustainable Cities and Communities), UN SDG 12 (Responsible Consumption and Production) and UN SDG 13 (Climate Action) using a Schrodgers' proprietary tool as well as the proportion of capital expenditure which contributes to environmental objectives using company reports as well as desk and third party estimates. In addition, the Investment Manager reviews both company specific and overall portfolio externalities using another Schrodgers' proprietary tool and the portfolio and constituent holdings are also reviewed against external third party ESG ratings.

The Fund has a thematic approach which includes norm-based and negative screening of companies, practices based on specific industry as well as ESG criteria. The Fund will consider a wide range of environmental characteristics, including economic activities making a substantial contribution to supporting environmental solutions.

~~The team excludes any companies with exposure to business activities deemed to be socially or environmentally damaging with particular tolerance characteristics.~~

~~The Fund is actively managed and seeks to promote these characteristics by adhering to the institution-wide sustainability framework, including frequent and targeted interaction with investee companies' boards and management teams.~~

~~Further sustainability analysis of the investment universe is carried out by the Investment Manager to assess using a proprietary sustainability tool which rates a company based on its treatment of key stakeholders; including communities and the environment. Companies are given a score based on the strengths and weaknesses of their sustainability policies and infrastructure. The scoring of a company may impact the sizing of positions in the Fund, with the Investment Manager aiming to maximise its investments in those companies with higher scores and avoid those companies which populate the bottom quartile of scores.~~

The Investment Manager's sustainability analysis is supported by in-house fundamental research and the use of Schrodgers' range of proprietary sustainability tools. Third party research is also used as a secondary consideration and generally provides a source of challenge or endorsement for the Investment Manager's views.

The Investment Manager may also engage with companies in the portfolio with respect to their commitment to sustainability both in their relationships with stakeholders and in their efforts to mitigate their impact on the natural environment, which may include frequent and targeted interaction with investee companies' boards and management teams.

The Investment Manager ensures that at least 90% of the portion of the Fund's Net Asset Value composed of investments in companies is rated against the sustainability criteria. As a result of the application of sustainability criteria, at least 20% of the Fund's potential investment universe is excluded from the selection of investments.

For the purposes of this test, the potential investment universe is the core universe of issuers that the Investment Manager may select for the Fund prior to the application of sustainability criteria, in accordance with the other limitations of the Investment Objective and Policy. This universe is comprised of equity and equity related securities of companies worldwide.

### ● ***What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain the sustainable investment objective?***

The following binding elements are applied throughout the investment process:

- The Fund is actively managed and invests at least 90% of its assets in sustainable investments, which are investments that the Investment Manager expects to contribute towards the development of global sustainable infrastructure such as sustainable infrastructure assets including regulated energy utilities, renewable energy, water and waste utilities, rail and communications infrastructure.
- Exclusions are applied to direct investments in companies. The Fund applies certain exclusions relating to international conventions on cluster munitions, antipersonnel mines, and chemical and biological weapons. The Fund also excludes companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to tobacco and thermal coal, especially companies that generate revenues from tobacco production or any other part of the tobacco value chain (suppliers, distributors, retailers, licensors), and companies that generate revenues from thermal coal mining and coal fired power generation. The Fund excludes companies that are assessed by Schrodgers to have breached one or more "global norms" thereby causing significant environmental or social harm; these companies comprise Schrodgers' 'global norms' breach list. Details of the revenue thresholds together with certain other exclusions the Fund applies are listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schrodgers.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

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- The Investment Manager ensures that at least 90% of the portion of the Fund's Net Asset Value composed of investments in companies is rated against the sustainability criteria.
- As a result of the application of sustainability criteria, at least 20% of the Fund's potential investment universe is excluded from the selection of investments.

**Good governance** practices include sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff and tax compliance.

#### ● **What is the policy to assess good governance practices of the investee companies?**

In order to assess good governance practices, a central Good Governance Test is applied. This test is based on a data-driven quantitative framework, which uses a scorecard to assess companies across the categories of sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff, and tax compliance. Schroders has defined a number of criteria across these pillars.

Compliance with the test is monitored centrally and companies which do not pass this test cannot be held by the Fund, unless the Investment Manager has agreed that the issuer demonstrates good governance based on additional insights beyond that quantitative analysis.



**Asset allocation** describes the share of investments in specific assets.

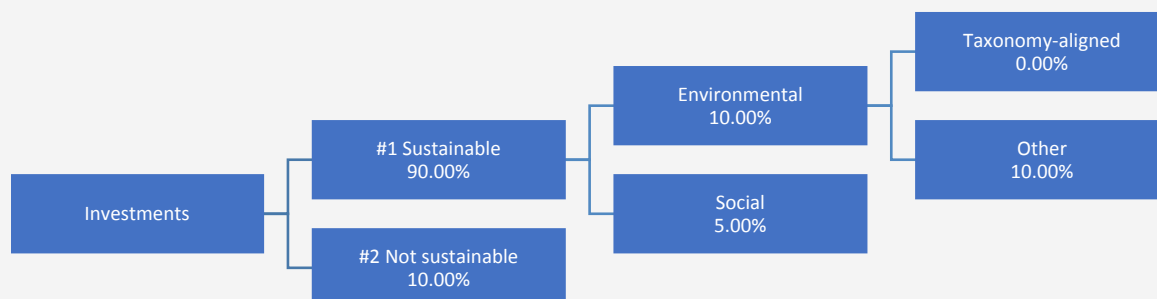
## **What is the asset allocation and the minimum share of sustainable investments?**

The planned composition of the Fund's investments that are used to meet its sustainable investment objective are summarised below. The Fund invests at least 90% of its assets in sustainable investments, which means included in **#1 Sustainable** are investments in companies worldwide that the Investment Manager expects to contribute towards the development of global sustainable infrastructure such as sustainable infrastructure assets including regulated energy utilities, renewable energy, water and waste utilities, rail and communications infrastructure. Within this overall commitment of 90%, there is a minimum commitment to invest at least 10% of its assets in sustainable investments with an environmental objective and at least 5% of its assets in sustainable investments with a social objective. The minimum proportions stated apply in normal market conditions.

**#2 Not sustainable** includes investments that are treated as neutral for sustainability purposes, such as cash and Money Market Investments and derivatives used with the aim of reducing risk (hedging) or managing the Fund more efficiently.

Minimum safeguards are applied where relevant to Money Market Investments and derivatives used with the aim of reducing risk (hedging) by restricting (as appropriate) investments in counterparties where there are ownership links or exposure to higher risk countries (for the purpose of money laundering, terrorist financing, bribery, corruption, tax evasion and sanctions risks). A firm-wide risk assessment considers the risk rating of each jurisdiction; which includes reference to a number of public statements, indices and world governance indicators issued by the UN, the European Union, the UK Government, the Financial Action Task Force and several Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), such as Transparency International and the Basel Committee.

In addition, new counterparties are reviewed by Schroders' credit risk team and approval of a new counterparty is based on a holistic review of the various sources of information available, including, but not limited to, quality of management, ownership structure, location, regulatory and social environment to which each counterparty is subject, and the degree of development of the local banking system and its regulatory framework. Ongoing monitoring is performed through a Schroders' proprietary tool, which supports the analysis of a counterparty's management of environmental, social and governance trends and challenges. Any significant deterioration in the profile of the counterparty in Schroders' proprietary tool would lead to further analysis and potential exclusion by Schroders' credit risk team.



**#1 Sustainable** covers sustainable investments with environmental or social objectives.

**#2 Not sustainable** includes investments which do not qualify as sustainable investments.

● **How does the use of derivatives attain the sustainable investment objective?**

Options may be used as a proxy for direct investments which would otherwise be held by the Fund in line with its sustainability criteria. Such derivatives are therefore used to attain the Fund's sustainable investment objective.



**To what minimum extent are sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?**

There is no minimum extent to which the Fund's investments (including transitional and enabling activities) with an environmental objective are aligned with the Taxonomy. Taxonomy alignment of this Fund's investments has therefore not been calculated and has as a result been deemed to constitute 0% of the Fund's portfolio.

In future it is expected that the Fund will assess and report on the extent to which its underlying investments are in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the Taxonomy, along with information relating to the proportion of enabling and transitional activities. This Prospectus will be updated once it is possible in the Investment Manager's opinion to accurately disclose to what extent the Fund's investments are in Taxonomy-aligned environmentally sustainable activities, including the proportions of investments in enabling and transitional activities selected for the Fund.

● **Does the financial product invest in fossil gas and/or nuclear energy related activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy<sup>1</sup>?**

☐ Yes:

☐ In fossil gas ☐ In nuclear energy

☒ No

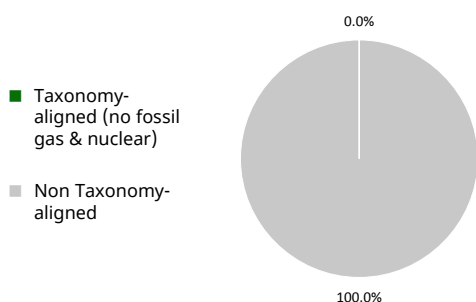
To comply with the EU Taxonomy, the criteria for **fossil gas** include limitations on emissions and switching to renewable power or low-carbon fuels by the end of 2035. For **nuclear energy**, the criteria include comprehensive safety and waste management rules.

Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

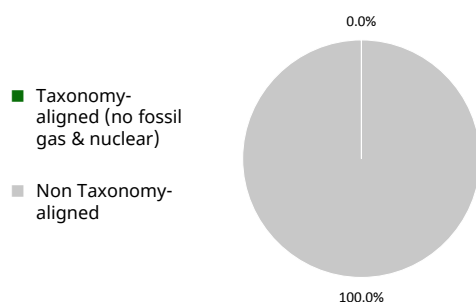
- **turnover** reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee companies
- **capital expenditure** (CapEx) showing the green investments made by investee companies, e.g. for a transition to a green economy.
- **operational expenditure** (OpEx) reflecting green operational activities of investee companies.

The two graphs below show in green the minimum percentage of investments that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the Taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy-alignment in relation to all the investments of the financial product including sovereign bonds, while the second graph shows the Taxonomy-alignment only in relation to the investments of the financial product other than sovereign bonds.

**1. Taxonomy-alignment of investments including sovereign bonds\***



**2. Taxonomy-alignment of investments excluding sovereign bonds\***



This graph represents x% of the total investments<sup>2</sup>.

\* For the purpose of these graphs, 'sovereign bonds' consist of all sovereign exposures

**Enabling activities** directly enable other activities to make a substantial

● **What is the minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities?**

As per the above, at the date of this Prospectus the share of investments by the Fund in transitional and enabling activities is currently deemed to constitute 0% of the Fund's portfolio.

<sup>1</sup> Fossil gas and/or nuclear related activities will only comply with the EU Taxonomy where they contribute to limiting climate change ("climate change mitigation") and do not significantly harm any EU Taxonomy objective – see explanatory note in the left-hand margin. The full criteria for fossil gas and nuclear energy economic activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy are laid down in Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1214.

<sup>2</sup> As there is no Taxonomy-alignment, there is no impact on the graph if sovereign bonds are excluded (i.e. the percentage of Taxonomy-aligned investments remains 0%) and the Management Company therefore believes that there is no need to mention this information.

contribution to an environmental objective.

**Transitional activities** are activities for which low-carbon alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.

 are environmentally sustainable investments that **do not take into account the criteria** for environmentally sustainable economic activities under the EU Taxonomy.



### What is the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

The Fund commits to invest at least 10% of its assets in sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy.



### What is the minimum share of sustainable investments with a social objective?

The Fund commits to invest at least 5% of its assets in sustainable investments with a social objective.



### What investments are included under “#2 Not sustainable”, what is their purpose and are there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

**#2 Not Sustainable** includes investments that are treated as neutral for sustainability purposes, such as cash and Money Market Investments and derivatives used with the aim of reducing risk (hedging) or managing the Fund more efficiently.

Minimum safeguards are applied where relevant to Money Market Investments and derivatives used with the aim of reducing risk (hedging) by restricting (as appropriate) investments in counterparties where there are ownership links or exposure to higher risk countries (for the purpose of money laundering, terrorist financing, bribery, corruption, tax evasion and sanctions risks). A firm-wide risk assessment considers the risk rating of each jurisdiction; which includes reference to a number of public statements, indices and world governance indicators issued by the UN, the European Union, the UK Government, the Financial Action Task Force and several Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), such as Transparency International and the Basel Committee.

In addition, new counterparties are reviewed by Schroders’ credit risk team and approval of a new counterparty is based on a holistic review of the various sources of information available, including, but not limited to, quality of management, ownership structure, location, regulatory and social environment to which each counterparty is subject, and the degree of development of the local banking system and its regulatory framework. Ongoing monitoring is performed through a Schroders’ proprietary tool, which supports the analysis of a counterparty’s management of environmental, social and governance trends and challenges. Any significant deterioration in the profile of the counterparty in Schroders’ proprietary tool would lead to further analysis and potential exclusion by Schroders’ credit risk team.



## Is a specific index designated as a reference benchmark to meet the sustainable investment objective?

**Reference benchmarks** are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the sustainable investment objective.

- *How does the reference benchmark take into account sustainability factors in a way that is continuously aligned with the sustainable investment objective?*

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- *How is the alignment of the investment strategy with the methodology of the index ensured on a continuous basis?*

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- *How does the designated index differ from a relevant broad market index?*

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- *Where can the methodology used for the calculation of the designated index be found?*

This question is not applicable for the Fund.



## Where can I find more product specific information online?

More product-specific information can be found on the website: <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>



Pre-contractual disclosure for the financial products referred to in Article 8, paragraphs 1, 2 and 2a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 6, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852

**Product name:** **Schroder International Selection Fund Sustainable Multi-Asset Income**

**Legal entity identifier:** **549300LDFN23PNRCYH21**

## Environmental and/or social characteristics

**Sustainable investment** means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good governance practices.

The **EU Taxonomy** is a classification system laid down in Regulation (EU) 2020/852, establishing a list of **environmentally sustainable economic activities**. That Regulation does not lay down a list of socially sustainable economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.

### Does this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?

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<input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with an environmental objective: ___%</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</li> </ul> <input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with a social objective ___%</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> It <b>promotes Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics</b> and while it does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will have a minimum proportion of <b>30.00%</b> of sustainable investments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> with a social objective</li> </ul> <input type="checkbox"/> It promotes E/S characteristics, but <b>will not make any sustainable investments</b>



## What environmental and/or social characteristics are promoted by this financial product?

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the 30% MSCI AC World index (hedged to EUR), 40% Barclays Global Aggregate Corporate Bond index (hedged to EUR) and 30% Barclays Global High Yield excl CMBS & EMG 2% index (hedged to EUR), based on the Investment Manager's rating system. This benchmark (which is a broad market index) does not take into account the environmental and social characteristics promoted by the Fund.

The sustainability score is measured by Schroders' proprietary tool that provides an estimate of the net "impact" that an issuer may create in terms of social and environmental "costs" or "benefits". It does this by using certain indicators with respect to that issuer, and quantifying them positively and negatively to produce an aggregate notional measure of the effect that the relevant underlying issuer may have on society and the environment. It does this using third party data as well as Schroders own estimates and assumptions and the outcome may differ from other sustainability tools and measures. Examples of such indicators are greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

The result is expressed as an aggregate score of the sustainability indicators for each issuer, specifically a notional percentage (positive or negative) of sales or GDP of the relevant underlying issuer. For example, a score of +2% would mean an issuer contributes \$2 of relative notional positive impact (i.e. benefits to society) per \$100 of sales or GDP. The sustainability score of the Fund is derived from the scores of all issuers in the Fund's portfolio measured by Schroders' proprietary tool.

The Fund invests at least 30% of its assets in sustainable investments, which are investments that the Investment Manager expects to contribute towards the advancement of one or more environmental and/or social objective (s).

### What sustainability indicators are used to measure the attainment of each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

The Investment Manager monitors compliance with the characteristic to maintain a higher overall sustainability score than the 30% MSCI AC World index (hedged to EUR), 40% Barclays Global Aggregate Corporate Bond index (hedged to EUR) and 30% Barclays Global High Yield excl CMBS & EMG 2% index (hedged to EUR) by reference to the weighted average sustainability score of the Fund in Schroders' proprietary tool compared against the weighted average sustainability score of the 30% MSCI AC World index (hedged to EUR), 40% Barclays Global Aggregate Corporate Bond index (hedged to EUR) and 30% Barclays Global High Yield excl CMBS & EMG 2% index (hedged to EUR) in Schroders' proprietary tool over

**Sustainability indicators** measure how the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product are attained.

the previous six month period, based on month-end data. The overall sustainability score aggregates the effect of sustainability indicators including but not limited to greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

The Investment Manager monitors compliance with the characteristic to invest at least 30% of its assets in sustainable investments by reference to (i) the sustainability score of each asset in Schroders' proprietary tool and/or (ii) whether the asset is classified as a green, social and/or sustainable bond. Compliance with this is monitored daily via our automated compliance controls. The Fund also applies certain exclusions, with which the Investment Manager monitors compliance on an ongoing basis via its portfolio compliance framework.

● ***What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?***

In respect of the proportion of the Fund's portfolio that is invested in sustainable investments, each sustainable investment either (i) demonstrates a net positive effect across a range of environmental or social objectives, as scored by Schroders' proprietary tool and/or (ii) is classified as a green, social and/or sustainable bond using a third-party data source. The environmental or social objectives of the sustainable investments that the Fund partially intends to make may include, but are not limited to, increasing environmental and/or social benefits such as greater water access or fair pay and reducing environmental, and/or social costs such as carbon emissions or food waste. For example, greater water access as measured by Schroders' proprietary tool are the estimated societal benefits of the provision of clean drinking water to human health. The environmental or social objectives of green, social and/or sustainable bonds may include, but are not limited to, climate change mitigation, renewable energy initiatives, natural resource conservation, access to finance and affordable housing projects.

● ***How do the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make, not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?***

The Investment Manager's approach to investing in issuers that do not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective includes the following:

- Firm-wide investment exclusions apply to Schroders funds. These relate to international conventions on cluster munitions, anti-personnel mines, and chemical and biological weapons and a list of those companies that are excluded is available at <https://www.schroders.com/en/sustainability/active-ownership/group-exclusions/>. Firm-wide exclusions also apply to companies generating more than 20% of their revenue from thermal coal mining.
- The Fund excludes companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to tobacco and thermal coal.
- The Fund excludes companies that are assessed by Schroders to have breached one or more 'global norms' thereby causing significant environmental or social harm; these companies comprise Schroders' 'global norms' breach list. Schroders' determination of whether a company has been involved in such a breach considers relevant principles such as those contained in the UN Global Compact (UNG) principles, the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights. The 'global norms' breach list may be informed by assessments performed by third party providers and by proprietary research, where relevant to a particular situation.
- The Fund may also apply certain other exclusions in addition to those summarised above.

Further information on all of the Fund's investment exclusions is to be found under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

● ***How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?***

When seeking to identify significant harm, Schroders' approach to taking into account the Principal Adverse Impacts (PAI) indicators involves a quantitative and a qualitative assessment. Where it is not considered appropriate or feasible to set quantitative thresholds, the Investment Manager engages, where relevant. Investee companies deemed not to satisfy the quantitative thresholds would generally be excluded, unless on a case-by-case basis the data is deemed not representative of a company's performance in the relevant area.

This framework is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability and quality of the data evolves.

Our approach includes:

1. **Quantitative:** this includes indicators where specific thresholds have been established:

**Principal adverse impacts** are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anticorruption and antibribery matters.

- Via the application of exclusions. This approach is relevant to **PAI 4** (Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector), **PAI 5** (Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production) and **PAI 14** (Exposure to controversial weapons). Further, the following PAIs are assessed as part of Schroders' 'global norms' breach list exclusion (which seeks to exclude companies where significant harm is occurring):
  - **PAI 7** (Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas)
  - **PAI 8** (Emissions to water)
  - **PAI 9** (Hazardous waste and radioactive waste ratio)
  - **PAI 10** (Violations of UN Global Compact principles and Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises)
  - **PAI 11** (Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and Voluntary)
  - **PAI 14** in Table 3 (Number of identified cases of severe human rights issues and incidents)
- Via the application of an alert system flag if the relevant indicator(s) exceeds a threshold. These quantitative thresholds to assess significant harm are established centrally by our Sustainable Investment team and monitored systematically. This approach applies to indicators where we have segmented the population into harm groups to establish a threshold, such as carbon related PAI metrics, **PAI 1** (GHG emissions), **PAI 2** (Carbon footprint) and **Voluntary PAI 4 in Table 2** (Investing in companies without carbon emission reduction initiatives). **PAI 3** (GHG intensity of investee companies) operates in a similar way but the threshold is based on a revenue metric. A threshold for **PAI 6** (Energy consumption intensity per high impact climate sector) is established based on the ~~above-mentioned~~ carbon measures. A similar approach has been taken for **PAI 15** (GHG intensity). **PAI 16** (Investee countries subject to social violations) also operates in the same way but based on data availability regarding social violations. Through this process the relevant issuer(s) that is/are deemed not to satisfy the quantitative thresholds is/are flagged to the Investment Manager for consideration, whose response may involve selling the holdings(s) or maintaining the position if on a case-by-case basis the data is deemed not representative of a company's performance in the relevant area. Investee companies deemed to cause significant harm are excluded from the Fund.
- 2. **Qualitative:** This includes PAI indicators where Schroders' believes that the data available does not enable us to make a quantitative determination regarding whether significant harm is done so as to warrant excluding an investment. In such cases, the Investment Manager engages wherever possible with the company or companies held, in accordance with the priorities documented in Schroders' Engagement Blueprint and/or voting policy. This approach applies to indicators such as **PAI 12** (Unadjusted gender pay gap) and **PAI 13** (Board gender diversity), where we engage and may use our voting rights where we consider appropriate. Both board gender diversity and disclosure of gender pay gap information are captured in our Engagement Blueprint.

● ***How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:***

Companies on Schroders' 'global norms' breach list cannot be categorised as sustainable investments. Schroders' determination of whether a company should be included on such list considers the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, among other relevant principles. The 'global norms' breach list is informed by third party providers and proprietary research, where relevant.

*The EU Taxonomy sets out a "do not significant harm" principle by which Taxonomy-aligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives and is accompanied by specific EU criteria.*

*The "do not significant harm" principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.*

*Any other sustainable investments must also not significantly harm any environmental or social objectives.*



## Does this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

☒ Yes, the Investment Manager's approach to considering principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors involves classifying the indicators into three categories:

The Fund allocates its assets across multiple underlying strategies. Some PAIs are considered at the Fund level, whilst other PAIs are considered at the level of the underlying strategies by the relevant investment manager where applicable.

Some PAIs are considered as part of pre-investment through the application of exclusions applied at the Fund level. These include:

- Controversial weapons (PAI 14 - Exposure to controversial weapons (anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, chemical weapons and biological weapons)).

- Schroders' 'global norms' breach list, which covers: PAI 7 (Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas), PAI 8 (Emissions to water), PAI 9 (Hazardous waste and radioactive waste ratio), PAI 10 (Violations of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises), PAI 11 (Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises) and PAI 16 (Investee countries subject to social violations).

- Companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to thermal coal: (PAI 4 (Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector), PAI 5 (Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production) – applied to relevant underlying strategies.

Compliance with these thresholds is monitored via the Investment Manager's portfolio compliance framework.

Where appropriate PAIs are also considered through integration in the investment process, specifically the stock selection process in underlying strategies. For example the global equity strategy considers PAIs in the following way:

- Schroders' proprietary tool, which is used as part of screening the investment universe and for providing a maximum that can be invested in each company, incorporates several PAIs as a component of its scoring methodology. In assessing an issuer's overall environmental score, PAIs 1, 2 and 3 are included. In assessing an issuer's overall social score, PAIs 12 and 13 are included.

The investment team monitors all PAI indicators via Schroders' PAI dashboard.

Other PAIs are considered via active ownership, which where relevant is performed indirectly via the underlying investment managers. Where applicable, based on the underlying strategies and the relevant investment manager's own investment process, PAIs are considered post-investment through engagement in line with the approach and expectations set out in Schroders Engagement Blueprint.

Examples of PAIs captured via this approach included PAI 1 (GHG emissions), PAI 2 (Carbon footprint), PAI 3 (GHG intensity of investee companies) and PAI 13 (Board gender diversity).

Our approach is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability, and quality, of PAI data evolves. The Management Company's statement on principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors is available at <https://mybrand.schroders.com/m/4ab13771bdddcd9d/original/Statement-on-principal-adverse-impacts-of-investment-decisions-on-sustainability-factors-2-1-new.pdf> <https://api.schroders.com/document-store/id/ffcb39bb-96cb-4e56-9461-deba9a493e85>. The Fund level information is disclosed or will be disclosed (as applicable) in the Fund's annual report.

1. Set thresholds: these involve very explicit thresholds for considering an investment to be a "sustainable investment". For example, PAI 10 on violations of UNGC principles.

2. Active ownership: these involve indicators on which we have a plan to engage with the underlying holding as set out in the Schroders Group document <https://mybrand.schroders.com/m/3222ea4ed44a1f2c/original/schroders-engagement-blueprint.pdf>, outlining our approach to active ownership. For example, PAI 1, 2 and 3 covering GHG emissions and PAI 13 on board gender diversity.

3. Improve coverage: these involve indicators where we consider data coverage to be too sparse to properly consider them and our focus is primarily on engaging with the underlying holdings to increase reporting. For example, PAI 7 on biodiversity, PAI 9 on hazardous waste ratio and PAI 12 on the gender pay gap.

Our approach is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability, and quality, of PAI data evolves.

The Management Company's statement on principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors is available at <https://mybrand.schroders.com/m/467910ac8e6da45c/original/Statement-on-principal-adverse-impacts-of-investment-decisions-on-sustainability-factors.pdf>. The Fund level information is disclosed or will be (as applicable) in the Fund's annual report.

☐ No



## What investment strategy does this financial product follow?

**The investment strategy** guides investment decisions based on factors such as investment objectives and risk tolerance.

The sustainable investment strategy used by the Investment Manager is as follows:

The Fund is actively managed and invests directly, or indirectly through derivatives, in equity and equity-related securities, fixed income securities and Alternative Asset Classes.

The Fund may invest:

- up to 50% of its assets in below investment grade (fixed and floating rate) securities (being securities with a credit rating below investment grade as measured by Standard & Poor's or any equivalent grade of other credit rating agencies) and unrated securities.
- in excess of 50% of its assets in emerging market debt (fixed and floating rate) securities.
- up to 20% of its assets in asset-backed securities and mortgage-backed securities

The Fund may also invest up to 15% of its assets in mainland China through Regulated Markets (including the CIBM via Bond Connect or CIBM Direct).

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than 30% MSCI AC World index (hedged to EUR), 40% Barclays Global Aggregate Corporate Bond index (hedged to EUR) and 30% Barclays Global High Yield excl CMBS & EMG 2% index (hedged to EUR), based on the Investment Manager's rating system.

The Fund does not directly invest in certain activities, industries or groups of issuers above the limits listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

The Fund invests in companies that have good governance practices, as determined by the Investment Manager's rating criteria.

The Investment Manager may also engage with companies held by the Fund to challenge identified areas of weakness on sustainability issues. More details on the Investment Manager's approach to sustainability and its engagement with companies are available on the webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/>

The Fund aims to provide a risk profile comparable to a portfolio of 30% equities and 70% fixed income.

The Fund may use derivatives (including total return swaps), long and short, with the aim of achieving investment gains, reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently. Where the Fund uses total return swaps and contracts for difference, the underlying consists of instruments in which the Fund may invest according to its Investment Objective and Investment Policy. In particular, the aim is to use total return swaps and contracts for difference on a temporary basis in market conditions including but not limited to during periods of expanding global economic growth and rising inflation or elevated geopolitical risk, or when credit spreads are expected to widen such during periods of falling economic growth, rising interest rates or elevated geopolitical risk. Contracts for difference and total return swaps are intended to be used to gain long and short exposure on equity and equity related securities, fixed and floating rate securities and commodity indices. The gross exposure of total return swaps and contracts for difference will not exceed 30% and is expected to remain within the range of 0% to 10% of the Net Asset Value. In certain circumstances this proportion may be higher.

The Fund may (exceptionally) hold up to 100% of its assets in cash and Money Market Investments. This will be limited to a maximum of six months (otherwise the Fund will be liquidated). During this period, the Fund will not fall within the scope of MMFR. The Fund may also invest up to 10% of its assets in open-ended Investment Funds.

The Investment Manager applies sustainability criteria when selecting investments for the Fund. The Investment Manager uses both negative and positive screening.

Firstly, a company is given an ESG score, which takes into account issues such as climate change, environmental performance, labour standards and board composition. The Investment Manager will decide whether an investment is eligible for inclusion taking into account this ESG score and will generally exclude companies with the lowest scores across each industrial group. The multi-asset nature of the Fund means that the Investment Manager will analyse the ESG scores across asset classes as an input into the asset allocation of the Fund.

Within the Fund's investment universe established by this screening, the Investment Manager will assess companies against a variety of environmental and social metrics and may then select investments based on which it deems to contribute to one or more environmental or social objectives, provided that they do no significant harm to any other environmental or social objectives.

The sources of information used to perform the analysis include information provided by the companies, such as company sustainability reports and other relevant company material, as well as Schroders' proprietary sustainability tools and third-party data.

The Investment Manager ensures that at least 90% of the portion of the Fund's Net Asset Value composed of investments in companies is rated against the sustainability criteria. As a result of the application of sustainability criteria, at least 20% of the Fund's potential investment universe is excluded from the selection of investments.

For the purposes of this test, the potential investment universe is the core universe of issuers that the Investment Manager may select for the Fund prior to the application of sustainability criteria, in accordance with the other limitations of the Investment Objective and Policy. This universe is comprised of equity and equity related securities and fixed income securities issued by companies worldwide and Alternative Asset Classes. However, the universe (for the purpose of this test only) shall not include debt issued by public or quasi-public issuers.

● ***What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?***

The following binding elements are applied throughout the investment process:

- The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the 30% MSCI AC World index (hedged to EUR), 40% Barclays Global Aggregate Corporate Bond index (hedged to EUR) and 30% Barclays Global High Yield excl CMBS & EMG 2% index (hedged to EUR) based on the Investment Manager's rating criteria.
- The Fund invests at least 30% of its assets in sustainable investments and such investments do not cause significant environmental or social harm.



- Exclusions are applied to direct investments in companies. The Fund applies certain exclusions relating to international conventions on cluster munitions, antipersonnel mines, and chemical and biological weapons. The Fund also excludes companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to tobacco and thermal coal, especially companies that generate at least 10% of their revenues from tobacco production, companies that generate at least 25% of their revenues from the tobacco value chain (such as suppliers, distributors, retailers and licensors), companies that generate at least 10% of their revenues from thermal coal mining and companies that generate at least 30% of their revenues from coal fired power generation. The Fund excludes companies that are assessed by Schroders to have breached one or more 'global norms' thereby causing significant environmental or social harm; these companies comprise Schroders' 'global norms' breach list. Further, the Fund may apply other exclusions as listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>. The Fund invests in companies that have good governance practices, as determined by the Investment Manager's rating criteria.
- The Investment Manager ensures that at least 90% of the portion of the Fund's Net Asset Value composed of investments in companies is rated against the sustainability criteria.
- As a result of the application of sustainability criteria, at least 20% of the Fund's potential investment universe is excluded from the selection of investments.

● **What is the committed minimum rate to reduce the scope of the investments considered prior to the application of that investment strategy?**

As a result of the application of the Fund's sustainability criteria, at least 20% of the Fund's potential investment universe is excluded from the selection of investments. For the purposes of this test, the potential investment universe is the core universe of issuers that the Investment Manager may select for the Fund prior to the application of sustainability criteria, in accordance with the other limitations of the Investment Objective and Policy.

● **What is the policy to assess good governance practices of the investee companies?**

In order to assess good governance practices, a central Good Governance Test is applied. This test is based on a data-driven quantitative framework, which uses a scorecard to assess companies across the categories of sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff, and tax compliance. Schroders has defined a number of criteria across these pillars.

Compliance with the test is monitored centrally and companies which do not pass this test cannot be held by the Fund, unless the Investment Manager has agreed that the issuer demonstrates good governance based on additional insights beyond that quantitative analysis.

**Good governance** practices include sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff and tax compliance.



**Asset allocation** describes the share of investments in specific assets.

## What is the asset allocation planned for this financial product?

The planned composition of the Fund's investments that are used to meet its environmental or social characteristics are summarised below.

**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the minimum proportion of the Fund's assets used to attain the environmental or social characteristics, which is equal to 870%. The Fund commits to maintain a higher overall sustainability score than the 30% MSCI AC World index (hedged to EUR), 40% Barclays Global Aggregate Corporate Bond index (hedged to EUR) and 30% Barclays Global High Yield excl CMBS & EMG 2% index (hedged to EUR), and so the Fund's investments that are scored by Schroders' proprietary sustainability tool are included within the minimum proportion stated in #1 on the basis that they will contribute to the Fund's sustainability score (whether such individual investment has a positive or a negative score). Also included within #1 are any green, social or sustainable bonds that are not scored by Schroders' proprietary sustainability tool. is-t The minimum proportion of assets that are invested in sustainable investments, a is indicated in #1A. The minimum proportions stated apply in normal market conditions. The actual proportion stated in #1 is expected to be higher.

The sustainability score is measured by Schroders' proprietary tool that provides an estimate of the net "impact" that an issuer may create in terms of social and environmental "costs" or "benefits". It does this by using certain indicators with respect to that issuer, and quantifying them positively and negatively to produce an aggregate notional measure of the effect that the relevant underlying issuer may have on society and the environment. Examples of such indicators are greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

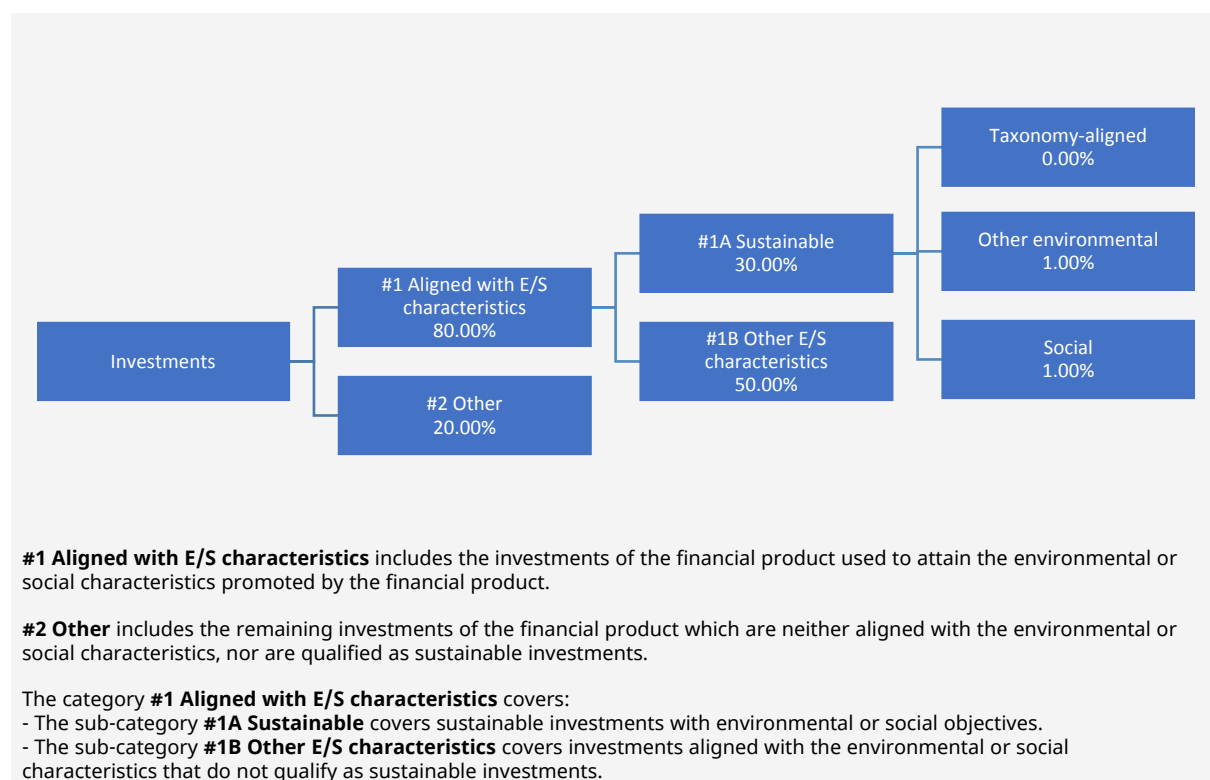
The Fund will invest at least 30% of its assets in sustainable investments. Each sustainable investment (i) demonstrates a net positive effect across a range of environmental or social objectives, as scored by Schroders' proprietary tool or (ii) is classified as a green, social and/or sustainable bond using a third-party data source. With the exception of any green or social bonds, which will be classified as having an environmental or social objective respectively, a sustainable investment is classified as having an environmental or social objective depending on whether the relevant issuer has a higher score in Schroders' proprietary tool relative to its applicable peer group for its environmental indicators or its social indicators. In each case, indicators are comprised of both "costs" and "benefits".



**#2 Other** includes cash which is treated as neutral for sustainability purposes. #2 also includes **other** investments that are not scored by Schroders' proprietary sustainability tool and so do not contribute towards the Fund's sustainability score. As #1 states a minimum proportion that is in practice expected to be higher, the proportion stated in #2 is expected to be lower.

Minimum safeguards are applied where relevant to Money Market Investments and other investments by restricting (as appropriate) investments in counterparties where there are ownership links or exposure to higher risk countries (for the purpose of money laundering, terrorist financing, bribery, corruption, tax evasion and sanctions risks). A firm-wide risk assessment considers the risk rating of each jurisdiction; which includes reference to a number of public statements, indices and world governance indicators issued by the UN, the European Union, the UK Government, the Financial Action Task Force and several Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), such as Transparency International and the Basel Committee.

In addition, new counterparties are reviewed by Schroders' credit risk team and approval of a new counterparty is based on a holistic review of the various sources of information available, including, but not limited to, quality of management, ownership structure, location, regulatory and social environment to which each counterparty is subject, and the degree of development of the local banking system and its regulatory framework. Ongoing monitoring is performed through a Schroders' proprietary tool, which supports the analysis of a counterparty's management of environmental, social and governance trends and challenges. Any significant deterioration in the profile of the counterparty in Schroders' proprietary tool would lead to further analysis and potential exclusion by Schroders' credit risk team.



#1 The minimum proportion stated applies in normal market conditions.

### ● **How does the use of derivatives attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?**

Derivatives such as equity index futures may be used as a proxy for direct investments which would otherwise be held by the Fund in line with its sustainability criteria. Such derivatives may therefore be used to attain the Fund's sustainability score in Schroders proprietary tool which is one of the binding elements of the Fund. The Fund may use other derivatives that are scored in Schroders' proprietary tool to meet the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted by the Fund, as such derivatives would contribute to the Fund's sustainability score (whether such individual investment has a positive or a negative score).



### **To what minimum extent are sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?**

There is no minimum extent to which the Fund's investments (including transitional and enabling activities) with an environmental objective are aligned with the Taxonomy. Taxonomy alignment of this Fund's investments has therefore not been calculated and has as a result been deemed to constitute 0% of the Fund's portfolio.

In future it is expected that the Fund will assess and report on the extent to which its underlying investments are in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the Taxonomy, along with information relating to the proportion of enabling and transitional activities. This Prospectus will be updated once it is possible in the Investment Manager's opinion to accurately disclose to what extent the Fund's investments are in Taxonomy-aligned environmentally sustainable activities, including the proportions of investments in enabling and transitional activities selected for the Fund.

To comply with the EU Taxonomy, the criteria for **fossil gas** include limitations on emissions and switching to renewable power or low-carbon fuels by the end of 2035. For **nuclear energy**, the criteria include comprehensive safety and waste management rules.

● **Does the financial product invest in fossil gas and/or nuclear energy related activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy<sup>1</sup>?**

☐ Yes:

☐ In fossil gas ☐ In nuclear energy

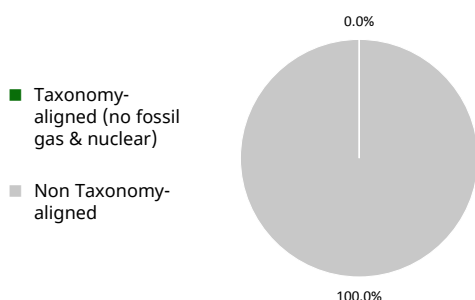
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Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

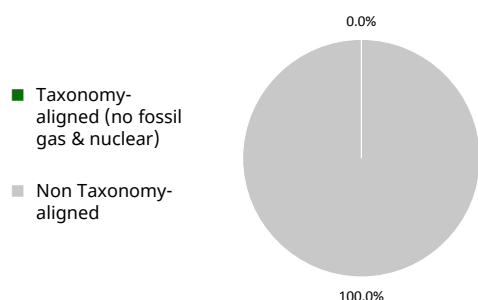
- **turnover** reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee companies
- **capital expenditure** (CapEx) showing the green investments made by investee companies, e.g. for a transition to a green economy.
- **operational expenditure** (OpEx) reflecting green operational activities of investee companies.

The two graphs below show in green the minimum percentage of investments that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the Taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy-alignment in relation to all the investments of the financial product including sovereign bonds, while the second graph shows the Taxonomy-alignment only in relation to the investments of the financial product other than sovereign bonds.

**1. Taxonomy-alignment of investments including sovereign bonds\***



**2. Taxonomy-alignment of investments excluding sovereign bonds\***



This graph represents x% of the total investments<sup>2</sup>.

\* For the purpose of these graphs, 'sovereign bonds' consist of all sovereign exposures

**Enabling activities** directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective.

**Transitional activities** are activities for which low-carbon alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.

● **What is the minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities?**

As per the above, at the date of this Prospectus the share of investments by the Fund in transitional and enabling activities is currently deemed to constitute 0% of the Fund's portfolio.

<sup>1</sup> Fossil gas and/or nuclear related activities will only comply with the EU Taxonomy where they contribute to limiting climate change ("climate change mitigation") and do not significantly harm any EU Taxonomy objective – see explanatory note in the left-hand margin. The full criteria for fossil gas and nuclear energy economic activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy are laid down in Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1214.

<sup>2</sup> As there is no Taxonomy-alignment, there is no impact on the graph if sovereign bonds are excluded (i.e. the percentage of Taxonomy-aligned investments remains 0%) and the Management Company therefore believes that there is no need to mention this information.



## What is the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

The Fund commits to invest at least 1% of its assets in sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy.



are sustainable investments with an environmental objective that **do not take into account the criteria** for environmentally sustainable economic activities under the EU Taxonomy.



## What is the minimum share of socially sustainable investments?

The Fund commits to invest at least 1% of its assets in sustainable investments with a social objective.



## What investments are included under “#2 Other”, what is their purpose and are there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

**#2 Other** includes cash which is treated as neutral for sustainability purposes. #2 also includes other investments that are not scored by Schroders' proprietary sustainability tools and so do not contribute towards the Fund's sustainability score.

Minimum safeguards are applied where relevant to Money Market Investments and other investments by restricting (as appropriate) investments in counterparties where there are ownership links or exposure to higher risk countries (for the purpose of money laundering, terrorist financing, bribery, corruption, tax evasion and sanctions risks). A firm-wide risk assessment considers the risk rating of each jurisdiction; which includes reference to a number of public statements, indices and world governance indicators issued by the UN, the European Union, the UK Government, the Financial Action Task Force and several Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), such as Transparency International and the Basel Committee.

In addition, new counterparties are reviewed by Schroders' credit risk team and approval of a new counterparty is based on a holistic review of the various sources of information available, including, but not limited to, quality of management, ownership structure, location, regulatory and social environment to which each counterparty is subject, and the degree of development of the local banking system and its regulatory framework. Ongoing monitoring is performed through a Schroders' proprietary tool, which supports the analysis of a counterparty's management of environmental, social and governance trends and challenges. Any significant deterioration in the profile of the counterparty in Schroders' proprietary tool would lead to further analysis and potential exclusion by Schroders' credit risk team.



## Is a specific index designated as a reference benchmark to determine whether this financial product is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes?

**Reference benchmarks** are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the environmental or social characteristics that they promote.

- **How is the reference benchmark continuously aligned with each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?**

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- **How is the alignment of the investment strategy with the methodology of the index ensured on a continuous basis?**

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- ***How does the designated index differ from a relevant broad market index?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- ***Where can the methodology used for the calculation of the designated index be found?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.



## **Where can I find more product specific information online?**

More product-specific information can be found on the webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

Pre-contractual disclosure for the financial products referred to in Article 8, paragraphs 1, 2 and 2a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 6, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852

**Product name:** **Schroder International Selection Fund Sustainable Multi-Factor Equity**

**Legal entity identifier:** **5493007XNHSEG8Q50Z18**

## Environmental and/or social characteristics

**Sustainable investment** means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good governance practices.

The **EU Taxonomy** is a classification system laid down in Regulation (EU) 2020/852, establishing a list of **environmentally sustainable economic activities**. That Regulation does not lay down a list of socially sustainable economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.

### Does this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?

<input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <b>Yes</b>	<input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <b>No</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with an environmental objective: ___%</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> It <b>promotes Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics</b> and while it does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will have a minimum proportion of <b>25.00%</b> of sustainable investments
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<input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with a social objective ___%</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> with a social objective
	<input type="checkbox"/> It promotes E/S characteristics, but <b>will not make any sustainable investments</b>



## What environmental and/or social characteristics are promoted by this financial product?

The Fund maintains i) a higher overall sustainability score; and ii) at least a 50% lower carbon intensity score, relative to the MSCI AC World (Net TR) index, based on the Investment Manager's rating system. This benchmark (which is a broad market index) does not take into account the environmental and social characteristics promoted by the Fund.

The sustainability score is measured by Schroders' proprietary tool that provides an estimate of the net "impact" that an issuer may create in terms of social and environmental "costs" or "benefits". It does this by using certain indicators with respect to that issuer, and quantifying them positively and negatively to produce an aggregate notional measure of the effect that the relevant underlying issuer may have on society and the environment. It does this using third party data as well as Schroders own estimates and assumptions and the outcome may differ from other sustainability tools and measures. Examples of such indicators are greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

The result is expressed as an aggregate score of the sustainability indicators for each issuer, specifically a notional percentage (positive or negative) of sales of the relevant underlying issuer. For example, a score of +2% would mean an issuer contributes \$2 of relative notional positive impact (i.e. benefits to society) per \$100 of sales. The sustainability score of the Fund is derived from the scores of all issuers in the Fund's portfolio measured by Schroders' proprietary tool.

Carbon intensity is a measure of a portfolio's exposure to carbon-intensive companies. It is expressed as the carbon emissions per million dollars of revenue and displayed as tons CO<sub>2</sub>e / \$M revenue. The carbon intensity is measured using data from a third party provider. Where a data point is not available, the provider may make use of estimated data.

The Fund invests at least 25% of its assets in sustainable investments, which are investments that the Investment Manager expects to contribute towards the advancement of one or more environmental and/or social objective (s).

### What sustainability indicators are used to measure the attainment of each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

The Investment Manager monitors compliance with the characteristic to maintain a higher overall sustainability score than the MSCI AC World (Net TR) index by reference to the weighted average sustainability score of the Fund in Schroders' proprietary tool compared against the weighted average sustainability score of the MSCI AC World (Net TR) index in Schroders' proprietary tool over the previous

**Sustainability indicators** measure how the environmental or social characteristics

promoted by the financial product are attained.

~~six months~~six-month period, based on month-end data. The overall sustainability score aggregates the effect of sustainability indicators including but not limited to greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

The Investment Manager monitors compliance with the characteristic to maintain at least a 50% lower carbon intensity score than the MSCI AC World (Net TR) index by reference to the carbon intensity, measured on a weighted average based on quarterly holdings using data from a third party provider.

The Investment Manager monitors compliance with the characteristic to invest at least 25% of its assets in sustainable investments by reference to the sustainability score of each asset in Schroders' proprietary tool. Compliance with this is monitored daily via our automated compliance controls. The Fund also applies certain exclusions, with which the Investment Manager monitors compliance on an ongoing basis via its portfolio compliance framework.

● ***What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?***

In respect of the proportion of the Fund's portfolio that is invested in sustainable investments, each sustainable investment demonstrates a net positive effect across a range of environmental or social objectives, as scored by Schroders' proprietary tool. The environmental or social objectives of the sustainable investments that the Fund partially intends to make may include, but are not limited to, increasing environmental and/or social benefits such as greater water access or fair pay and reducing environmental, and/or social costs such as carbon emissions or food waste. For example, greater water access as measured by Schroders' proprietary tool are the estimated societal benefits of the provision of clean drinking water to human health.

● ***How do the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make, not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?***

The Investment Manager's approach to investing in issuers that do not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective includes the following:

- Firm-wide investment exclusions apply to Schroders funds. These relate to international conventions on cluster munitions, anti-personnel mines, and chemical and biological weapons and a list of those companies that are excluded is available at <https://www.schroders.com/en/sustainability/active-ownership/group-exclusions/>. Firm-wide exclusions also apply to companies generating more than 20% of their revenue from thermal coal mining.
- The Fund excludes companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to tobacco and thermal coal.
- The Fund excludes companies that are assessed by Schroders to have breached one or more 'global norms' thereby causing significant environmental or social harm; these companies comprise Schroders' 'global norms' breach list. Schroders' determination of whether a company has been involved in such a breach considers relevant principles such as those contained in the UN Global Compact (UNGC) principles, the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights. The 'global norms' breach list may be informed by assessments performed by third party providers and by proprietary research, where relevant to a particular situation.
- The Fund may also apply certain other exclusions in addition to those summarised above.

Further information on all of the Fund's investment exclusions is to be found under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

● ***How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?***

**Principal adverse impacts** are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anticorruption and antibribery matters.

When seeking to identify significant harm, Schroders' approach to taking into account the Principal Adverse Impacts (PAI) indicators involves a quantitative and a qualitative assessment. Where it is not considered appropriate or feasible to set quantitative thresholds, the Investment Manager engages, where relevant. Investee companies deemed not to satisfy the quantitative thresholds would generally be excluded, unless on a case-by-case basis the data is deemed not representative of a company's performance in the relevant area.

This framework is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability and quality of the data evolves.

Our approach includes:

1. **Quantitative:** this includes indicators where specific thresholds have been established:



- Via the application of exclusions. This approach is relevant to **PAI 4** (Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector), **PAI 5** (Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production) and **PAI 14** (Exposure to controversial weapons). Further, the following PAIs are assessed as part of Schroders' 'global norms' breach list exclusion (which seeks to exclude companies where significant harm is occurring):
  - **PAI 7** (Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas)
  - **PAI 8** (Emissions to water)
  - **PAI 9** (Hazardous waste and radioactive waste ratio)
  - **PAI 10** (Violations of UN Global Compact principles and Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises)
  - **PAI 11** (Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and Voluntary)
  - **PAI 14** in Table 3 (Number of identified cases of severe human rights issues and incidents)
- Via the application of an alert system flag if the relevant indicator(s) exceeds a threshold. These quantitative thresholds to assess significant harm are established centrally by our Sustainable Investment team and monitored systematically. This approach applies to indicators where we have segmented the population into harm groups to establish a threshold, such as carbon related PAI metrics, **PAI 1** (GHG emissions), **PAI 2** (Carbon footprint) and **Voluntary PAI 4 in Table 2** (Investing in companies without carbon emission reduction initiatives). **PAI 3** (GHG intensity of investee companies) operates in a similar way but the threshold is based on a revenue metric. A threshold for **PAI 6** (Energy consumption intensity per high impact climate sector) is established based on the ~~above-mentioned~~ carbon measures. A similar approach has been taken for **PAI 15** (GHG intensity). **PAI 16** (Investee countries subject to social violations) also operates in the same way but based on data availability regarding social violations. Through this process the relevant issuer(s) that is/are deemed not to satisfy the quantitative thresholds is/are flagged to the Investment Manager for consideration, whose response may involve selling the holdings(s) or maintaining the position if on a case-by-case basis the data is deemed not representative of a company's performance in the relevant area. Investee companies deemed to cause significant harm are excluded from the Fund.
- 2. **Qualitative:** This includes PAI indicators where Schroders' believes that the data available does not enable us to make a quantitative determination regarding whether significant harm is done so as to warrant excluding an investment. In such cases, the Investment Manager engages wherever possible with the company or companies held, in accordance with the priorities documented in Schroders' Engagement Blueprint and/or voting policy. This approach applies to indicators such as **PAI 12** (Unadjusted gender pay gap) and **PAI 13** (Board gender diversity), where we engage and may use our voting rights where we consider appropriate. Both board gender diversity and disclosure of gender pay gap information are captured in our Engagement Blueprint.

● ***How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:***

Companies on Schroders' 'global norms' breach list cannot be categorised as sustainable investments. Schroders' determination of whether a company should be included on such list considers the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, among other relevant principles. The 'global norms' breach list is informed by third party providers and proprietary research, where relevant.

*The EU Taxonomy sets out a "do not significant harm" principle by which Taxonomy-aligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives and is accompanied by specific EU criteria.*

*The "do not significant harm" principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.*

*Any other sustainable investments must also not significantly harm any environmental or social objectives.*



## Does this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

☒ Yes, the Investment Manager's approach to considering principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors involves classifying the indicators into three categories:

The Investment Manager's approach to considering principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors differs depending on the relevant indicator. Some indicators are considered via the application of exclusions, some are considered via the investment process (where data is available via Schroders PAI dashboard and via other external data sources) and some are considered via engagement. Further details are provided below. PAIs are considered as part of pre-investment through the application of exclusions. These include:

- Controversial weapons: PAI 14 (Exposure to controversial weapons (anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, chemical weapons and biological weapons))
- Schroders' 'global norms' breach list, which covers: PAI 7 (Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas), PAI 8 (Emissions to water), PAI 9 (Hazardous waste and radioactive waste ratio), PAI 10 (Violations of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises), PAI 11 (Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises) and PAI 16 (Investee countries subject to social violations)
- Companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to thermal coal: PAI 4 (Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector) and PAI 5 (Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production)

Compliance with these thresholds is monitored via the Investment Manager's portfolio compliance framework. PAIs are also considered through integration in the investment process. Schroders' proprietary tool incorporates several PAIs as a component of its scoring methodology and we monitor all PAI indicators through our dedicated PAI dashboard. Our proprietary sustainability framework, which is applied within our Fund's quantitative investment process, considers several key aspects:

- Greenhouse Gas Emissions: We assess the emissions of investment companies, including their carbon footprint, to evaluate their impact on climate change. This is related to PAIs 1, 2, 3, and 4.
- Fossil Fuel Sector Exposure: We analyse the exposure of companies to the fossil fuel sector, considering their involvement in activities related to fossil fuels. This is related to PAIs 1, 2, 3, and 4.
- Biodiversity and Environmental Impact: We evaluate activities that have a negative impact on biodiversity-sensitive areas, as well as emissions to water and hazardous waste. These factors are related to PAIs 7, 8, and 9.
- Gender Pay Gap and Board Diversity: We consider the unadjusted gender pay gap and the diversity of boards within the companies we invest in. These aspects are related to PAIs 12 and 13.

PAIs are also considered post-investment through engagement where the Investment Manager engages in line with the approach and expectations set out in the Schroders Engagement Blueprint, which outlines our approach to active ownership. For example, the Investment Manager may engage with investee companies on their plans around and disclosure of net zero targets which relates to PAIs 1, 2 and 3. Other topics for engagement may include board gender diversity, related to PAI 13.

Our approach is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability, and quality, of PAI data evolves. The Management Company's statement on principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors is available at <https://mybrand.schroders.com/m/4ab13771bddd9d/original/Statement-on-principal-adverse-impacts-of-investment-decisions-on-sustainability-factors-2-1-new.pdf> <https://api.schroders.com/document-store/id/ffcb39bb-96cb-4e56-9461-deba9a493e85>. The Fund level information is disclosed or will be (as applicable) in the Fund's annual report.

1. Set thresholds: these involve very explicit thresholds for considering an investment to be a "sustainable investment". For example, PAI 10 on violations of UNGC principles.

2. Active ownership: these involve indicators on which we have a plan to engage with the underlying holding as set out in the Schroders Group document <https://mybrand.schroders.com/m/3222ea4ed44a1f2c/original/schroders-engagement-blueprint.pdf>, outlining our approach to active ownership. For example, PAI 1, 2 and 3 covering GHG emissions and PAI 13 on board gender diversity.

3. Improve coverage: these involve indicators where we consider data coverage to be too sparse to properly consider them and our focus is primarily on engaging with the underlying holdings to increase reporting. For example, PAI 7 on biodiversity, PAI 9 on hazardous waste ratio and PAI 12 on the gender pay gap.

Our approach is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability, and quality, of PAI data evolves.

The Management Company's statement on principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors is available at <https://mybrand.schroders.com/m/467910ac8e6da45c/original/Statement-on-principal-adverse-impacts-of-investment-decisions-on-sustainability-factors.pdf>. The Fund level information is disclosed or will be (as applicable) in the Fund's annual report.

☐ No



## What investment strategy does this financial product follow?

**The investment strategy** guides investment decisions based on factors such as investment objectives and risk tolerance.

The sustainable investment strategy used by the Investment Manager is as follows:

The Fund is actively managed and invests at least two thirds of its assets in equity and equity-related securities of companies worldwide that meet the Investment Manager's sustainability criteria and which also focus on a range of equity factors (also commonly known as investment styles).

Companies will be simultaneously assessed on these equity factors using a fully integrated systematic, bottom-up investment approach.

Relevant equity factors may include the following:

- Low volatility – involves evaluating indicators such as share price movement and historical performance to determine those securities that the Investment Manager believes will experience smaller price movements than the global equity markets on average.

- Momentum – involves evaluating trends in stocks, sectors or countries within the relevant equity market.
- Quality – involves evaluating indicators such as a company's profitability, stability and financial strength.
- Value – involves evaluating indicators such as cash flows, dividends and earnings to identify securities that the Investment Manager believes have been undervalued by the market.
- Small cap – involves investing in small-sized companies being companies that, at the time of purchase, are considered to be in the bottom 30% by market capitalisation of the global equity market and exhibit attractive characteristics based on the styles described above.
- Sustainability – involves evaluating challenges and opportunities companies face from social, environmental and governance considerations.

The Fund follows a systematic approach, which scores all companies in a broad universe, including the MSCI AC World (Net TR) index, against the above equity factors to create a **broadly diversified** portfolio ~~of typically 300–400 securities~~. The systematic process seeks to maximise the Fund's expected exposure to the aggregated score against the equity factors, subject to consideration of active risk and transaction costs, while applying additional controls to manage concentration risk across securities, sectors and industries, and unexpected bias towards or away from the benchmark. The Investment Manager reviews the systematic output on regular basis and adjusts to ensure that the desired risk characteristics have been delivered and that the portfolio is appropriate against the equity factors.

The Fund maintains i) a higher overall sustainability score; and ii) at least a 50% lower carbon intensity score, relative to the MSCI AC World (Net TR) index, based on the Investment Manager's rating system.

The Fund does not directly invest in certain activities, industries or groups of issuers above the limits listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

The Fund invests in companies that have good governance practices, as determined by the Investment Manager's rating criteria.

The Fund may invest in companies that the Investment Manager believes will improve their sustainability practices within a reasonable timeframe, typically up to two years.

The Investment Manager may also engage with companies held by the Fund to challenge identified areas of weakness on sustainability issues. More details on the Investment Manager's approach to sustainability and its engagement with companies are available on the webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/>

The Fund may also invest up to one-third of its assets directly or indirectly in other securities (including other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies, Investment Funds, warrants and Money Market Investments, and hold cash.

The Fund may use derivatives with the aim of reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently.

The Investment Manager applies sustainability criteria when selecting investments for the Fund.

The Investment Manager generally excludes companies with some exposure to business segments it views as harmful to society, such as tobacco, gambling and weapons. To reduce the Fund's carbon risk, the Investment Manager also generally excludes companies with some exposure to thermal coal and oil from tar sands.

The Investment Manager also uses a quantitative assessment to identify companies with sustainable business practices. Sustainability is assessed by considering the overall environmental and social benefits and costs of a company's operations and the strength of its governance practices.

The sources of information used to perform the analysis include information provided by the companies, such as company sustainability reports and other relevant company material, as well as Schroders' proprietary sustainability tools and third-party data.

The Investment Manager ensures that at least 90% of the portion of the Fund's Net Asset Value composed of investments in companies is rated against the sustainability criteria. The Fund's sustainability criteria ensures that the portfolio's overall sustainability profile is improved when compared to the Fund's benchmark. For example, in terms of carbon intensity, the Fund's overall carbon intensity will be at least 50% lower than that of the Fund's benchmark.

For the purposes of this test, the potential investment universe is the core universe of issuers that the Investment Manager may select for the Fund prior to the application of sustainability criteria, in accordance with the other limitations of the Investment Objective and Policy. This universe is comprised of equity and equity-related securities of companies worldwide.

### ● ***What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?***

The following binding elements are applied throughout the investment process:

- The Fund maintains i) a higher overall sustainability score and ii) at least a 50% lower carbon intensity score than the MSCI AC World (Net TR) index based on the Investment Manager's rating criteria.
- The Fund invests at least 25% of its assets in sustainable investments and such investments do not cause significant environmental or social harm.

- Exclusions are applied to direct investments in companies. The Fund applies certain exclusions relating to international conventions on cluster munitions, antipersonnel mines, and chemical and biological weapons. The Fund also excludes companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to tobacco and thermal coal, especially companies that generate at least 10% of their revenues from tobacco production, companies that generate at least 25% of their revenues from the tobacco value chain (such as suppliers, distributors, retailers and licensors), companies that generate at least 10% of their revenues from thermal coal mining and companies that generate at least 30% of their revenues from coal fired power generation. The Fund excludes companies that are assessed by Schroders to have breached one or more 'global norms' thereby causing significant environmental or social harm; these companies comprise Schroders' 'global norms' breach list. Further, the Fund may apply other exclusions as listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>. The Fund invests in companies that have good governance practices, as determined by the Investment Manager's rating criteria.
- The Investment Manager ensures that at least 90% of the portion of the Fund's Net Asset Value composed of investments in companies is rated against the sustainability criteria.

● **What is the committed minimum rate to reduce the scope of the investments considered prior to the application of that investment strategy?**

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

● **What is the policy to assess good governance practices of the investee companies?**

The Investment Manager uses a proprietary tool to prioritise companies that pay above the living wage (remuneration of staff), those that have good health and safety track records (employee relations), invest in their employees through training (employee relations) and pay a their fair share of tax (tax compliance). Additionally, we prioritise companies that score well on a range of measures designed to measure the alignment between management & shareholders. Where alignment is strong it indicates that the management structures are sound and where there is misalignment it is an indication that the management structures are weak or ineffective.

**Good governance** practices include sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff and tax compliance.



## What is the asset allocation planned for this financial product?

**Asset allocation** describes the share of investments in specific assets.

The planned composition of the Fund's investments that are used to meet its environmental or social characteristics are summarised below.

**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the minimum proportion of the Fund's assets used to attain the environmental or social characteristics, which is equal to 70%. The Fund commits to maintain a higher overall sustainability score than the MSCI AC World (Net TR) index, and so the Fund's investments that are scored by Schroders' proprietary sustainability tool are included within the minimum proportion stated in #1 on the basis that they will contribute to the Fund's sustainability score (whether such individual investment has a positive or a negative score). Also included within #1 is the minimum proportion of assets that are invested in sustainable investments, as indicated in #1A. The minimum proportions stated apply in normal market conditions. The actual proportion stated in #1 is expected to be higher.

The sustainability score is measured by Schroders' proprietary tool that provides an estimate of the net "impact" that an issuer may create in terms of social and environmental "costs" or "benefits". It does this by using certain indicators with respect to that issuer, and quantifying them positively and negatively to produce an aggregate notional measure of the effect that the relevant underlying issuer may have on society and the environment. Examples of such indicators are greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

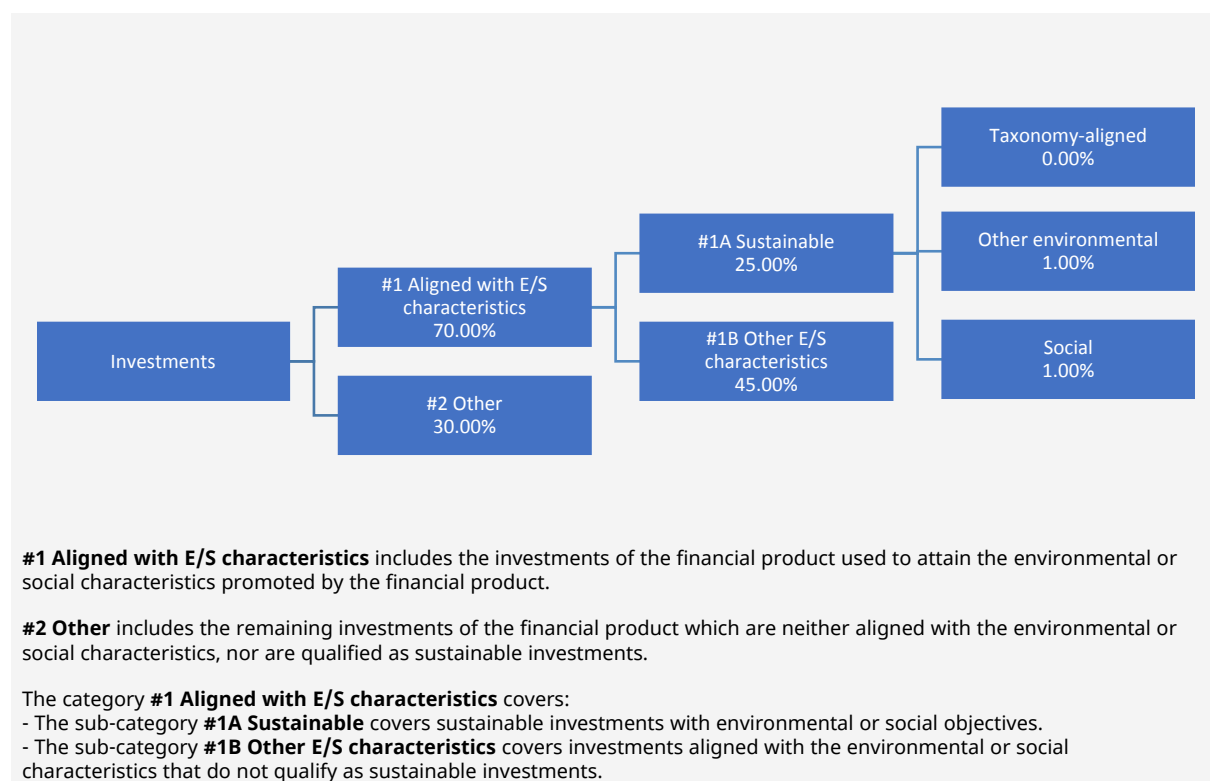
The Fund will invest at least 25% of its assets in sustainable investments. A sustainable investment is classified as having an environmental or social objective depending on whether the relevant issuer has a higher score in Schroders' proprietary tool relative to its applicable peer group for its environmental indicators or its social indicators. In each case, indicators are comprised of both "costs" and "benefits".

**#2 Other** includes cash which is treated as neutral for sustainability purposes, such as Money Market Investments. #2 also includes investments that are not scored by Schroders' proprietary sustainability tool and so do not contribute towards the Fund's sustainability score. As #1 states a minimum proportion that is in practice expected to be higher, the proportion stated in #2 is expected to be lower.

Minimum safeguards are applied where relevant to Money Market Investments and other investments by restricting (as appropriate) investments in counterparties where there are ownership links or exposure to higher risk countries (for the purpose of money laundering, terrorist financing, bribery, corruption, tax evasion and sanctions risks). A firm-wide risk assessment considers the risk rating of each jurisdiction; which includes reference to a number of public statements, indices and world governance indicators issued by the UN, the European Union, the UK Government, the Financial Action Task Force and several Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), such as Transparency International and the Basel Committee.

In addition, new counterparties are reviewed by Schroders' credit risk team and approval of a new counterparty is based on a holistic review of the various sources of information available, including, but not limited to, quality of management, ownership structure, location, regulatory and social environment to which each counterparty is

subject, and the degree of development of the local banking system and its regulatory framework. Ongoing monitoring is performed through a Schroders' proprietary tool, which supports the analysis of a counterparty's management of environmental, social and governance trends and challenges. Any significant deterioration in the profile of the counterparty in Schroders' proprietary tool would lead to further analysis and potential exclusion by Schroders' credit risk team.



#1 The minimum proportion stated applies in normal market conditions.

### ● **How does the use of derivatives attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?**

The Fund may use derivatives that are scored in Schroders' proprietary tool to meet the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted by the Fund, as such derivatives would contribute to the Fund's sustainability score (whether such individual investment has a positive or a negative score).



### **To what minimum extent are sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?**

There is no minimum extent to which the Fund's investments (including transitional and enabling activities) with an environmental objective are aligned with the Taxonomy. Taxonomy alignment of this Fund's investments has therefore not been calculated and has as a result been deemed to constitute 0% of the Fund's portfolio.

In future it is expected that the Fund will assess and report on the extent to which its underlying investments are in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the Taxonomy, along with information relating to the proportion of enabling and transitional activities. This Prospectus will be updated once it is possible in the Investment Manager's opinion to accurately disclose to what extent the Fund's investments are in Taxonomy-aligned environmentally sustainable activities, including the proportions of investments in enabling and transitional activities selected for the Fund.

### ● **Does the financial product invest in fossil gas and/or nuclear energy related activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy<sup>1</sup>?**

☐ Yes:

☐ In fossil gas ☐ In nuclear energy

☒ No

<sup>1</sup> Fossil gas and/or nuclear related activities will only comply with the EU Taxonomy where they contribute to limiting climate change ("climate change mitigation") and do not significantly harm any EU Taxonomy objective – see explanatory note in the left-hand margin. The full criteria for fossil gas and nuclear energy economic activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy are laid down in Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1214.


the end of 2035. For **nuclear energy**, the criteria include comprehensive safety and waste management rules.

Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

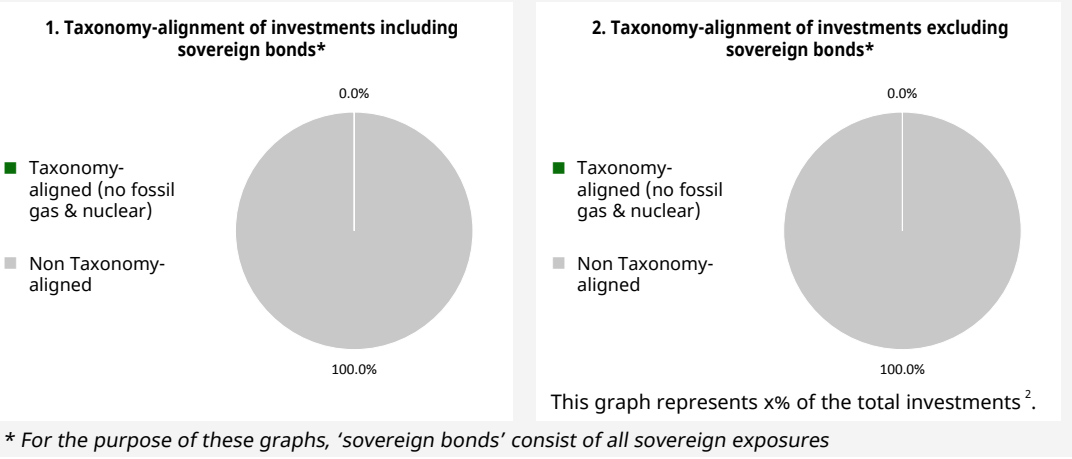
- **turnover** reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee companies
- **capital expenditure** (CapEx) showing the green investments made by investee companies, e.g. for a transition to a green economy.
- **operational expenditure** (OpEx) reflecting green operational activities of investee companies.

**Enabling activities** directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective.

**Transitional activities** are activities for which low-carbon alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.

 are sustainable investments with an environmental objective that **do not take into account the criteria** for environmentally

The two graphs below show in green the minimum percentage of investments that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the Taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy-alignment in relation to all the investments of the financial product including sovereign bonds, while the second graph shows the Taxonomy-alignment only in relation to the investments of the financial product other than sovereign bonds.



- **What is the minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities?**  
As per the above, at the date of this Prospectus the share of investments by the Fund in transitional and enabling activities is currently deemed to constitute 0% of the Fund's portfolio.



**What is the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?**  
The Fund commits to invest at least 1% of its assets in sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

<sup>2</sup> As there is no Taxonomy-alignment, there is no impact on the graph if sovereign bonds are excluded (i.e. the percentage of Taxonomy-aligned investments remains 0%) and the Management Company therefore believes that there is no need to mention this information.





### What is the minimum share of socially sustainable investments?

The Fund commits to invest at least 1% of its assets in sustainable investments with a social objective.



### What investments are included under “#2 Other”, what is their purpose and are there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

**#2 Other** includes cash which is treated as neutral for sustainability purposes. #2 also includes investments that are not scored by Schroders’ proprietary sustainability tools and so do not contribute towards the Fund’s sustainability score.

Minimum safeguards are applied where relevant to Money Market Investments and other investments by restricting (as appropriate) investments in counterparties where there are ownership links or exposure to higher risk countries (for the purpose of money laundering, terrorist financing, bribery, corruption, tax evasion and sanctions risks). A firm-wide risk assessment considers the risk rating of each jurisdiction; which includes reference to a number of public statements, indices and world governance indicators issued by the UN, the European Union, the UK Government, the Financial Action Task Force and several Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), such as Transparency International and the Basel Committee.

In addition, new counterparties are reviewed by Schroders’ credit risk team and approval of a new counterparty is based on a holistic review of the various sources of information available, including, but not limited to, quality of management, ownership structure, location, regulatory and social environment to which each counterparty is subject, and the degree of development of the local banking system and its regulatory framework. Ongoing monitoring is performed through a Schroders’ proprietary tool, which supports the analysis of a counterparty’s management of environmental, social and governance trends and challenges. Any significant deterioration in the profile of the counterparty in Schroders’ proprietary tool would lead to further analysis and potential exclusion by Schroders’ credit risk team.



### Is a specific index designated as a reference benchmark to determine whether this financial product is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes?

**Reference benchmarks** are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the environmental or social characteristics that they promote.

- **How is the reference benchmark continuously aligned with each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?**

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- **How is the alignment of the investment strategy with the methodology of the index ensured on a continuous basis?**

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- **How does the designated index differ from a relevant broad market index?**

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- **Where can the methodology used for the calculation of the designated index be found?**

This question is not applicable for the Fund.



### Where can I find more product specific information online?

More product-specific information can be found on the webpage: <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

Pre-contractual disclosure for the financial products referred to in Article 8, paragraphs 1, 2 and 2a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 6, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852

**Product name:** **Schroder International Selection Fund Sustainable US Dollar Corporate Bond**

**Legal entity identifier:** **549300PT9R3Q006WKS27**

## Environmental and/or social characteristics

<p><b>Sustainable investment</b> means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good governance practices.</p>	<p><b>Does this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?</b></p> <p> <input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Yes</b> <input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>No</b> </p>		
<p>The <b>EU Taxonomy</b> is a classification system laid down in Regulation (EU) 2020/852, establishing a list of <b>environmentally sustainable economic activities</b>. That Regulation does not lay down a list of socially sustainable economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.</p>	<table border="1"> <tr> <td data-bbox="258 436 871 1052"> <p><input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with an environmental objective: __%</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with a social objective __%</b></p> </td><td data-bbox="871 436 1487 1052"> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> It <b>promotes Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics</b> and while it does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will have a minimum proportion of <b>40.00%</b> of sustainable investments</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> with a social objective</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> It promotes E/S characteristics, but <b>will not make any sustainable investments</b></p> </td></tr> </table>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with an environmental objective: __%</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with a social objective __%</b></p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> It <b>promotes Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics</b> and while it does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will have a minimum proportion of <b>40.00%</b> of sustainable investments</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> with a social objective</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> It promotes E/S characteristics, but <b>will not make any sustainable investments</b></p>
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## What environmental and/or social characteristics are promoted by this financial product?

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the Bloomberg US Corporate Index, based on the Investment Manager's rating system. This benchmark (which is a broad market index) does not take into account the environmental and social characteristics promoted by the Fund.

The sustainability score is measured by Schroders' proprietary tool that provides an estimate of the net "impact" that an issuer may create in terms of social and environmental "costs" or "benefits". It does this by using certain indicators with respect to that issuer, and quantifying them positively and negatively to produce an aggregate notional measure of the effect that the relevant underlying issuer may have on society and the environment. It does this using third party data as well as Schroders own estimates and assumptions and the outcome may differ from other sustainability tools and measures. Examples of such indicators are greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

The result is expressed as an aggregate score of the sustainability indicators for each issuer, specifically a notional percentage (positive or negative) of sales or GDP of the relevant underlying issuer. For example, a score of +2% would mean an issuer contributes \$2 of relative notional positive impact (i.e. benefits to society) per \$100 of sales or GDP. The sustainability score of the Fund is derived from the scores of all issuers in the Fund's portfolio measured by Schroders' proprietary tool.

The Fund invests at least 40% of its assets in sustainable investments, which are investments that the Investment Manager expects to contribute towards the advancement of one or more environmental and/or social objective (s).

### What sustainability indicators are used to measure the attainment of each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

The Investment Manager monitors compliance with the characteristic to maintain a higher overall sustainability score than the Bloomberg US Corporate Index by reference to the weighted average sustainability score of the Fund in Schroders' proprietary tool compared against the weighted average sustainability score of the Bloomberg US Corporate Index in Schroders' proprietary tool over the previous ~~six months~~**six-month** period, based on month-end data. The overall sustainability score aggregates the effect of sustainability indicators including but not limited to greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

**Sustainability indicators** measure how the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product are attained.

The Investment Manager monitors compliance with the characteristic to invest at least 40% of its assets in sustainable investments by reference (i) to the sustainability score of each asset in Schroders' proprietary tool and/or (ii) whether the asset is classified as a green, social or sustainable bond. Compliance with this is monitored daily via our automated compliance controls. The Fund also applies certain exclusions, with which the Investment Manager monitors compliance on an ongoing basis via its portfolio compliance framework.

● ***What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?***

In respect of the proportion of the Fund's portfolio that is invested in sustainable investments, each sustainable investment either (i) demonstrates a net positive effect across a range of environmental or social objectives, as scored by Schroders' proprietary tool and/or (ii) is classified as a green, social and/or sustainable bond using a third-party data source. The environmental or social objectives of the sustainable investments that the Fund partially intends to make may include, but are not limited to, increasing environmental and/or social benefits such as greater water access or fair pay and reducing environmental, and/or social costs such as carbon emissions or food waste. For example, greater water access as measured by Schroders' proprietary tool are the estimated societal benefits of the provision of clean drinking water to human health. The environmental or social objectives of green, social and/or sustainable bonds may include, but are not limited to, climate change mitigation, renewable energy initiatives, natural resource conservation, access to finance and affordable housing projects.

● ***How do the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make, not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?***

The Investment Manager's approach to investing in issuers that do not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective includes the following:

- Firm-wide investment exclusions apply to Schroders funds. These relate to international conventions on cluster munitions, anti-personnel mines, and chemical and biological weapons and a list of those companies that are excluded is available at <https://www.schroders.com/en/sustainability/active-ownership/group-exclusions/>. Firm-wide exclusions also apply to companies generating more than 20% of their revenue from thermal coal mining.
- The Fund excludes companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to tobacco and thermal coal.
- The Fund excludes companies that are assessed by Schroders to have breached one or more 'global norms' thereby causing significant environmental or social harm; these companies comprise Schroders' 'global norms' breach list. Schroders' determination of whether a company has been involved in such a breach considers relevant principles such as those contained in the UN Global Compact (UNGC) principles, the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights. The 'global norms' breach list may be informed by assessments performed by third party providers and by proprietary research, where relevant to a particular situation.
- The Fund may also apply certain other exclusions in addition to those summarised above.

Further information on all of the Fund's investment exclusions is to be found under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

● ***How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?***

When seeking to identify significant harm, Schroders' approach to taking into account the Principal Adverse Impacts (PAI) indicators involves a quantitative and a qualitative assessment. Where it is not considered appropriate or feasible to set quantitative thresholds, the Investment Manager engages, where relevant. Investee companies deemed not to satisfy the quantitative thresholds would generally be excluded, unless on a case-by-case basis the data is deemed not representative of a company's performance in the relevant area.

This framework is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability and quality of the data evolves.

Our approach includes:

1. **Quantitative:** this includes indicators where specific thresholds have been established:

- Via the application of exclusions. This approach is relevant to **PAI 4** (Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector), **PAI 5** (Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production) and **PAI 14** (Exposure to controversial weapons). Further, the following PAIs are assessed as part of Schroders 'global norms' breach list exclusion (which seeks to exclude companies where significant harm is occurring):

**Principal adverse impacts** are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anticorruption and antibribery matters.

- **PAI 7** (Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas)
- **PAI 8** (Emissions to water)
- **PAI 9** (Hazardous waste and radioactive waste ratio)
- **PAI 10** (Violations of UN Global Compact principles and Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises)
- **PAI 11** (Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and Voluntary)
- **PAI 14** in Table 3 (Number of identified cases of severe human rights issues and incidents)
- Via the application of an alert system flag if the relevant indicator(s) exceeds a threshold. These quantitative thresholds to assess significant harm are established centrally by our Sustainable Investment team and monitored systematically. This approach applies to indicators where we have segmented the population into harm groups to establish a threshold, such as carbon related PAI metrics, **PAI 1** (GHG emissions), **PAI 2** (Carbon footprint) and **Voluntary PAI 4 in Table 2** (Investing in companies without carbon emission reduction initiatives). **PAI 3** (GHG intensity of investee companies) operates in a similar way but the threshold is based on a revenue metric. A threshold for **PAI 6** (Energy consumption intensity per high impact climate sector) is established based on the ~~above-mentioned~~ carbon measures. A similar approach has been taken for **PAI 15** (GHG intensity). **PAI 16** (Investee countries subject to social violations) also operates in the same way but based on data availability regarding social violations. Through this process the relevant issuer(s) that is/are deemed not to satisfy the quantitative thresholds is/are flagged to the Investment Manager for consideration, whose response may involve selling the holdings(s) or maintaining the position if on a case-by-case basis the data is deemed not representative of a company's performance in the relevant area. Investee companies deemed to cause significant harm are excluded from the Fund.
- 2. **Qualitative:** This includes PAI indicators where Schroders' believes that the data available does not enable us to make a quantitative determination regarding whether significant harm is done so as to warrant excluding an investment. In such cases, the Investment Manager engages wherever possible with the company or companies held, in accordance with the priorities documented in Schroders' Engagement Blueprint and/or voting policy. This approach applies to indicators such as **PAI 12** (Unadjusted gender pay gap) and **PAI 13** (Board gender diversity), where we engage and may use our voting rights where we consider appropriate. Both board gender diversity and disclosure of gender pay gap information are captured in our Engagement Blueprint.

● ***How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:***

Companies on Schroders' 'global norms' breach list cannot be categorised as sustainable investments. Schroders' determination of whether a company should be included on such list considers the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, among other relevant principles. The 'global norms' breach list is informed by third party providers and proprietary research, where relevant.

*The EU Taxonomy sets out a "do not significant harm" principle by which Taxonomy-aligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives and is accompanied by specific EU criteria.*

The "do not significant harm" principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.

*Any other sustainable investments must also not significantly harm any environmental or social objectives.*



## Does this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

☒ Yes, ~~the Investment Manager's approach to considering principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors involves classifying the indicators into three categories:~~

~~The Investment Manager's approach to considering principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors differs depending on the relevant indicator. Some indicators are considered via the application of exclusions, some are considered via the investment process (where data is available via Schroders PAI dashboard and via other external data sources) and some are considered via engagement. Further details are provided below. PAIs are considered as part of pre-investment through the application of exclusions. These include:~~  
~~- Controversial weapons: PAI 14 (Exposure to controversial weapons (anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, chemical weapons and biological weapons)).~~

- Schrodgers' 'global norms' breach list, which covers: PAI 7 (Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas), PAI 8 (Emissions to water), PAI 9 (Hazardous waste and radioactive waste ratio), PAI 10 (Violations of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises), PAI 11 (Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises) and PAI 16 (Investee countries subject to social violations).  
 - Companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to thermal coal: PAI 4 (Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector) and PAI 5 (Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production).

Compliance with these thresholds is monitored via the Investment Manager's portfolio compliance framework. PAIs are also considered through integration in the issuer analysis as part of the investment process. Schrodgers' proprietary tool is used which incorporates several PAIs as a component of its scoring methodology. For example, PAI 1 (GHG emissions), PAI 2 (Carbon footprint) and PAI 3 (GHG intensity of investee companies), are included as part of a company's overall environmental score, which is used as part of our issuers analysis within the investment process. All PAI indicators are monitored via Schrodgers PAI dashboard.

PAIs are also considered post-investment through engagement where the Investment Manager engages in line with the approach and expectations set out in Schrodgers Engagement Blueprint, which outlines our approach to active ownership. The Investment Manager may engage with selective investee companies on a range on environmental related topics, such as climate alignment, targets, and transition plans. These relate to environmental PAIs including PAI 1 (GHG emissions), PAI 2 (Carbon footprint), PAI 3 (GHG intensity of investee companies). Where issuers are flagged on lack of data availability, the Investment Manager may engage with issuers where the primary focus is to increase reporting, quality and availability of PAI data.

Our approach is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability, and quality, of PAI data evolves. The Management Company's statement on principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors is available at <https://mybrand.schrodgers.com/m/4ab13771bddd9d/original/Statement-on-principal-adverse-impacts-of-investment-decisions-on-sustainability-factors-2-1-new.pdf> <https://api.schrodgers.com/document-store/id/ffcb39bb-96cb-4e56-9461-deba9a493e85>. The Fund level information is disclosed or will be disclosed (as applicable) in the Fund's annual report.

1. Set thresholds: these involve very explicit thresholds for considering an investment to be a "sustainable investment". For example, PAI 10 on violations of UNGC principles.

2. Active ownership: these involve indicators on which we have a plan to engage with the underlying holding as set out in the Schrodgers Group document <https://mybrand.schrodgers.com/m/3222ea4ed44a1f2c/original/schrodgers-engagement-blueprint.pdf>, outlining our approach to active ownership. For example, PAI 1, 2 and 3 covering GHG emissions and PAI 13 on board gender diversity.

3. Improve coverage: these involve indicators where we consider data coverage to be too sparse to properly consider them and our focus is primarily on engaging with the underlying holdings to increase reporting. For example, PAI 7 on biodiversity, PAI 9 on hazardous waste ratio and PAI 12 on the gender pay gap.

Our approach is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability, and quality, of PAI data evolves.

The Management Company's statement on principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors is available at <https://mybrand.schrodgers.com/m/467910ac8e6da45c/original/Statement-on-principal-adverse-impacts-of-investment-decisions-on-sustainability-factors.pdf>. The Fund level information is disclosed or will be (as applicable) in the Fund's annual report.

☐ No



## What investment strategy does this financial product follow?

**The investment strategy** guides investment decisions based on factors such as investment objectives and risk tolerance.

The sustainable investment strategy used by the Investment Manager is as follows:

The Fund is actively managed and invests at least two-thirds of its assets in fixed and floating rate securities issued by governments, government agencies, supra-nationals and companies worldwide denominated in USD, or other currencies hedged to USD, including emerging market countries.

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than Bloomberg US Corporate Index, based on the Investment Manager's rating system.

The Fund does not directly invest in certain activities, industries or groups of issuers above the limits listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schrodgers.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

The Fund invests in companies that have good governance practices, as determined by the Investment Manager's rating criteria.

The Investment Manager may also engage with companies held by the Fund to challenge identified areas of weakness on sustainability issues. More details on the Investment Manager's approach to sustainability and its engagement with companies are available on the webpage <https://www.schrodgers.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/>

The Fund may invest:

up to 30% of its assets in securities that have a below investment grade credit rating (as measured by Standard & Poor's or any equivalent grade of other credit rating agencies for rated bonds and implied Schrodgers ratings for non-rated bonds);



up to 20% of its assets in convertible bonds including up to 10% of its assets in contingent convertible bonds; up to 20% of its assets in emerging markets countries; and up to 10% of its assets in asset-backed securities and mortgage-backed securities.

The Fund may also invest up to one-third of its assets directly or indirectly in other securities (including other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies, Investment Funds, warrants and Money Market Investments, and hold cash.

The Fund may use derivatives with the aim of achieving investment gains, reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently.

The Investment Manager applies sustainability criteria when selecting investments for the Fund.

The strategy applies structural sustainability themes and screens to combine companies that the Investment Manager considers are best-in-class with investments in issuers demonstrating good or improving sustainability credentials. This is achieved by:

The exclusion of issuers with certain exposure to specific activities that the Investment Manager considers deems to have businesses that are environmentally destructive, or socially damaging costly, violate human rights and/or have demonstrated gross misconduct.

The inclusion of issuers that the Investment Manager considers are well placed to demonstrate deliver stable and improving sustainability trajectories relative to their industry peers and issuers demonstrating good governance based on the Investment Manager's sustainability rating methodology. As part of the selection process, the Investment Manager also considers companies' commitment to sustainable themes such as climate change mitigation, economic inclusion and health and wellbeing.

The Investment Manager may also engage with companies to encourage transparency, the transition to a circular economy with lower carbon emissions intensity and responsible social behaviour that promotes sustainable growth and alpha generation.

The Fund may also invest strategically in green, social and sustainable bonds. The selection of green, social and sustainable bonds entails assessing the overall sustainability of the issuer, and analysing the use of proceeds and the expected impact on the bond's objectives. A green bond is a fixed or floating rate security that finances an environmental objective. A social bond is a fixed or floating rate security that finances a social objective. A sustainable bond is a fixed or floating rate security that finances both environmental and social objectives.

The primary sources of information used to perform the analysis are Schroders' proprietary sustainability tools and research, and the Investment Manager's third-party research, NGO reports and expert networks. The Investment Manager also performs its own analysis of information provided by the companies, including information provided in company sustainability reports and other relevant company material.

The Investment Manager ensures that at least 90% of the portion of the Fund's Net Asset Value composed of investments in companies is rated against the sustainability criteria. As a result of the application of sustainability criteria, at least 20% of the Fund's potential investment universe is excluded from the selection of investments.

For the purposes of this test, the potential investment universe is the core universe of issuers that the Investment Manager may select for the Fund prior to the application of sustainability criteria, in accordance with the other limitations of the Investment Objective and Policy. This universe is comprised of fixed and floating rate securities issued by companies worldwide. The universe (for the purpose of this test only) does not include fixed or floating rate securities issued by public or quasi-public issuers.

### ● ***What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?***

The following binding elements are applied throughout the investment process:

- The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the Bloomberg US Corporate Index based on the Investment Manager's rating criteria.
- The Fund invests at least 40% of its assets in sustainable investments and such investments do not cause significant environmental or social harm.
- Exclusions are applied to direct investments in companies. The Fund applies certain exclusions relating to international conventions on cluster munitions, antipersonnel mines, and chemical and biological weapons. The Fund also excludes companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to tobacco and thermal coal, especially companies that generate at least 10% of their revenues from tobacco production, companies that generate at least 25% of their revenues from the tobacco value chain (such as suppliers, distributors, retailers and licensors), companies that generate at least 10% of their revenues from thermal coal mining and companies that generate at least 30% of their revenues from coal fired power generation. The Fund excludes companies that are assessed by Schroders to have breached one or more "global norms" thereby causing significant environmental or social harm; these companies comprise Schroders' 'global norms' breach list. Further, the Fund may apply other exclusions as listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosures" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>
- The Fund invests in companies that have good governance practices, as determined by the Investment Manager's rating criteria.



- The Investment Manager ensures that at least 90% of the portion of the Fund's Net Asset Value composed of investments in companies is rated against the sustainability criteria.
- As a result of the application of sustainability criteria, at least 20% of the Fund's potential investment universe is excluded from the selection of investments.

● **What is the committed minimum rate to reduce the scope of the investments considered prior to the application of that investment strategy?**

As a result of the application of the Fund's sustainability criteria, at least 20% of the Fund's potential investment universe is excluded from the selection of investments. For the purposes of this test, the potential investment universe is the core universe of issuers that the Investment Manager may select for the Fund prior to the application of sustainability criteria, in accordance with the other limitations of the Investment Objective and Policy.

● **What is the policy to assess good governance practices of the investee companies?**

In order to assess good governance practices, a central Good Governance Test is applied. This test is based on a data-driven quantitative framework, which uses a scorecard to assess companies across the categories of sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff, and tax compliance. Schroders has defined a number of criteria across these pillars.

Compliance with the test is monitored centrally and companies which do not pass this test cannot be held by the Fund, unless the Investment Manager has agreed that the issuer demonstrates good governance based on additional insights beyond that quantitative analysis.

**Good governance** practices include sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff and tax compliance.



## What is the asset allocation planned for this financial product?

**Asset allocation** describes the share of investments in specific assets.

The planned composition of the Fund's investments that are used to meet its environmental or social characteristics are summarised below.

**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the minimum proportion of the Fund's assets used to attain the environmental or social characteristics, which is equal to **860%**. The Fund commits to maintain a higher overall sustainability score than the Bloomberg US Corporate Index, and so the Fund's investments that are scored by Schroders' proprietary sustainability tool are included within the minimum proportion stated in #1 on the basis that they will contribute to the Fund's sustainability score (whether such individual investment has a positive or a negative score). Also included within #1 are any green, social or sustainable bonds that are not scored by Schroders' proprietary sustainability tool. <sup>is €</sup>The minimum proportion of assets that are invested in sustainable investments; <sup>is</sup> indicated in #1A. The minimum proportions stated apply in normal market conditions. The actual proportion stated in #1 is expected to be higher.

The sustainability score is measured by Schroders' proprietary tool that provides an estimate of the net "impact" that an issuer may create in terms of social and environmental "costs" or "benefits". It does this by using certain indicators with respect to that issuer, and quantifying them positively and negatively to produce an aggregate notional measure of the effect that the relevant underlying issuer may have on society and the environment. Examples of such indicators are greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

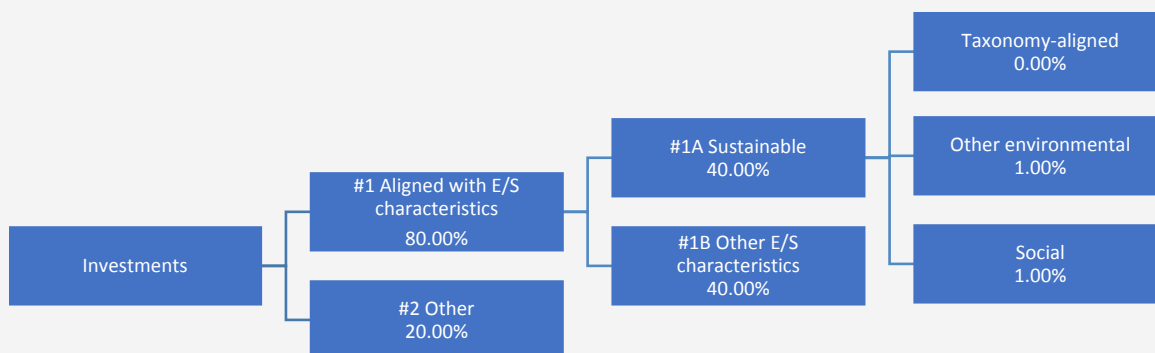
The Fund will invest at least 40% of its assets in sustainable investments. Each sustainable investment (i) demonstrates a net positive effect across a range of environmental or social objectives, as scored by Schroders' proprietary tool or (ii) is classified as a green, social and/or sustainable bond using a third-party data source. With the exception of any green or social bonds, which will be classified as having an environmental or social objective respectively, a sustainable investment is classified as having an environmental or social objective depending on whether the relevant issuer has a higher score in Schroders' proprietary tool relative to its applicable peer group for its environmental indicators or its social indicators. In each case, indicators are comprised of both "costs" and "benefits".

**#2 Other** includes cash which is treated as neutral for sustainability purposes. #2 also includes other investments that are not scored by Schroders' proprietary sustainability tool and so do not contribute towards the Fund's sustainability score. As #1 states a minimum proportion that is in practice expected to be higher, the proportion stated in #2 is expected to be lower.

Minimum safeguards are applied where relevant to investments by restricting (as appropriate) investments in counterparties where there are ownership links or exposure to higher risk countries (for the purpose of money laundering, terrorist financing, bribery, corruption, tax evasion and sanctions risks). A firm-wide risk assessment considers the risk rating of each jurisdiction; which includes reference to a number of public statements, indices and world governance indicators issued by the UN, the European Union, the UK Government, the Financial Action Task Force and several Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), such as Transparency International and the Basel Committee.

In addition, new counterparties are reviewed by Schroders' credit risk team and approval of a new counterparty is based on a holistic review of the various sources of information available, including, but not limited to, quality of management, ownership structure, location, regulatory and social environment to which each counterparty is subject, and the degree of development of the local banking system and its regulatory framework. Ongoing monitoring is performed through a Schroders' proprietary tool, which supports the analysis of a counterparty's

management of environmental, social and governance trends and challenges. Any significant deterioration in the profile of the counterparty in Schroders' proprietary tool would lead to further analysis and potential exclusion by Schroders' credit risk team.



**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the investments of the financial product used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product.

**#2 Other** includes the remaining investments of the financial product which are neither aligned with the environmental or social characteristics, nor are qualified as sustainable investments.

The category **#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** covers:

- The sub-category **#1A Sustainable** covers sustainable investments with environmental or social objectives.
- The sub-category **#1B Other E/S characteristics** covers investments aligned with the environmental or social characteristics that do not qualify as sustainable investments.

#1 The minimum proportion stated applies in normal market conditions.

### ● **How does the use of derivatives attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?**

Single name credit default swaps are used as a proxy for direct investments which would otherwise be held by the Fund in line with its sustainability criteria. Such derivatives are therefore used to attain the Fund's sustainability score in Schroders proprietary tool which is one of the binding elements of the Fund. The Fund may use other derivatives that are scored in Schroders' proprietary tool to meet the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted by the Fund, as such derivatives would contribute to the Fund's sustainability score (whether such individual investment has a positive or a negative score).



### **To what minimum extent are sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?**

There is no minimum extent to which the Fund's investments (including transitional and enabling activities) with an environmental objective are aligned with the Taxonomy. Taxonomy alignment of this Fund's investments has therefore not been calculated and has as a result been deemed to constitute 0% of the Fund's portfolio.

In future it is expected that the Fund will assess and report on the extent to which its underlying investments are in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the Taxonomy, along with information relating to the proportion of enabling and transitional activities. This Prospectus will be updated once it is possible in the Investment Manager's opinion to accurately disclose to what extent the Fund's investments are in Taxonomy-aligned environmentally sustainable activities, including the proportions of investments in enabling and transitional activities selected for the Fund.

### ● **Does the financial product invest in fossil gas and/or nuclear energy related activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy<sup>1</sup>?**

☐ Yes:

☐ In fossil gas ☐ In nuclear energy

☒ No

To comply with the EU Taxonomy, the criteria for **fossil gas** include limitations on emissions and switching to renewable power or

<sup>1</sup> Fossil gas and/or nuclear related activities will only comply with the EU Taxonomy where they contribute to limiting climate change ("climate change mitigation") and do not significantly harm any EU Taxonomy objective – see explanatory note in the left-hand margin. The full criteria for fossil gas and nuclear energy economic activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy are laid down in Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1214.

low-carbon fuels by the end of 2035. For **nuclear energy**, the criteria include comprehensive safety and waste management rules.

Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

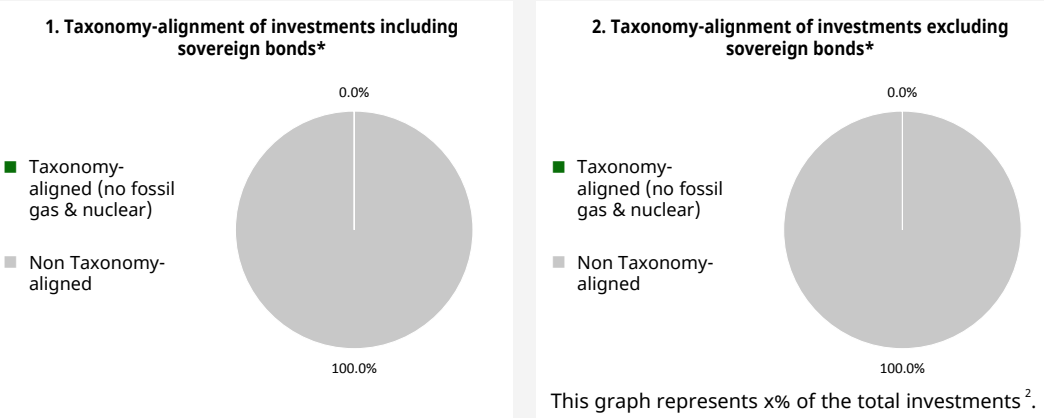
- **turnover** reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee companies
- **capital expenditure** (CapEx) showing the green investments made by investee companies, e.g. for a transition to a green economy.
- **operational expenditure** (OpEx) reflecting green operational activities of investee companies.

**Enabling activities** directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective.

**Transitional activities** are activities for which low-carbon alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.

 are sustainable investments with an environmental objective that **do not take into account the criteria** for environmentally

The two graphs below show in green the minimum percentage of investments that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the Taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy-alignment in relation to all the investments of the financial product including sovereign bonds, while the second graph shows the Taxonomy-alignment only in relation to the investments of the financial product other than sovereign bonds.



\* For the purpose of these graphs, 'sovereign bonds' consist of all sovereign exposures

- **What is the minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities?**  
As per the above, at the date of this Prospectus the share of investments by the Fund in transitional and enabling activities is currently deemed to constitute 0% of the Fund's portfolio.



- **What is the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?**  
The Fund commits to invest at least 1% of its assets in sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

<sup>2</sup> As there is no Taxonomy-alignment, there is no impact on the graph if sovereign bonds are excluded (i.e. the percentage of Taxonomy-aligned investments remains 0%) and the Management Company therefore believes that there is no need to mention this information.



## What is the minimum share of socially sustainable investments?

The Fund commits to invest at least 1% of its assets in sustainable investments with a social objective.



## What investments are included under “#2 Other”, what is their purpose and are there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

**#2 Other** includes cash which is treated as neutral for sustainability purposes. #2 also includes other investments that are not scored by Schroders’ proprietary sustainability tools and so do not contribute towards the Fund’s sustainability score.

Minimum safeguards are applied where relevant to investments by restricting (as appropriate) investments in counterparties where there are ownership links or exposure to higher risk countries (for the purpose of money laundering, terrorist financing, bribery, corruption, tax evasion and sanctions risks). A firm-wide risk assessment considers the risk rating of each jurisdiction; which includes reference to a number of public statements, indices and world governance indicators issued by the UN, the European Union, the UK Government, the Financial Action Task Force and several Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), such as Transparency International and the Basel Committee.

In addition, new counterparties are reviewed by Schroders’ credit risk team and approval of a new counterparty is based on a holistic review of the various sources of information available, including, but not limited to, quality of management, ownership structure, location, regulatory and social environment to which each counterparty is subject, and the degree of development of the local banking system and its regulatory framework. Ongoing monitoring is performed through a Schroders’ proprietary tool, which supports the analysis of a counterparty’s management of environmental, social and governance trends and challenges. Any significant deterioration in the profile of the counterparty in Schroders’ proprietary tool would lead to further analysis and potential exclusion by Schroders’ credit risk team.



## Is a specific index designated as a reference benchmark to determine whether this financial product is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes?

**Reference benchmarks** are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the environmental or social characteristics that they promote.

- **How is the reference benchmark continuously aligned with each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?**

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- **How is the alignment of the investment strategy with the methodology of the index ensured on a continuous basis?**

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- **How does the designated index differ from a relevant broad market index?**

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- **Where can the methodology used for the calculation of the designated index be found?**

This question is not applicable for the Fund.



## Where can I find more product specific information online?

More product-specific information can be found on the webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

Pre-contractual disclosure for the financial products referred to in Article 8, paragraphs 1, 2 and 2a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 6, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852

**Product name:** **Schroder International Selection Fund Sustainable US Dollar High Yield**

**Legal entity identifier:** **549300XZ2TNRMX4VI765**

## Environmental and/or social characteristics

<p><b>Sustainable investment</b> means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good governance practices.</p>	<p><b>Does this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?</b></p> <p> <input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Yes</b> <input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>No</b> </p>		
<p>The <b>EU Taxonomy</b> is a classification system laid down in Regulation (EU) 2020/852, establishing a list of <b>environmentally sustainable economic activities</b>. That Regulation does not lay down a list of socially sustainable economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.</p>	<table border="1"> <tr> <td data-bbox="258 436 869 1052"> <p><input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with an environmental objective: __%</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with a social objective __%</b></p> </td><td data-bbox="869 436 1487 1052"> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> It <b>promotes Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics</b> and while it does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will have a minimum proportion of <b>40.00%</b> of sustainable investments</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> with a social objective</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> It promotes E/S characteristics, but <b>will not make any sustainable investments</b></p> </td></tr> </table>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with an environmental objective: __%</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with a social objective __%</b></p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> It <b>promotes Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics</b> and while it does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will have a minimum proportion of <b>40.00%</b> of sustainable investments</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> with a social objective</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> It promotes E/S characteristics, but <b>will not make any sustainable investments</b></p>
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## What environmental and/or social characteristics are promoted by this financial product?

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the Bloomberg US High Yield index, based on the Investment Manager's rating system. This benchmark (which is a broad market index) does not take into account the environmental and social characteristics promoted by the Fund.

The sustainability score is measured by Schroders' proprietary tool that provides an estimate of the net "impact" that an issuer may create in terms of social and environmental "costs" or "benefits". It does this by using certain indicators with respect to that issuer, and quantifying them positively and negatively to produce an aggregate notional measure of the effect that the relevant underlying issuer may have on society and the environment. It does this using third party data as well as Schroders own estimates and assumptions and the outcome may differ from other sustainability tools and measures. Examples of such indicators are greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

The result is expressed as an aggregate score of the sustainability indicators for each issuer, specifically a notional percentage (positive or negative) of sales or GDP of the relevant underlying issuer. For example, a score of +2% would mean an issuer contributes \$2 of relative notional positive impact (i.e. benefits to society) per \$100 of sales or GDP. The sustainability score of the Fund is derived from the scores of all issuers in the Fund's portfolio measured by Schroders' proprietary tool.

The Fund invests at least 40% of its assets in sustainable investments, which are investments that the Investment Manager expects to contribute towards the advancement of one or more environmental and/or social objective (s).

### What sustainability indicators are used to measure the attainment of each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

The Investment Manager monitors compliance with the characteristic to maintain a higher overall sustainability score than the Bloomberg US High Yield index by reference to the weighted average sustainability score of the Fund in Schroders' proprietary tool compared against the weighted average sustainability score of the Bloomberg US High Yield index in Schroders' proprietary tool over the previous six month period, based on month-end data. The overall sustainability score aggregates the effect of sustainability indicators including but not limited to greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

**Sustainability indicators** measure how the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product are attained.

The Investment Manager monitors compliance with the characteristic to invest at least 40% of its assets in sustainable investments by reference to (i) the sustainability score of each asset in Schroders' proprietary tool and/or (ii) whether the asset is classified as a green, social and/or sustainable bond. Compliance with this is monitored daily via our automated compliance controls. The Fund also applies certain exclusions, with which the Investment Manager monitors compliance on an ongoing basis via its portfolio compliance framework.

● ***What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?***

In respect of the proportion of the Fund's portfolio that is invested in sustainable investments, each sustainable investment either (i) demonstrates a net positive effect across a range of environmental or social objectives, as scored by Schroders' proprietary tool and/or (ii) is classified as a green, social and/or sustainable bond using a third-party data source. The environmental or social objectives of the sustainable investments that the Fund partially intends to make may include, but are not limited to, increasing environmental and/or social benefits such as greater water access or fair pay and reducing environmental, and/or social costs such as carbon emissions or food waste. For example, greater water access as measured by Schroders' proprietary tool are the estimated societal benefits of the provision of clean drinking water to human health. The environmental or social objectives of green, social and/or sustainable bonds may include, but are not limited to, climate change mitigation, renewable energy initiatives, natural resource conservation, access to finance and affordable housing projects.

● ***How do the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make, not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?***

The Investment Manager's approach to investing in issuers that do not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective includes the following:

- Firm-wide investment exclusions apply to Schroders funds. These relate to international conventions on cluster munitions, anti-personnel mines, and chemical and biological weapons and a list of those companies that are excluded is available at <https://www.schroders.com/en/sustainability/active-ownership/group-exclusions/>. Firm-wide exclusions also apply to companies generating more than 20% of their revenue from thermal coal mining.
- The Fund excludes companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to tobacco and thermal coal.
- The Fund excludes companies that are assessed by Schroders to have breached one or more 'global norms' thereby causing significant environmental or social harm; these companies comprise Schroders' 'global norms' breach list. Schroders' determination of whether a company has been involved in such a breach considers relevant principles such as those contained in the UN Global Compact (UNGC) principles, the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights. The 'global norms' breach list may be informed by assessments performed by third party providers and by proprietary research, where relevant to a particular situation.
- The Fund may also apply certain other exclusions in addition to those summarised above.

Further information on all of the Fund's investment exclusions is to be found under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

● ***How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?***

When seeking to identify significant harm, Schroders' approach to taking into account the Principal Adverse Impacts (PAI) indicators involves a quantitative and a qualitative assessment. Where it is not considered appropriate or feasible to set quantitative thresholds, the Investment Manager engages, where relevant. Investee companies deemed not to satisfy the quantitative thresholds would generally be excluded, unless on a case-by-case basis the data is deemed not representative of a company's performance in the relevant area.

This framework is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability and quality of the data evolves.

Our approach includes:

1. **Quantitative:** this includes indicators where specific thresholds have been established:

- Via the application of exclusions. This approach is relevant to **PAI 4** (Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector), **PAI 5** (Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production) and **PAI 14** (Exposure to controversial weapons). Further, the following PAIs are assessed as part of Schroders 'global norms' breach list exclusion (which seeks to exclude companies where significant harm is occurring):

**Principal adverse impacts** are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anticorruption and antibribery matters.



- **PAI 7** (Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas)
- **PAI 8** (Emissions to water)
- **PAI 9** (Hazardous waste and radioactive waste ratio)
- **PAI 10** (Violations of UN Global Compact principles and Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises)
- **PAI 11** (Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and Voluntary)
- **PAI 14** in Table 3 (Number of identified cases of severe human rights issues and incidents)
- Via the application of an alert system flag if the relevant indicator(s) exceeds a threshold. These quantitative thresholds to assess significant harm are established centrally by our Sustainable Investment team and monitored systematically. This approach applies to indicators where we have segmented the population into harm groups to establish a threshold, such as carbon related PAI metrics, **PAI 1** (GHG emissions), **PAI 2** (Carbon footprint) and **Voluntary PAI 4 in Table 2** (Investing in companies without carbon emission reduction initiatives). **PAI 3** (GHG intensity of investee companies) operates in a similar way but the threshold is based on a revenue metric. A threshold for **PAI 6** (Energy consumption intensity per high impact climate sector) is established based on the ~~above-mentioned~~ carbon measures. A similar approach has been taken for **PAI 15** (GHG intensity). **PAI 16** (Investee countries subject to social violations) also operates in the same way but based on data availability regarding social violations. Through this process the relevant issuer(s) that is/are deemed not to satisfy the quantitative thresholds is/are flagged to the Investment Manager for consideration, whose response may involve selling the holdings(s) or maintaining the position if on a case-by-case basis the data is deemed not representative of a company's performance in the relevant area. Investee companies deemed to cause significant harm are excluded from the Fund.
- 2. **Qualitative:** This includes PAI indicators where Schroders' believes that the data available does not enable us to make a quantitative determination regarding whether significant harm is done so as to warrant excluding an investment. In such cases, the Investment Manager engages wherever possible with the company or companies held, in accordance with the priorities documented in Schroders' Engagement Blueprint and/or voting policy. This approach applies to indicators such as **PAI 12** (Unadjusted gender pay gap) and **PAI 13** (Board gender diversity), where we engage and may use our voting rights where we consider appropriate. Both board gender diversity and disclosure of gender pay gap information are captured in our Engagement Blueprint.

● ***How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:***

Companies on Schroders' 'global norms' breach list cannot be categorised as sustainable investments. Schroders' determination of whether a company should be included on such list considers the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, among other relevant principles. The 'global norms' breach list is informed by third party providers and proprietary research, where relevant.

*The EU Taxonomy sets out a "do not significant harm" principle by which Taxonomy-aligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives and is accompanied by specific EU criteria.*

*The "do not significant harm" principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.*

*Any other sustainable investments must also not significantly harm any environmental or social objectives.*



## Does this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

☒ Yes, ~~the Investment Manager's approach to considering principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors involves classifying the indicators into three categories:~~

~~The Investment Manager's approach to considering principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors differs depending on the relevant indicator. Some indicators are considered via the application of exclusions, some are considered via the investment process (where data is available via Schroders PAI dashboard and via other external data sources) and some are considered via engagement. Further details are provided below.~~

~~PAIs are considered as part of pre-investment through the application of exclusions. These include:~~

- Controversial weapons: PAI 14 (Exposure to controversial weapons (anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, chemical weapons and biological weapons)).

- Schrodgers' 'global norms' breach list, which covers: PAI 7 (Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas), PAI 8 (Emissions to water), PAI 9 (Hazardous waste and radioactive waste ratio), PAI 10 (Violations of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises), PAI 11 (Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises) and PAI 16 (Investee countries subject to social violations).

- Companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to thermal coal: PAI 4 (Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector) and PAI 5 (Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production).

Compliance with these thresholds is monitored via the Investment Manager's portfolio compliance framework. PAIs are also considered through integration in the issuer analysis as part of the investment process. Schrodgers' proprietary tool is used which incorporates several PAIs as a component of its scoring methodology. For example, PAI 1 (GHG emissions), PAI 2 (Carbon footprint) and PAI 3 (GHG intensity of investee companies), are included as part of a company's overall environmental score, which is used as part of our issuers analysis within the investment process. All PAI indicators are monitored via Schrodgers PAI dashboard

PAIs are also considered post-investment through engagement where the Investment Manager engages in line with the approach and expectations set out in Schrodgers Engagement Blueprint, which outlines our approach to active ownership. The Investment Manager may engage with selective investee companies on a range on environmental related topics, such as climate alignment, targets, and transition plans. These relate to environmental PAIs including PAI 1 (GHG emissions), PAI 2 (Carbon footprint) and PAI 3 (GHG intensity of investee companies). Where issuers are flagged on lack of data availability, the Investment Manager may engage with issuers where the primary focus is to increase reporting, quality and availability of PAI data.

Our approach is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability, and quality, of PAI data evolves. The Management Company's statement on principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors is available at <https://mybrand.schrodgers.com/m/4ab13771bdddcd9d/original/Statement-on-principal-adverse-impacts-of-investment-decisions-on-sustainability-factors-2-1-new.pdf> <https://api.schrodgers.com/document-store/id/ffcb39bb-96cb-4e56-9461-deba9a493e85>. The Fund level information is disclosed or will be disclosed (as applicable) in the Fund's annual report.

1. Set thresholds: these involve very explicit thresholds for considering an investment to be a "sustainable investment". For example, PAI 10 on violations of UNGC principles.

2. Active ownership: these involve indicators on which we have a plan to engage with the underlying holding as set out in the Schrodgers Group document <https://mybrand.schrodgers.com/m/3222ea4ed44a1f2c/original/schrodgers-engagement-blueprint.pdf>, outlining our approach to active ownership. For example, PAI 1, 2 and 3 covering GHG emissions and PAI 13 on board gender diversity.

3. Improve coverage: these involve indicators where we consider data coverage to be too sparse to properly consider them and our focus is primarily on engaging with the underlying holdings to increase reporting. For example, PAI 7 on biodiversity, PAI 9 on hazardous waste ratio and PAI 12 on the gender pay gap.

Our approach is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability, and quality, of PAI data evolves.

The Management Company's statement on principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors is available at <https://mybrand.schrodgers.com/m/467910ac8e6da45c/original/Statement-on-principal-adverse-impacts-of-investment-decisions-on-sustainability-factors.pdf>. The Fund level information is disclosed or will be (as applicable) in the Fund's annual report.

☐ No



## What investment strategy does this financial product follow?

**The investment strategy** guides investment decisions based on factors such as investment objectives and risk tolerance.

The sustainable investment strategy used by the Investment Manager is as follows:

The Fund is actively managed and invests at least two-thirds of its assets in investment grade and sub-investment grade fixed and floating rate securities that have a below investment grade credit rating (as measured by Standard and Poor's or any equivalent of other credit rating agencies) issued by governments, government agencies, supra-nationals and companies worldwide denominated in USD, or other currencies hedged to USD, including emerging market countries.

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than Bloomberg US High Yield index, based on the Investment Manager's rating system.

The Fund does not directly invest in certain activities, industries or groups of issuers above the limits listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schrodgers.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

The Fund invests in companies that have good governance practices, as determined by the Investment Manager's rating criteria.

The Investment Manager may also engage with companies held by the Fund to challenge identified areas of weakness on sustainability issues. More details on the Investment Manager's approach to sustainability and its engagement with companies are available on the webpage <https://www.schrodgers.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/>

The Fund may invest:

up to 20% of its assets in convertible bonds including up to 10% of its assets in contingent convertible bonds;  
up to 20% of its assets in emerging markets countries; and  
up to 10% of its assets in asset-backed securities and mortgage-backed securities.

The Fund may also invest up to one-third of its assets directly or indirectly in other securities (including other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies, Investment Funds, warrants and Money Market Investments, and hold cash.

The Fund may use derivatives with the aim of achieving investment gains, reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently.

The Investment Manager applies sustainability criteria when selecting investments for the Fund.

The strategy applies structural sustainability themes and screens to combine companies that the Investment Manager considers are best-in-class with investments in issuers demonstrating good or improving sustainability credentials. This is achieved by:

The exclusion of issuers ~~with certain exposure to specific activities~~ that the Investment Manager ~~deems to have businesses that are~~ considers environmentally destructive, ~~or socially damaging, socially costly,~~ violate human rights and/or have demonstrated gross misconduct.

The inclusion of issuers that ~~the Investment Manager considers are well placed to deliver-demonstrate~~ stable and improving sustainability trajectories relative to their industry peers ~~and issuers demonstrating good governance based on the Investment Manager's sustainability rating methodology.~~ As part of the selection process, the Investment Manager also considers companies' commitment to sustainable themes such as climate change mitigation, economic inclusion and health and wellbeing.

The Investment Manager may also engage with companies to encourage transparency, the transition to a circular economy with lower carbon emissions intensity and responsible social behaviour that promotes sustainable growth and alpha generation.

The Fund may also strategically invest in green, social and sustainable bonds. The selection of green, social and sustainable bonds entails assessing the overall sustainability of the issuer, and analysing the use of proceeds, and the expected impact on the bond's objectives. A green bond is a fixed or floating rate security that finances an environmental objective. A social bond is a fixed or floating rate security that finances a social objective. A sustainable bond is a fixed or floating rate security that finances both environmental and social objectives.

The primary sources of information used to perform the analysis are Schroders' proprietary sustainability tools and research, and the Investment Manager's third-party research, NGO reports and expert networks. The Investment Manager also performs its own analysis of information provided by the companies, including information provided in company sustainability reports and other relevant company material.

The Investment Manager ensures that at least 90% of the portion of the Fund's Net Asset Value composed of investments in companies is rated against the sustainability criteria. As a result of the application of sustainability criteria, at least 20% of the Fund's potential investment universe is excluded from the selection of investments.

For the purposes of this test, the potential investment universe is the core universe of issuers that the Investment Manager may select for the Fund prior to the application of sustainability criteria, in accordance with the other limitations of the Investment Objective and Policy. This universe is comprised of fixed and floating rate securities issued by companies worldwide. The universe (for the purpose of this test only) does not include fixed or floating rate securities issued by public or quasi-public issuers.

● ***What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?***

The following binding elements are applied throughout the investment process:

- The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the Bloomberg US High Yield index based on the Investment Manager's rating criteria.
- The Fund invests at least 40% of its assets in sustainable investments and such investments do not cause significant environmental or social harm.
- Exclusions are applied to direct investments in companies. The Fund applies certain exclusions relating to international conventions on cluster munitions, antipersonnel mines, and chemical and biological weapons. The Fund also excludes companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to tobacco and thermal coal, especially companies that generate at least 10% of their revenues from tobacco production, companies that generate at least 25% of their revenues from the tobacco value chain (such as suppliers, distributors, retailers and licensors), companies that generate at least 10% of their revenues from thermal coal mining and companies that generate at least 30% of their revenues from coal fired power generation. The Fund excludes companies that are assessed by Schroders to have breached one or more "global norms" thereby causing significant environmental or social harm; these companies comprise Schroders' 'global norms' breach list. Further, the Fund may apply other exclusions as listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosures" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>
- The Fund invests in companies that have good governance practices, as determined by the Investment Manager's rating criteria.

- The Investment Manager ensures that at least 90% of the portion of the Fund's Net Asset Value composed of investments in companies is rated against the sustainability criteria.
- As a result of the application of sustainability criteria, at least 20% of the Fund's potential investment universe is excluded from the selection of investments.

● **What is the committed minimum rate to reduce the scope of the investments considered prior to the application of that investment strategy?**

As a result of the application of the Fund's sustainability criteria, at least 20% of the Fund's potential investment universe is excluded from the selection of investments. For the purposes of this test, the potential investment universe is the core universe of issuers that the Investment Manager may select for the Fund prior to the application of sustainability criteria, in accordance with the other limitations of the Investment Objective and Policy.

● **What is the policy to assess good governance practices of the investee companies?**

In order to assess good governance practices, a central Good Governance Test is applied. This test is based on a data-driven quantitative framework, which uses a scorecard to assess companies across the categories of sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff, and tax compliance. Schroders has defined a number of criteria across these pillars.

Compliance with the test is monitored centrally and companies which do not pass this test cannot be held by the Fund, unless the Investment Manager has agreed that the issuer demonstrates good governance based on additional insights beyond that quantitative analysis.

**Good governance** practices include sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff and tax compliance.



**Asset allocation** describes the share of investments in specific assets.

## What is the asset allocation planned for this financial product?

The planned composition of the Fund's investments that are used to meet its environmental or social characteristics are summarised below.

**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the minimum proportion of the Fund's assets used to attain the environmental or social characteristics, which is equal to 680%. The Fund commits to maintain a higher overall sustainability score than the Bloomberg US High Yield index, and so the Fund's investments that are scored by Schroders' proprietary sustainability tool are included within the minimum proportion stated in #1 on the basis that they will contribute to the Fund's sustainability score (whether such individual investment has a positive or a negative score). Also included within #1 are any green, social or sustainable bonds that are not scored by Schroders' proprietary sustainability tool. ~~is €~~ The minimum proportion of assets that are invested in sustainable investments; ~~a~~ is indicated in #1A. The minimum proportions stated apply in normal market conditions. The actual proportion stated in #1 is expected to be higher.

The sustainability score is measured by Schroders' proprietary tool that provides an estimate of the net "impact" that an issuer may create in terms of social and environmental "costs" or "benefits". It does this by using certain indicators with respect to that issuer, and quantifying them positively and negatively to produce an aggregate notional measure of the effect that the relevant underlying issuer may have on society and the environment. Examples of such indicators are greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

The Fund will invest at least 40% of its assets in sustainable investments. Each sustainable investment (i) demonstrates a net positive effect across a range of environmental or social objectives, as scored by Schroders' proprietary tool or (ii) is classified as a green, social and/or sustainable bond using a third-party data source.

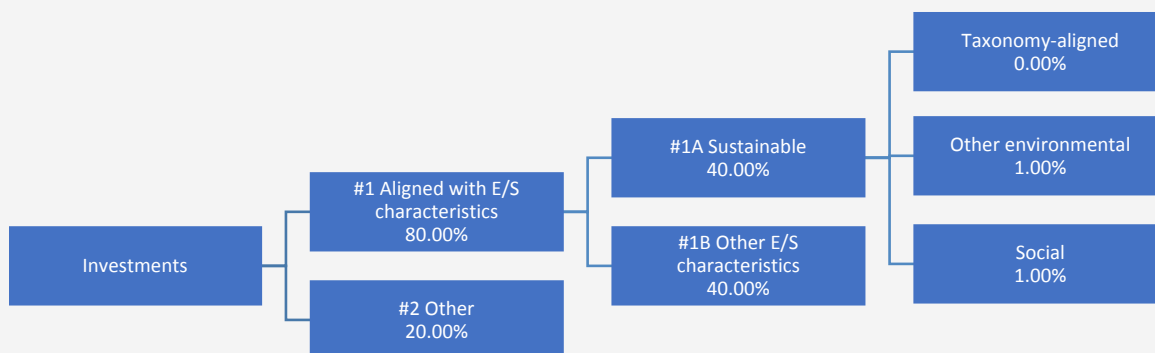
With the exception of any green or social bonds, which will be classified as having an environmental or social objective respectively, a sustainable investment is classified as having an environmental or social objective depending on whether the relevant issuer has a higher score in Schroders' proprietary tool relative to its applicable peer group for its environmental indicators or its social indicators. In each case, indicators are comprised of both "costs" and "benefits".

**#2 Other** includes cash which is treated as neutral for sustainability purposes. #2 also includes other investments that are not scored by Schroders' proprietary sustainability tool and so do not contribute towards the Fund's sustainability score. As #1 states a minimum proportion that is in practice expected to be higher, the proportion stated in #2 is expected to be lower.

Minimum safeguards are applied where relevant to investments by restricting (as appropriate) investments in counterparties where there are ownership links or exposure to higher risk countries (for the purpose of money laundering, terrorist financing, bribery, corruption, tax evasion and sanctions risks). A firm-wide risk assessment considers the risk rating of each jurisdiction; which includes reference to a number of public statements, indices and world governance indicators issued by the UN, the European Union, the UK Government, the Financial Action Task Force and several Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), such as Transparency International and the Basel Committee.

In addition, new counterparties are reviewed by Schroders' credit risk team and approval of a new counterparty is based on a holistic review of the various sources of information available, including, but not limited to, quality of management, ownership structure, location, regulatory and social environment to which each counterparty is subject, and the degree of development of the local banking system and its regulatory framework. Ongoing monitoring is performed through a Schroders' proprietary tool, which supports the analysis of a counterparty's

management of environmental, social and governance trends and challenges. Any significant deterioration in the profile of the counterparty in Schroders' proprietary tool would lead to further analysis and potential exclusion by Schroders' credit risk team.



**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the investments of the financial product used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product.

**#2 Other** includes the remaining investments of the financial product which are neither aligned with the environmental or social characteristics, nor are qualified as sustainable investments.

The category **#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** covers:

- The sub-category **#1A Sustainable** covers sustainable investments with environmental or social objectives.
- The sub-category **#1B Other E/S characteristics** covers investments aligned with the environmental or social characteristics that do not qualify as sustainable investments.

#1 The minimum proportion stated applies in normal market conditions.

### ● **How does the use of derivatives attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?**

Single name credit default swaps are used as a proxy for direct investments which would otherwise be held by the Fund in line with its sustainability criteria. Such derivatives are therefore used to attain the Fund's sustainability score in Schroders proprietary tool which is one of the binding elements of the Fund. The Fund may use other derivatives that are scored in Schroders' proprietary tool to meet the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted by the Fund, as such derivatives would contribute to the Fund's sustainability score (whether such individual investment has a positive or a negative score).



### **To what minimum extent are sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?**

There is no minimum extent to which the Fund's investments (including transitional and enabling activities) with an environmental objective are aligned with the Taxonomy. Taxonomy alignment of this Fund's investments has therefore not been calculated and has as a result been deemed to constitute 0% of the Fund's portfolio.

In future it is expected that the Fund will assess and report on the extent to which its underlying investments are in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the Taxonomy, along with information relating to the proportion of enabling and transitional activities. This Prospectus will be updated once it is possible in the Investment Manager's opinion to accurately disclose to what extent the Fund's investments are in Taxonomy-aligned environmentally sustainable activities, including the proportions of investments in enabling and transitional activities selected for the Fund.

### ● **Does the financial product invest in fossil gas and/or nuclear energy related activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy<sup>1</sup>?**

☐ Yes:

☐ In fossil gas ☐ In nuclear energy

☒ No

<sup>1</sup> Fossil gas and/or nuclear related activities will only comply with the EU Taxonomy where they contribute to limiting climate change ("climate change mitigation") and do not significantly harm any EU Taxonomy objective – see explanatory note in the left-hand margin. The full criteria for fossil gas and nuclear energy economic activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy are laid down in Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1214.

low-carbon fuels by the end of 2035. For **nuclear energy**, the criteria include comprehensive safety and waste management rules.

Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

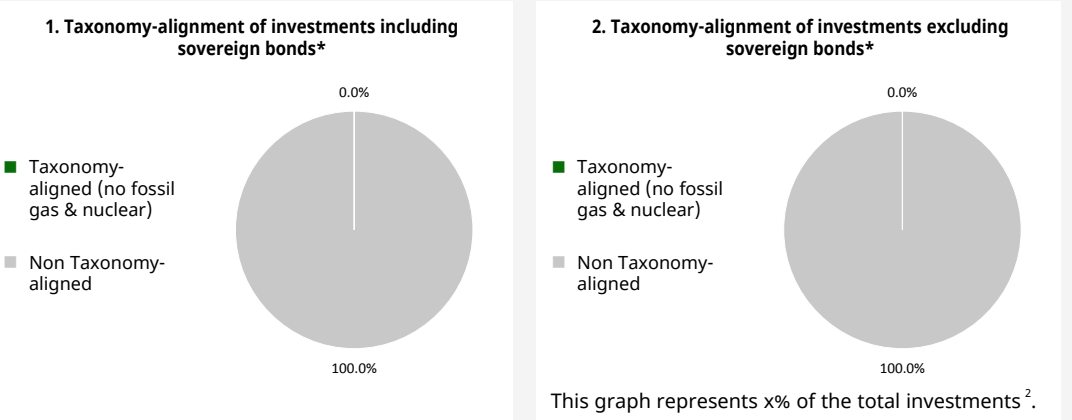
- **turnover** reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee companies
- **capital expenditure** (CapEx) showing the green investments made by investee companies, e.g. for a transition to a green economy.
- **operational expenditure** (OpEx) reflecting green operational activities of investee companies.

**Enabling activities** directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective.

**Transitional activities** are activities for which low-carbon alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.

are sustainable investments with an environmental objective that **do not take into account the criteria** for environmentally

The two graphs below show in green the minimum percentage of investments that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the Taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy-alignment in relation to all the investments of the financial product including sovereign bonds, while the second graph shows the Taxonomy-alignment only in relation to the investments of the financial product other than sovereign bonds.



\* For the purpose of these graphs, 'sovereign bonds' consist of all sovereign exposures

- **What is the minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities?**  
As per the above, at the date of this Prospectus the share of investments by the Fund in transitional and enabling activities is currently deemed to constitute 0% of the Fund's portfolio.



**What is the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?**  
The Fund commits to invest at least 1% of its assets in sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

<sup>2</sup> As there is no Taxonomy-alignment, there is no impact on the graph if sovereign bonds are excluded (i.e. the percentage of Taxonomy-aligned investments remains 0%) and the Management Company therefore believes that there is no need to mention this information.





## What is the minimum share of socially sustainable investments?

The Fund commits to invest at least 1% of its assets in sustainable investments with a social objective.



## What investments are included under “#2 Other”, what is their purpose and are there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

**#2 Other** includes cash which is treated as neutral for sustainability purposes. #2 also includes other investments that are not scored by Schroders’ proprietary sustainability tools and so do not contribute towards the Fund’s sustainability score.

Minimum safeguards are applied where relevant to investments by restricting (as appropriate) investments in counterparties where there are ownership links or exposure to higher risk countries (for the purpose of money laundering, terrorist financing, bribery, corruption, tax evasion and sanctions risks). A firm-wide risk assessment considers the risk rating of each jurisdiction; which includes reference to a number of public statements, indices and world governance indicators issued by the UN, the European Union, the UK Government, the Financial Action Task Force and several Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), such as Transparency International and the Basel Committee.

In addition, new counterparties are reviewed by Schroders’ credit risk team and approval of a new counterparty is based on a holistic review of the various sources of information available, including, but not limited to, quality of management, ownership structure, location, regulatory and social environment to which each counterparty is subject, and the degree of development of the local banking system and its regulatory framework. Ongoing monitoring is performed through a Schroders’ proprietary tool, which supports the analysis of a counterparty’s management of environmental, social and governance trends and challenges. Any significant deterioration in the profile of the counterparty in Schroders’ proprietary tool would lead to further analysis and potential exclusion by Schroders’ credit risk team.



## Is a specific index designated as a reference benchmark to determine whether this financial product is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes?

**Reference benchmarks** are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the environmental or social characteristics that they promote.

- **How is the reference benchmark continuously aligned with each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?**

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- **How is the alignment of the investment strategy with the methodology of the index ensured on a continuous basis?**

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- **How does the designated index differ from a relevant broad market index?**

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- **Where can the methodology used for the calculation of the designated index be found?**

This question is not applicable for the Fund.



## Where can I find more product specific information online?

More product-specific information can be found on the webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

Pre-contractual disclosure for the financial products referred to in Article 8, paragraphs 1, 2 and 2a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 6, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852

**Product name:** **Schroder International Selection Fund Sustainable US Dollar Short Duration Bond**

**Legal entity identifier:** **549300SQ2F1F5L1C1W23**

## Environmental and/or social characteristics

**Sustainable investment** means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good governance practices.

The **EU Taxonomy** is a classification system laid down in Regulation (EU) 2020/852, establishing a list of **environmentally sustainable economic activities**. That Regulation does not lay down a list of socially sustainable economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.

### Does this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?

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<input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with an environmental objective: ___%</b>  <input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy  <input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy  <input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with a social objective ___%</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> It <b>promotes Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics</b> and while it does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will have a minimum proportion of <b>40.00%</b> of sustainable investments  <input type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> with a social objective  <input type="checkbox"/> It promotes E/S characteristics, but <b>will not make any sustainable investments</b>



## What environmental and/or social characteristics are promoted by this financial product?

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the Bloomberg US Govt/Credit 1-3 Year index, based on the Investment Manager's rating system. This benchmark (which is a broad market index) does not take into account the environmental and social characteristics promoted by the Fund.

The sustainability score is measured by Schroders' proprietary tool that provides an estimate of the net "impact" that an issuer may create in terms of social and environmental "costs" or "benefits". It does this by using certain indicators with respect to that issuer, and quantifying them positively and negatively to produce an aggregate notional measure of the effect that the relevant underlying issuer may have on society and the environment. It does this using third party data as well as Schroders own estimates and assumptions and the outcome may differ from other sustainability tools and measures. Examples of such indicators are greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

The result is expressed as an aggregate score of the sustainability indicators for each issuer, specifically a notional percentage (positive or negative) of sales or GDP of the relevant underlying issuer. For example, a score of +2% would mean an issuer contributes \$2 of relative notional positive impact (i.e. benefits to society) per \$100 of sales or GDP. The sustainability score of the Fund is derived from the scores of all issuers in the Fund's portfolio measured by Schroders' proprietary tool.

The Fund invests at least 40% of its assets in sustainable investments, which are investments that the Investment Manager expects to contribute towards the advancement of one or more environmental and/or social objective (s).

### What sustainability indicators are used to measure the attainment of each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

The Investment Manager monitors compliance with the characteristic to maintain a higher overall sustainability score than the Bloomberg US Govt/Credit 1-3 Year index by reference to the weighted average sustainability score of the Fund in Schroders' proprietary tool compared against the weighted average sustainability score of the Bloomberg US Govt/Credit 1-3 Year index in Schroders' proprietary tool over the previous ~~six months~~**six-month** period, based on month-end data. The overall sustainability score aggregates the effect of sustainability indicators including but not limited to greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

**Sustainability indicators** measure how the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product are attained.

The Investment Manager monitors compliance with the characteristic to invest at least 40% of its assets in sustainable investments by reference to (i) the sustainability score of each asset in Schroders' proprietary tool and/or (ii) whether the asset is classified as a green, social and/or sustainable bond. Compliance with this is monitored daily via our automated compliance controls. The Fund also applies certain exclusions, with which the Investment Manager monitors compliance on an ongoing basis via its portfolio compliance framework.

● ***What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?***

In respect of the proportion of the Fund's portfolio that is invested in sustainable investments, each sustainable investment either (i) demonstrates a net positive effect across a range of environmental or social objectives, as scored by Schroders' proprietary tool and/or (ii) is classified as a green, social and/or sustainable bond using a third-party data source. The environmental or social objectives of the sustainable investments that the Fund partially intends to make may include, but are not limited to, increasing environmental and/or social benefits such as greater water access or fair pay and reducing environmental, and/or social costs such as carbon emissions or food waste. For example, greater water access as measured by Schroders' proprietary tool are the estimated societal benefits of the provision of clean drinking water to human health. The environmental or social objectives of green, social and/or sustainable bonds may include, but are not limited to, climate change mitigation, renewable energy initiatives, natural resource conservation, access to finance and affordable housing projects.

● ***How do the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make, not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?***

The Investment Manager's approach to investing in issuers that do not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective includes the following:

- Firm-wide investment exclusions apply to Schroders funds. These relate to international conventions on cluster munitions, anti-personnel mines, and chemical and biological weapons and a list of those companies that are excluded is available at <https://www.schroders.com/en/sustainability/active-ownership/group-exclusions/>. Firm-wide exclusions also apply to companies generating more than 20% of their revenue from thermal coal mining.
- The Fund excludes companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to tobacco and thermal coal.
- The Fund excludes companies that are assessed by Schroders to have breached one or more 'global norms' thereby causing significant environmental or social harm; these companies comprise Schroders' 'global norms' breach list. Schroders' determination of whether a company has been involved in such a breach considers relevant principles such as those contained in the UN Global Compact (UNGC) principles, the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights. The 'global norms' breach list may be informed by assessments performed by third party providers and by proprietary research, where relevant to a particular situation.
- The Fund may also apply certain other exclusions in addition to those summarised above.

Further information on all of the Fund's investment exclusions is to be found under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

● ***How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?***

When seeking to identify significant harm, Schroders' approach to taking into account the Principal Adverse Impacts (PAI) indicators involves a quantitative and a qualitative assessment. Where it is not considered appropriate or feasible to set quantitative thresholds, the Investment Manager engages, where relevant. Investee companies deemed not to satisfy the quantitative thresholds would generally be excluded, unless on a case-by-case basis the data is deemed not representative of a company's performance in the relevant area.

This framework is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability and quality of the data evolves.

Our approach includes:

1. **Quantitative:** this includes indicators where specific thresholds have been established:

- Via the application of exclusions. This approach is relevant to **PAI 4** (Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector), **PAI 5** (Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production) and **PAI 14** (Exposure to controversial weapons). Further, the following PAIs are assessed as part of Schroders 'global norms' breach list exclusion (which seeks to exclude companies where significant harm is occurring):

**Principal adverse impacts** are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anticorruption and antibribery matters.

- **PAI 7** (Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas)
- **PAI 8** (Emissions to water)
- **PAI 9** (Hazardous waste and radioactive waste ratio)
- **PAI 10** (Violations of UN Global Compact principles and Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises)
- **PAI 11** (Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and Voluntary)
- **PAI 14** in Table 3 (Number of identified cases of severe human rights issues and incidents)
- Via the application of an alert system flag if the relevant indicator(s) exceeds a threshold. These quantitative thresholds to assess significant harm are established centrally by our Sustainable Investment team and monitored systematically. This approach applies to indicators where we have segmented the population into harm groups to establish a threshold, such as carbon related PAI metrics, **PAI 1** (GHG emissions), **PAI 2** (Carbon footprint) and **Voluntary PAI 4 in Table 2** (Investing in companies without carbon emission reduction initiatives). **PAI 3** (GHG intensity of investee companies) operates in a similar way but the threshold is based on a revenue metric. A threshold for **PAI 6** (Energy consumption intensity per high impact climate sector) is established based on the ~~above-mentioned~~ carbon measures. A similar approach has been taken for **PAI 15** (GHG intensity). **PAI 16** (Investee countries subject to social violations) also operates in the same way but based on data availability regarding social violations. Through this process the relevant issuer(s) that is/are deemed not to satisfy the quantitative thresholds is/are flagged to the Investment Manager for consideration, whose response may involve selling the holdings(s) or maintaining the position if on a case-by-case basis the data is deemed not representative of a company's performance in the relevant area. Investee companies deemed to cause significant harm are excluded from the Fund.
- 2. **Qualitative:** This includes PAI indicators where Schroders' believes that the data available does not enable us to make a quantitative determination regarding whether significant harm is done so as to warrant excluding an investment. In such cases, the Investment Manager engages wherever possible with the company or companies held, in accordance with the priorities documented in Schroders' Engagement Blueprint and/or voting policy. This approach applies to indicators such as **PAI 12** (Unadjusted gender pay gap) and **PAI 13** (Board gender diversity), where we engage and may use our voting rights where we consider appropriate. Both board gender diversity and disclosure of gender pay gap information are captured in our Engagement Blueprint.

● ***How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:***

Companies on Schroders' 'global norms' breach list cannot be categorised as sustainable investments. Schroders' determination of whether a company should be included on such list considers the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, among other relevant principles. The 'global norms' breach list is informed by third party providers and proprietary research, where relevant.

*The EU Taxonomy sets out a "do not significant harm" principle by which Taxonomy-aligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives and is accompanied by specific EU criteria.*

The "do not significant harm" principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.

*Any other sustainable investments must also not significantly harm any environmental or social objectives.*



## Does this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

☒ Yes, ~~the Investment Manager's approach to considering principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors involves classifying the indicators into three categories:~~

~~The Investment Manager's approach to considering principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors differs depending on the relevant indicator. Some indicators are considered via the application of exclusions, some are considered via the investment process (where data is available via Schroders PAI dashboard and via other external data sources) and some are considered via engagement. Further details are provided below. PAIs are considered as part of pre-investment through the application of exclusions. These include:~~  
~~- Controversial weapons: PAI 14 (Exposure to controversial weapons (anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, chemical weapons and biological weapons)).~~

- Schrodgers' 'global norms' breach list, which covers: PAI 7 (Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas), PAI 8 (Emissions to water), PAI 9 (Hazardous waste and radioactive waste ratio), PAI 10 (Violations of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises), PAI 11 (Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises) and PAI 16 (Investee countries subject to social violations).  
 - Companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to thermal coal: PAI 4 (Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector) and PAI 5 (Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production).

Compliance with these thresholds is monitored via the Investment Manager's portfolio compliance framework. PAIs are also considered through integration in the investment process as Schrodgers' proprietary tool incorporates several PAIs as a component of its scoring methodology. In assessing an issuers' overall environmental score PAI 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 (Greenhouse gas emissions) are included. PAIs are also considered post-investment through engagement where the Investment Manager engages in line with the approach and expectations set out in Schrodgers Engagement Blueprint, which outlines our approach to active ownership. The Investment Manager may engage with selected issuers held by the Fund on PAIs 1, 2, 3 and 4. We aim to engage with several issuers on Net Zero carbon emissions targets (PAI 1,2), procuring renewable energy (PAI 5).

Our approach is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability, and quality, of PAI data evolves. The Management Company's statement on principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors is available at <https://mybrand.schrodgers.com/m/4ab13771bddd9d/original/Statement-on-principal-adverse-impacts-of-investment-decisions-on-sustainability-factors-2-1-new.pdf> <https://api.schrodgers.com/document-store/id/ffcb39bb-96cb-4e56-9461-deba9a493e85>. The Fund level information is disclosed or will be disclosed (as applicable) in the Fund's annual report.

1. Set thresholds: these involve very explicit thresholds for considering an investment to be a "sustainable investment". For example, PAI 10 on violations of UNGC principles.

2. Active ownership: these involve indicators on which we have a plan to engage with the underlying holding as set out in the Schrodgers Group document <https://mybrand.schrodgers.com/m/3222ea4ed44a1f2c/original/schrodgers-engagement-blueprint.pdf>, outlining our approach to active ownership. For example, PAI 1, 2 and 3 covering GHG emissions and PAI 13 on board gender diversity.

3. Improve coverage: these involve indicators where we consider data coverage to be too sparse to properly consider them and our focus is primarily on engaging with the underlying holdings to increase reporting. For example, PAI 7 on biodiversity, PAI 9 on hazardous waste ratio and PAI 12 on the gender pay gap.

Our approach is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability, and quality, of PAI data evolves.

The Management Company's statement on principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors is available at <https://mybrand.schrodgers.com/m/467910ac8e6da45c/original/Statement-on-principal-adverse-impacts-of-investment-decisions-on-sustainability-factors.pdf>. The Fund level information is disclosed or will be (as applicable) in the Fund's annual report.

☐ No



## What investment strategy does this financial product follow?

**The investment strategy** guides investment decisions based on factors such as investment objectives and risk tolerance.

The sustainable investment strategy used by the Investment Manager is as follows:

The Fund is actively managed and invests at least two-thirds of its assets in short term fixed and floating rate securities with an investment grade credit rating (as measured by Standard & Poor's or any equivalent grade of other credit rating agencies for rated bonds and implied Schrodgers ratings for non-rated bonds) denominated in USD, issued by governments, government agencies, supra-nationals and companies worldwide.

The Fund will only purchase securities with an investment grade rating. If any securities are downgraded to sub investment grade the Fund can continue to hold them. Sub investment grade securities will not exceed 10% of the Fund's assets.

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the Bloomberg US Govt/Credit 1-3 Year index, based on the Investment Manager's rating system.

The Fund does not directly invest in certain activities, industries or groups of issuers above the limits listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schrodgers.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

The Fund invests in companies that have good governance practices, as determined by the Investment Manager's rating criteria.

The Fund may invest in companies that the Investment Manager believes will improve their sustainability practices within a reasonable timeframe, typically up to two years.

The Investment Manager may also engage with companies held by the Fund to challenge identified areas of weakness on sustainability issues. More details on the Investment Manager's approach to sustainability and its engagement with companies are available on the webpage <https://www.schrodgers.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/>

The average duration of the securities held by the Fund is expected to be between one and three years.



The Fund may invest up to 30% of its assets in asset-backed securities, commercial mortgage-backed securities, and/or residential mortgage-backed securities issued worldwide with an investment grade credit rating (as measured by Standard & Poor's or any equivalent grade of other credit rating agencies). Underlying assets may include, inter alia, credit card receivables, personal loans, auto loans, small business loans, leases, commercial mortgages and residential mortgages.

The Fund may also invest up to one-third of its assets directly or indirectly in other securities (including other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies, Investment Funds, warrants and Money Market Investments, and hold cash.

The Fund may use derivatives, long and short, with the aim of achieving investment gains, reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently.

The Investment Manager applies sustainability criteria when selecting investments for the Fund.

The strategy aims to identify issuers demonstrating good or improving sustainability credentials, and those that impose a high cost on the environment and society. This involves:

- The exclusion of issuers with certain exposure to specific activities that the Investment Manager considers environmentally destructive or socially damaging, violate human rights and/ or have demonstrated gross misconduct, deems to have businesses that are materially damaging to the climate and impose unjustifiable social costs.
- The inclusion of issuers that the Investment Manager considers are well placed to deliver ~~demonstrate~~ stable and improving sustainability trajectories, ~~and issuers demonstrating good governance based on the Investment Manager's sustainability rating methodology~~.

The Investment Manager may also engage with companies to encourage transparency, the transition to a circular economy with lower carbon emissions intensity and responsible social behaviour that promotes sustainable growth and alpha generation.

The primary sources of information used to perform the analysis are Schroders' proprietary sustainability tools, the Investment Manager's research, third-party analysis, NGO reports and expert networks. The Investment Manager also performs its own analysis of publicly available information provided by the companies, including information provided in company sustainability reports and other relevant company material.

More details on the Investment Manager's approach to sustainability and its engagement with companies are available on the webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/>

The Investment Manager ensures that at least 90% of the portion of the Fund's Net Asset Value composed of investments in companies is rated against the sustainability criteria. As a result of the application of sustainability criteria, at least 20% of the Fund's potential investment universe is excluded from the selection of investments.

For the purposes of this test, the potential investment universe is the core universe of issuers that the Investment Manager may select for the Fund prior to the application of sustainability criteria, in accordance with the other limitations of the Investment Objective and Policy. This universe is comprised of fixed and floating rate securities denominated in USD and issued by companies worldwide. The universe (for the purpose of this test only) does not include fixed or floating rate securities issued by public or quasi-public issuers.

### ● ***What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?***

The following binding elements are applied throughout the investment process:

- The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the Bloomberg US Govt/Credit 1-3 Year index based on the Investment Manager's rating criteria.
- The Fund invests at least 40% of its assets in sustainable investments and such investments do not cause significant environmental or social harm.
- Exclusions are applied to direct investments in companies. The Fund applies certain exclusions relating to international conventions on cluster munitions, antipersonnel mines, and chemical and biological weapons. The Fund also excludes companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to tobacco and thermal coal, especially companies that generate at least 10% of their revenues from tobacco production, companies that generate at least 25% of their revenues from the tobacco value chain (such as suppliers, distributors, retailers and licensors), companies that generate at least 10% of their revenues from thermal coal mining and companies that generate at least 30% of their revenues from coal fired power generation. The Fund excludes companies that are assessed by Schroders to have breached one or more 'global norms' thereby causing significant environmental or social harm; these companies comprise Schroders' 'global norms' breach list. Further, the Fund may apply other exclusions as listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>
- The Fund invests in companies that have good governance practices, as determined by the Investment Manager's rating criteria.
- The Investment Manager ensures that at least 90% of the portion of the Fund's Net Asset Value composed of investments in companies is rated against the sustainability criteria.



- As a result of the application of sustainability criteria, at least 20% of the Fund's potential investment universe is excluded from the selection of investments.

● **What is the committed minimum rate to reduce the scope of the investments considered prior to the application of that investment strategy?**

As a result of the application of the Fund's sustainability criteria, at least 20% of the Fund's potential investment universe is excluded from the selection of investments. For the purposes of this test, the potential investment universe is the core universe of issuers that the Investment Manager may select for the Fund prior to the application of sustainability criteria, in accordance with the other limitations of the Investment Objective and Policy.

● **What is the policy to assess good governance practices of the investee companies?**

In order to assess good governance practices, a central Good Governance Test is applied. This test is based on a data-driven quantitative framework, which uses a scorecard to assess companies across the categories of sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff, and tax compliance. Schroders has defined a number of criteria across these pillars.

Compliance with the test is monitored centrally and companies which do not pass this test cannot be held by the Fund, unless the Investment Manager has agreed that the issuer demonstrates good governance based on additional insights beyond that quantitative analysis.

**Good governance** practices include sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff and tax compliance.



**Asset allocation** describes the share of investments in specific assets.

## What is the asset allocation planned for this financial product?

The planned composition of the Fund's investments that are used to meet its environmental or social characteristics are summarised below.

**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the minimum proportion of the Fund's assets used to attain the environmental or social characteristics, which is equal to 860%. The Fund commits to maintain a higher overall sustainability score than the Bloomberg US Govt/Credit 1-3 Year index, and so the Fund's investments that are scored by Schroders' proprietary sustainability tool are included within the minimum proportion stated in #1 on the basis that they will contribute to the Fund's sustainability score (whether such individual investment has a positive or a negative score). Also included within #1 are any green, social or sustainable bonds that are not scored by Schroders' proprietary sustainability tool. ~~is €~~ The minimum proportion of assets that are invested in sustainable investments, ~~is~~ indicated in #1A. The minimum proportions stated apply in normal market conditions. The actual proportion stated in #1 is expected to be higher.

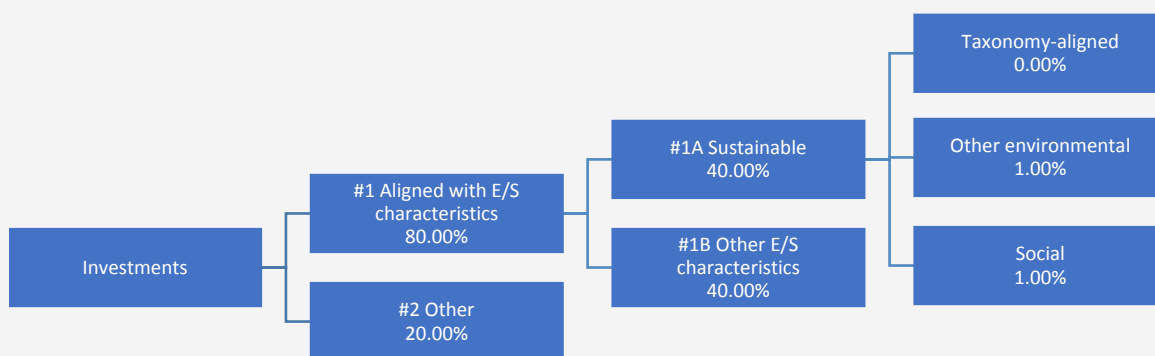
The sustainability score is measured by Schroders' proprietary tool that provides an estimate of the net "impact" that an issuer may create in terms of social and environmental "costs" or "benefits". It does this by using certain indicators with respect to that issuer, and quantifying them positively and negatively to produce an aggregate notional measure of the effect that the relevant underlying issuer may have on society and the environment. Examples of such indicators are greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

The Fund will invest at least 40% of its assets in sustainable investments. Each sustainable investment (i) demonstrates a net positive effect across a range of environmental or social objectives, as scored by Schroders' proprietary tool or (ii) is classified as a green, social or sustainable bond using a third-party data source. With the exception of any green or social bonds, which will be classified as having an environmental or social objective respectively, a sustainable investment is classified as having an environmental or social objective depending on whether the relevant issuer has a higher score in Schroders' proprietary tool relative to its applicable peer group for its environmental indicators or its social indicators. In each case, indicators are comprised of both "costs" and "benefits".

**#2 Other** includes cash which is treated as neutral for sustainability purposes #2 also includes other investments that are not scored by Schroders' proprietary sustainability tool and so do not contribute towards the Fund's sustainability score. As #1 states a minimum proportion that is in practice expected to be higher, the proportion stated in #2 is expected to be lower.

Minimum safeguards are applied where relevant to investments by restricting (as appropriate) investments in counterparties where there are ownership links or exposure to higher risk countries (for the purpose of money laundering, terrorist financing, bribery, corruption, tax evasion and sanctions risks). A firm-wide risk assessment considers the risk rating of each jurisdiction; which includes reference to a number of public statements, indices and world governance indicators issued by the UN, the European Union, the UK Government, the Financial Action Task Force and several Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), such as Transparency International and the Basel Committee.

In addition, new counterparties are reviewed by Schroders' credit risk team and approval of a new counterparty is based on a holistic review of the various sources of information available, including, but not limited to, quality of management, ownership structure, location, regulatory and social environment to which each counterparty is subject, and the degree of development of the local banking system and its regulatory framework. Ongoing monitoring is performed through a Schroders' proprietary tool, which supports the analysis of a counterparty's management of environmental, social and governance trends and challenges. Any significant deterioration in the profile of the counterparty in Schroders' proprietary tool would lead to further analysis and potential exclusion by Schroders' credit risk team.



**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the investments of the financial product used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product.

**#2 Other** includes the remaining investments of the financial product which are neither aligned with the environmental or social characteristics, nor are qualified as sustainable investments.

The category **#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** covers:

- The sub-category **#1A Sustainable** covers sustainable investments with environmental or social objectives.
- The sub-category **#1B Other E/S characteristics** covers investments aligned with the environmental or social characteristics that do not qualify as sustainable investments.

#1 The minimum proportion stated applies in normal market conditions.

### ● **How does the use of derivatives attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?**

Single name credit default swaps are used as a proxy for direct investments which would otherwise be held by the Fund in line with its sustainability criteria. Such derivatives are therefore used to attain the Fund's sustainability score in Schroders proprietary tool which is one of the binding elements of the Fund. The Fund may use other derivatives that are scored in Schroders' proprietary tool to meet the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted by the Fund, as such derivatives would contribute to the Fund's sustainability score (whether such individual investment has a positive or a negative score).



### **To what minimum extent are sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?**

There is no minimum extent to which the Fund's investments (including transitional and enabling activities) with an environmental objective are aligned with the Taxonomy. Taxonomy alignment of this Fund's investments has therefore not been calculated and has as a result been deemed to constitute 0% of the Fund's portfolio.

In future it is expected that the Fund will assess and report on the extent to which its underlying investments are in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the Taxonomy, along with information relating to the proportion of enabling and transitional activities. This Prospectus will be updated once it is possible in the Investment Manager's opinion to accurately disclose to what extent the Fund's investments are in Taxonomy-aligned environmentally sustainable activities, including the proportions of investments in enabling and transitional activities selected for the Fund.

### ● **Does the financial product invest in fossil gas and/or nuclear energy related activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy<sup>1</sup>?**

☐ Yes:

☐ In fossil gas ☐ In nuclear energy

☒ No

To comply with the EU Taxonomy, the criteria for **fossil gas** include limitations on emissions and switching to renewable power or low-carbon fuels by the end of 2035. For **nuclear energy**, the criteria include

<sup>1</sup> Fossil gas and/or nuclear related activities will only comply with the EU Taxonomy where they contribute to limiting climate change ("climate change mitigation") and do not significantly harm any EU Taxonomy objective – see explanatory note in the left-hand margin. The full criteria for fossil gas and nuclear energy economic activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy are laid down in Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1214.

comprehensive safety and waste management rules.

Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

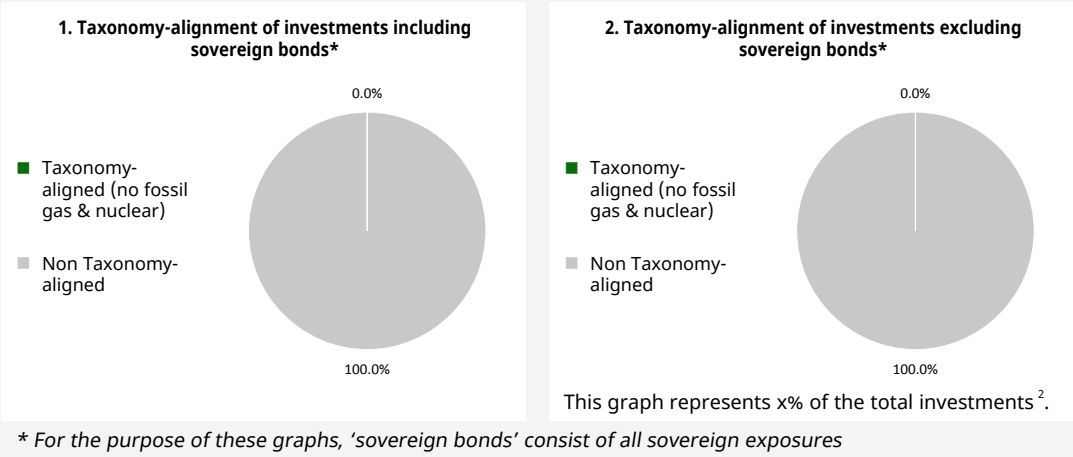
- **turnover** reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee companies
- **capital expenditure** (CapEx) showing the green investments made by investee companies, e.g. for a transition to a green economy.
- **operational expenditure** (OpEx) reflecting green operational activities of investee companies.

**Enabling activities** directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective.

**Transitional activities** are activities for which low-carbon alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.

are sustainable investments with an environmental objective that **do not take into account the criteria** for environmentally sustainable economic activities under the EU Taxonomy.

The two graphs below show in green the minimum percentage of investments that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the Taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy-alignment in relation to all the investments of the financial product including sovereign bonds, while the second graph shows the Taxonomy-alignment only in relation to the investments of the financial product other than sovereign bonds.



● **What is the minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities?**

As per the above, at the date of this Prospectus the share of investments by the Fund in transitional and enabling activities is currently deemed to constitute 0% of the Fund's portfolio.



**What is the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?**

The Fund commits to invest at least 1% of its assets in sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

<sup>2</sup> As there is no Taxonomy-alignment, there is no impact on the graph if sovereign bonds are excluded (i.e. the percentage of Taxonomy-aligned investments remains 0%) and the Management Company therefore believes that there is no need to mention this information.



## What is the minimum share of socially sustainable investments?

The Fund commits to invest at least 1% of its assets in sustainable investments with a social objective.



## What investments are included under “#2 Other”, what is their purpose and are there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

**#2 Other** includes cash which is treated as neutral for sustainability purposes. #2 also includes other investments that are not scored by Schroders’ proprietary sustainability tools and so do not contribute towards the Fund’s sustainability score.

Minimum safeguards are applied where relevant to investments by restricting (as appropriate) investments in counterparties where there are ownership links or exposure to higher risk countries (for the purpose of money laundering, terrorist financing, bribery, corruption, tax evasion and sanctions risks). A firm-wide risk assessment considers the risk rating of each jurisdiction; which includes reference to a number of public statements, indices and world governance indicators issued by the UN, the European Union, the UK Government, the Financial Action Task Force and several Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), such as Transparency International and the Basel Committee.

In addition, new counterparties are reviewed by Schroders’ credit risk team and approval of a new counterparty is based on a holistic review of the various sources of information available, including, but not limited to, quality of management, ownership structure, location, regulatory and social environment to which each counterparty is subject, and the degree of development of the local banking system and its regulatory framework. Ongoing monitoring is performed through a Schroders’ proprietary tool, which supports the analysis of a counterparty’s management of environmental, social and governance trends and challenges. Any significant deterioration in the profile of the counterparty in Schroders’ proprietary tool would lead to further analysis and potential exclusion by Schroders’ credit risk team.



## Is a specific index designated as a reference benchmark to determine whether this financial product is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes?

**Reference benchmarks** are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the environmental or social characteristics that they promote.

- ***How is the reference benchmark continuously aligned with each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- ***How is the alignment of the investment strategy with the methodology of the index ensured on a continuous basis?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- ***How does the designated index differ from a relevant broad market index?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- ***Where can the methodology used for the calculation of the designated index be found?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.



## Where can I find more product specific information online?

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Pre-contractual disclosure for the financial products referred to in Article 8, paragraphs 1, 2 and 2a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 6, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852

**Product name:** **Schroder International Selection Fund Sustainable Swiss Equity**

**Legal entity identifier:** **YBFP0AEQJVJHY19U2R61**

## Environmental and/or social characteristics

**Sustainable investment** means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good governance practices.

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Does this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?	
 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes	 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
<input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with an environmental objective: ___%</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> It <b>promotes Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics</b> and while it does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will have a minimum proportion of <b>40.00%</b> of sustainable investments
<input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy	<input type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy
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<input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with a social objective ___%</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> with a social objective
	<input type="checkbox"/> It promotes E/S characteristics, but <b>will not make any sustainable investments</b>



## What environmental and/or social characteristics are promoted by this financial product?

The Fund maintains a positive absolute sustainability score, based on the Investment Manager's rating system.

The sustainability score is measured by Schroders' proprietary tool that provides an estimate of the net "impact" that an issuer may create in terms of social and environmental "costs" or "benefits". It does this by using certain indicators with respect to that issuer, and quantifying them positively and negatively to produce an aggregate notional measure of the effect that the relevant underlying issuer may have on society and the environment. It does this using third party data as well as Schroders own estimates and assumptions and the outcome may differ from other sustainability tools and measures. Examples of such indicators are greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

The result is expressed as an aggregate score of the sustainability indicators for each issuer, specifically a notional percentage (positive or negative) of sales of the relevant underlying issuer. For example, a score of +2% would mean an issuer contributes \$2 of relative notional positive impact (i.e. benefits to society) per \$100 of sales. The sustainability score of the Fund is derived from the scores of all issuers in the Fund's portfolio measured by Schroders' proprietary tool.

The Fund invests at least 40% of its assets in sustainable investments, which are investments that the Investment Manager expects to contribute towards the advancement of one or more environmental and/or social objective (s).

No reference benchmark has been designated for the purpose of attaining the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the Fund.

### What sustainability indicators are used to measure the attainment of each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

The Investment Manager monitors compliance with the characteristic to maintain a positive absolute sustainability score by reference to the weighted average sustainability score of the Fund in Schroders' proprietary tool over the previous six monthsix-month period, based on month-end data. The overall sustainability score aggregates the effect of sustainability indicators including but not limited to greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage. The Investment Manager monitors compliance with the characteristic to invest at least 40% of its assets in sustainable investments by reference to the sustainability score of each asset in Schroders' proprietary tool.

**Sustainability indicators** measure how the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product are attained.

Compliance with this is monitored daily via our automated compliance controls. The Fund also applies certain exclusions, with which the Investment Manager monitors compliance on an ongoing basis via its portfolio compliance framework.

● ***What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?***

In respect of the proportion of the Fund's portfolio that is invested in sustainable investments, each sustainable investment demonstrates a net positive across a range of environmental or social objectives, as scored by Schroders' proprietary tool. The environmental or social objectives of the sustainable investments that the Fund partially intends to make may include, but are not limited to, increasing environmental and/or social benefits such as greater water access or fair pay and reducing environmental, and/or social costs such as carbon emissions or food waste. For example, greater water access as measured by Schroders' proprietary tool are the estimated societal benefits of the provision of clean drinking water to human health.

● ***How do the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make, not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?***

The Investment Manager's approach to investing in issuers that do not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective includes the following:

- Firm-wide investment exclusions apply to Schroders funds. These relate to international conventions on cluster munitions, anti-personnel mines, and chemical and biological weapons and a list of those companies that are excluded is available at <https://www.schroders.com/en/sustainability/active-ownership/group-exclusions/>. Firm-wide exclusions also apply to companies generating more than 20% of their revenue from thermal coal mining.
- The Fund excludes companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to tobacco and thermal coal.
- The Fund excludes companies that are assessed by Schroders to have breached one or more 'global norms' thereby causing significant environmental or social harm; these companies comprise Schroders' 'global norms' breach list. Schroders' determination of whether a company has been involved in such a breach considers relevant principles such as those contained in the UN Global Compact (UNGC) principles, the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights. The 'global norms' breach list may be informed by assessments performed by third party providers and by proprietary research, where relevant to a particular situation.
- The Fund may also apply certain other exclusions in addition to those summarised above.

Further information on all of the Fund's investment exclusions is to be found under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

● ***How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?***

When seeking to identify significant harm, Schroders' approach to taking into account the Principal Adverse Impacts (PAI) indicators involves a quantitative and a qualitative assessment. Where it is not considered appropriate or feasible to set quantitative thresholds, the Investment Manager engages, where relevant, investee companies deemed not to satisfy the quantitative thresholds would generally be excluded, unless on a case-by-case basis the data is deemed not representative of a company's performance in the relevant area.

This framework is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability and quality of the data evolves.

Our approach includes:

-1. **Quantitative:** this includes indicators where specific thresholds have been established:-

- Via the application of exclusions. This approach is relevant to **PAI 4** (Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector), **PAI 5** (Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production) and **PAI 14** (Exposure to controversial weapons). Further, the following PAIs are assessed as part of Schroders 'global norms' breach list exclusion (which seeks to exclude companies where significant harm is occurring):-
  - **PAI 7** (Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas) —
  - **PAI 8** (Emissions to water)
  - **PAI 9** (Hazardous waste and radioactive waste ratio)

**Principal adverse impacts** are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anticorruption and antibribery matters.



- **PAI 10** (Violations of UN Global Compact principles and Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises)–
- **PAI 11** (Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and Voluntary)–
- **PAI 14** in Table 3 (Number of identified cases of severe human rights issues and incidents)
- Via the application of an alert system flag if the relevant indicator(s) exceeds a threshold. These quantitative thresholds to assess significant harm are established centrally by our Sustainable Investment team and monitored systematically. This approach applies to indicators where we have segmented the population into harm groups to establish a threshold, such as carbon related PAI metrics, **PAI 1** (GHG emissions), **PAI 2** (Carbon footprint) and **Voluntary PAI 4 in Table 2** (Investing in companies without carbon emission reduction initiatives). **PAI 3** (GHG intensity of investee companies) operates in a similar way but the threshold is based on a revenue metric. A threshold for **PAI 6** (Energy consumption intensity per high impact climate sector) is established based on the above mentioned carbon measures. A similar approach has been taken for **PAI 15** (GHG intensity). **PAI 16** (Investee countries subject to social violations) also operates in the same way but based on data availability regarding social violations. Through this process the relevant issuer(s) that is/are deemed not to satisfy the quantitative thresholds is/are flagged to the Investment Manager for consideration, whose response may involve selling the holdings(s) or maintaining the position if on a case-by-case basis the data is deemed not representative of a company's performance in the relevant area. Investee companies deemed to cause significant harm are excluded from the Fund.
- 2. **Qualitative:** This includes PAI indicators where Schroders' believes that the data available does not enable us to make a quantitative determination regarding whether significant harm is done so as to warrant excluding an investment. In such cases, the Investment Manager engages wherever possible with the company or companies held, in accordance with the priorities documented in Schroders' Engagement Blueprint and/or voting policy. This approach applies to indicators such as **PAI 12** (Unadjusted gender pay gap) and **PAI 13** (Board gender diversity), where we engage and may use our voting rights where we consider appropriate. Both board gender diversity and disclosure of gender pay gap information are captured in our Engagement Blueprint.

● ***How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:***

Companies on Schroders' 'global norms' breach list cannot be categorised as sustainable investments. Schroders' determination of whether a company should be included on such list considers the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, among other relevant principles. The 'global norms' breach list is informed by third party providers and proprietary research, where relevant.

*The EU Taxonomy sets out a "do not significant harm" principle by which Taxonomy-aligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives and is accompanied by specific EU criteria:*

*The "do not significant harm" principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities:*

*Any other sustainable investments must also not significantly harm any environmental or social objectives.*



## **Does this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?**

☒ Yes, the Investment Manager's approach to considering principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors involves classifying the indicators into three categories:

The Investment Manager's approach to considering principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors differs depending on the relevant indicator. Some indicators are considered via the application of exclusions; some are considered via the investment process (where data is available via Schroders PAI dashboard and via other external data sources) and some via engagement. Further details are provided below:

PAIs are considered as part of pre-investment through the application of exclusions. These include:-

- Controversial weapons: PAI 14 (Exposure to controversial weapons (anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, chemical weapons and biological weapons))–
- UNGC violators: PAI 10 (Violations of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises) and from July 2023 Schroders' 'global norms' breach list which covers: PAI 7 (Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas), PAI 8 (Emissions to water), PAI 9 (Hazardous waste ratio), PAI 10

(Violations of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises), PAI 11 (Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises) and PAI 16 (Investee countries subject to social violations).

– Companies that derived revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to thermal coal, – PAI 4 (Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector) and PAI 5 (Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production) that are deemed by the investment manager to contribute significantly to climate change are excluded from the investible universe: PAIs 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 (Greenhouse gas emissions).

Compliance with these thresholds is monitored via the Investment Manager's portfolio compliance framework. PAIs are also considered through integration in the investment process. As part of the issuer level due diligence process, via company analysis from meetings with management teams and on-desk analysis of annual reports and statements, several PAIs are considered. These are considered alongside PAIs from Schroders' proprietary tool which incorporates several PAIs as a component of its scoring methodology.

PAIs are also considered post-investment through engagement where the Investment Manager engages in line with the approach and expectations set out in Schroders Engagement Blueprint, which outlines our approach to active ownership. Over the period our engagements may cover a range of topics, including Human Rights in the Technology sector, and climate and Net Zero commitments for held companies within the Consumer Discretionary sector. These engagements related to PAIs 16 (Social Violations) and 1, 2, 3 and 5 (GHG emissions, Carbon Footprint, GHG intensity of investee company and Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production).

Our approach is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability, and quality, of PAI data evolves. The Management Company's statement on principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors is available at <https://mybrand.schroders.com/m/4ab13771bddd9d/original/Statement-on-principal-adverse-impacts-of-investment-decisions-on-sustainability-factors.pdf>. The Fund level information is disclosed or will be disclosed (as applicable) in the Fund's annual report.

1. Set thresholds: these involve very explicit thresholds for considering an investment to be a "sustainable investment". For example, PAI 10 on violations of UNGC principles.
2. Active ownership: these involve indicators on which we have a plan to engage with the underlying holding as set out in the Schroders Group document <https://mybrand.schroders.com/m/3222ea4ed44a1f2c/original/schroders-engagement-blueprint.pdf>, outlining our approach to active ownership. For example, PAI 1, 2 and 3 covering GHG emissions and PAI 13 on board gender diversity.
3. Improve coverage: these involve indicators where we consider data coverage to be too sparse to properly consider them and our focus is primarily on engaging with the underlying holdings to increase reporting. For example, PAI 7 on biodiversity, PAI 9 on hazardous waste ratio and PAI 12 on the gender pay gap.

Our approach is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability, and quality, of PAI data evolves.

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☐ No



## What investment strategy does this financial product follow?

The sustainable investment strategy used by the Investment Manager is as follows:

The Fund is actively managed and invests at least two-thirds of its assets in a concentrated range of equity and equity related securities of Swiss companies.

The Fund maintains a positive absolute sustainability score, based on the Investment Manager's rating system.

The Fund does not directly invest in certain activities, industries or groups of issuers above the limits listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

The Fund invests in companies that have good governance practices, as determined by the Investment Manager's rating criteria.

The Investment Manager may also engage with companies held by the Fund to challenge identified areas of weakness on sustainability issues. More details on the Investment Manager's approach to sustainability and its engagement with companies are available on the webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/>

The Fund may also invest up to one-third of its assets directly or indirectly in other securities (including other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies, Investment Funds, warrants and Money Market Investments, and hold cash.

The Fund may use derivatives with the aim of achieving investment gains, reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently.

The Investment Manager applies sustainability criteria when selecting investments for the Fund. A company is assessed on a variety of ESG factors including how it treats its shareholders, governance, management quality and the environment, and a final overall ESG rating is allocated.

**The investment strategy** guides investment decisions based on factors such as investment objectives and risk tolerance.

The Investment Manager will consider these in determining whether a company is eligible for inclusion in the Fund's portfolio, giving more weight to the overall ratings. The sources of information used to perform the analysis include information provided by the companies, such as company sustainability reports and other relevant company material, as well as Schrodors' proprietary sustainability tools and third-party data.

The Investment Manager ensures that at least 90% of the portion of the Fund's Net Asset Value composed of investments in companies is rated against the sustainability criteria. As a result of the application of sustainability criteria, at least 20% of the Fund's potential investment universe is excluded from the selection of investments.

For the purposes of this test, the potential investment universe is the core universe of issuers that the Investment Manager may select for the Fund prior to the application of sustainability criteria, in accordance with the other limitations of the Investment Objective and Policy. This universe is comprised of equity and equity related securities of Swiss companies.

### ● **What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?**

The following binding elements are applied throughout the investment process:

- The Fund maintains a positive absolute sustainability score, based on the Investment Manager's rating system.
- The Fund invests at least 40% of its assets in sustainable investments and such investments do not cause significant environmental or social harm.
- Exclusions are applied to direct investments in companies. The Fund applies certain exclusions relating to international conventions on cluster munitions, antipersonnel mines, and chemical and biological weapons. The Fund also excludes companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to tobacco and thermal coal, especially companies that generate at least 10% of their revenues from tobacco production, companies that generate at least 25% of their revenues from the tobacco value chain (such as suppliers, distributors, retailers and licensors), companies that generate at least 10% of their revenues from thermal coal mining and companies that generate at least 30% of their revenues from coal fired power generation. The Fund excludes companies that are assessed by Schrodors to have breached one or more 'global norms' thereby causing significant environmental or social harm; these companies comprise Schrodors' 'global norms' breach list. Further, the Fund may apply other exclusions as listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schrodors.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>
- The Fund invests in companies that have good governance practices, as determined by the Investment Manager's rating criteria.
- The Investment Manager ensures that at least 90% of the portion of the Fund's Net Asset Value composed of investments in companies is rated against the sustainability criteria.
- As a result of the application of sustainability criteria, at least 20% of the Fund's potential investment universe is excluded from the selection of investments.

### ● **What is the committed minimum rate to reduce the scope of the investments considered prior to the application of that investment strategy?**

As a result of the application of the Fund's sustainability criteria, at least 20% of the Fund's potential investment universe is excluded from the selection of investments. For the purposes of this test, the potential investment universe is the core universe of issuers that the Investment Manager may select for the Fund prior to the application of sustainability criteria, in accordance with the other limitations of the Investment Objective and Policy.

### ● **What is the policy to assess good governance practices of the investee companies?**

In order to assess good governance practices, a central Good Governance Test is applied. This test is based on a data-driven quantitative framework, which uses a scorecard to assess companies across the categories of sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff, and tax compliance. Schrodors has defined a number of criteria across these pillars.

Compliance with the test is monitored centrally and companies which do not pass this test cannot be held by the Fund, unless the Investment Manager has agreed that the issuer demonstrates good governance based on additional insights beyond that quantitative analysis.

**Good governance** practices include sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff and tax compliance.



## **What is the asset allocation planned for this financial product?**

**Asset allocation** describes the share of investments in specific assets.

The planned composition of the Fund's investments that are used to meet its environmental or social characteristics are summarised below.

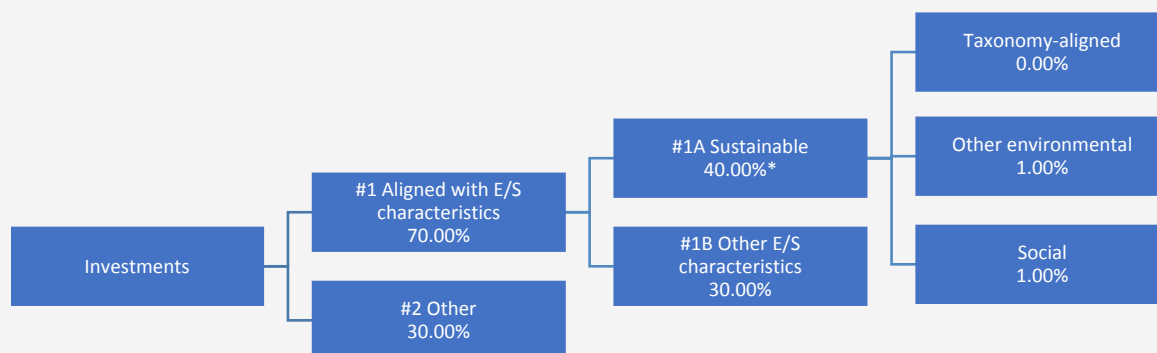
**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the minimum proportion of the Fund's assets used to attain the environmental or social characteristics, which is equal to 70%. The Fund commits to maintain a positive absolute sustainability score, and so the Fund's investments that are scored by Schroders' proprietary sustainability tool are included within the minimum proportion stated in #1 on the basis that they will contribute to the Fund's sustainability score (whether such individual investment has a positive or a negative score). Also included within #1 is the minimum proportion of assets that are invested in sustainable investments, as indicated in #1A. The minimum proportions stated apply in normal market conditions. The actual proportion stated in #1 is expected to be higher.

The sustainability score is measured by Schroders' proprietary tool that provides an estimate of the net "impact" that an issuer may create in terms of social and environmental "costs" or "benefits". It does this by using certain indicators with respect to that issuer, and quantifying them positively and negatively to produce an aggregate notional measure of the effect that the relevant underlying issuer may have on society and the environment. Examples of such indicators are greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

The Fund will invest at least 40% of its assets in sustainable investments. A sustainable investment is classified as having an environmental or social objective depending on whether the relevant issuer has a higher score in Schroders' proprietary tool relative to its applicable peer group for its environmental indicators or its social indicators. In each case, indicators are comprised of both "costs" and "benefits". **#2 Other** includes cash which is treated as neutral for sustainability purposes. #2 also includes investments that are not scored by Schroders' proprietary sustainability tool and so do not contribute towards the Fund's sustainability score. As #1 states a minimum proportion that is in practice expected to be higher, the proportion stated in #2 is expected to be lower.

Minimum safeguards are applied where relevant to Money Market Investments and other investments by restricting (as appropriate) investments in counterparties where there are ownership links or exposure to higher risk countries (for the purpose of money laundering, terrorist financing, bribery, corruption, tax evasion and sanctions risks). A firm-wide risk assessment considers the risk rating of each jurisdiction; which includes reference to a number of public statements, indices and world governance indicators issued by the UN, the European Union, the UK Government, the Financial Action Task Force and several Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), such as Transparency International and the Basel Committee.

In addition, new counterparties are reviewed by Schroders' credit risk team and approval of a new counterparty is based on a holistic review of the various sources of information available, including, but not limited to, quality of management, ownership structure, location, regulatory and social environment to which each counterparty is subject, and the degree of development of the local banking system and its regulatory framework. Ongoing monitoring is performed through a Schroders' proprietary tool, which supports the analysis of a counterparty's management of environmental, social and governance trends and challenges. Any significant deterioration in the profile of the counterparty in Schroders' proprietary tool would lead to further analysis and potential exclusion by Schroders' credit risk team.



**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the investments of the financial product used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product:

**#2 Other** includes the remaining investments of the financial product which are neither aligned with the environmental or social characteristics, nor are qualified as sustainable investments.

The category **#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** covers:

- The sub-category **#1A Sustainable** covers sustainable investments with environmental or social objectives.
- The sub-category **#1B Other E/S characteristics** covers investments aligned with the environmental or social characteristics that do not qualify as sustainable investments.

#1 The minimum proportion stated applies in normal market conditions.

● **How does the use of derivatives attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?**

The Fund may use derivatives that are scored in Schroders' proprietary tool to meet the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted by the Fund, as such derivatives would contribute to the Fund's sustainability score (whether such individual investment has a positive or a negative score).



● **To what minimum extent are sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?**

There is no minimum extent to which the Fund's investments (including transitional and enabling activities) with an environmental objective are aligned with the Taxonomy. Taxonomy alignment of this Fund's investments has therefore not been calculated and has as a result been deemed to constitute 0% of the Fund's portfolio.

In future it is expected that the Fund will assess and report on the extent to which its underlying investments are in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the Taxonomy, along with information relating to the proportion of enabling and transitional activities. This Prospectus will be updated once it is possible in the Investment Manager's opinion to accurately disclose to what extent the Fund's investments are in Taxonomy-aligned environmentally sustainable activities, including the proportions of investments in enabling and transitional activities selected for the Fund.

● **Does the financial product invest in fossil gas and/or nuclear energy related activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy<sup>1</sup>?**

☐ Yes:

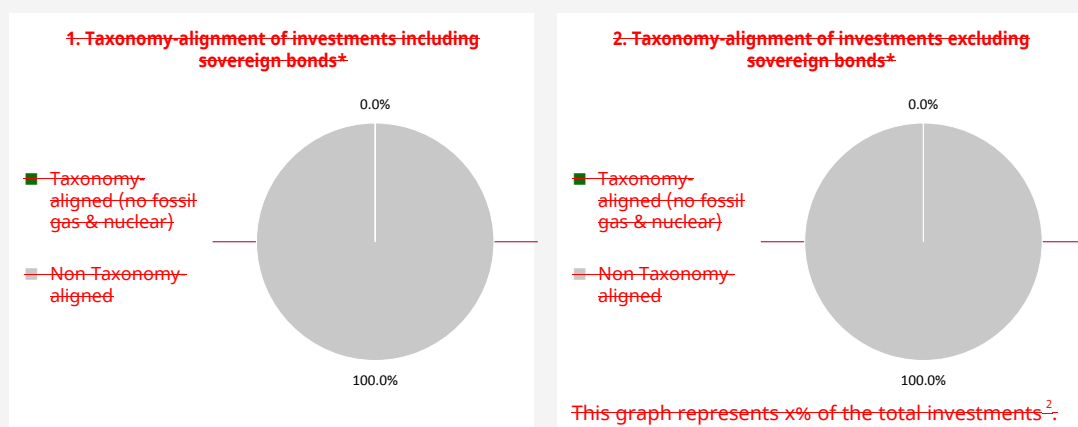
☐ In fossil gas ☐ In nuclear energy

☒ No

To comply with the EU Taxonomy, the criteria for **fossil gas** include limitations on emissions and switching to renewable power or low-carbon fuels by the end of 2035. For **nuclear energy**, the criteria include comprehensive safety and waste management rules.

Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:  
 - **turnover** reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee companies  
 - **capital expenditure** (CapEx) showing the green investments made by investee companies, e.g. for a transition to a green economy;  
 - **operational expenditure** (OpEx) reflecting green operational activities of investee companies.

The two graphs below show in green the minimum percentage of investments that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the Taxonomy alignment of sovereign bonds<sup>2</sup>, the first graph shows the Taxonomy alignment in relation to all the investments of the financial product including sovereign bonds, while the second graph shows the Taxonomy alignment only in relation to the investments of the financial product other than sovereign bonds.



\* For the purpose of these graphs, 'sovereign bonds' consist of all sovereign exposures

● **What is the minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities?**


As per the above, at the date of this Prospectus the share of investments by the Fund in transitional and enabling activities is currently deemed to constitute 0% of the Fund's portfolio.

<sup>1</sup> Fossil gas and/or nuclear-related activities will only comply with the EU Taxonomy where they contribute to limiting climate change ("climate change mitigation") and do not significantly harm any EU Taxonomy objective – see explanatory note in the left-hand margin. The full criteria for fossil gas and nuclear energy economic activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy are laid down in Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1214.

<sup>2</sup> As there is no Taxonomy alignment, there is no impact on the graph if sovereign bonds are excluded (i.e. the percentage of Taxonomy-aligned investments remains 0%) and the Management Company therefore believes that there is no need to mention this information.

contribution to an environmental objective:

**Transitional activities** are activities for which low-carbon alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse-gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.

 are sustainable investments with an environmental objective that **do not take into account the criteria** for environmentally sustainable economic activities under the EU Taxonomy.



**What is the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?**

The Fund commits to invest at least 1% of its assets in sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy.



**What is the minimum share of socially sustainable investments?**

The Fund commits to invest at least 1% of its assets in sustainable investments with a social objective.



**What investments are included under “#2 Other”, what is their purpose and are there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?**

**#2 Other** includes cash which is treated as neutral for sustainability purposes. #2 also includes investments that are not scored by Schroders’ proprietary sustainability tools and so do not contribute towards the Fund’s sustainability score.

Minimum safeguards are applied where relevant to Money Market Investments and other investments by restricting (as appropriate) investments in counterparties where there are ownership links or exposure to higher risk countries (for the purpose of money laundering, terrorist financing, bribery, corruption, tax evasion and sanctions risks). A firm-wide risk assessment considers the risk rating of each jurisdiction; which includes reference to a number of public statements, indices and world governance indicators issued by the UN, the European Union, the UK Government, the Financial Action Task Force and several Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), such as Transparency International and the Basel Committee.

In addition, new counterparties are reviewed by Schroders’ credit risk team and approval of a new counterparty is based on a holistic review of the various sources of information available; including; but not limited to, quality of management, ownership structure, location, regulatory and social environment to which each counterparty is subject, and the degree of development of the local banking system and its regulatory framework. Ongoing monitoring is performed through a Schroders’ proprietary tool, which supports the analysis of a counterparty’s management of environmental, social and governance trends and challenges. Any significant deterioration in the profile of the counterparty in Schroders’ proprietary tool would lead to further analysis and potential exclusion by Schroders’ credit risk team.





## Is a specific index designated as a reference benchmark to determine whether this financial product is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes?

Reference benchmarks are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the environmental or social characteristics that they promote:

- ***How is the reference benchmark continuously aligned with each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?***  
This question is not applicable for the Fund.
- ***How is the alignment of the investment strategy with the methodology of the index ensured on a continuous basis?***  
This question is not applicable for the Fund.
- ***How does the designated index differ from a relevant broad market index?***  
This question is not applicable for the Fund.
- ***Where can the methodology used for the calculation of the designated index be found?***  
This question is not applicable for the Fund.



## Where can I find more product specific information online?

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## Environmental and/or social characteristics

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**Does this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?**

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<input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with an environmental objective: __%</b> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy                             <input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy                         </div>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> It <b>promotes Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics</b> and while it does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will have a minimum proportion of <b>25.00%</b> of sustainable investments <div> <input type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy                             <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy                             <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> with a social objective                         </div>
<input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with a social objective __%</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> It promotes E/S characteristics, but <b>will not make any sustainable investments</b>



## What environmental and/or social characteristics are promoted by this financial product?

The Fund maintains a positive absolute sustainability score, based on the Investment Manager's rating system. The sustainability score is measured by Schroders' proprietary tool that provides an estimate of the net "impact" that an issuer may create in terms of social and environmental "costs" or "benefits". It does this by using certain indicators with respect to that issuer, and quantifying them positively and negatively to produce an aggregate notional measure of the effect that the relevant underlying issuer may have on society and the environment. It does this using third party data as well as Schroders own estimates and assumptions and the outcome may differ from other sustainability tools and measures. Examples of such indicators are greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

The result is expressed as an aggregate score of the sustainability indicators for each issuer, specifically a notional percentage (positive or negative) of sales of the relevant underlying issuer. For example, a score of +2% would mean an issuer contributes \$2 of relative notional positive impact (i.e. benefits to society) per \$100 of sales. The sustainability score of the Fund is derived from the scores of all issuers in the Fund's portfolio measured by Schroders' proprietary tool.

The Fund invests at least 25% of its assets in sustainable investments, which are investments that the Investment Manager expects to contribute towards the advancement of one or more environmental and/or social objective (s).

No reference benchmark has been designated for the purpose of attaining the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the Fund.

### What sustainability indicators are used to measure the attainment of each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

The Investment Manager monitors compliance with the characteristic to maintain a positive absolute sustainability score by reference to the weighted average sustainability score of the Fund in Schroders' proprietary tool over the previous ~~six months~~**six-month** period, based on month-end data. The overall sustainability score aggregates the effect of sustainability indicators including but not limited to greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

**Sustainability indicators** measure how the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product are attained.

The Investment Manager monitors compliance with the characteristic to invest at least 25% of its assets in sustainable investments by reference to the sustainability score of each asset in Schroders' proprietary tool. Compliance with this is monitored daily via our automated compliance controls. The Fund also applies certain exclusions, with which the Investment Manager monitors compliance on an ongoing basis via its portfolio compliance framework.

● ***What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?***

In respect of the proportion of the Fund's portfolio that is invested in sustainable investments, each sustainable investment demonstrates a net positive effect across a range of environmental or social objectives, as scored by Schroders' proprietary tool. The environmental or social objectives of the sustainable investments that the Fund partially intends to make may include, but are not limited to, increasing environmental and/or social benefits such as greater water access or fair pay and reducing environmental, and/or social costs such as carbon emissions or food waste. For example, greater water access as measured by Schroders' proprietary tool are the estimated societal benefits of the provision of clean drinking water to human health.

● ***How do the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make, not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?***

The Investment Manager's approach to investing in issuers that do not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective includes the following:

- Firm-wide investment exclusions apply to Schroders funds. These relate to international conventions on cluster munitions, anti-personnel mines, and chemical and biological weapons and a list of those companies that are excluded is available at <https://www.schroders.com/en/sustainability/active-ownership/group-exclusions/>. Firm-wide exclusions also apply to companies generating more than 20% of their revenue from thermal coal mining.
- The Fund excludes companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to tobacco and thermal coal.
- The Fund excludes companies that are assessed by Schroders to have breached one or more 'global norms' thereby causing significant environmental or social harm; these companies comprise Schroders' 'global norms' breach list. Schroders' determination of whether a company has been involved in such a breach considers relevant principles such as those contained in the UN Global Compact (UNGC) principles, the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights. The 'global norms' breach list may be informed by assessments performed by third party providers and by proprietary research, where relevant to a particular situation. In exceptional circumstances a derogation may be applied in order to allow the Fund to continue to hold a company on Schroders' 'global norms' breach list, for example where the stated investment strategy of the Fund may otherwise be compromised. Any such company cannot be categorised as a sustainable investment.
- The Fund may also apply certain other exclusions in addition to those summarised above.

Further information on all of the Fund's investment exclusions is to be found under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

● ***How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?***

When seeking to identify significant harm, Schroders' approach to taking into account the Principal Adverse Impacts (PAI) indicators involves a quantitative and a qualitative assessment. Where it is not considered appropriate or feasible to set quantitative thresholds, the Investment Manager engages, where relevant. Investee companies deemed not to satisfy the quantitative thresholds would generally be excluded, unless on a case-by-case basis the data is deemed not representative of a company's performance in the relevant area.

This framework is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability and quality of the data evolves.

Our approach includes:

1. **Quantitative:** this includes indicators where specific thresholds have been established:

- Via the application of exclusions. This approach is relevant to **PAI 4** (Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector), **PAI 5** (Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production) and **PAI 14** (Exposure to controversial weapons). Further, the following PAIs are assessed as part of Schroders 'global norms' breach list exclusion (which seeks to exclude companies where significant harm is occurring):

**Principal adverse impacts** are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anticorruption and antibribery matters.

- **PAI 7** (Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas)
- **PAI 8** (Emissions to water)
- **PAI 9** (Hazardous waste and radioactive waste ratio)
- **PAI 10** (Violations of UN Global Compact principles and Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises)
- **PAI 11** (Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and Voluntary)
- **PAI 14** in Table 3 (Number of identified cases of severe human rights issues and incidents)
- Via the application of an alert system flag if the relevant indicator(s) exceeds a threshold. These quantitative thresholds to assess significant harm are established centrally by our Sustainable Investment team and monitored systematically. This approach applies to indicators where we have segmented the population into harm groups to establish a threshold, such as carbon related PAI metrics, **PAI 1** (GHG emissions), **PAI 2** (Carbon footprint) and **Voluntary PAI 4 in Table 2** (Investing in companies without carbon emission reduction initiatives). **PAI 3** (GHG intensity of investee companies) operates in a similar way but the threshold is based on a revenue metric. A threshold for **PAI 6** (Energy consumption intensity per high impact climate sector) is established based on the ~~above mentioned~~ carbon measures. A similar approach has been taken for **PAI 15** (GHG intensity). **PAI 16** (Investee countries subject to social violations) also operates in the same way but based on data availability regarding social violations. Through this process the relevant issuer(s) that is/are deemed not to satisfy the quantitative thresholds is/are flagged to the Investment Manager for consideration, whose response may involve selling the holdings(s) or maintaining the position if on a case-by-case basis the data is deemed not representative of a company's performance in the relevant area. Investee companies deemed to cause significant harm are excluded from the Fund.
- 2. **Qualitative:** This includes PAI indicators where Schroders' believes that the data available does not enable us to make a quantitative determination regarding whether significant harm is done so as to warrant excluding an investment. In such cases, the Investment Manager engages wherever possible with the company or companies held, in accordance with the priorities documented in Schroders' Engagement Blueprint and/or voting policy. This approach applies to indicators such as **PAI 12** (Unadjusted gender pay gap) and **PAI 13** (Board gender diversity), where we engage and may use our voting rights where we consider appropriate. Both board gender diversity and disclosure of gender pay gap information are captured in our Engagement Blueprint.

● ***How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:***

Companies on Schroders' 'global norms' breach list cannot be categorised as sustainable investments. Schroders' determination of whether a company should be included on such list considers the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, among other relevant principles. The 'global norms' breach list is informed by third party providers and proprietary research, where relevant.

*The EU Taxonomy sets out a "do not significant harm" principle by which Taxonomy-aligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives and is accompanied by specific EU criteria.*

The "do not significant harm" principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.

*Any other sustainable investments must also not significantly harm any environmental or social objectives.*



## Does this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

☑ Yes, ~~the Investment Manager's approach to considering principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors involves classifying the indicators into three categories:~~

~~The Investment Manager's approach to considering principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors differs depending on the relevant indicator. Some indicators are considered via the application of exclusions, some are considered via the investment process (where data is available via Schroders PAI dashboard and via other external data sources) and some via engagement. Further details are provided below.~~

PAIs are considered as part of pre-investment through the application of exclusions. These included:

- Controversial weapons: PAI 14 (Exposure to controversial weapons (anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, chemical weapons and biological weapons)).
- UNGC violators: PAI 10 (Violations of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises) and from July 2023 Schrodgers' 'global norms' breach list which covers: PAI 7 (Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas), PAI 8 (Emissions to water), PAI 9 (Hazardous waste ratio), PAI 10 (Violations of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises), PAI 11 (Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises) and PAI 16 (Investee countries subject to social violations).
- Companies that derived revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to thermal coal: PAI 4 (Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector) and PAI 5 (Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production), that are deemed by the investment manager to contribute significantly to climate change are excluded from the investible universe: PAIs 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 (Greenhouse gas emissions).

Compliance with these thresholds is monitored via the Investment Manager's portfolio compliance framework. PAIs are also considered through integration in the investment process. As part of the issuer level due diligence process, via company analysis from meetings with management teams and on desk analysis of annual reports and statements, several PAIs are considered. These are considered alongside PAIs from Schrodgers' proprietary tool which incorporates several PAIs as a component of its scoring methodology.

PAIs are also considered post-investment through engagement where the Investment Manager engages in line with the approach and expectations set out in Schrodgers Engagement Blueprint, which outlines our approach to active ownership. Over the period our engagements may cover a range of topics, including Human Rights in the Technology sector, and climate & Net Zero commitments for held companies within the Consumer Discretionary sector. These engagements related to PAIs 16 (Social Violations) and 1, 2, 3 and 5 (GHG emissions, Carbon Footprint, GHG intensity of investee company and Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production).

Our approach is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability, and quality, of PAI data evolves. The Management Company's statement on principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors is available at <https://api.schrodgers.com/document-store/id/ffcb39bb-96cb-4e56-9461-deba9a493e85>. The Fund level information is disclosed or will be disclosed (as applicable) in the Fund's annual report.

1. Set thresholds: these involve very explicit thresholds for considering an investment to be a "sustainable investment". For example, PAI 10 on violations of UNGC principles.
2. Active ownership: these involve indicators on which we have a plan to engage with the underlying holding as set out in the Schrodgers Group document <https://mybrand.schrodgers.com/m/3222ea4ed44a1f2c/original/schrodgers-engagement-blueprint.pdf>, outlining our approach to active ownership. For example, PAI 1, 2 and 3 covering GHG emissions and PAI 13 on board gender diversity.
3. Improve coverage: these involve indicators where we consider data coverage to be too sparse to properly consider them and our focus is primarily on engaging with the underlying holdings to increase reporting. For example, PAI 7 on biodiversity, PAI 9 on hazardous waste ratio and PAI 12 on the gender pay gap.

Our approach is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability, and quality, of PAI data evolves. The Management Company's statement on principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors is available at <https://mybrand.schrodgers.com/m/467910ac8e6da45c/original/Statement-on-principal-adverse-impacts-of-investment-decisions-on-sustainability-factors.pdf>. The Fund level information is disclosed or will be (as applicable) in the Fund's annual report.

☐ No



## What investment strategy does this financial product follow?

**The investment strategy** guides investment decisions based on factors such as investment objectives and risk tolerance.

The sustainable investment strategy used by the Investment Manager is as follows:

The Fund is actively managed and invests at least two-thirds of its assets in a concentrated range of equity and equity related securities of Swiss companies. This means typically holding fewer than 50 companies.

The Fund may also invest up to one-third of its assets directly or indirectly in other securities (including other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies, Investment Funds, warrants and Money Market Investments, and hold cash.

The Fund may use derivatives with the aim of achieving investment gains, reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently.

The Fund maintains a positive absolute sustainability score, based on the Investment Manager's rating system. The Fund does not directly invest in certain activities, industries or groups of issuers above the limits listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schrodgers.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

The Investment Manager applies governance and sustainability criteria when selecting investments for the Fund. Companies in the investment universe are assessed on their governance, environmental and social profile. The Investment Manager performs due diligence on potential holdings and this can include meetings with company management. The Investment Manager aims to identify the impact a business has on society whilst assessing

relationships with key stakeholders such as employees, suppliers and regulators. This research is supported by quantitative analysis gained from Schroders' proprietary sustainability tools which are key inputs to assessing how existing and potential investments are meeting the Fund's sustainability criteria.

The sources of information used to perform the analysis include information provided by the companies, such as company sustainability reports and other relevant company material, as well as Schroders' proprietary sustainability tools and third-party data.

More details on the Investment Manager's approach to sustainability and its engagement with companies are available on the webpage

<https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/>

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than its investment universe, based on the Investment Manager's rating system.

The Investment Manager ensures that at least:

- 90% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in developed countries; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with an investment grade credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by developed countries; and

- 75% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in emerging countries; equities issued by small and medium companies; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with a high yield credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by emerging countries, is rated against the sustainability criteria.

For the purposes of this test, small companies are those with market capitalisation below €5 billion, medium companies are those between €5 billion and €10 billion and large companies are those above €10 billion.

● ***What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?***

The following binding elements are applied throughout the investment process:

- The Fund maintains a positive absolute sustainability score based on the Investment Manager's rating criteria.
- The Fund invests at least 25% of its assets in sustainable investments and such investments do not cause significant environmental or social harm.
- Exclusions are applied to direct investments in companies. The Fund applies certain exclusions relating to international conventions on cluster munitions, antipersonnel mines, and chemical and biological weapons. The Fund also excludes companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to tobacco and thermal coal, especially companies that generate at least 10% of their revenues from tobacco production, companies that generate at least 25% of their revenues from the tobacco value chain (such as suppliers, distributors, retailers and licensors), companies that generate at least 10% of their revenues from thermal coal mining and companies that generate at least 30% of their revenues from coal fired power generation. The Fund excludes companies that are assessed by Schroders to have breached one or more 'global norms' thereby causing significant environmental or social harm; these companies comprise Schroders' 'global norms' breach list. In exceptional circumstances a derogation may be applied in order to allow the Fund to continue to hold a company on Schroders' 'global norms' breach list, for example where the stated investment strategy of the Fund may otherwise be compromised. Any such company cannot be categorised as a sustainable investment. Further, the Fund may apply other exclusions as listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>
- The Fund invests in companies that have good governance practices, as determined by the Investment Manager's rating criteria.

The Investment Manager ensures that at least:

- 90% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in developed countries; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with an investment grade credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by developed countries; and
- 75% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in emerging countries; equities issued by small and medium companies; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with a high yield credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by emerging countries,

is rated against the sustainability criteria.

● ***What is the committed minimum rate to reduce the scope of the investments considered prior to the application of that investment strategy?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.



**Good governance** practices include sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff and tax compliance.

● **What is the policy to assess good governance practices of the investee companies?**

In order to assess good governance practices, a central Good Governance Test is applied. This test is based on a data-driven quantitative framework, which uses a scorecard to assess companies across the categories of sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff, and tax compliance. Schroders has defined a number of criteria across these pillars.

Compliance with the test is monitored centrally and companies which do not pass this test cannot be held by the Fund, unless the Investment Manager has agreed that the issuer demonstrates good governance based on additional insights beyond that quantitative analysis.



**Asset allocation** describes the share of investments in specific assets.

**What is the asset allocation planned for this financial product?**

The planned composition of the Fund’s investments that are used to meet its environmental or social characteristics are summarised below.

**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the minimum proportion of the Fund’s assets used to attain the environmental or social characteristics, which is equal to 70%. The Fund commits to maintain a positive absolute sustainability score, and so the Fund’s investments that are scored by Schroders’ proprietary sustainability tool are included within the minimum proportion stated in #1 on the basis that they will contribute to the Fund’s sustainability score (whether such individual investment has a positive or a negative score). Also included within #1 is the minimum proportion of assets that are invested in sustainable investments, as indicated in #1A. The minimum proportions stated apply in normal market conditions. The actual proportion stated in #1 is expected to be higher.

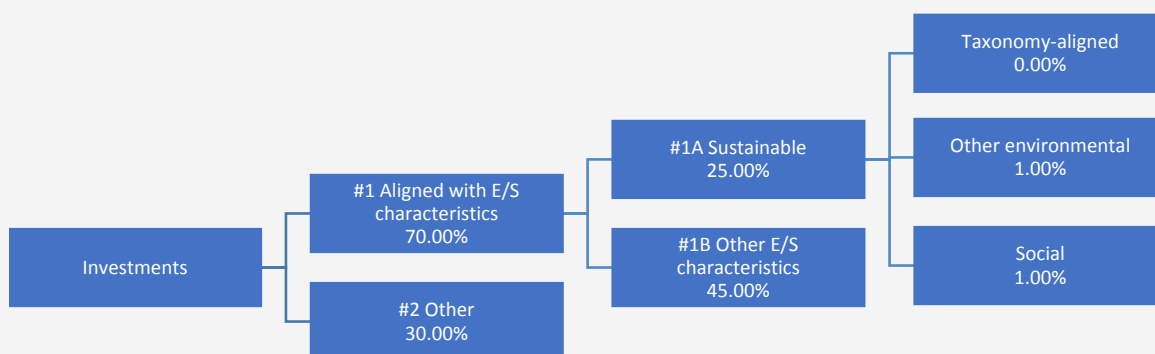
The sustainability score is measured by Schroders’ proprietary tool that provides an estimate of the net “impact” that an issuer may create in terms of social and environmental “costs” or “benefits”. It does this by using certain indicators with respect to that issuer, and quantifying them positively and negatively to produce an aggregate notional measure of the effect that the relevant underlying issuer may have on society and the environment. Examples of such indicators are greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

The Fund will invest at least 25% of its assets in sustainable investments. A sustainable investment is classified as having an environmental or social objective depending on whether the relevant issuer has a higher score in Schroders’ proprietary tool relative to its applicable peer group for its environmental indicators or its social indicators. In each case, indicators are comprised of both “costs” and “benefits”.

**#2 Other** includes cash which is treated as neutral for sustainability purposes . #2 also includes investments that are not scored by Schroders’ proprietary sustainability tool and so do not contribute towards the Fund’s sustainability score. As #1 states a minimum proportion that is in practice expected to be higher, the proportion stated in #2 is expected to be lower.

Minimum safeguards are applied where relevant to Money Market Investments other investments by restricting (as appropriate) investments in counterparties where there are ownership links or exposure to higher risk countries (for the purpose of money laundering, terrorist financing, bribery, corruption, tax evasion and sanctions risks). A firm-wide risk assessment considers the risk rating of each jurisdiction; which includes reference to a number of public statements, indices and world governance indicators issued by the UN, the European Union, the UK Government, the Financial Action Task Force and several Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), such as Transparency International and the Basel Committee.

In addition, new counterparties are reviewed by Schroders’ credit risk team and approval of a new counterparty is based on a holistic review of the various sources of information available, including, but not limited to, quality of management, ownership structure, location, regulatory and social environment to which each counterparty is subject, and the degree of development of the local banking system and its regulatory framework. Ongoing monitoring is performed through a Schroders’ proprietary tool, which supports the analysis of a counterparty’s management of environmental, social and governance trends and challenges. Any significant deterioration in the profile of the counterparty in Schroders’ proprietary tool would lead to further analysis and potential exclusion by Schroders’ credit risk team.



**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the investments of the financial product used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product.

**#2 Other** includes the remaining investments of the financial product which are neither aligned with the environmental or social characteristics, nor are qualified as sustainable investments.

The category **#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** covers:

- The sub-category **#1A Sustainable** covers sustainable investments with environmental or social objectives.
- The sub-category **#1B Other E/S characteristics** covers investments aligned with the environmental or social characteristics that do not qualify as sustainable investments.

#1 The minimum proportion stated applies in normal market conditions.

### ● **How does the use of derivatives attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?**

The Fund may use derivatives that are scored in Schroders' proprietary tool to meet the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted by the Fund, as such derivatives would contribute to the Fund's sustainability score (whether such individual investment has a positive or a negative score).



### **To what minimum extent are sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?**

There is no minimum extent to which the Fund's investments (including transitional and enabling activities) with an environmental objective are aligned with the Taxonomy. Taxonomy alignment of this Fund's investments has therefore not been calculated and has as a result been deemed to constitute 0% of the Fund's portfolio.

In future it is expected that the Fund will assess and report on the extent to which its underlying investments are in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the Taxonomy, along with information relating to the proportion of enabling and transitional activities. This Prospectus will be updated once it is possible in the Investment Manager's opinion to accurately disclose to what extent the Fund's investments are in Taxonomy-aligned environmentally sustainable activities, including the proportions of investments in enabling and transitional activities selected for the Fund.

### ● **Does the financial product invest in fossil gas and/or nuclear energy related activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy<sup>1</sup>?**

☐ Yes:

☐ In fossil gas ☐ In nuclear energy

☒ No

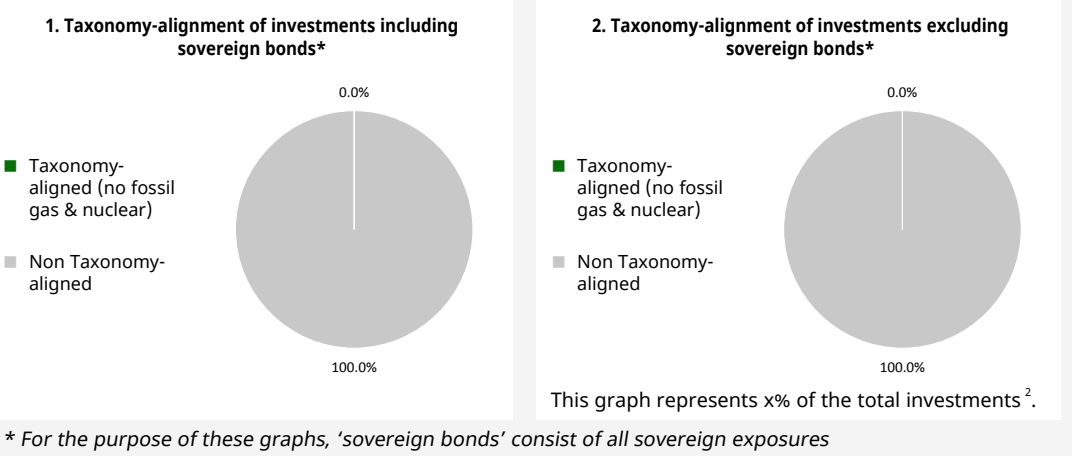
To comply with the EU Taxonomy, the criteria for **fossil gas** include limitations on emissions and switching to renewable power or low-carbon fuels by the end of 2035. For **nuclear energy**, the criteria include comprehensive safety and waste management rules.

<sup>1</sup> Fossil gas and/or nuclear related activities will only comply with the EU Taxonomy where they contribute to limiting climate change ("climate change mitigation") and do not significantly harm any EU Taxonomy objective – see explanatory note in the left-hand margin. The full criteria for fossil gas and nuclear energy economic activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy are laid down in Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1214.

Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

- **turnover** reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee companies
- **capital expenditure** (CapEx) showing the green investments made by investee companies, e.g. for a transition to a green economy.
- **operational expenditure** (OpEx) reflecting green operational activities of investee companies.

The two graphs below show in green the minimum percentage of investments that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the Taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy-alignment in relation to all the investments of the financial product including sovereign bonds, while the second graph shows the Taxonomy-alignment only in relation to the investments of the financial product other than sovereign bonds.



**Enabling activities** directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective.

**Transitional activities** are activities for which low-carbon alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.

- **What is the minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities?**  
As per the above, at the date of this Prospectus the share of investments by the Fund in transitional and enabling activities is currently deemed to constitute 0% of the Fund's portfolio.



**What is the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?**  
The Fund commits to invest at least 1% of its assets in sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

are sustainable investments with an environmental objective that **do not take into account the criteria** for environmentally sustainable economic activities under the EU Taxonomy.

<sup>2</sup> As there is no Taxonomy-alignment, there is no impact on the graph if sovereign bonds are excluded (i.e. the percentage of Taxonomy-aligned investments remains 0%) and the Management Company therefore believes that there is no need to mention this information.



## What is the minimum share of socially sustainable investments?

The Fund commits to invest at least 1% of its assets in sustainable investments with a social objective.



## What investments are included under “#2 Other”, what is their purpose and are there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

**#2 Other** includes cash which is treated as neutral for sustainability purposes. #2 also includes investments that are not scored by Schroders’ proprietary sustainability tools and so do not contribute towards the Fund’s sustainability score.

Minimum safeguards are applied where relevant to Money Market Investments and other investments by restricting (as appropriate) investments in counterparties where there are ownership links or exposure to higher risk countries (for the purpose of money laundering, terrorist financing, bribery, corruption, tax evasion and sanctions risks). A firm-wide risk assessment considers the risk rating of each jurisdiction; which includes reference to a number of public statements, indices and world governance indicators issued by the UN, the European Union, the UK Government, the Financial Action Task Force and several Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), such as Transparency International and the Basel Committee.

In addition, new counterparties are reviewed by Schroders’ credit risk team and approval of a new counterparty is based on a holistic review of the various sources of information available, including, but not limited to, quality of management, ownership structure, location, regulatory and social environment to which each counterparty is subject, and the degree of development of the local banking system and its regulatory framework. Ongoing monitoring is performed through a Schroders’ proprietary tool, which supports the analysis of a counterparty’s management of environmental, social and governance trends and challenges. Any significant deterioration in the profile of the counterparty in Schroders’ proprietary tool would lead to further analysis and potential exclusion by Schroders’ credit risk team.



## Is a specific index designated as a reference benchmark to determine whether this financial product is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes?

**Reference benchmarks** are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the environmental or social characteristics that they promote.

- ***How is the reference benchmark continuously aligned with each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- ***How is the alignment of the investment strategy with the methodology of the index ensured on a continuous basis?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- ***How does the designated index differ from a relevant broad market index?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- ***Where can the methodology used for the calculation of the designated index be found?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.



## Where can I find more product specific information online?

More product-specific information can be found on the webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

Pre-contractual disclosure for the financial products referred to in Article 8, paragraphs 1, 2 and 2a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 6, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852

**Product name:** **Schroder International Selection Fund Swiss Small & Mid Cap Equity**

**Legal entity identifier:** **VBUEW7DMTWG11EOSYCC70**

## Environmental and/or social characteristics

<p><b>Sustainable investment</b> means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good governance practices.</p>	<p><b>Does this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?</b></p> <p> <input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <b>Yes</b> <input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <b>No</b> </p>		
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## What environmental and/or social characteristics are promoted by this financial product?

The Fund maintains a positive absolute sustainability score, based on the Investment Manager's rating system. The sustainability score is measured by Schroders' proprietary tool that provides an estimate of the net "impact" that an issuer may create in terms of social and environmental "costs" or "benefits". It does this by using certain indicators with respect to that issuer, and quantifying them positively and negatively to produce an aggregate notional measure of the effect that the relevant underlying issuer may have on society and the environment. It does this using third party data as well as Schroders own estimates and assumptions and the outcome may differ from other sustainability tools and measures. Examples of such indicators are greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

The result is expressed as an aggregate score of the sustainability indicators for each issuer, specifically a notional percentage (positive or negative) of sales of the relevant underlying issuer. For example, a score of +2% would mean an issuer contributes \$2 of relative notional positive impact (i.e. benefits to society) per \$100 of sales. The sustainability score of the Fund is derived from the scores of all issuers in the Fund's portfolio measured by Schroders' proprietary tool.

The Fund invests at least 25% of its assets in sustainable investments, which are investments that the Investment Manager expects to contribute towards the advancement of one or more environmental and/or social objective (s).

No reference benchmark has been designated for the purpose of attaining the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the Fund.

### ● **What sustainability indicators are used to measure the attainment of each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?**

The Investment Manager monitors compliance with the characteristic to maintain a positive absolute sustainability score by reference to the weighted average sustainability score of the Fund in Schroders' proprietary tool over the previous ~~six months~~**six-month** period, based on month-end data. The overall sustainability score aggregates the effect of sustainability indicators including but not limited to greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

**Sustainability indicators** measure how the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product are attained.

The Investment Manager monitors compliance with the characteristic to invest at least 25% of its assets in sustainable investments by reference to the sustainability score of each asset in Schroders' proprietary tool. Compliance with this is monitored daily via our automated compliance controls. The Fund also applies certain exclusions, with which the Investment Manager monitors compliance on an ongoing basis via its portfolio compliance framework.

● ***What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?***

In respect of the proportion of the Fund's portfolio that is invested in sustainable investments, each sustainable investment demonstrates a net positive effect across a range of environmental or social objectives, as scored by Schroders' proprietary tool. The environmental or social objectives of the sustainable investments that the Fund partially intends to make may include, but are not limited to, increasing environmental and/or social benefits such as greater water access or fair pay and reducing environmental, and/or social costs such as carbon emissions or food waste. For example, greater water access as measured by Schroders' proprietary tool are the estimated societal benefits of the provision of clean drinking water to human health.

● ***How do the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make, not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?***

The Investment Manager's approach to investing in issuers that do not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective includes the following:

- Firm-wide investment exclusions apply to Schroders funds. These relate to international conventions on cluster munitions, anti-personnel mines, and chemical and biological weapons and a list of those companies that are excluded is available at <https://www.schroders.com/en/sustainability/active-ownership/group-exclusions/>. Firm-wide exclusions also apply to companies generating more than 20% of their revenue from thermal coal mining.
- The Fund excludes companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to tobacco and thermal coal.
- The Fund excludes companies that are assessed by Schroders to have breached one or more 'global norms' thereby causing significant environmental or social harm; these companies comprise Schroders' 'global norms' breach list. Schroders' determination of whether a company has been involved in such a breach considers relevant principles such as those contained in the UN Global Compact (UNGC) principles, the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights. The 'global norms' breach list may be informed by assessments performed by third party providers and by proprietary research, where relevant to a particular situation. In exceptional circumstances a derogation may be applied in order to allow the Fund to continue to hold a company on Schroders' 'global norms' breach list, for example where the stated investment strategy of the Fund may otherwise be compromised. Any such company cannot be categorised as a sustainable investment.
- The Fund may also apply certain other exclusions in addition to those summarised above.

Further information on all of the Fund's investment exclusions is to be found under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

● ***How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?***

When seeking to identify significant harm, Schroders' approach to taking into account the Principal Adverse Impacts (PAI) indicators involves a quantitative and a qualitative assessment. Where it is not considered appropriate or feasible to set quantitative thresholds, the Investment Manager engages, where relevant. Investee companies deemed not to satisfy the quantitative thresholds would generally be excluded, unless on a case-by-case basis the data is deemed not representative of a company's performance in the relevant area.

This framework is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability and quality of the data evolves.

Our approach includes:

1. **Quantitative:** this includes indicators where specific thresholds have been established:

- Via the application of exclusions. This approach is relevant to **PAI 4** (Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector), **PAI 5** (Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production) and **PAI 14** (Exposure to controversial weapons). Further, the following PAIs are assessed as part of Schroders 'global norms' breach list exclusion (which seeks to exclude companies where significant harm is occurring):

**Principal adverse impacts** are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anticorruption and antibribery matters.



- **PAI 7** (Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas)
- **PAI 8** (Emissions to water)
- **PAI 9** (Hazardous waste and radioactive waste ratio)
- **PAI 10** (Violations of UN Global Compact principles and Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises)
- **PAI 11** (Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and Voluntary)
- **PAI 14** in Table 3 (Number of identified cases of severe human rights issues and incidents)
- Via the application of an alert system flag if the relevant indicator(s) exceeds a threshold. These quantitative thresholds to assess significant harm are established centrally by our Sustainable Investment team and monitored systematically. This approach applies to indicators where we have segmented the population into harm groups to establish a threshold, such as carbon related PAI metrics, **PAI 1** (GHG emissions), **PAI 2** (Carbon footprint) and **Voluntary PAI 4 in Table 2** (Investing in companies without carbon emission reduction initiatives). **PAI 3** (GHG intensity of investee companies) operates in a similar way but the threshold is based on a revenue metric. A threshold for **PAI 6** (Energy consumption intensity per high impact climate sector) is established based on the ~~above mentioned~~ carbon measures. A similar approach has been taken for **PAI 15** (GHG intensity). **PAI 16** (Investee countries subject to social violations) also operates in the same way but based on data availability regarding social violations. Through this process the relevant issuer(s) that is/are deemed not to satisfy the quantitative thresholds is/are flagged to the Investment Manager for consideration, whose response may involve selling the holdings(s) or maintaining the position if on a case-by-case basis the data is deemed not representative of a company's performance in the relevant area. Investee companies deemed to cause significant harm are excluded from the Fund.
- 2. **Qualitative:** This includes PAI indicators where Schroders' believes that the data available does not enable us to make a quantitative determination regarding whether significant harm is done so as to warrant excluding an investment. In such cases, the Investment Manager engages wherever possible with the company or companies held, in accordance with the priorities documented in Schroders' Engagement Blueprint and/or voting policy. This approach applies to indicators such as **PAI 12** (Unadjusted gender pay gap) and **PAI 13** (Board gender diversity), where we engage and may use our voting rights where we consider appropriate. Both board gender diversity and disclosure of gender pay gap information are captured in our Engagement Blueprint.

● ***How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:***

Companies on Schroders' 'global norms' breach list cannot be categorised as sustainable investments. Schroders' determination of whether a company should be included on such list considers the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, among other relevant principles. The 'global norms' breach list is informed by third party providers and proprietary research, where relevant.

*The EU Taxonomy sets out a "do not significant harm" principle by which Taxonomy-aligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives and is accompanied by specific EU criteria.*

*The "do not significant harm" principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.*

*Any other sustainable investments must also not significantly harm any environmental or social objectives.*



## Does this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

☒ Yes, ~~the Investment Manager's approach to considering principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors involves classifying the indicators into three categories:~~

~~The Investment Manager's approach to considering principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors differs depending on the relevant indicator. Some indicators are considered via the application of exclusions, some are considered via the investment process (where data is available via Schroders PAI dashboard and via other external data sources) and some via engagement. Further details are provided below.~~

~~PAIs are considered as part of pre-investment through the application of exclusions. These included:~~

- Controversial weapons: PAI 14 (Exposure to controversial weapons (anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, chemical weapons and biological weapons)).

- UNGC violators: PAI 10 (Violations of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises) and from July 2023 Schrodgers' 'global norms' breach list which covers: PAI 7 (Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas), PAI 8 (Emissions to water), PAI 9 (Hazardous waste ratio), PAI 10 (Violations of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises), PAI 11 (Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises) and PAI 16 (Investee countries subject to social violations).

- Companies that derived revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to thermal coal: - PAI 4 (Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector) and PAI 5 (Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production) that are deemed by the investment manager to contribute significantly to climate change are excluded from the investible universe: PAIs 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 (Greenhouse gas emissions).

Compliance with these thresholds is monitored via the Investment Manager's portfolio compliance framework. PAIs are also considered through integration in the investment process. As part of the issuer level due diligence process, via company analysis from meetings with management teams and on desk analysis of annual reports and statements, several PAIs are considered. These are considered alongside PAIs from Schrodgers' proprietary tool which incorporates several PAIs as a component of its scoring methodology.

PAIs are also considered post-investment through engagement where the Investment Manager engages in line with the approach and expectations set out in Schrodgers Engagement Blueprint, which outlines our approach to active ownership. Over the period our engagements may cover a range of topics, including Diversity and Inclusion in the Technology sector; and climate & Net Zero commitments for held companies within the Consumer Staples sector. These engagements related to PAIs 13 (Gender Diversity) and 1, 2, 3 and 5 (GHG emissions, Carbon Footprint, GHG intensity of investee company and Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production).

Our approach is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability, and quality, of PAI data evolves. The Management Company's statement on principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors is available at <https://api.schrodgers.com/document-store/id/ffcb39bb-96cb-4e56-9461-deba9a493e85>. The Fund level information is disclosed or will be disclosed (as applicable) in the Fund's annual report.

The Investment Manager's approach to considering principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors differs depending on the relevant indicator. Some indicators were considered via the application of exclusions; some were considered via the investment process and some via engagement. Further details on how these have been considered during the reference period are detailed below.

PAIs were considered as part of pre-investment through the application of exclusions. These included:

- Controversial weapons: PAI 14 (Exposure to controversial weapons (anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, chemical weapons and biological weapons)).

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- Companies that derived revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to thermal coal, that were deemed by the investment manager to contribute significantly to climate change were excluded from the investible universe: PAIs 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 (Greenhouse gas emissions).

During the reference period, PAIs were also considered through integration in the investment process. As part of the issuer level due diligence process, via company analysis from meetings with management teams and on desk analysis of annual reports and statements, several PAIs were considered. These were considered alongside PAIs from Schrodgers' proprietary tool which incorporated several as a component of its scoring methodology.

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1. Set thresholds: these involve very explicit thresholds for considering an investment to be a "sustainable investment". For example, PAI 10 on violations of UNGC principles.

2. Active ownership: these involve indicators on which we have a plan to engage with the underlying holding as set out in the Schrodgers Group document - <https://mybrand.schrodgers.com/m/3222ea4ed44a1f2c/original/schrodgers-engagement-blueprint.pdf>, outlining our approach to active ownership. For example, PAI 1, 2 and 3 covering GHG emissions and PAI 13 on board gender diversity.

3. Improve coverage: these involve indicators where we consider data coverage to be too sparse to properly consider them and our focus is primarily on engaging with the underlying holdings to increase reporting. For example, PAI 7 on biodiversity, PAI 9 on hazardous waste ratio and PAI 12 on the gender pay gap:

Our approach is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability, and quality, of PAI data evolves.

The Management Company's statement on principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors is available at <https://mybrand.schroders.com/m/467910ac8e6da45c/original/Statement-on-principal-adverse-impacts-of-investment-decisions-on-sustainability-factors.pdf>. The Fund level information is disclosed or will be (as applicable) in the Fund's annual report.

☐ No



**The investment strategy** guides investment decisions based on factors such as investment objectives and risk tolerance.

## What investment strategy does this financial product follow?

The sustainable investment strategy used by the Investment Manager is as follows:

The Fund is actively managed and invests at least two-thirds of its assets in equity and equity related securities of small and mid-sized Swiss companies. These are companies which, at the time of purchase, are considered to be in the bottom 30% by market capitalisation of the Swiss equities market.

The Fund may also invest up to one-third of its assets directly or indirectly in other securities (including other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies, Investment Funds, warrants and Money Market Investments, and hold cash.

The Fund may use derivatives with the aim of achieving investment gains, reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently.

The Fund maintains a positive absolute sustainability score, based on the Investment Manager's rating system.

The Fund does not directly invest in certain activities, industries or groups of issuers above the limits listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

The Investment Manager applies governance and sustainability criteria when selecting investments for the Fund.

Companies in the investment universe are assessed on their governance, environmental and social profile. The Investment Manager performs due diligence on potential holdings and this can include meetings with company management. The Investment Manager aims to identify the impact a business has on society whilst assessing relationships with key stakeholders such as employees, suppliers and regulators. This research is supported by quantitative analysis gained from Schroders' proprietary sustainability tools which are key inputs to assessing how existing and potential investments are meeting the Fund's sustainability criteria.

The sources of information used to perform the analysis include information provided by the companies, such as company sustainability reports and other relevant company material, as well as Schroders' proprietary sustainability tools and third-party data.

More details on the Investment Manager's approach to sustainability and its engagement with companies are available on the webpage

<https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/>

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than its investment universe, based on the Investment Manager's rating system.

The Investment Manager ensures that at least:

- 90% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in developed countries; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with an investment grade credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by developed countries; and

- 75% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in emerging countries; equities issued by small and medium companies; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with a high yield credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by emerging countries, is rated against the sustainability criteria.

For the purposes of this test, small companies are those with market capitalisation below €5 billion, medium companies are those between €5 billion and €10 billion and large companies are those above €10 billion.

### ● **What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?**

The following binding elements are applied throughout the investment process:

- The Fund maintains a positive absolute sustainability score based on the Investment Manager's rating criteria.
- The Fund invests at least 25% of its assets in sustainable investments and such investments do not cause significant environmental or social harm.

- Exclusions are applied to direct investments in companies. The Fund applies certain exclusions relating to international conventions on cluster munitions, antipersonnel mines, and chemical and biological weapons. The Fund also excludes companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to tobacco and thermal coal, especially companies that generate at least 10% of their revenues from tobacco production, companies that generate at least 25% of their revenues from the tobacco value chain (such as suppliers, distributors, retailers and licensors), companies that generate at least 10% of their revenues from thermal coal mining and companies that generate at least 30% of their revenues from coal fired power generation. The Fund excludes companies that are assessed by Schroders to have breached one or more 'global norms' thereby causing significant environmental or social harm; these companies comprise Schroders' 'global norms' breach list. In exceptional circumstances a derogation may be applied in order to allow the Fund to continue to hold a company on Schroders' 'global norms' breach list, for example where the stated investment strategy of the Fund may otherwise be compromised. Any such company cannot be categorised as a sustainable investment. Further, the Fund may apply other exclusions as listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>
- The Fund invests in companies that have good governance practices, as determined by the Investment Manager's rating criteria.

The Investment Manager ensures that at least:

- 90% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in developed countries; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with an investment grade credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by developed countries; and
- 75% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in emerging countries; equities issued by small and medium companies; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with a high yield credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by emerging countries,

is rated against the sustainability criteria.

● ***What is the committed minimum rate to reduce the scope of the investments considered prior to the application of that investment strategy?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

● ***What is the policy to assess good governance practices of the investee companies?***

In order to assess good governance practices, a central Good Governance Test is applied. This test is based on a data-driven quantitative framework, which uses a scorecard to assess companies across the categories of sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff, and tax compliance. Schroders has defined a number of criteria across these pillars.

Compliance with the test is monitored centrally and companies which do not pass this test cannot be held by the Fund, unless the Investment Manager has agreed that the issuer demonstrates good governance based on additional insights beyond that quantitative analysis.

**Good governance** practices include sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff and tax compliance.



**Asset allocation** describes the share of investments in specific assets.

## **What is the asset allocation planned for this financial product?**

The planned composition of the Fund's investments that are used to meet its environmental or social characteristics are summarised below.

**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the minimum proportion of the Fund's assets used to attain the environmental or social characteristics, which is equal to 70%. The Fund commits to maintain a positive absolute sustainability score, and so the Fund's investments that are scored by Schroders' proprietary sustainability tool are included within the minimum proportion stated in #1 on the basis that they will contribute to the Fund's sustainability score (whether such individual investment has a positive or a negative score). Also included within #1 is the minimum proportion of assets that are invested in sustainable investments, as indicated in #1A. The minimum proportions stated apply in normal market conditions. The actual proportion stated in #1 is expected to be higher.

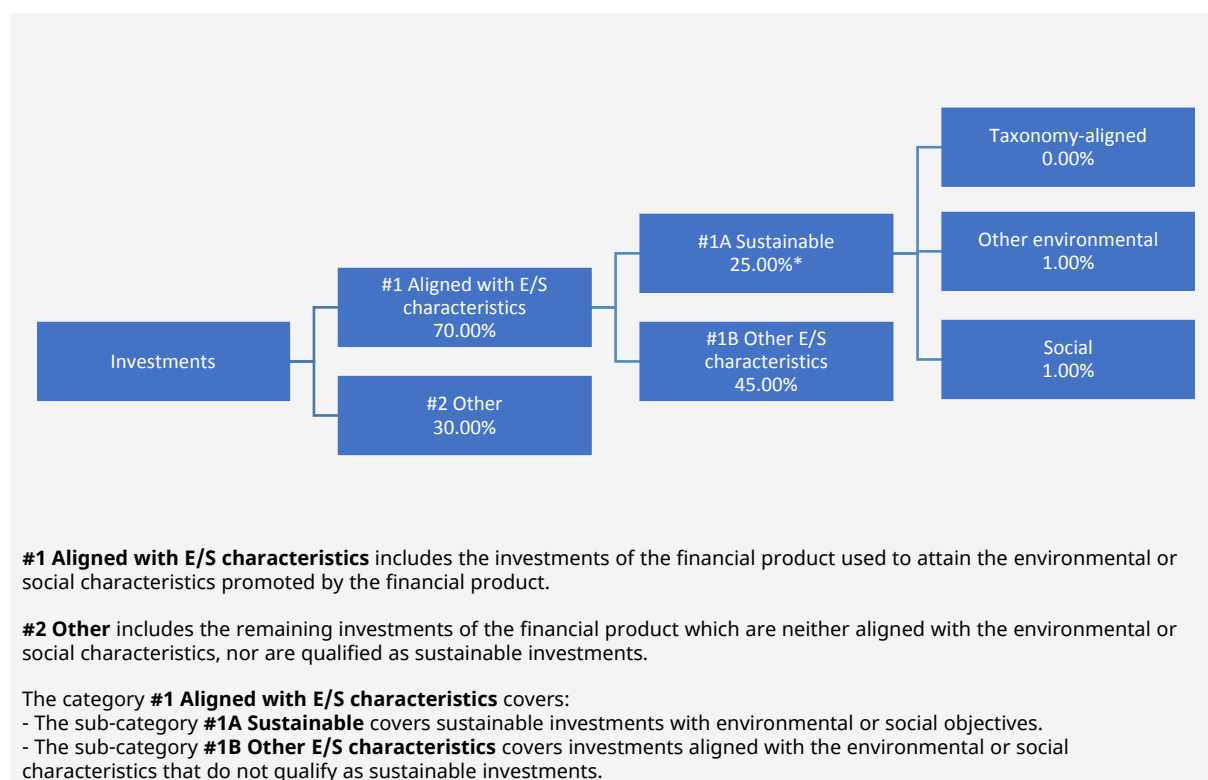
The sustainability score is measured by Schroders' proprietary tool that provides an estimate of the net "impact" that an issuer may create in terms of social and environmental "costs" or "benefits". It does this by using certain indicators with respect to that issuer, and quantifying them positively and negatively to produce an aggregate notional measure of the effect that the relevant underlying issuer may have on society and the environment. Examples of such indicators are greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

The Fund will invest at least 25% of its assets in sustainable investments. A sustainable investment is classified as having an environmental or social objective depending on whether the relevant issuer has a higher score in Schroders' proprietary tool relative to its applicable peer group for its environmental indicators or its social indicators. In each case, indicators are comprised of both "costs" and "benefits".

**#2 Other** includes cash which is treated as neutral for sustainability purposes. #2 also includes investments that are not scored by Schroders' proprietary sustainability tool and so do not contribute towards the Fund's sustainability score. As #1 states a minimum proportion that is in practice expected to be higher, the proportion stated in #2 is expected to be lower.

Minimum safeguards are applied where relevant to Money Market Investments and other investments by restricting (as appropriate) investments in counterparties where there are ownership links or exposure to higher risk countries (for the purpose of money laundering, terrorist financing, bribery, corruption, tax evasion and sanctions risks). A firm-wide risk assessment considers the risk rating of each jurisdiction; which includes reference to a number of public statements, indices and world governance indicators issued by the UN, the European Union, the UK Government, the Financial Action Task Force and several Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), such as Transparency International and the Basel Committee.

In addition, new counterparties are reviewed by Schroders' credit risk team and approval of a new counterparty is based on a holistic review of the various sources of information available, including, but not limited to, quality of management, ownership structure, location, regulatory and social environment to which each counterparty is subject, and the degree of development of the local banking system and its regulatory framework. Ongoing monitoring is performed through a Schroders' proprietary tool, which supports the analysis of a counterparty's management of environmental, social and governance trends and challenges. Any significant deterioration in the profile of the counterparty in Schroders' proprietary tool would lead to further analysis and potential exclusion by Schroders' credit risk team.



#1 The minimum proportion stated applies in normal market conditions.

### ● **How does the use of derivatives attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?**

The Fund may use derivatives that are scored in Schroders' proprietary tool to meet the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted by the Fund, as such derivatives would contribute to the Fund's sustainability score (whether such individual investment has a positive or a negative score).



### **To what minimum extent are sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?**

There is no minimum extent to which the Fund's investments (including transitional and enabling activities) with an environmental objective are aligned with the Taxonomy. Taxonomy alignment of this Fund's investments has therefore not been calculated and has as a result been deemed to constitute 0% of the Fund's portfolio.

In future it is expected that the Fund will assess and report on the extent to which its underlying investments are in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the Taxonomy, along with information relating to the proportion of enabling and transitional activities. This Prospectus will be updated once it is possible in the Investment Manager's opinion to accurately

disclose to what extent the Fund's investments are in Taxonomy-aligned environmentally sustainable activities, including the proportions of investments in enabling and transitional activities selected for the Fund.

To comply with the EU Taxonomy, the criteria for **fossil gas** include limitations on emissions and switching to renewable power or low-carbon fuels by the end of 2035. For **nuclear energy**, the criteria include comprehensive safety and waste management rules.

Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

- **turnover** reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee companies
- **capital expenditure** (CapEx) showing the green investments made by investee companies, e.g. for a transition to a green economy.
- **operational expenditure** (OpEx) reflecting green operational activities of investee companies.

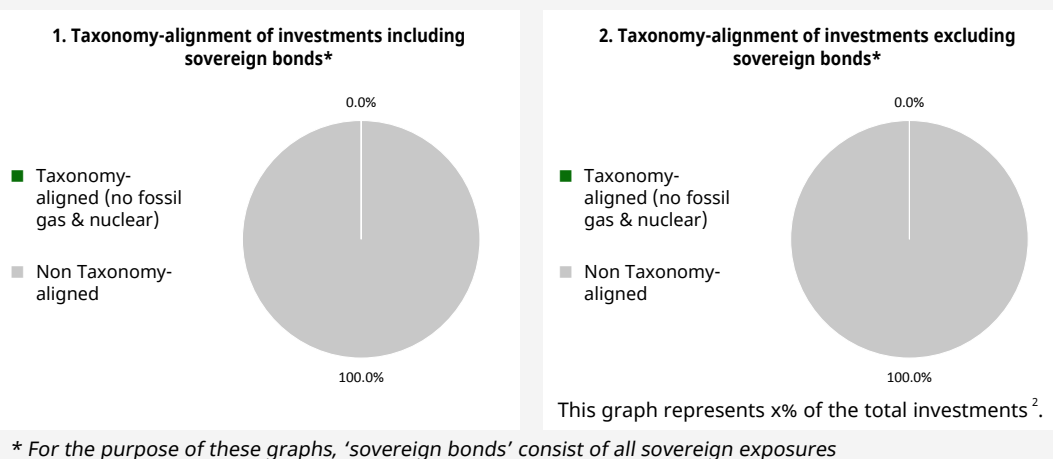
**Enabling activities** directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective.

**Transitional activities** are activities for which low-carbon alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.

● **Does the financial product invest in fossil gas and/or nuclear energy related activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy<sup>1</sup>?**

- ☐ Yes:
- ☐ In fossil gas ☐ In nuclear energy
- ☒ No

The two graphs below show in green the minimum percentage of investments that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the Taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy-alignment in relation to all the investments of the financial product including sovereign bonds, while the second graph shows the Taxonomy-alignment only in relation to the investments of the financial product other than sovereign bonds.



● **What is the minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities?**

As per the above, at the date of this Prospectus the share of investments by the Fund in transitional and enabling activities is currently deemed to constitute 0% of the Fund's portfolio.

<sup>1</sup> Fossil gas and/or nuclear related activities will only comply with the EU Taxonomy where they contribute to limiting climate change ("climate change mitigation") and do not significantly harm any EU Taxonomy objective – see explanatory note in the left-hand margin. The full criteria for fossil gas and nuclear energy economic activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy are laid down in Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1214.

<sup>2</sup> As there is no Taxonomy-alignment, there is no impact on the graph if sovereign bonds are excluded (i.e. the percentage of Taxonomy-aligned investments remains 0%) and the Management Company therefore believes that there is no need to mention this information.





## What is the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

The Fund commits to invest at least 1% of its assets in sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy.



are sustainable investments with an environmental objective that **do not take into account the criteria** for environmentally sustainable economic activities under the EU Taxonomy.



## What is the minimum share of socially sustainable investments?

The Fund commits to invest at least 1% of its assets in sustainable investments with a social objective.



## What investments are included under “#2 Other”, what is their purpose and are there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

**#2 Other** includes cash which is treated as neutral for sustainability purposes. #2 also includes investments that are not scored by Schroders' proprietary sustainability tools and so do not contribute towards the Fund's sustainability score.

Minimum safeguards are applied where relevant to Money Market Investments and other investments by restricting (as appropriate) investments in counterparties where there are ownership links or exposure to higher risk countries (for the purpose of money laundering, terrorist financing, bribery, corruption, tax evasion and sanctions risks). A firm-wide risk assessment considers the risk rating of each jurisdiction; which includes reference to a number of public statements, indices and world governance indicators issued by the UN, the European Union, the UK Government, the Financial Action Task Force and several Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), such as Transparency International and the Basel Committee.

In addition, new counterparties are reviewed by Schroders' credit risk team and approval of a new counterparty is based on a holistic review of the various sources of information available, including, but not limited to, quality of management, ownership structure, location, regulatory and social environment to which each counterparty is subject, and the degree of development of the local banking system and its regulatory framework. Ongoing monitoring is performed through a Schroders' proprietary tool, which supports the analysis of a counterparty's management of environmental, social and governance trends and challenges. Any significant deterioration in the profile of the counterparty in Schroders' proprietary tool would lead to further analysis and potential exclusion by Schroders' credit risk team.



## Is a specific index designated as a reference benchmark to determine whether this financial product is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes?

**Reference benchmarks** are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the environmental or social characteristics that they promote.

- **How is the reference benchmark continuously aligned with each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?**

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- **How is the alignment of the investment strategy with the methodology of the index ensured on a continuous basis?**

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- ***How does the designated index differ from a relevant broad market index?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- ***Where can the methodology used for the calculation of the designated index be found?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.



## **Where can I find more product specific information online?**

More product-specific information can be found on the webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

Pre-contractual disclosure for the financial products referred to in Article 8, paragraphs 1, 2 and 2a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 6, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852

**Product name:** **Schroder International Selection Fund UK Equity**

**Legal entity identifier:** **O3Z02YF8JZJN90D5MT95**

## Environmental and/or social characteristics

<p><b>Sustainable investment</b> means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good governance practices.</p>	<p><b>Does this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?</b></p>	
<p>The <b>EU Taxonomy</b> is a classification system laid down in Regulation (EU) 2020/852, establishing a list of <b>environmentally sustainable economic activities</b>. That Regulation does not lay down a list of socially sustainable economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.</p>	<p><input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Yes</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with an environmental objective: ___%</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with a social objective ___%</b></p>	<p><input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>No</b></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> It <b>promotes Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics</b> and while it does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will have a minimum proportion of <b>25.00%</b> of sustainable investments</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> with a social objective</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> It promotes E/S characteristics, but <b>will not make any sustainable investments</b></p>



## What environmental and/or social characteristics are promoted by this financial product?

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the FTSE All Share Total Return index, based on the Investment Manager's rating system. This benchmark (which is a broad market index) does not take into account the environmental and social characteristics promoted by the Fund.

The sustainability score is measured by Schroders' proprietary tool that provides an estimate of the net "impact" that an issuer may create in terms of social and environmental "costs" or "benefits". It does this by using certain indicators with respect to that issuer, and quantifying them positively and negatively to produce an aggregate notional measure of the effect that the relevant underlying issuer may have on society and the environment. It does this using third party data as well as Schroders own estimates and assumptions and the outcome may differ from other sustainability tools and measures. Examples of such indicators are greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

The result is expressed as an aggregate score of the sustainability indicators for each issuer, specifically a notional percentage (positive or negative) of sales of the relevant underlying issuer. For example, a score of +2% would mean an issuer contributes \$2 of relative notional positive impact (i.e. benefits to society) per \$100 of sales. The sustainability score of the Fund is derived from the scores of all issuers in the Fund's portfolio measured by Schroders' proprietary tool.

The Fund invests at least 25% of its assets in sustainable investments, which are investments that the Investment Manager expects to contribute towards the advancement of one or more environmental and/or social objective (s).

### ● **What sustainability indicators are used to measure the attainment of each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?**

The Investment Manager monitors compliance with the characteristic to maintain a higher overall sustainability score than the FTSE All Share Total Return index by reference to the weighted average sustainability score of the Fund in Schroders' proprietary tool compared against the weighted average sustainability score of the FTSE All Share Total Return index in Schroders' proprietary tool over the previous ~~six months~~**six-month** period, based on month-end data. The overall sustainability score aggregates the effect of sustainability indicators including but not limited to greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

**Sustainability indicators** measure how the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product are attained.

The Investment Manager monitors compliance with the characteristic to invest at least 25% of its assets in sustainable investments by reference to the sustainability score of each asset in Schroders' proprietary tool. Compliance with this is monitored daily via our automated compliance controls. The Fund also applies certain exclusions, with which the Investment Manager monitors compliance on an ongoing basis via its portfolio compliance framework.

● ***What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?***

In respect of the proportion of the Fund's portfolio that is invested in sustainable investments, each sustainable investment demonstrates a net positive effect across a range of environmental or social objectives, as scored by Schroders' proprietary tool. The environmental or social objectives of the sustainable investments that the Fund partially intends to make may include, but are not limited to, increasing environmental and/or social benefits such as greater water access or fair pay and reducing environmental, and/or social costs such as carbon emissions or food waste. For example, greater water access as measured by Schroders' proprietary tool are the estimated societal benefits of the provision of clean drinking water to human health.

● ***How do the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make, not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?***

The Investment Manager's approach to investing in issuers that do not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective includes the following:

- Firm-wide investment exclusions apply to Schroders funds. These relate to international conventions on cluster munitions, anti-personnel mines, and chemical and biological weapons and a list of those companies that are excluded is available at <https://www.schroders.com/en/sustainability/active-ownership/group-exclusions/>. Firm-wide exclusions also apply to companies generating more than 20% of their revenue from thermal coal mining.
- The Fund excludes companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to tobacco and thermal coal.
- The Fund excludes companies that are assessed by Schroders to have breached one or more 'global norms' thereby causing significant environmental or social harm; these companies comprise Schroders' 'global norms' breach list. Schroders' determination of whether a company has been involved in such a breach considers relevant principles such as those contained in the UN Global Compact (UNGC) principles, the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights. The 'global norms' breach list may be informed by assessments performed by third party providers and by proprietary research, where relevant to a particular situation. In exceptional circumstances a derogation may be applied in order to allow the Fund to continue to hold a company on Schroders' 'global norms' breach list, for example where the stated investment strategy of the Fund may otherwise be compromised. Any such company cannot be categorised as a sustainable investment.
- The Fund may also apply certain other exclusions in addition to those summarised above.

Further information on all of the Fund's investment exclusions is to be found under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

● ***How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?***

When seeking to identify significant harm, Schroders' approach to taking into account the Principal Adverse Impacts (PAI) indicators involves a quantitative and a qualitative assessment. Where it is not considered appropriate or feasible to set quantitative thresholds, the Investment Manager engages, where relevant. Investee companies deemed not to satisfy the quantitative thresholds would generally be excluded, unless on a case-by-case basis the data is deemed not representative of a company's performance in the relevant area.

This framework is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability and quality of the data evolves.

Our approach includes:

1. **Quantitative:** this includes indicators where specific thresholds have been established:

- Via the application of exclusions. This approach is relevant to **PAI 4** (Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector), **PAI 5** (Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production) and **PAI 14** (Exposure to controversial weapons). Further, the following PAIs are assessed as part of Schroders 'global norms' breach list exclusion (which seeks to exclude companies where significant harm is occurring):

**Principal adverse impacts** are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anticorruption and antibribery matters.

- **PAI 7** (Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas)
- **PAI 8** (Emissions to water)
- **PAI 9** (Hazardous waste and radioactive waste ratio)
- **PAI 10** (Violations of UN Global Compact principles and Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises)
- **PAI 11** (Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and Voluntary)
- **PAI 14** in Table 3 (Number of identified cases of severe human rights issues and incidents)
- Via the application of an alert system flag if the relevant indicator(s) exceeds a threshold. These quantitative thresholds to assess significant harm are established centrally by our Sustainable Investment team and monitored systematically. This approach applies to indicators where we have segmented the population into harm groups to establish a threshold, such as carbon related PAI metrics, **PAI 1** (GHG emissions), **PAI 2** (Carbon footprint) and **Voluntary PAI 4 in Table 2** (Investing in companies without carbon emission reduction initiatives). **PAI 3** (GHG intensity of investee companies) operates in a similar way but the threshold is based on a revenue metric. A threshold for **PAI 6** (Energy consumption intensity per high impact climate sector) is established based on the ~~above mentioned~~ carbon measures. A similar approach has been taken for **PAI 15** (GHG intensity). **PAI 16** (Investee countries subject to social violations) also operates in the same way but based on data availability regarding social violations. Through this process the relevant issuer(s) that is/are deemed not to satisfy the quantitative thresholds is/are flagged to the Investment Manager for consideration, whose response may involve selling the holdings(s) or maintaining the position if on a case-by-case basis the data is deemed not representative of a company's performance in the relevant area. Investee companies deemed to cause significant harm are excluded from the Fund.
- 2. **Qualitative:** This includes PAI indicators where Schroders' believes that the data available does not enable us to make a quantitative determination regarding whether significant harm is done so as to warrant excluding an investment. In such cases, the Investment Manager engages wherever possible with the company or companies held, in accordance with the priorities documented in Schroders' Engagement Blueprint and/or voting policy. This approach applies to indicators such as **PAI 12** (Unadjusted gender pay gap) and **PAI 13** (Board gender diversity), where we engage and may use our voting rights where we consider appropriate. Both board gender diversity and disclosure of gender pay gap information are captured in our Engagement Blueprint.

● ***How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:***

Companies on Schroders' 'global norms' breach list cannot be categorised as sustainable investments. Schroders' determination of whether a company should be included on such list considers the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, among other relevant principles. The 'global norms' breach list is informed by third party providers and proprietary research, where relevant.

*The EU Taxonomy sets out a "do not significant harm" principle by which Taxonomy-aligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives and is accompanied by specific EU criteria.*

The "do not significant harm" principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.

*Any other sustainable investments must also not significantly harm any environmental or social objectives.*



## Does this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

☒ Yes, ~~the Investment Manager's approach to considering principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors involves classifying the indicators into three categories:~~

~~The Investment Manager's approach to considering principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors differs depending on the relevant indicator. Some indicators are considered via the application of exclusions, some are considered via the investment process (where data is available via Schroders PAI dashboard and via other external data sources) and some via engagement. Further details are provided below.~~

~~PAIs are considered as part of pre-investment through the application of exclusions. These included:~~

- Controversial weapons: PAI 14 (Exposure to controversial weapons (anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, chemical weapons and biological weapons)).

- UNGC violators: PAI 10 (Violations of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises) and from July 2023 Schroders' 'global norms' breach list which covers: PAI 7 (Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas), PAI 8 (Emissions to water), PAI 9 (Hazardous waste ratio), PAI 10 (Violations of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises), PAI 11 (Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises) and PAI 16 (Investee countries subject to social violations).

- Companies that derived revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to thermal coal; PAI 4 (Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector) and PAI 5 (Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production) that are deemed by the investment manager to contribute significantly to climate change are excluded from the investible universe: PAIs 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 (Greenhouse gas emissions).

Compliance with these thresholds is monitored via the Investment Manager's portfolio compliance framework. PAIs are also considered through integration in the investment process. As part of the issuer level due diligence process, via company analysis from meetings with management teams and on desk analysis of annual reports and statements, several PAIs are considered. These are considered alongside PAIs from Schroders' proprietary tool which incorporates several PAIs as a component of its scoring methodology.

PAIs are also considered post-investment through engagement where the Investment Manager engages in line with the approach and expectations set out in Schroders Engagement Blueprint, which outlines our approach to active ownership. Over the period, our engagements may cover a range of topics, including supply chains with companies in the retail sector; and climate and Net Zero with the construction and property sectors. These engagements related to PAIs 4 (Lack of a supplier code of conduct), and 1, 2, 3 and 5 (GHG emissions, Carbon Footprint, GHG intensity of investee company and Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production).

Our approach is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability, and quality, of PAI data evolves. The Management Company's statement on principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors is available at <https://api.schroders.com/document-store/id/ffcb39bb-96cb-4e56-9461-deba9a493e85>. The Fund level information is disclosed or will be disclosed (as applicable) in the Fund's annual report.

1. Set thresholds: these involve very explicit thresholds for considering an investment to be a "sustainable investment". For example, PAI 10 on violations of UNGC principles.
2. Active ownership: these involve indicators on which we have a plan to engage with the underlying holding as set out in the Schroders Group document <https://mybrand.schroders.com/m/3222ea4ed44a1f2c/original/schroders-engagement-blueprint.pdf>, outlining our approach to active ownership. For example, PAI 1, 2 and 3 covering GHG emissions and PAI 13 on board gender diversity.
3. Improve coverage: these involve indicators where we consider data coverage to be too sparse to properly consider them and our focus is primarily on engaging with the underlying holdings to increase reporting. For example, PAI 7 on biodiversity, PAI 9 on hazardous waste ratio and PAI 12 on the gender pay gap.

Our approach is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability, and quality, of PAI data evolves.

The Management Company's statement on principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors is available at <https://mybrand.schroders.com/m/467910ac8e6da45c/original/Statement-on-principal-adverse-impacts-of-investment-decisions-on-sustainability-factors.pdf>. The Fund level information is disclosed or will be (as applicable) in the Fund's annual report.

☐ No



## What investment strategy does this financial product follow?

**The investment strategy** guides investment decisions based on factors such as investment objectives and risk tolerance.

The sustainable investment strategy used by the Investment Manager is as follows:

The Fund is actively managed and invests at least two-thirds of its assets in equity and equity related securities of UK companies.

The Fund may also invest up to one-third of its assets directly or indirectly in other securities (including other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies, Investment Funds, warrants and Money Market Investments, and hold cash.

The Fund may use derivatives with the aim of achieving investment gains, reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently.

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the FTSE All Share Total Return index, based on the Investment Manager's rating criteria.

The Fund does not directly invest in certain activities, industries or groups of issuers above the limits listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

The Investment Manager applies governance and sustainability criteria when selecting investments for the Fund.



Companies in the investment universe are assessed on their governance, environmental and social profile. The Investment Manager performs due diligence on potential holdings and this can include meetings with company management. The Investment Manager aims to identify the impact a business has on society whilst assessing relationships with key stakeholders such as employees, suppliers and regulators. This research is supported by quantitative analysis gained from Schroders' proprietary sustainability tools which are key inputs to assessing how existing and potential investments are meeting the Fund's sustainability criteria.

The sources of information used to perform the analysis include information provided by the companies, such as company sustainability reports and other relevant company material, as well as Schroders' proprietary sustainability tools and third-party data.

More details on the Investment Manager's approach to sustainability and its engagement with companies are available on the webpage

<https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/>

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than its investment universe, based on the Investment Manager's rating system.

The Investment Manager ensures that at least:

- 90% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in developed countries; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with an investment grade credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by developed countries; and
- 75% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in emerging countries; equities issued by small and medium companies; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with a high yield credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by emerging countries, is rated against the sustainability criteria.

For the purposes of this test, small companies are those with market capitalisation below €5 billion, medium companies are those between €5 billion and €10 billion and large companies are those above €10 billion.

### ● ***What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?***

The following binding elements are applied throughout the investment process:

- The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the FTSE All Share Total Return index based on the Investment Manager's rating criteria.
- The Fund invests at least 25% of its assets in sustainable investments and such investments do not cause significant environmental or social harm.
- Exclusions are applied to direct investments in companies. The Fund applies certain exclusions relating to international conventions on cluster munitions, antipersonnel mines, and chemical and biological weapons. The Fund also excludes companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to tobacco and thermal coal, especially companies that generate at least 10% of their revenues from tobacco production, companies that generate at least 25% of their revenues from the tobacco value chain (such as suppliers, distributors, retailers and licensors), companies that generate at least 10% of their revenues from thermal coal mining and companies that generate at least 30% of their revenues from coal fired power generation. The Fund excludes companies that are assessed by Schroders to have breached one or more 'global norms' thereby causing significant environmental or social harm; these companies comprise Schroders' 'global norms' breach list. In exceptional circumstances a derogation may be applied in order to allow the Fund to continue to hold a company on Schroders' 'global norms' breach list, for example where the stated investment strategy of the Fund may otherwise be compromised. Any such company cannot be categorised as a sustainable investment. Further, the Fund may apply other exclusions as listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage [https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre\\_](https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre_). The Fund invests in companies that have good governance practices, as determined by the Investment Manager's rating criteria.

The Investment Manager ensures that at least:

- 90% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in developed countries; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with an investment grade credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by developed countries; and
- 75% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in emerging countries; equities issued by small and medium companies; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with a high yield credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by emerging countries,

is rated against the sustainability criteria.

### ● ***What is the committed minimum rate to reduce the scope of the investments considered prior to the application of that investment strategy?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

**Good governance** practices include sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff and tax compliance.

● **What is the policy to assess good governance practices of the investee companies?**

In order to assess good governance practices, a central Good Governance Test is applied. This test is based on a data-driven quantitative framework, which uses a scorecard to assess companies across the categories of sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff, and tax compliance. Schroders has defined a number of criteria across these pillars.

Compliance with the test is monitored centrally and companies which do not pass this test cannot be held by the Fund, unless the Investment Manager has agreed that the issuer demonstrates good governance based on additional insights beyond that quantitative analysis.



**Asset allocation** describes the share of investments in specific assets.

**What is the asset allocation planned for this financial product?**

The planned composition of the Fund's investments that are used to meet its environmental or social characteristics are summarised below.

**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the minimum proportion of the Fund's assets used to attain the environmental or social characteristics, which is equal to 70%. The Fund commits to maintain a higher overall sustainability score than the FTSE All Share Total Return index, and so the Fund's investments that are scored by Schroders' proprietary sustainability tool are included within the minimum proportion stated in #1 on the basis that they will contribute to the Fund's sustainability score (whether such individual investment has a positive or a negative score). Also included within #1 is the minimum proportion of assets that are invested in sustainable investments, as indicated in #1A. The minimum proportions stated apply in normal market conditions. The actual proportion stated in #1 is expected to be higher.

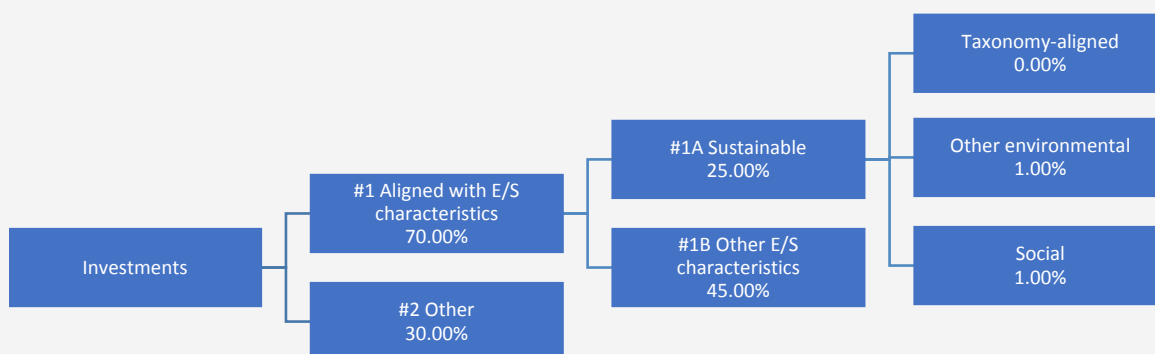
The sustainability score is measured by Schroders' proprietary tool that provides an estimate of the net "impact" that an issuer may create in terms of social and environmental "costs" or "benefits". It does this by using certain indicators with respect to that issuer, and quantifying them positively and negatively to produce an aggregate notional measure of the effect that the relevant underlying issuer may have on society and the environment. Examples of such indicators are greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

The Fund will invest at least 25% of its assets in sustainable investments. A sustainable investment is classified as having an environmental or social objective depending on whether the relevant issuer has a higher score in Schroders' proprietary tool relative to its applicable peer group for its environmental indicators or its social indicators. In each case, indicators are comprised of both "costs" and "benefits".

**#2 Other** includes cash which is treated as neutral for sustainability purposes, such as Money Market Investments. #2 also includes investments that are not scored by Schroders' proprietary sustainability tool and so do not contribute towards the Fund's sustainability score. As #1 states a minimum proportion that is in practice expected to be higher, the proportion stated in #2 is expected to be lower.

Minimum safeguards are applied where relevant to Money Market Investments and other investments by restricting (as appropriate) investments in counterparties where there are ownership links or exposure to higher risk countries (for the purpose of money laundering, terrorist financing, bribery, corruption, tax evasion and sanctions risks). A firm-wide risk assessment considers the risk rating of each jurisdiction; which includes reference to a number of public statements, indices and world governance indicators issued by the UN, the European Union, the UK Government, the Financial Action Task Force and several Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), such as Transparency International and the Basel Committee.

In addition, new counterparties are reviewed by Schroders' credit risk team and approval of a new counterparty is based on a holistic review of the various sources of information available, including, but not limited to, quality of management, ownership structure, location, regulatory and social environment to which each counterparty is subject, and the degree of development of the local banking system and its regulatory framework. Ongoing monitoring is performed through a Schroders' proprietary tool, which supports the analysis of a counterparty's management of environmental, social and governance trends and challenges. Any significant deterioration in the profile of the counterparty in Schroders' proprietary tool would lead to further analysis and potential exclusion by Schroders' credit risk team.



**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the investments of the financial product used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product.

**#2 Other** includes the remaining investments of the financial product which are neither aligned with the environmental or social characteristics, nor are qualified as sustainable investments.

The category **#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** covers:

- The sub-category **#1A Sustainable** covers sustainable investments with environmental or social objectives.
- The sub-category **#1B Other E/S characteristics** covers investments aligned with the environmental or social characteristics that do not qualify as sustainable investments.

#1 The minimum proportion stated applies in normal market conditions.

### ● **How does the use of derivatives attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?**

The Fund may use derivatives that are scored in Schroders' proprietary tool to meet the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted by the Fund, as such derivatives would contribute to the Fund's sustainability score (whether such individual investment has a positive or a negative score).



### **To what minimum extent are sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?**

There is no minimum extent to which the Fund's investments (including transitional and enabling activities) with an environmental objective are aligned with the Taxonomy. Taxonomy alignment of this Fund's investments has therefore not been calculated and has as a result been deemed to constitute 0% of the Fund's portfolio.

In future it is expected that the Fund will assess and report on the extent to which its underlying investments are in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the Taxonomy, along with information relating to the proportion of enabling and transitional activities. This Prospectus will be updated once it is possible in the Investment Manager's opinion to accurately disclose to what extent the Fund's investments are in Taxonomy-aligned environmentally sustainable activities, including the proportions of investments in enabling and transitional activities selected for the Fund.

### ● **Does the financial product invest in fossil gas and/or nuclear energy related activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy<sup>1</sup>?**

☐ Yes:

☐ In fossil gas ☐ In nuclear energy

☒ No

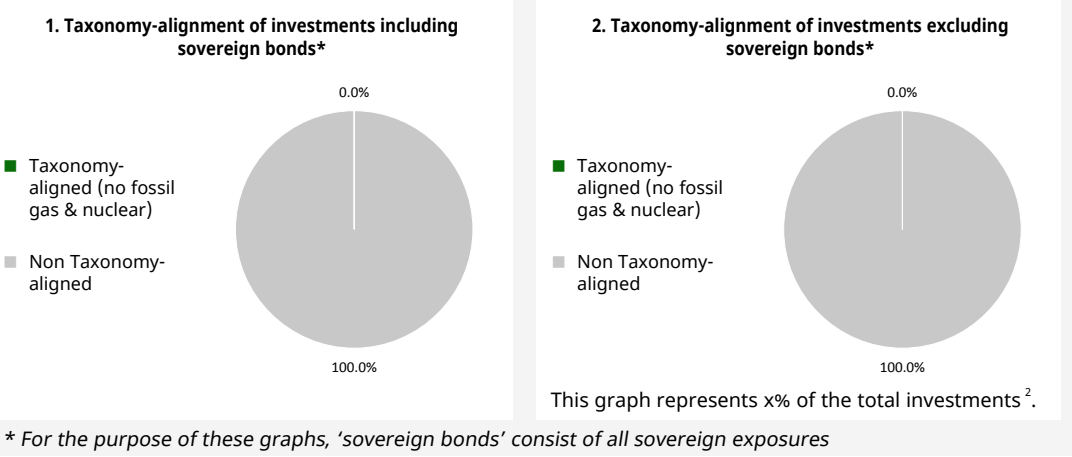
To comply with the EU Taxonomy, the criteria for **fossil gas** include limitations on emissions and switching to renewable power or low-carbon fuels by the end of 2035. For **nuclear energy**, the criteria include comprehensive safety and waste management rules.

<sup>1</sup> Fossil gas and/or nuclear related activities will only comply with the EU Taxonomy where they contribute to limiting climate change ("climate change mitigation") and do not significantly harm any EU Taxonomy objective – see explanatory note in the left-hand margin. The full criteria for fossil gas and nuclear energy economic activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy are laid down in Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1214.

Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

- **turnover** reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee companies
- **capital expenditure** (CapEx) showing the green investments made by investee companies, e.g. for a transition to a green economy.
- **operational expenditure** (OpEx) reflecting green operational activities of investee companies.

The two graphs below show in green the minimum percentage of investments that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the Taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy-alignment in relation to all the investments of the financial product including sovereign bonds, while the second graph shows the Taxonomy-alignment only in relation to the investments of the financial product other than sovereign bonds.



**Enabling activities** directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective.

**Transitional activities** are activities for which low-carbon alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.

- **What is the minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities?**  
As per the above, at the date of this Prospectus the share of investments by the Fund in transitional and enabling activities is currently deemed to constitute 0% of the Fund's portfolio.



**What is the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?**  
The Fund commits to invest at least 1% of its assets in sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

are sustainable investments with an environmental objective that **do not take into account the criteria** for environmentally sustainable economic activities under the EU Taxonomy.

<sup>2</sup> As there is no Taxonomy-alignment, there is no impact on the graph if sovereign bonds are excluded (i.e. the percentage of Taxonomy-aligned investments remains 0%) and the Management Company therefore believes that there is no need to mention this information.



## What is the minimum share of socially sustainable investments?

The Fund commits to invest at least 1% of its assets in sustainable investments with a social objective.



## What investments are included under “#2 Other”, what is their purpose and are there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

**#2 Other** includes cash which is treated as neutral for sustainability purposes, such as Money Market Investments. #2 also includes investments that are not scored by Schroders’ proprietary sustainability tools and so do not contribute towards the Fund’s sustainability score.

Minimum safeguards are applied where relevant to Money Market Investments and other investments by restricting (as appropriate) investments in counterparties where there are ownership links or exposure to higher risk countries (for the purpose of money laundering, terrorist financing, bribery, corruption, tax evasion and sanctions risks). A firm-wide risk assessment considers the risk rating of each jurisdiction; which includes reference to a number of public statements, indices and world governance indicators issued by the UN, the European Union, the UK Government, the Financial Action Task Force and several Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), such as Transparency International and the Basel Committee.

In addition, new counterparties are reviewed by Schroders’ credit risk team and approval of a new counterparty is based on a holistic review of the various sources of information available, including, but not limited to, quality of management, ownership structure, location, regulatory and social environment to which each counterparty is subject, and the degree of development of the local banking system and its regulatory framework. Ongoing monitoring is performed through a Schroders’ proprietary tool, which supports the analysis of a counterparty’s management of environmental, social and governance trends and challenges. Any significant deterioration in the profile of the counterparty in Schroders’ proprietary tool would lead to further analysis and potential exclusion by Schroders’ credit risk team.



## Is a specific index designated as a reference benchmark to determine whether this financial product is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes?

**Reference benchmarks** are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the environmental or social characteristics that they promote.

- ***How is the reference benchmark continuously aligned with each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- ***How is the alignment of the investment strategy with the methodology of the index ensured on a continuous basis?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- ***How does the designated index differ from a relevant broad market index?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- ***Where can the methodology used for the calculation of the designated index be found?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.



## Where can I find more product specific information online?

More product-specific information can be found on the webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

Pre-contractual disclosure for the financial products referred to in Article 8, paragraphs 1, 2 and 2a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 6, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852

**Product name:** **Schroder International Selection Fund US Dollar Bond**

**Legal entity identifier:** **GB3IPB540X2RMO1Y4781**

## Environmental and/or social characteristics

**Sustainable investment** means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good governance practices.

The **EU Taxonomy** is a classification system laid down in Regulation (EU) 2020/852, establishing a list of **environmentally sustainable economic activities**. That Regulation does not lay down a list of socially sustainable economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.

Does this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?	
●● <input type="checkbox"/> Yes	●○ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
<input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with an environmental objective: __%</b>  <input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy  <input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> It <b>promotes Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics</b> and while it does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will have a minimum proportion of <b>10.00%</b> of sustainable investments  <input type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> with a social objective
<input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with a social objective __%</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> It promotes E/S characteristics, but <b>will not make any sustainable investments</b>



## What environmental and/or social characteristics are promoted by this financial product?

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the Bloomberg US Aggregate Bond (TR) index, based on the Investment Manager's rating system. This benchmark (which is a broad market index) does not take into account the environmental and social characteristics promoted by the Fund.

The sustainability score is measured by Schroders' proprietary tool that provides an estimate of the net "impact" that an issuer may create in terms of social and environmental "costs" or "benefits". It does this by using certain indicators with respect to that issuer, and quantifying them positively and negatively to produce an aggregate notional measure of the effect that the relevant underlying issuer may have on society and the environment. It does this using third party data as well as Schroders own estimates and assumptions and the outcome may differ from other sustainability tools and measures. Examples of such indicators are greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

The result is expressed as an aggregate score of the sustainability indicators for each issuer, specifically a notional percentage (positive or negative) of sales or GDP of the relevant underlying issuer. For example, a score of +2% would mean an issuer contributes \$2 of relative notional positive impact (i.e. benefits to society) per \$100 of sales or GDP. The sustainability score of the Fund is derived from the scores of all issuers in the Fund's portfolio measured by Schroders' proprietary tool.

The Fund invests at least 10% of its assets in sustainable investments, which are investments that the Investment Manager expects to contribute towards the advancement of one or more environmental and/or social objective (s).

### ● What sustainability indicators are used to measure the attainment of each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

The Investment Manager monitors compliance with the characteristic to maintain a higher overall sustainability score than the Bloomberg US Aggregate Bond (TR) index by reference to the weighted average sustainability score of the Fund in Schroders' proprietary tool compared against the weighted average sustainability score of the Bloomberg US Aggregate Bond (TR) index in Schroders' proprietary tool over the previous ~~six months~~**six-month** period, based on month-end data. The overall sustainability score aggregates the effect of sustainability indicators including but not limited to greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

**Sustainability indicators** measure how the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product are attained.



The Investment Manager monitors compliance with the characteristic to invest at least 10% of its assets in sustainable investments by reference to (i) the sustainability score of each asset in Schroders' proprietary tool and/ or (ii) whether the asset is classified as a green, social and/ or sustainable bond. Compliance with this is monitored daily via our automated compliance controls. The Fund also applies certain exclusions, with which the Investment Manager monitors compliance on an ongoing basis via its portfolio compliance framework.

● ***What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?***

In respect of the proportion of the Fund's portfolio that is invested in sustainable investments, each sustainable investment either (i) demonstrates a net positive effect across a range of environmental or social objectives, as scored by Schroders' proprietary tool and/or (ii) is classified as a green, social and/ or sustainable bond using a third-party data source. The environmental or social objectives of the sustainable investments that the Fund partially intends to make may include, but are not limited to, increasing environmental and/or social benefits such as greater water access or fair pay and reducing environmental, and/or social costs such as carbon emissions or food waste. For example, greater water access as measured by Schroders' proprietary tool are the estimated societal benefits of the provision of clean drinking water to human health. The environmental or social objectives of green, social and/or sustainable bonds may include, but are not limited to, climate change mitigation, renewable energy initiatives, natural resource conservation, access to finance and affordable housing projects.

● ***How do the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make, not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?***

The Investment Manager's approach to investing in issuers that do not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective includes the following:

- Firm-wide investment exclusions apply to Schroders funds. These relate to international conventions on cluster munitions, anti-personnel mines, and chemical and biological weapons and a list of those companies that are excluded is available at <https://www.schroders.com/en/sustainability/active-ownership/group-exclusions/>. Firm-wide exclusions also apply to companies generating more than 20% of their revenue from thermal coal mining.
- The Fund excludes companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to tobacco and thermal coal.
- The Fund excludes companies that are assessed by Schroders to have breached one or more 'global norms' thereby causing significant environmental or social harm; these companies comprise Schroders' 'global norms' breach list. Schroders' determination of whether a company has been involved in such a breach considers relevant principles such as those contained in the UN Global Compact (UNGC) principles, the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights. The 'global norms' breach list may be informed by assessments performed by third party providers and by proprietary research, where relevant to a particular situation. In exceptional circumstances a derogation may be applied in order to allow the Fund to continue to hold a company on Schroders' 'global norms' breach list, for example where the stated investment strategy of the Fund may otherwise be compromised. Any such company cannot be categorised as a sustainable investment.
- The Fund may also apply certain other exclusions in addition to those summarised above.

Further information on all of the Fund's investment exclusions is to be found under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

● ***How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?***

When seeking to identify significant harm, Schroders' approach to taking into account the Principal Adverse Impacts (PAI) indicators involves a quantitative and a qualitative assessment. Where it is not considered appropriate or feasible to set quantitative thresholds, the Investment Manager engages, where relevant. Investee companies deemed not to satisfy the quantitative thresholds would generally be excluded, unless on a case-by-case basis the data is deemed not representative of a company's performance in the relevant area.

This framework is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability and quality of the data evolves.

Our approach includes:

1. **Quantitative:** this includes indicators where specific thresholds have been established:

**Principal adverse impacts** are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anticorruption and antibribery matters.

- Via the application of exclusions. This approach is relevant to **PAI 4** (Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector), **PAI 5** (Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production) and **PAI 14** (Exposure to controversial weapons). Further, the following PAIs are assessed as part of Schroders' 'global norms' breach list exclusion (which seeks to exclude companies where significant harm is occurring):
  - **PAI 7** (Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas)
  - **PAI 8** (Emissions to water)
  - **PAI 9** (Hazardous waste and radioactive waste ratio)
  - **PAI 10** (Violations of UN Global Compact principles and Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises)
  - **PAI 11** (Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and Voluntary)
  - **PAI 14** in Table 3 (Number of identified cases of severe human rights issues and incidents)
- Via the application of an alert system flag if the relevant indicator(s) exceeds a threshold. These quantitative thresholds to assess significant harm are established centrally by our Sustainable Investment team and monitored systematically. This approach applies to indicators where we have segmented the population into harm groups to establish a threshold, such as carbon related PAI metrics, **PAI 1** (GHG emissions), **PAI 2** (Carbon footprint) and **Voluntary PAI 4 in Table 2** (Investing in companies without carbon emission reduction initiatives). **PAI 3** (GHG intensity of investee companies) operates in a similar way but the threshold is based on a revenue metric. A threshold for **PAI 6** (Energy consumption intensity per high impact climate sector) is established based on the ~~above-mentioned~~ carbon measures. A similar approach has been taken for **PAI 15** (GHG intensity). **PAI 16** (Investee countries subject to social violations) also operates in the same way but based on data availability regarding social violations. Through this process the relevant issuer(s) that is/are deemed not to satisfy the quantitative thresholds is/are flagged to the Investment Manager for consideration, whose response may involve selling the holdings(s) or maintaining the position if on a case-by-case basis the data is deemed not representative of a company's performance in the relevant area. Investee companies deemed to cause significant harm are excluded from the Fund.
- 2. **Qualitative:** This includes PAI indicators where Schroders' believes that the data available does not enable us to make a quantitative determination regarding whether significant harm is done so as to warrant excluding an investment. In such cases, the Investment Manager engages wherever possible with the company or companies held, in accordance with the priorities documented in Schroders' Engagement Blueprint and/or voting policy. This approach applies to indicators such as **PAI 12** (Unadjusted gender pay gap) and **PAI 13** (Board gender diversity), where we engage and may use our voting rights where we consider appropriate. Both board gender diversity and disclosure of gender pay gap information are captured in our Engagement Blueprint.

● ***How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:***

Companies on Schroders' 'global norms' breach list cannot be categorised as sustainable investments. Schroders' determination of whether a company should be included on such list considers the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, among other relevant principles. The 'global norms' breach list is informed by third party providers and proprietary research, where relevant.

*The EU Taxonomy sets out a "do not significant harm" principle by which Taxonomy-aligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives and is accompanied by specific EU criteria.*

*The "do not significant harm" principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.*

*Any other sustainable investments must also not significantly harm any environmental or social objectives.*



## Does this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

☒ Yes, the Investment Manager's approach to considering principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors involves classifying the indicators into three categories:

The Investment Manager's approach to considering principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors differs depending on the relevant indicator. Some indicators are considered via the application of exclusions, some are considered via the investment process (where data is available via Schroders PAI dashboard and via other external data sources) and some are considered via engagement. Further details are provided below. PAIs are considered as part of pre-investment through the application of exclusions. These include:

- Controversial weapons: PAI 14 (Exposure to controversial weapons (anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, chemical weapons and biological weapons)).
- Schroders' 'global norms' breach list, which covers: PAI 7 (Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas), PAI 8 (Emissions to water), PAI 9 (Hazardous waste and radioactive waste ratio), PAI 10 (Violations of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises), PAI 11 (Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises) and PAI 16 (Investee countries subject to social violations).
- Companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to thermal coal: PAI 4 (Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector) and PAI 5 (Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production).

Compliance with these thresholds is monitored via the Investment Manager's portfolio compliance framework. PAIs are also considered through integration in the investment process as Schroders' proprietary tool incorporates several PAIs as a component of its scoring methodology. In assessing an issuers' overall environmental score PAI 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 are included.

PAIs are also considered post-investment through engagement where the Investment Manager engages in line with the approach and expectations set out in Schroders Engagement Blueprint, which outlines our approach to active ownership. The Investment Manager may engage with selected issuers held by the Fund on PAIs 1, 2, 3 and 4. We aim to engage with several issuers on net zero carbon emissions targets (PAI 1,2), procuring renewable energy (PAI 5).

Our approach is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability, and quality, of PAI data evolves. The Management Company's statement on principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors is available at <https://mybrand.schroders.com/m/4ab13771bddd9d/original/Statement-on-principal-adverse-impacts-of-investment-decisions-on-sustainability-factors-2-1-new.pdf> <https://api.schroders.com/document-store/id/ffcb39bb-96cb-4e56-9461-deba9a493e85>. The Fund level information is disclosed or will be disclosed (as applicable) in the Fund's annual report.

1. Set thresholds: these involve very explicit thresholds for considering an investment to be a "sustainable investment". For example, PAI 10 on violations of UNGC principles.
2. Active ownership: these involve indicators on which we have a plan to engage with the underlying holding as set out in the Schroders Group document - <https://mybrand.schroders.com/m/3222ea4ed44a1f2c/original/schroders-engagement-blueprint.pdf>, outlining our approach to active ownership. For example, PAI 1, 2 and 3 covering GHG emissions and PAI 13 on board gender diversity.
3. Improve coverage: these involve indicators where we consider data coverage to be too sparse to properly consider them and our focus is primarily on engaging with the underlying holdings to increase reporting. For example, PAI 7 on biodiversity, PAI 9 on hazardous waste ratio and PAI 12 on the gender pay gap.

Our approach is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability, and quality, of PAI data evolves.

The Management Company's statement on principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors is available at <https://mybrand.schroders.com/m/467910ac8e6da45c/original/Statement-on-principal-adverse-impacts-of-investment-decisions-on-sustainability-factors.pdf>. The Fund level information is disclosed or will be (as applicable) in the Fund's annual report.

☐ No



## What investment strategy does this financial product follow?

**The investment strategy** guides investment decisions based on factors such as investment objectives and risk tolerance.

The sustainable investment strategy used by the Investment Manager is as follows:

The Fund is actively managed and invests at least two-thirds of its assets in fixed and floating rate securities, including asset-backed securities and mortgage-backed securities, denominated in USD, issued by governments, government agencies and companies worldwide.

The Fund invests in the full credit spectrum of fixed income investments. The Fund may invest:

- up to 40% of its assets in securities that have a below investment grade credit rating (as measured by Standard & Poor's or any equivalent grade of other credit rating agencies for rated bonds and implied Schroders ratings for non-rated bonds); and
- up to 70% of its assets in asset-backed securities, commercial mortgage-backed securities, and/or residential mortgage-backed securities issued worldwide with an investment grade or sub-investment grade credit rating (as measured by Standard & Poor's or any equivalent grade of other credit rating agencies).

Underlying assets may include credit card receivables, personal loans, auto loans, small business loans, leases, commercial mortgages and residential mortgages.

The Fund may also invest up to one-third of its assets directly or indirectly in other securities (including other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies, Investment Funds, warrants and Money Market Investments, and hold cash.

The Fund may use derivatives, long and short, with the aim of achieving investment gains, reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently. The Fund may use leverage.

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the Bloomberg US Aggregate Bond (TR) index based on the Investment Manager's rating criteria.

The Fund does not directly invest in certain activities, industries or groups of issuers above the limits listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

The Investment Manager applies governance and sustainability criteria when selecting investments for the Fund. The strategy aims to identify issuers demonstrating good or improving sustainability credentials, and those that impose a high cost on the environment and society. This involves:

– The exclusion of issuers with certain exposure to specific activities that the Investment Manager considers environmentally destructive or socially damaging, violate human rights and/ or have demonstrated gross misconduct that the Investment Manager deems to have businesses that are materially damaging to the climate and impose unjustifiable social costs.

– The inclusion of issuers that the Investment Manager considers are well placed to deliver demonstrate stable and improving sustainability trajectories relative to their peers, and issuers demonstrating good governance based on the Investment Manager's sustainability rating methodology.

The Investment Manager may also engage with companies to encourage transparency, the transition to a circular economy with lower carbon emissions intensity and responsible social behaviour that promotes sustainable growth and alpha generation.

The primary sources of information used to perform the analysis are the Investment Manager's proprietary tools and research, third-party research, NGO reports and expert networks. The Investment Manager also performs its own analysis of publicly available information provided by the companies, including information provided in company sustainability reports and other relevant company material.

More details on the Investment Manager's approach to sustainability and its engagement with companies are available on the webpage

<https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-resports/disclosures-and-statements/>

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than its investment universe, based on the Investment Manager's rating system.

The Investment Manager ensures that at least:

– 90% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in developed countries; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with an investment grade credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by developed countries; and

– 75% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in emerging countries; equities issued by small and medium companies; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with a high yield credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by emerging countries,

is rated against the sustainability criteria. For the purposes of this test, small companies are those with market capitalisation below €5 billion, medium companies are those between €5 billion and €10 billion and large companies are those above €10 billion.

### ● ***What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?***

The following binding elements are applied throughout the investment process:

- The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the Bloomberg US Aggregate Bond (TR) index based on the Investment Manager's rating criteria.
- The Fund invests at least 10% of its assets in sustainable investments and such investments do not cause significant environmental or social harm.
- Exclusions are applied to direct investments in companies. The Fund applies certain exclusions relating to international conventions on cluster munitions, antipersonnel mines, and chemical and biological weapons. The Fund also excludes companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to tobacco and thermal coal, especially companies that generate at least 10% of their revenues from tobacco production, companies that generate at least 25% of their revenues from the tobacco value chain (such as suppliers, distributors, retailers and licensors), companies that generate at least 10% of their revenues from thermal coal mining and companies that generate at least 30% of their revenues from coal fired power generation. The Fund excludes companies that are assessed by Schroders to have breached one or more 'global norms' thereby causing significant environmental or social harm; these companies comprise Schroders' 'global norms' breach list. In exceptional circumstances a derogation may be applied in order to allow the Fund to continue to hold a company on Schroders' 'global norms' breach list, for example where the stated investment strategy of the Fund may otherwise be compromised. Any such company cannot be categorised as a sustainable investment. Further, the Fund may apply other exclusions as listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>. The Fund invests in companies that have good governance practices, as determined by the Investment Manager's rating criteria.

The Investment Manager ensures that at least:

- 90% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in developed countries; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with an investment grade credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by developed countries; and
- 75% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in emerging countries; equities issued by small and medium companies; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with a high yield credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by emerging countries,

is rated against the sustainability criteria.

● **What is the committed minimum rate to reduce the scope of the investments considered prior to the application of that investment strategy?**

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

● **What is the policy to assess good governance practices of the investee companies?**

In order to assess good governance practices, a central Good Governance Test is applied. This test is based on a data-driven quantitative framework, which uses a scorecard to assess companies across the categories of sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff, and tax compliance. Schroders has defined a number of criteria across these pillars.

Compliance with the test is monitored centrally and companies which do not pass this test cannot be held by the Fund, unless the Investment Manager has agreed that the issuer demonstrates good governance based on additional insights beyond that quantitative analysis.

**Good governance** practices include sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff and tax compliance.



**Asset allocation** describes the share of investments in specific assets.

## What is the asset allocation planned for this financial product?

The planned composition of the Fund's investments that are used to meet its environmental or social characteristics are summarised below.

**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the minimum proportion of the Fund's assets used to attain the environmental or social characteristics, which is equal to 60%. The Fund commits to maintain a higher overall sustainability score than the Bloomberg US Aggregate Bond (TR) index, and so the Fund's investments that are scored by Schroders' proprietary sustainability tool are included within the minimum proportion stated in #1 on the basis that they will contribute to the Fund's sustainability score (whether such individual investment has a positive or a negative score). Also included within #1 are any green, social or sustainability bonds that are not scored by Schroders' proprietary sustainability tool. ~~is not~~ The minimum proportion of assets that are invested in sustainable investments, ~~is~~ indicated in #1A. The minimum proportions stated apply in normal market conditions. The actual proportion stated in #1 is expected to be higher.

The sustainability score is measured by Schroders' proprietary tool that provides an estimate of the net "impact" that an issuer may create in terms of social and environmental "costs" or "benefits". It does this by using certain indicators with respect to that issuer, and quantifying them positively and negatively to produce an aggregate notional measure of the effect that the relevant underlying issuer may have on society and the environment. Examples of such indicators are greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

The Fund will invest at least 10% of its assets in sustainable investments. Each sustainable investment (i) demonstrates a net positive effect across a range of environmental or social objectives, as scored by Schroders' proprietary tool or (ii) is classified as a green, social and/ or sustainable bond using a third-party data source. With the exception of any green or social bonds, which will be classified as having an environmental or social objective respectively, a sustainable investment is classified as having an environmental or social objective depending on whether the relevant issuer has a higher score in Schroders' proprietary tool relative to its applicable peer group for its environmental indicators or its social indicators. In each case, indicators are comprised of both "costs" and "benefits".

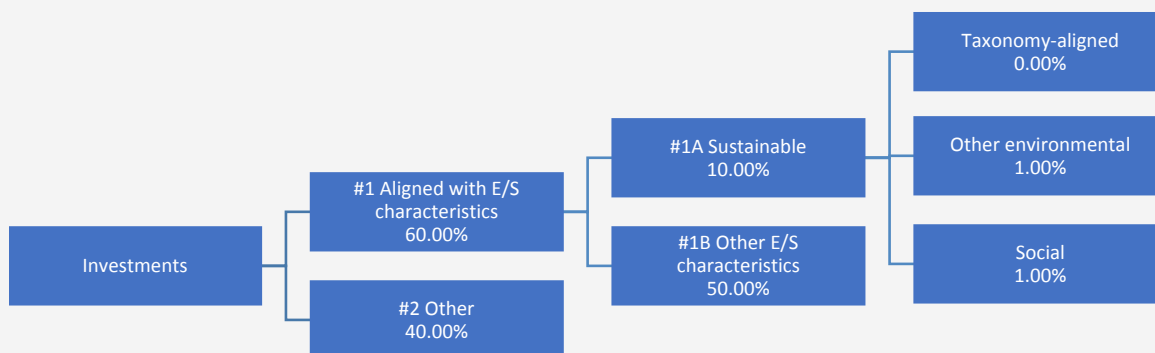
**#2 Other** includes cash which is treated as neutral for sustainability purposes. #2 also includes other investments that are not scored by Schroders' proprietary sustainability tool and so do not contribute towards the Fund's sustainability score. As #1 states a minimum proportion that is in practice expected to be higher, the proportion stated in #2 is expected to be lower.

Minimum safeguards are applied where relevant to investments by restricting (as appropriate) investments in counterparties where there are ownership links or exposure to higher risk countries (for the purpose of money laundering, terrorist financing, bribery, corruption, tax evasion and sanctions risks). A firm-wide risk assessment considers the risk rating of each jurisdiction; which includes reference to a number of public statements, indices and world governance indicators issued by the UN, the European Union, the UK Government, the Financial Action Task Force and several Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), such as Transparency International and the Basel Committee.

In addition, new counterparties are reviewed by Schroders' credit risk team and approval of a new counterparty is based on a holistic review of the various sources of information available, including, but not limited to, quality of management, ownership structure, location, regulatory and social environment to which each counterparty is subject, and the degree of development of the local banking system and its regulatory framework. Ongoing monitoring is performed through a Schroders' proprietary tool, which supports the analysis of a counterparty's



management of environmental, social and governance trends and challenges. Any significant deterioration in the profile of the counterparty in Schroders' proprietary tool would lead to further analysis and potential exclusion by Schroders' credit risk team.



**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the investments of the financial product used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product.

**#2 Other** includes the remaining investments of the financial product which are neither aligned with the environmental or social characteristics, nor are qualified as sustainable investments.

The category **#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** covers:

- The sub-category **#1A Sustainable** covers sustainable investments with environmental or social objectives.
- The sub-category **#1B Other E/S characteristics** covers investments aligned with the environmental or social characteristics that do not qualify as sustainable investments.

#1 The minimum proportion stated applies in normal market conditions.

### ● **How does the use of derivatives attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?**

Single name credit default swaps are used as a proxy for direct investments which would otherwise be held by the Fund in line with its sustainability criteria. Such derivatives are therefore used to attain the Fund's sustainability score in Schroders proprietary tool which is one of the binding elements of the Fund. The Fund may use other derivatives that are scored in Schroders' proprietary tool to meet the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted by the Fund, as such derivatives would contribute to the Fund's sustainability score (whether such individual investment has a positive or a negative score).



### **To what minimum extent are sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?**

There is no minimum extent to which the Fund's investments (including transitional and enabling activities) with an environmental objective are aligned with the Taxonomy. Taxonomy alignment of this Fund's investments has therefore not been calculated and has as a result been deemed to constitute 0% of the Fund's portfolio.

In future it is expected that the Fund will assess and report on the extent to which its underlying investments are in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the Taxonomy, along with information relating to the proportion of enabling and transitional activities. This Prospectus will be updated once it is possible in the Investment Manager's opinion to accurately disclose to what extent the Fund's investments are in Taxonomy-aligned environmentally sustainable activities, including the proportions of investments in enabling and transitional activities selected for the Fund.

### ● **Does the financial product invest in fossil gas and/or nuclear energy related activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy<sup>1</sup>?**

☐ Yes:

☐ In fossil gas ☐ In nuclear energy

☒ No

To comply with the EU Taxonomy, the criteria for **fossil gas** include limitations on emissions and switching to renewable power or

<sup>1</sup> Fossil gas and/or nuclear related activities will only comply with the EU Taxonomy where they contribute to limiting climate change ("climate change mitigation") and do not significantly harm any EU Taxonomy objective – see explanatory note in the left-hand margin. The full criteria for fossil gas and nuclear energy economic activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy are laid down in Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1214.



low-carbon fuels by the end of 2035. For **nuclear energy**, the criteria include comprehensive safety and waste management rules.

Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

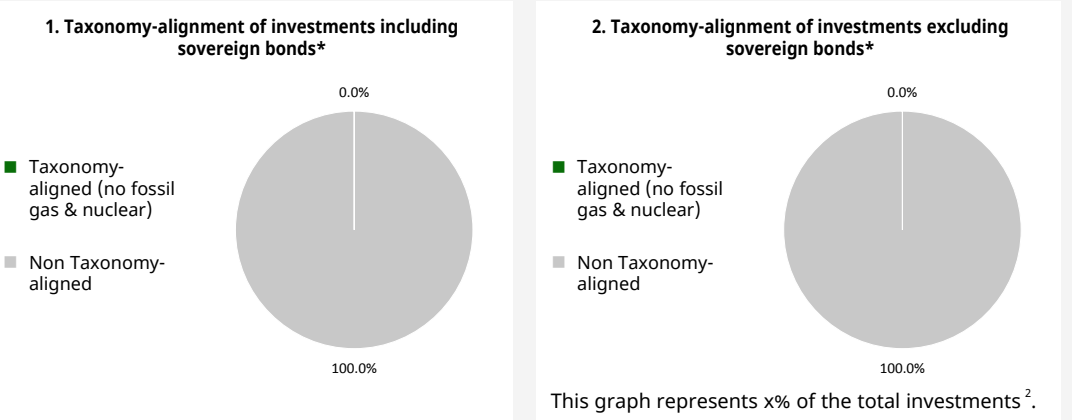
- **turnover** reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee companies
- **capital expenditure** (CapEx) showing the green investments made by investee companies, e.g. for a transition to a green economy.
- **operational expenditure** (OpEx) reflecting green operational activities of investee companies.

**Enabling activities** directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective.

**Transitional activities** are activities for which low-carbon alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.

are sustainable investments with an environmental objective that **do not take into account the criteria** for environmentally

The two graphs below show in green the minimum percentage of investments that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the Taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy-alignment in relation to all the investments of the financial product including sovereign bonds, while the second graph shows the Taxonomy-alignment only in relation to the investments of the financial product other than sovereign bonds.



\* For the purpose of these graphs, 'sovereign bonds' consist of all sovereign exposures

- **What is the minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities?**  
As per the above, at the date of this Prospectus the share of investments by the Fund in transitional and enabling activities is currently deemed to constitute 0% of the Fund's portfolio.



**What is the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?**  
The Fund commits to invest at least 1% of its assets in sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

<sup>2</sup> As there is no Taxonomy-alignment, there is no impact on the graph if sovereign bonds are excluded (i.e. the percentage of Taxonomy-aligned investments remains 0%) and the Management Company therefore believes that there is no need to mention this information.



## What is the minimum share of socially sustainable investments?

The Fund commits to invest at least 1% of its assets in sustainable investments with a social objective.



## What investments are included under “#2 Other”, what is their purpose and are there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

**#2 Other** includes cash which is treated as neutral for sustainability purposes. #2 also includes other investments that are not scored by Schroders’ proprietary sustainability tools and so do not contribute towards the Fund’s sustainability score.

Minimum safeguards are applied where relevant to investments by restricting (as appropriate) investments in counterparties where there are ownership links or exposure to higher risk countries (for the purpose of money laundering, terrorist financing, bribery, corruption, tax evasion and sanctions risks). A firm-wide risk assessment considers the risk rating of each jurisdiction; which includes reference to a number of public statements, indices and world governance indicators issued by the UN, the European Union, the UK Government, the Financial Action Task Force and several Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), such as Transparency International and the Basel Committee.

In addition, new counterparties are reviewed by Schroders’ credit risk team and approval of a new counterparty is based on a holistic review of the various sources of information available, including, but not limited to, quality of management, ownership structure, location, regulatory and social environment to which each counterparty is subject, and the degree of development of the local banking system and its regulatory framework. Ongoing monitoring is performed through a Schroders’ proprietary tool, which supports the analysis of a counterparty’s management of environmental, social and governance trends and challenges. Any significant deterioration in the profile of the counterparty in Schroders’ proprietary tool would lead to further analysis and potential exclusion by Schroders’ credit risk team.



## Is a specific index designated as a reference benchmark to determine whether this financial product is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes?

**Reference benchmarks** are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the environmental or social characteristics that they promote.

- **How is the reference benchmark continuously aligned with each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?**

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- **How is the alignment of the investment strategy with the methodology of the index ensured on a continuous basis?**

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- **How does the designated index differ from a relevant broad market index?**

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- **Where can the methodology used for the calculation of the designated index be found?**

This question is not applicable for the Fund.



## Where can I find more product specific information online?

More product-specific information can be found on the webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

Pre-contractual disclosure for the financial products referred to in Article 8, paragraphs 1, 2 and 2a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 6, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852

**Product name:** **Schroder International Selection Fund US Small & Mid-Cap Equity**

**Legal entity identifier:** **9NVHRLTYJON1ZJWFO660**

## Environmental and/or social characteristics

<p><b>Sustainable investment</b> means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good governance practices.</p>	<p><b>Does this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?</b></p> <p> <input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Yes</b> <input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>No</b> </p>		
<p>The <b>EU Taxonomy</b> is a classification system laid down in Regulation (EU) 2020/852, establishing a list of <b>environmentally sustainable economic activities</b>. That Regulation does not lay down a list of socially sustainable economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.</p>	<table border="1"> <tr> <td data-bbox="258 434 869 1050"> <p><input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with an environmental objective: __%</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with a social objective __%</b></p> </td><td data-bbox="869 434 1482 1050"> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> It <b>promotes Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics</b> and while it does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will have a minimum proportion of <b>25.00%</b> of sustainable investments</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> with a social objective</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> It promotes E/S characteristics, but <b>will not make any sustainable investments</b></p> </td></tr> </table>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with an environmental objective: __%</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with a social objective __%</b></p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> It <b>promotes Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics</b> and while it does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will have a minimum proportion of <b>25.00%</b> of sustainable investments</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> with a social objective</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> It promotes E/S characteristics, but <b>will not make any sustainable investments</b></p>
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## What environmental and/or social characteristics are promoted by this financial product?

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the S&P Mid Cap 400 Lagged (Net TR) Index, based on the Investment Manager's rating system. This benchmark (which is a broad market index) does not take into account the environmental and social characteristics promoted by the Fund.

The sustainability score is measured by Schroders' proprietary tool that provides an estimate of the net "impact" that an issuer may create in terms of social and environmental "costs" or "benefits". It does this by using certain indicators with respect to that issuer, and quantifying them positively and negatively to produce an aggregate notional measure of the effect that the relevant underlying issuer may have on society and the environment. It does this using third party data as well as Schroders own estimates and assumptions and the outcome may differ from other sustainability tools and measures. Examples of such indicators are greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

The result is expressed as an aggregate score of the sustainability indicators for each issuer, specifically a notional percentage (positive or negative) of sales of the relevant underlying issuer. For example, a score of +2% would mean an issuer contributes \$2 of relative notional positive impact (i.e. benefits to society) per \$100 of sales. The sustainability score of the Fund is derived from the scores of all issuers in the Fund's portfolio measured by Schroders' proprietary tool.

The Fund invests at least 25% of its assets in sustainable investments, which are investments that the Investment Manager expects to contribute towards the advancement of one or more environmental and/or social objective (s).

### ● **What sustainability indicators are used to measure the attainment of each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?**

The Investment Manager monitors compliance with the characteristic to maintain a higher overall sustainability score than the S&P Mid Cap 400 Lagged (Net TR) Index by reference to the weighted average sustainability score of the Fund in Schroders' proprietary tool compared against the weighted average sustainability score of the S&P Mid Cap 400 Lagged (Net TR) Index in Schroders' proprietary tool over the previous six month period, based on month-end data. The overall sustainability score aggregates the effect of sustainability indicators including but not limited to greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

**Sustainability indicators** measure how the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product are attained.

The Investment Manager monitors compliance with the characteristic to invest at least 25% of its assets in sustainable investments by reference to the sustainability score of each asset in Schroders' proprietary tool. Compliance with this is monitored daily via our automated compliance controls. The Fund also applies certain exclusions, with which the Investment Manager monitors compliance on an ongoing basis via its portfolio compliance framework.

● ***What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?***

In respect of the proportion of the Fund's portfolio that is invested in sustainable investments, each sustainable investment demonstrates a net positive effect across a range of environmental or social objectives, as scored by Schroders' proprietary tool. The environmental or social objectives of the sustainable investments that the Fund partially intends to make may include, but are not limited to, increasing environmental and/or social benefits such as greater water access or fair pay and reducing environmental, and/or social costs such as carbon emissions or food waste. For example, greater water access as measured by Schroders' proprietary tool are the estimated societal benefits of the provision of clean drinking water to human health.

● ***How do the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make, not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?***

The Investment Manager's approach to investing in issuers that do not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective includes the following:

- Firm-wide investment exclusions apply to Schroders funds. These relate to international conventions on cluster munitions, anti-personnel mines, and chemical and biological weapons and a list of those companies that are excluded is available at <https://www.schroders.com/en/sustainability/active-ownership/group-exclusions/>. Firm-wide exclusions also apply to companies generating more than 20% of their revenue from thermal coal mining.
- The Fund excludes companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to tobacco and thermal coal.
- The Fund excludes companies that are assessed by Schroders to have breached one or more 'global norms' thereby causing significant environmental or social harm; these companies comprise Schroders' 'global norms' breach list. Schroders' determination of whether a company has been involved in such a breach considers relevant principles such as those contained in the UN Global Compact (UNGC) principles, the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights. The 'global norms' breach list may be informed by assessments performed by third party providers and by proprietary research, where relevant to a particular situation. In exceptional circumstances a derogation may be applied in order to allow the Fund to continue to hold a company on Schroders' 'global norms' breach list, for example where the stated investment strategy of the Fund may otherwise be compromised. Any such company cannot be categorised as a sustainable investment.
- The Fund may also apply certain other exclusions in addition to those summarised above.

Further information on all of the Fund's investment exclusions is to be found under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

● ***How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?***

When seeking to identify significant harm, Schroders' approach to taking into account the Principal Adverse Impacts (PAI) indicators involves a quantitative and a qualitative assessment. Where it is not considered appropriate or feasible to set quantitative thresholds, the Investment Manager engages, where relevant. Investee companies deemed not to satisfy the quantitative thresholds would generally be excluded, unless on a case-by-case basis the data is deemed not representative of a company's performance in the relevant area.

This framework is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability and quality of the data evolves.

Our approach includes:

1. **Quantitative:** this includes indicators where specific thresholds have been established:

- Via the application of exclusions. This approach is relevant to **PAI 4** (Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector), **PAI 5** (Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production) and **PAI 14** (Exposure to controversial weapons). Further, the following PAIs are assessed as part of Schroders 'global norms' breach list exclusion (which seeks to exclude companies where significant harm is occurring):

- **PAI 7** (Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas)
- **PAI 8** (Emissions to water)
- **PAI 9** (Hazardous waste and radioactive waste ratio)
- **PAI 10** (Violations of UN Global Compact principles and Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises)
- **PAI 11** (Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and Voluntary)
- **PAI 14** in Table 3 (Number of identified cases of severe human rights issues and incidents)

Via the application of an alert system flag if the relevant indicator(s) exceeds a threshold. These quantitative thresholds to assess significant harm are established centrally by our Sustainable Investment team and monitored systematically. This approach applies to indicators where we have segmented the population into harm groups to establish a threshold, such as carbon related PAI metrics, **PAI 1** (GHG emissions), **PAI 2** (Carbon footprint) and **Voluntary PAI 4 in Table 2** (Investing in companies without carbon emission reduction initiatives). **PAI 3** (GHG intensity of investee companies) operates in a similar way but the threshold is based on a revenue metric. A threshold for **PAI 6** (Energy consumption intensity per high impact climate sector) is established based on the **above mentioned** carbon measures. A similar approach has been taken for **PAI 15** (GHG intensity). **PAI 16** (Investee countries subject to social violations) also operates in the same way but based on data availability regarding social violations. Through this process the relevant issuer(s) that is/are deemed not to satisfy the quantitative thresholds is/are flagged to the Investment Manager for consideration, whose response may involve selling the holdings(s) or maintaining the position if on a case-by-case basis the data is deemed not representative of a company's performance in the relevant area. Investee companies deemed to cause significant harm are excluded from the Fund.

**2. Qualitative:** This includes PAI indicators where Schroders' believes that the data available does not enable us to make a quantitative determination regarding whether significant harm is done so as to warrant excluding an investment. In such cases, the Investment Manager engages wherever possible with the company or companies held, in accordance with the priorities documented in Schroders' Engagement Blueprint and/or voting policy. This approach applies to indicators such as **PAI 12** (Unadjusted gender pay gap) and **PAI 13** (Board gender diversity), where we engage and may use our voting rights where we consider appropriate. Both board gender diversity and disclosure of gender pay gap information are captured in our Engagement Blueprint. **Principal adverse impacts** are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anticorruption and bribery matters.

● ***How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:***

Companies on Schroders' 'global norms' breach list cannot be categorised as sustainable investments. Schroders' determination of whether a company should be included on such list considers the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, among other relevant principles. The 'global norms' breach list is informed by third party providers and proprietary research, where relevant.

*The EU Taxonomy sets out a "do not significant harm" principle by which Taxonomy-aligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives and is accompanied by specific EU criteria.*

The "do not significant harm" principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.

*Any other sustainable investments must also not significantly harm any environmental or social objectives.*



## Does this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

☒ **Yes,** the Investment Manager's approach to considering principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors involves classifying the indicators into three categories:

The Investment Manager's approach to considering principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors differs depending on the relevant indicator. Some indicators are considered via the application of exclusions, some are considered via the investment process (where data is available via Schroders PAI dashboard and via other external data sources) and some are considered via engagement. Further details are provided below. PAIs are considered as part of pre-investment through the application of exclusions. These include:  
 - Controversial weapons: PAI 14 (Exposure to controversial weapons (anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, chemical weapons and biological weapons))

- Schrodgers' 'global norms' breach list, which covers: PAI 7 (Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas), PAI 8 (Emissions to water), PAI 9 (Hazardous waste and radioactive waste ratio), PAI 10 (Violations of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises), PAI 11 (Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises) and PAI 16 (Investee countries subject to social violations)

- Companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to thermal coal: PAI 4 (Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector) and PAI 5 (Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production)

Compliance with these thresholds is monitored via the Investment Manager's portfolio compliance framework. PAIs are also considered through integration in the investment process. As part of the investment process, Schrodgers' proprietary tool is used which incorporates several PAIs as a component of its scoring methodology. All PAI indicators are monitored via Schrodgers PAI dashboard.

A sustainable investment analyst within the investment team regularly considers the Fund's PAI indicators on behalf of the team via Schrodgers PAI dashboard. The PAI data is reviewed on a monthly basis and adverse impacts of PAIs relevant to our strategy which may be of concern are flagged.

PAIs are also considered post-investment through engagement where the Investment Manager engages in line with the approach and expectations set out in Schrodgers Engagement Blueprint, which outlines our approach to active ownership.

The investment team's experience and knowledge about companies' histories including the establishment of strong relationships with company management teams allow us to undertake constructive and effective engagements on PAIs.

The investment team holds approximately 600 company meetings a year with a focus on the long-term viability of the company's business model, financials and governance. We typically engage on PAI 1 GHG emissions, PAI 2 Carbon Footprint, PAI 8 Emissions to water, PAI 12 Gender pay gap and PAI 13 Board gender diversity.

We have developed a voting policy in partnership with our corporate governance team. Our team takes all opinions into account, but our analyst makes the ultimate decision regarding how we vote.

Our approach is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability, and quality, of PAI data evolves. The Management Company's statement on principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors is available at <https://mybrand.schrodgers.com/m/4ab13771bddd9d/original/Statement-on-principal-adverse-impacts-of-investment-decisions-on-sustainability-factors-2-1-new.pdf> <https://api.schrodgers.com/document-store/id/ffcb39bb-96cb-4e56-9461-deba9a493e85> <https://api.schrodgers.com/document-store/id/ffcb39bb-96cb-4e56-9461-deba9a493e85>. The Fund level information is disclosed or will be disclosed (as applicable) in the Fund's annual report.

1. Set thresholds: these involve very explicit thresholds for considering an investment to be a "sustainable investment". For example, PAI 10 on violations of UNGC principles.

2. Active ownership: these involve indicators on which we have a plan to engage with the underlying holding as set out in the Schrodgers Group document <https://mybrand.schrodgers.com/m/3222ea4ed44a1f2c/original/schrodgers-engagement-blueprint.pdf>, outlining our approach to active ownership. For example, PAI 1, 2 and 3 covering GHG emissions and PAI 13 on board gender diversity.

3. Improve coverage: these involve indicators where we consider data coverage to be too sparse to properly consider them and our focus is primarily on engaging with the underlying holdings to increase reporting. For example, PAI 7 on biodiversity, PAI 9 on hazardous waste ratio and PAI 12 on the gender pay gap.

Our approach is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability, and quality, of PAI data evolves.

The Management Company's statement on principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors is available at <https://mybrand.schrodgers.com/m/467910ac8e6da45c/original/Statement-on-principal-adverse-impacts-of-investment-decisions-on-sustainability-factors.pdf>. The Fund level information is disclosed or will be (as applicable) in the Fund's annual report.

☐ No



## What investment strategy does this financial product follow?

**The investment strategy** guides investment decisions based on factors such as investment objectives and risk tolerance.

The sustainable investment strategy used by the Investment Manager is as follows:

The Fund is actively managed and invests at least two-thirds of its assets in equity and equity related securities of small and mid-sized US companies. These are companies which, at the time of purchase, are considered to be in the bottom 40% by market capitalisation of the US equities market.

The Fund invests in a broad range of small and mid-sized US companies. The investment approach focuses on three types of US companies: companies that the Investment Manager believes demonstrate strong growth trends and improving levels of cash; companies which the Investment Manager believes generate dependable earnings and revenues; and companies that the Investment Manager believes are undergoing positive change that is not being recognised by the market. By doing so, the Investment Manager believes that we can reduce overall risk and improve returns for our investors over the medium to long term.

The Fund may also invest up to one-third of its assets directly or indirectly in other securities (including other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies, Investment Funds, warrants and Money Market Investments, and hold cash.

The Fund may use derivatives with aim of reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently.

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the S&P Mid Cap 400 Lagged (Net TR) Index, based on the Investment Manager's rating criteria.



The Fund does not directly invest in certain activities, industries or groups of issuers above the limits listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

The Investment Manager applies governance and sustainability criteria when selecting investments for the Fund. Companies in the investment universe are assessed on their governance, environmental and social profile, across a range of factors.

The Investment Manager performs its own due diligence on potential holdings including, where possible, meetings with senior management. The Investment Manager analyses information provided by the companies, including information provided in company sustainability reports and other relevant company material. The Investment Manager will also scrutinise other disclosures, including third party reports, and will typically engage with the company during the assessment process and afterwards if the company is selected for the portfolio.

This assessment is supported by quantitative analysis from Schroders' proprietary sustainability tools. Through such tools, analysts are able to compare companies based on the metrics selected, their own company assessment scores or adjusted rankings (size, sector or region), with the flexibility to make company specific adjustments to reflect their detailed knowledge.

More details on the Investment Manager's approach to sustainability and its engagement with companies are available on the webpage

<https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/>

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than its investment universe, based on the Investment Manager's rating system.

The Investment Manager ensures that at least:

- 90% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in developed countries; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with an investment grade credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by developed countries; and

- 75% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in emerging countries; equities issued by small and medium companies; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with a high yield credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by emerging countries,

is rated against the sustainability criteria. For the purposes of this test, small companies are those with market capitalisation below €5 billion, medium companies are those between €5 billion and €10 billion and large companies are those above €10 billion.

### ● ***What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?***

The following binding elements are applied throughout the investment process:

- The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the S&P Mid Cap 400 Lagged (Net TR) Index based on the Investment Manager's rating criteria.
- The Fund invests at least 25% of its assets in sustainable investments and such investments do not cause significant environmental or social harm.
- Exclusions are applied to direct investments in companies. The Fund applies certain exclusions relating to international conventions on cluster munitions, antipersonnel mines, and chemical and biological weapons. The Fund also excludes companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to tobacco and thermal coal, especially companies that generate at least 10% of their revenues from tobacco production, companies that generate at least 25% of their revenues from the tobacco value chain (such as suppliers, distributors, retailers and licensors), companies that generate at least 10% of their revenues from thermal coal mining and companies that generate at least 30% of their revenues from coal fired power generation. The Fund excludes companies that are assessed by Schroders to have breached one or more 'global norms' thereby causing significant environmental or social harm; these companies comprise Schroders' 'global norms' breach list. In exceptional circumstances a derogation may be applied in order to allow the Fund to continue to hold a company on Schroders' 'global norms' breach list, for example where the stated investment strategy of the Fund may otherwise be compromised. Any such company cannot be categorised as a sustainable investment. Further, the Fund may apply other exclusions as listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

The Fund invests in companies that have good governance practices, as determined by the Investment Manager's rating criteria.

The Investment Manager ensures that at least:

- 90% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in developed countries; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with an investment grade credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by developed countries; and

- 75% of the portion of the Fund's NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in emerging countries; equities issued by small and medium companies; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with a high yield credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by emerging countries,

is rated against the sustainability criteria.

● **What is the committed minimum rate to reduce the scope of the investments considered prior to the application of that investment strategy?**

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

● **What is the policy to assess good governance practices of the investee companies?**

In order to assess good governance practices, a central Good Governance Test is applied. This test is based on a data-driven quantitative framework, which uses a scorecard to assess companies across the categories of sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff, and tax compliance. Schroders has defined a number of criteria across these pillars.

Compliance with the test is monitored centrally and companies which do not pass this test cannot be held by the Fund, unless the Investment Manager has agreed that the issuer demonstrates good governance based on additional insights beyond that quantitative analysis.

**Good governance** practices include sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff and tax compliance.



**Asset allocation** describes the share of investments in specific assets.

## What is the asset allocation planned for this financial product?

The planned composition of the Fund's investments that are used to meet its environmental or social characteristics are summarised below.

**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the minimum proportion of the Fund's assets used to attain the environmental or social characteristics, which is equal to 70%. The Fund commits to maintain a higher overall sustainability score than the S&P Mid Cap 400 Lagged (Net TR) Index, and so the Fund's investments that are scored by Schroders' proprietary sustainability tool are included within the minimum proportion stated in #1 on the basis that they will contribute to the Fund's sustainability score (whether such individual investment has a positive or a negative score). Also included within #1 is the minimum proportion of assets that are invested in sustainable investments, as indicated in #1A. The minimum proportions stated apply in normal market conditions. The actual proportion stated in #1 is expected to be higher.

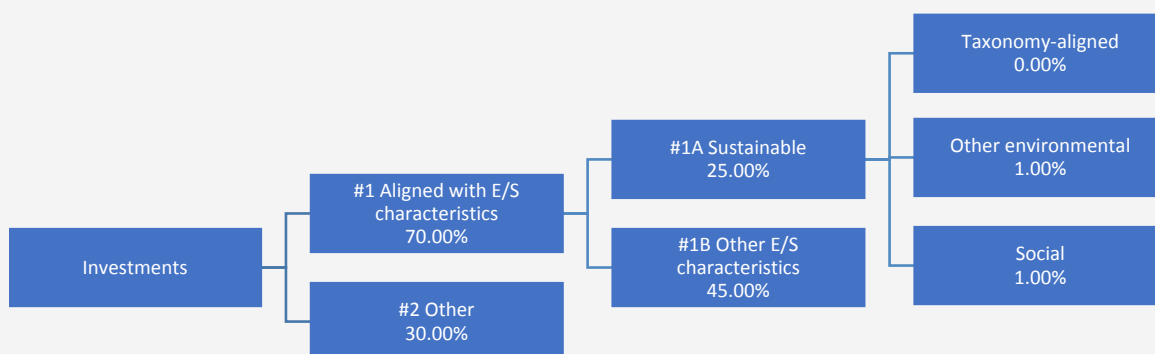
The sustainability score is measured by Schroders' proprietary tool that provides an estimate of the net "impact" that an issuer may create in terms of social and environmental "costs" or "benefits". It does this by using certain indicators with respect to that issuer, and quantifying them positively and negatively to produce an aggregate notional measure of the effect that the relevant underlying issuer may have on society and the environment. Examples of such indicators are greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and salaries compared to the living wage.

The Fund will invest at least 25% of its assets in sustainable investments. A sustainable investment is classified as having an environmental or social objective depending on whether the relevant issuer has a higher score in Schroders' proprietary tool relative to its applicable peer group for its environmental indicators or its social indicators. In each case, indicators are comprised of both "costs" and "benefits".

**#2 Other** includes cash which is treated as neutral for sustainability purposes, such as Money Market Investments. #2 also includes investments that are not scored by Schroders' proprietary sustainability tool and so do not contribute towards the Fund's sustainability score. As #1 states a minimum proportion that is in practice expected to be higher, the proportion stated in #2 is expected to be lower.

Minimum safeguards are applied where relevant to Money Market Investments and other investments by restricting (as appropriate) investments in counterparties where there are ownership links or exposure to higher risk countries (for the purpose of money laundering, terrorist financing, bribery, corruption, tax evasion and sanctions risks). A firm-wide risk assessment considers the risk rating of each jurisdiction; which includes reference to a number of public statements, indices and world governance indicators issued by the UN, the European Union, the UK Government, the Financial Action Task Force and several Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), such as Transparency International and the Basel Committee.

In addition, new counterparties are reviewed by Schroders' credit risk team and approval of a new counterparty is based on a holistic review of the various sources of information available, including, but not limited to, quality of management, ownership structure, location, regulatory and social environment to which each counterparty is subject, and the degree of development of the local banking system and its regulatory framework. Ongoing monitoring is performed through a Schroders' proprietary tool, which supports the analysis of a counterparty's management of environmental, social and governance trends and challenges. Any significant deterioration in the profile of the counterparty in Schroders' proprietary tool would lead to further analysis and potential exclusion by Schroders' credit risk team.



**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the investments of the financial product used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product.

**#2 Other** includes the remaining investments of the financial product which are neither aligned with the environmental or social characteristics, nor are qualified as sustainable investments.

The category **#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** covers:

- The sub-category **#1A Sustainable** covers sustainable investments with environmental or social objectives.
- The sub-category **#1B Other E/S characteristics** covers investments aligned with the environmental or social characteristics that do not qualify as sustainable investments.

#1 The minimum proportion stated applies in normal market conditions.

### ● **How does the use of derivatives attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?**

The Fund may use derivatives that are scored in Schrodgers' proprietary tool to meet the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted by the Fund, as such derivatives would contribute to the Fund's sustainability score (whether such individual investment has a positive or a negative score).



### **To what minimum extent are sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?**

There is no minimum extent to which the Fund's investments (including transitional and enabling activities) with an environmental objective are aligned with the Taxonomy. Taxonomy alignment of this Fund's investments has therefore not been calculated and has as a result been deemed to constitute 0% of the Fund's portfolio.

In future it is expected that the Fund will assess and report on the extent to which its underlying investments are in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the Taxonomy, along with information relating to the proportion of enabling and transitional activities. This Prospectus will be updated once it is possible in the Investment Manager's opinion to accurately disclose to what extent the Fund's investments are in Taxonomy-aligned environmentally sustainable activities, including the proportions of investments in enabling and transitional activities selected for the Fund.

### ● **Does the financial product invest in fossil gas and/or nuclear energy related activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy<sup>1</sup>?**

☐ Yes:

☐ In fossil gas ☐ In nuclear energy

☒ No

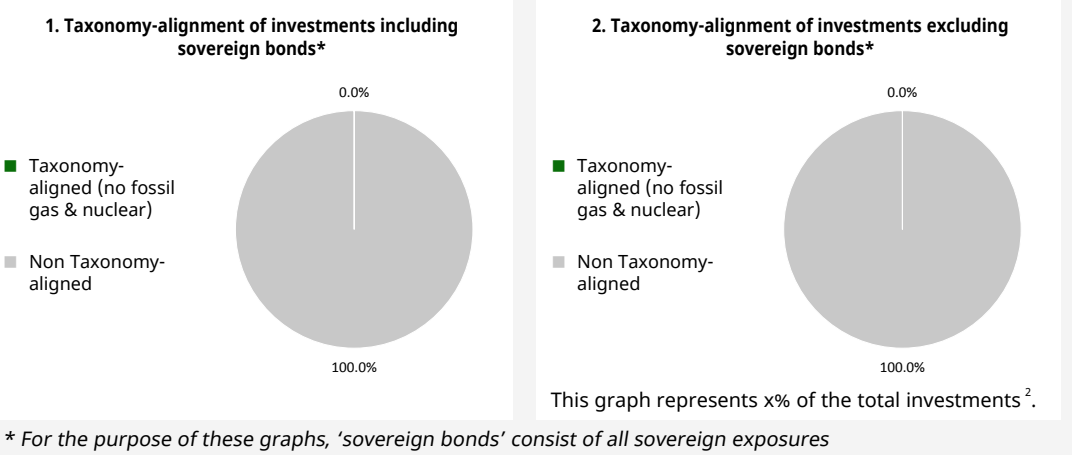
To comply with the EU Taxonomy, the criteria for **fossil gas** include limitations on emissions and switching to renewable power or low-carbon fuels by the end of 2035. For **nuclear energy**, the criteria include comprehensive safety and waste management rules.

<sup>1</sup> Fossil gas and/or nuclear related activities will only comply with the EU Taxonomy where they contribute to limiting climate change ("climate change mitigation") and do not significantly harm any EU Taxonomy objective – see explanatory note in the left-hand margin. The full criteria for fossil gas and nuclear energy economic activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy are laid down in Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1214.

Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

- **turnover** reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee companies
- **capital expenditure** (CapEx) showing the green investments made by investee companies, e.g. for a transition to a green economy.
- **operational expenditure** (OpEx) reflecting green operational activities of investee companies.

The two graphs below show in green the minimum percentage of investments that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the Taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy-alignment in relation to all the investments of the financial product including sovereign bonds, while the second graph shows the Taxonomy-alignment only in relation to the investments of the financial product other than sovereign bonds.



**Enabling activities** directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective.

**Transitional activities** are activities for which low-carbon alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.

- **What is the minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities?**  
As per the above, at the date of this Prospectus the share of investments by the Fund in transitional and enabling activities is currently deemed to constitute 0% of the Fund's portfolio.



- **What is the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?**  
The Fund commits to invest at least 1% of its assets in sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

are sustainable investments with an environmental objective that **do not take into account the criteria** for environmentally sustainable economic activities under the EU Taxonomy.

<sup>2</sup> As there is no Taxonomy-alignment, there is no impact on the graph if sovereign bonds are excluded (i.e. the percentage of Taxonomy-aligned investments remains 0%) and the Management Company therefore believes that there is no need to mention this information.



## What is the minimum share of socially sustainable investments?

The Fund commits to invest at least 1% of its assets in sustainable investments with a social objective.



## What investments are included under “#2 Other”, what is their purpose and are there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

**#2 Other** includes cash which is treated as neutral for sustainability purposes. #2 also includes investments that are not scored by Schroders’ proprietary sustainability tools and so do not contribute towards the Fund’s sustainability score.

Minimum safeguards are applied where relevant to Money Market Investments and other investments by restricting (as appropriate) investments in counterparties where there are ownership links or exposure to higher risk countries (for the purpose of money laundering, terrorist financing, bribery, corruption, tax evasion and sanctions risks). A firm-wide risk assessment considers the risk rating of each jurisdiction; which includes reference to a number of public statements, indices and world governance indicators issued by the UN, the European Union, the UK Government, the Financial Action Task Force and several Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), such as Transparency International and the Basel Committee.

In addition, new counterparties are reviewed by Schroders’ credit risk team and approval of a new counterparty is based on a holistic review of the various sources of information available, including, but not limited to, quality of management, ownership structure, location, regulatory and social environment to which each counterparty is subject, and the degree of development of the local banking system and its regulatory framework. Ongoing monitoring is performed through a Schroders’ proprietary tool, which supports the analysis of a counterparty’s management of environmental, social and governance trends and challenges. Any significant deterioration in the profile of the counterparty in Schroders’ proprietary tool would lead to further analysis and potential exclusion by Schroders’ credit risk team.



## Is a specific index designated as a reference benchmark to determine whether this financial product is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes?

**Reference benchmarks** are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the environmental or social characteristics that they promote.

- ***How is the reference benchmark continuously aligned with each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- ***How is the alignment of the investment strategy with the methodology of the index ensured on a continuous basis?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- ***How does the designated index differ from a relevant broad market index?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

- ***Where can the methodology used for the calculation of the designated index be found?***

This question is not applicable for the Fund.



## Where can I find more product specific information online?

More product-specific information can be found on the webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

Pre-contractual disclosure for the financial products referred to in Article 9, paragraphs 1 to 4a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 5, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852

**Product name:** **Schroder International Selection Fund US Smaller Companies Impact**

**Legal entity identifier:** **RHJGQ85DVCNQ0T8OGL26**

## Sustainable investment objective

**Sustainable investment** means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good Governance practices.

The **EU Taxonomy** is a classification system laid down in Regulation (EU) 2020/852, establishing a list of **environmentally sustainable economic activities**. For the time being, it does not include a list of socially sustainable economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.

Does this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="radio"/> <b>Yes</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="radio"/> <b>No</b>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with an environmental objective: 10.00%</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> It <b>promotes Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics</b> and while it does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will have a minimum proportion of ___% of sustainable investments
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with a social objective 10.00%</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> with a social objective
	<input type="checkbox"/> It promotes E/S characteristics, but <b>will not make any sustainable investments</b>

The Fund commits to invest at least 90% of its assets in sustainable investments. Within this overall commitment, there is a minimum commitment to invest at least 10% of its assets in sustainable investments with an environmental objective and at least 10% of its assets in sustainable investments with a social objective.



## What is the sustainable investment objective of this financial product?

The Fund's sustainable investment objective is to invest its assets in small-sized US companies that the Investment Manager expects to contribute positive impact by advancing an environmental or social objective linked to one or more of the UN SDGs, and to deliver returns to shareholders over the long term. The Fund may also invest in investments that the Investment Manager deems to be neutral under its sustainability criteria, such as cash and Money Market Investments and derivatives used with the aim of reducing risk (hedging) or managing the Fund more efficiently.

The Investment Manager will select companies from a universe of eligible companies that have been determined as meeting the Investment Manager's impact criteria. The impact criteria include an assessment of the company's contribution to the UN SDGs alongside the Investment Manager's assessment of the company via its proprietary scorecard. The investment process is aligned with the Operating Principles for Impact Management. No reference benchmark has been designated for the purpose of attaining the sustainable investment objective.

**Sustainability indicators** measure how the sustainable objectives of this financial product are attained.

### ● **What sustainability indicators are used to measure the attainment of the sustainable investment objective of this financial product?**

The Investment Manager is responsible for determining whether an investment meets the criteria of a sustainable investment. The Investment Manager uses a combination of a revenue based approach in this assessment, by considering whether a certain percentage of the relevant issuer's revenues, capital expenditure or operating expenditure contributes to an environmental or social objective (as applicable), and specific sustainability key performance indicators to assess the investment's contribution to an environmental or social objective (as applicable). The output of the Investment Strategy outlined below is the production of the list of investments that meet the selection criteria, this represents the investment universe. Compliance with the minimum percentage in sustainable investments is monitored daily via our automated compliance controls. The Fund also applies certain exclusions, with which the Investment Manager monitors compliance on an ongoing basis via its portfolio compliance framework.

The Investment Manager uses different sustainability indicators to measure the impact contribution at an investee company level. In particular, the Investment Manager uses a quantitative screening tool to identify companies that derive a certain minimum percentage of their revenues from whose main activity



is contributing to an environmental or social objective. In addition, there is a detailed impact assessment of every company via the completion of a proprietary scorecard. The impact scorecard focuses on the impact that a company's products and services are expected to have. The Investment Manager considers different aspects of impact such as: what outcome and UN SDGs the company is contributing to; who is served by the outcome (such as the relevant stakeholder or industry); an assessment of our expected contribution (including Schroders influence and engagement); and consideration of impact risks. The assessment includes tracking Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) that are used to measure and monitor the company's impact over time via an annual review.

Once these steps have been completed, the company and scorecard are then validated and approved by Schroders' Impact Assessment Group (IAG), in order for the company to be eligible for inclusion in the Fund's investible universe. The IAG consists of members from Schroders' impact and sustainable investment teams and members of the investment team.

### ● **How do sustainable investments not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?**

The Investment Manager's approach to investing in issuers that do not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective includes the following:

Firm-wide investment exclusions apply to Schroders funds. These relate to international conventions on cluster munitions, anti-personnel mines, and chemical and biological weapons and a list of those companies that are excluded is available at <https://www.schroders.com/en/sustainability/active-ownership/group-exclusions/>.

Firm-wide exclusions also apply to companies generating more than 20% of their revenue from thermal coal mining.

The Fund excludes companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to tobacco and thermal coal.

The Fund excludes companies that are assessed by Schroders to have breached one or more 'global norms' thereby causing significant environmental or social harm; these companies comprise Schroders' 'global norms' breach list. Schroders' determination of whether a company has been involved in such a breach considers relevant principles such as those contained in the UN Global Compact (UNGC) principles, the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights. The 'global norms' breach list may be informed by assessments performed by third party providers and by proprietary research, where relevant to a particular situation.

- The Fund may also apply certain other exclusions in addition to those summarised above.

Further information on all of the Fund's investment exclusions is to be found under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>.

### ● **How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?**

When seeking to identify significant harm, Schroders' approach to taking into account the Principal Adverse Impacts (PAI) indicators involves a quantitative and a qualitative assessment. Where it is not considered appropriate or feasible to set quantitative thresholds, the Investment Manager engages, where relevant. Investee companies deemed not to satisfy the quantitative thresholds would generally be excluded, unless on a case-by-case basis the data is deemed not representative of a company's performance in the relevant area.

This framework is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability and quality of the data evolves.

Our approach includes:

1. **Quantitative:** this includes indicators where specific thresholds have been established:
  - Via the application of exclusions. This approach is relevant to **PAI 4** (Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector), **PAI 5** (Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production) and **PAI 14** (Exposure to controversial weapons). Further, the following PAIs are assessed as part of Schroders 'global norms' breach list exclusion (which seeks to exclude companies where significant harm is occurring):
    - **PAI 7** (Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas)
    - **PAI 8** (Emissions to water)
    - **PAI 9** (Hazardous waste and radioactive waste ratio)
    - **PAI 10** (Violations of UN Global Compact principles and Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises)
    - **PAI 11** (Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and Voluntary)

**Principal adverse impacts** are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anticorruption and antibribery matters.

- **PAI 14** in Table 3 (Number of identified cases of severe human rights issues and incidents)

Via the application of an alert system flag if the relevant indicator(s) exceeds a threshold. These quantitative thresholds to assess significant harm are established centrally by our Sustainable Investment team and monitored systematically. This approach applies to indicators where we have segmented the population into harm groups to establish a threshold, such as carbon related PAI metrics, **PAI 1** (GHG emissions), **PAI 2** (Carbon footprint) and **Voluntary PAI 4 in Table 2** (Investing in companies without carbon emission reduction initiatives). **PAI 3** (GHG intensity of investee companies) operates in a similar way but the threshold is based on a revenue metric. A threshold for **PAI 6** (Energy consumption intensity per high impact climate sector) is established based on the above-mentioned carbon measures. A similar approach has been taken for **PAI 15** (GHG intensity). **PAI 16** (Investee countries subject to social violations) also operates in the same way but based on data availability regarding social violations. Through this process the relevant issuer(s) that is/are deemed not to satisfy the quantitative thresholds is/are flagged to the Investment Manager for consideration, whose response may involve selling the holdings(s) or maintaining the position if on a case-by-case basis the data is deemed not representative of a company's performance in the relevant area. Investee companies deemed to cause significant harm are excluded from the Fund.

2. **Qualitative:** This includes PAI indicators where Schroders' believes that the data available does not enable us to make a quantitative determination regarding whether significant harm is done so as to warrant excluding an investment. In such cases, the Investment Manager engages wherever possible with the company or companies held, in accordance with the priorities documented in Schroders' Engagement Blueprint and/or voting policy. This approach applies to indicators such as **PAI 12** (Unadjusted gender pay gap) and **PAI 13** (Board gender diversity), where we engage and may use our voting rights where we consider appropriate. Both board gender diversity and disclosure of gender pay gap information are captured in our Engagement Blueprint.

### ● *How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights?*

Companies on Schroders' 'global norms' breach list cannot be categorised as sustainable investments. Schroders' determination of whether a company should be included on such list considers the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, among other relevant principles. The 'global norms' breach list is informed by third party providers and proprietary research, where relevant.



## Does this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

☒ Yes, the Investment Manager's approach to considering principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors involves classifying the indicators into three categories:

The Investment Manager's approach to considering principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors differs depending on the relevant indicator. Some indicators are considered via the application of exclusions, some are considered via the investment process (where data is available via Schroders PAI dashboard and via other external data sources) and some are considered via engagement. Further details are provided below.

PAIs are considered as part of pre-investment through the application of exclusions. These include:

- Controversial weapons: PAI 14 (Exposure to controversial weapons (anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, chemical weapons and biological weapons))

- Schroders' 'global norms' breach list, which covers: PAI 7 (Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas), PAI 8 (Emissions to water), PAI 9 (Hazardous waste and radioactive waste ratio), PAI 10 (Violations of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises), PAI 11 (Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises) and PAI 16 (Investee countries subject to social violations)

- Companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to thermal coal: PAI 4 (Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector) and PAI 5 (Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production)

Compliance with these thresholds is monitored via the Investment Manager's portfolio compliance framework. PAIs are also considered through integration in the investment process. As part of the investment process, Schroders' proprietary tool is used which incorporates several PAIs as a component of its scoring methodology. All PAI indicators are monitored via Schroders PAI dashboard.

A sustainable investment analyst within the investment team regularly considers the Fund's PAI indicators on behalf of the team via Schroders PAI dashboard. The PAI data is reviewed on a monthly basis and adverse impacts of PAIs relevant to our strategy which may be of concern are flagged.

PAIs are also considered post-investment through engagement where the Investment Manager engages in line with the approach and expectations set out in Schroders Engagement Blueprint, which outlines our approach to active ownership.

The investment team's experience and knowledge about companies' histories including the establishment of strong relationships with company management teams allow us to undertake constructive and effective engagements on PAIs.

The investment team holds approximately 600 company meetings a year with a focus on the long-term viability of the company's business model, financials and governance. We typically engage on PAI 1 GHG emissions, PAI 2 Carbon Footprint, PAI 8 Emissions to water, PAI 12 Gender pay gap and PAI 13 Board gender diversity.

We have developed a voting policy in partnership with our corporate governance team. Our team takes all opinions into account, but our analyst makes the ultimate decision regarding how we vote. Our approach is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability, and quality, of PAI data evolves. The Management Company's statement on principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors is available at <https://mybrand.schroders.com/m/4ab13771bdddcd9d/original/Statement-on-principal-adverse-impacts-of-investment-decisions-on-sustainability-factors-2-1-new.pdf> <https://api.schroders.com/document-store/id/ffcb39bb-96cb-4e56-9461-deba9a493e85>. The Fund level information is disclosed or will be disclosed (as applicable) in the Fund's annual report.

1. Set thresholds: these involve very explicit thresholds for considering an investment to be a "sustainable investment". For example, PAI 10 on violations of UNGC principles.

2. Active ownership: these involve indicators on which we have a plan to engage with the underlying holding as set out in the Schroders Group document <https://mybrand.schroders.com/m/3222ea4ed44a1f2c/original/schroders-engagement-blueprint.pdf>, outlining our approach to active ownership. For example, PAI 1, 2 and 3 covering GHG emissions and PAI 13 on board gender diversity.

3. Improve coverage: these involve indicators where we consider data coverage to be too sparse to properly consider them and our focus is primarily on engaging with the underlying holdings to increase reporting. For example, PAI 7 on biodiversity, PAI 9 on hazardous waste ratio and PAI 12 on the gender pay gap.

Our approach is subject to ongoing review, particularly as the availability, and quality, of PAI data evolves.

The Management Company's statement on principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors is available at <https://mybrand.schroders.com/m/467910ac8e6da45c/original/Statement-on-principal-adverse-impacts-of-investment-decisions-on-sustainability-factors.pdf>. The Fund level information is disclosed or will be (as applicable) in the Fund's annual report.

☐ No



## What investment strategy does this financial product follow?

**The investment strategy** guides investment decisions based on factors such as investment objectives and risk tolerance.

The sustainable investment strategy used by the Investment Manager is as follows:

The Fund is actively managed and invests its assets in (i) sustainable investments, which are investments that the Investment Manager expects to contribute towards the advancement of an environmental or social objective linked to one or more of the UN SDGs, and to deliver returns to shareholders over the long term, and (ii) investments that the Investment Manager deems to be neutral under its sustainability criteria such as cash and Money Market Investments and derivatives used with the aim of reducing risk (hedging) or managing the Fund more efficiently.

The Investment Manager will select companies from a universe of eligible companies that have been determined as meeting the Investment Manager's impact criteria. The impact criteria include an assessment of the company's contribution to the UN SDGs alongside the Investment Manager's assessment of the company's impact via its proprietary impact investment management framework and tools (including an impact scorecard).

The Fund is part of Schroders' Impact Driven strategies. As such, it applies highly selective investment criteria and its investment process is aligned with the Operating Principles for Impact Management which means that an assessment of impact is embedded in the steps of the investment process. All sustainable investments in the Fund are subject to this framework.

The Fund does not directly invest in certain activities, industries or groups of issuers above the limits listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

The Fund invests in companies that do not cause significant environmental or social harm and have good governance practices, as determined by the Investment Manager's rating criteria.

The Investment Manager may also engage with companies held by the Fund to seek to improve sustainability practices and enhance social and environmental impacts generated by underlying investee companies. More details on the Investment Manager's approach to sustainability and its engagement with companies are available on the webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/>

The Fund invests at least two-thirds of its assets in a concentrated range of equity and equity related securities of small-sized US companies. These are companies which, at the time of purchase, are considered to be in the bottom 30% by market capitalisation of the US equities market. The Fund typically holds 40 – 60 companies.

The Fund may also invest up to one-third of its assets directly or indirectly in other securities (including other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies, Investment Funds, warrants and Money Market Investments, and hold cash.

The Fund may use derivatives with the aim of achieving investment gains, reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently.

The Investment Manager applies sustainability criteria when selecting investments for the Fund.

Investments are composed of companies whose products and services contribute positively to at least one of the UN SDGs. In order to identify companies with a direct link to a UN SDG, the Investment Manager applies a two step approach:

The first is a revenue based approach that considers whether a certain percentage of the relevant company's revenues, capital expenditure or operating expenditure contributes to an environmental or social objective (as applicable).

The second is a detailed impact assessment of the company via the completion of a proprietary impact scorecard. The Investment Manager considers different aspects of impact such as: what outcome and UN SDGs the company is contributing to; who is served by the outcome (such as the relevant stakeholder or industry); an assessment of our expected contribution (including Schroders influence and engagement); and consideration of impact risks. The assessment typically includes Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) that are used to track the company's impact over time.

The company and impact scorecard are then validated and approved by Schroders' Impact Assessment Group (IAG), in order for the company to be eligible for inclusion in the Fund's investible universe. The IAG consists of members from Schroders' impact and sustainable investment teams and members of the investment team. There may be some limited instances where step 2 and the IAG approval may follow subsequently (such as a particularly time sensitive investment).

The Investment Manager has identified three types of companies that will typically be considered for inclusion in the portfolio.

The first type are highly innovative companies whose business model solves a direct need within the SDGs. These are growth companies whose solution to an SDG gap can be scaled.

The second type are companies that are already generating revenues that have an impact, but do not articulate or highlight that impact. These are companies the Investment Manager can identify due to its deep understanding of the US Small Cap universe where it sees a re-rating opportunity. In so doing the companies can better articulate and become more transparent about their impact opportunity. This is expected to be the largest group in the Fund's portfolio.

The third type will tend to have the lowest level of revenue link. These are companies whose business models are transitioning towards higher impact activities and where the Investment Manager sees the ability to help guide such companies on that journey with active engagement. This is expected to be the smallest group in the Fund's portfolio.

Each investment must have some revenue linking to an SDG. Based on where the investment falls within the three types the level of linked revenue will vary.

The Investment Manager ensures that at least 90% of the portion of the Fund's Net Asset Value composed of investments in companies is rated against the sustainability criteria. As a result of the application of sustainability criteria, at least 20% of the Fund's potential investment universe is excluded from the selection of investments.

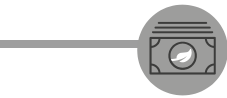
For the purposes of this test, the potential investment universe is the core universe of issuers that the Investment Manager may select for the Fund prior to the application of sustainability criteria, in accordance with the other limitations of the Investment Objective and Policy. This universe is comprised of equity and equity related securities of small-sized US companies or companies which derive a significant proportion of their revenues or profits from small-sized US companies.

### ● **What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain the sustainable investment objective?**

The following binding elements are applied throughout the investment process:

- The Fund is actively managed and invests at least 90% of its assets in sustainable investments, which are investments that the Investment Manager expects to contribute towards the advancement of an environmental or social objective linked to one or more of the UN SDGs, and to deliver returns to shareholders over the long term.
- Exclusions are applied to direct investments in companies. The Fund applies certain exclusions relating to international conventions on cluster munitions, antipersonnel mines, and chemical and biological weapons. The Fund also excludes companies that derive revenues above certain thresholds from activities related to tobacco and thermal coal, especially companies that generate revenues from tobacco production or any other part of the tobacco value chain (suppliers, distributors, retailers, licensors), and companies that generate revenues from thermal coal mining and coal fired power generation. The Fund excludes companies that are assessed by Schroders to have breached one or more 'global norms' thereby causing significant environmental or social harm; these companies comprise Schroders' 'global norms' breach list. Details of the revenue thresholds together with certain other exclusions the Fund applies are listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>
- The Fund invests in companies that do not cause significant environmental or social harm and have good governance practices, as determined by the Investment Manager's rating criteria.
- The Investment Manager ensures that at least 90% of the portion of the Fund's Net Asset Value composed of investments in companies is rated against the sustainability criteria.
- As a result of the application of sustainability criteria, at least 20% of the Fund's potential investment universe is excluded from the selection of investments.

**Good governance** practices include sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff and tax compliance.



**Asset allocation** describes the share of investments in specific assets.

● **What is the policy to assess good governance practices of the investee companies?**

In order to assess good governance practices, a central Good Governance Test is applied. This test is based on a data-driven quantitative framework, which uses a scorecard to assess companies across the categories of sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff, and tax compliance. Schroders has defined a number of criteria across these pillars. Compliance with the test is monitored centrally and companies which do not pass this test cannot be held by the Fund, unless the Investment Manager has agreed that the issuer demonstrates good governance based on additional insights beyond that quantitative analysis.

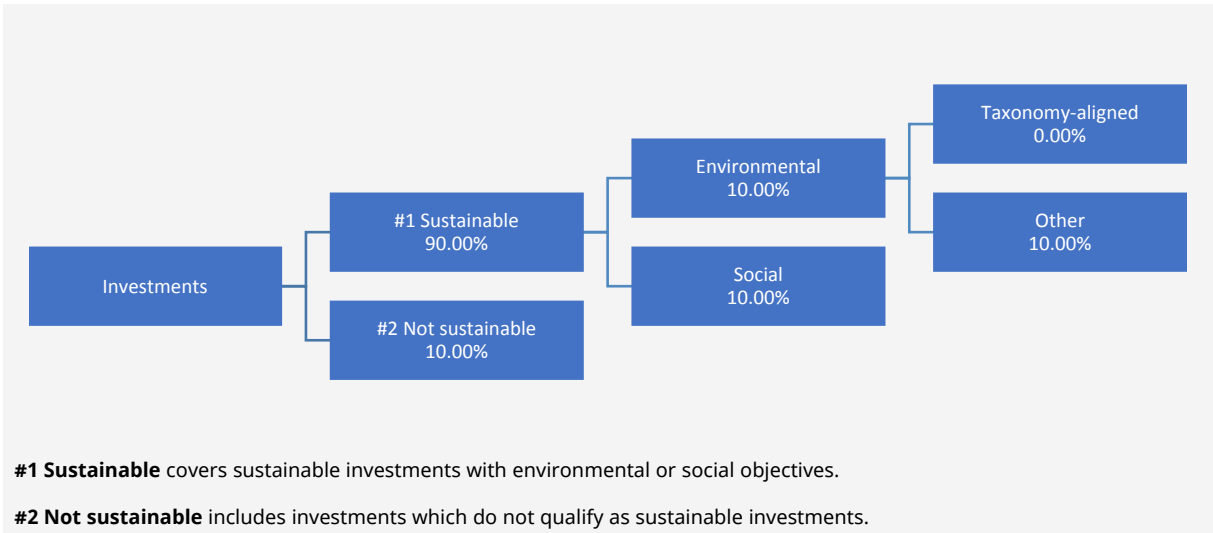
**What is the asset allocation and the minimum share of sustainable investments?**

The planned composition of the Fund’s investments that are used to meet its sustainable investment objective are summarised below. The Fund invests at least 90% of its assets in sustainable investments, which means included in **#1 Sustainable** are investments in small-sized US companies that the Investment Manager expects to contribute towards the advancement of an environmental or social objective linked to one or more of the UN SDGs, and to deliver returns to shareholders over the long term. Within this overall commitment of 90%, there is a minimum commitment to invest at least 10% of its assets in sustainable investments with an environmental objective and at least 10% of its assets in sustainable investments with a social objective. The minimum proportions stated apply in normal market conditions.

**#2 Not sustainable** includes investments that are treated as neutral for sustainability purposes, such as cash and Money Market Investments and derivatives used with the aim of reducing risk (hedging) or managing the Fund more efficiently.

Minimum safeguards are applied where relevant to Money Market Investments and derivatives used with the aim of reducing risk (hedging) by restricting (as appropriate) investments in counterparties where there are ownership links or exposure to higher risk countries (for the purpose of money laundering, terrorist financing, bribery, corruption, tax evasion and sanctions risks). A firm-wide risk assessment considers the risk rating of each jurisdiction; which includes reference to a number of public statements, indices and world governance indicators issued by the UN, the European Union, the UK Government, the Financial Action Task Force and several Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), such as Transparency International and the Basel Committee.

In addition, new counterparties are reviewed by Schroders’ credit risk team and approval of a new counterparty is based on a holistic review of the various sources of information available, including, but not limited to, quality of management, ownership structure, location, regulatory and social environment to which each counterparty is subject, and the degree of development of the local banking system and its regulatory framework. Ongoing monitoring is performed through a Schroders’ proprietary tool, which supports the analysis of a counterparty’s management of environmental, social and governance trends and challenges. Any significant deterioration in the profile of the counterparty in Schroders’ proprietary tool would lead to further analysis and potential exclusion by Schroders’ credit risk team.



● **How does the use of derivatives attain the sustainable investment objective?**

This question is not applicable for the Fund





## To what minimum extent are sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

There is no minimum extent to which the Fund's investments (including transitional and enabling activities) with an environmental objective are aligned with the Taxonomy. Taxonomy alignment of this Fund's investments has therefore not been calculated and has as a result been deemed to constitute 0% of the Fund's portfolio.

In future it is expected that the Fund will assess and report on the extent to which its underlying investments are in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the Taxonomy, along with information relating to the proportion of enabling and transitional activities. This Prospectus will be updated once it is possible in the Investment Manager's opinion to accurately disclose to what extent the Fund's investments are in Taxonomy-aligned environmentally sustainable activities, including the proportions of investments in enabling and transitional activities selected for the Fund.

### ● Does the financial product invest in fossil gas and/or nuclear energy related activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy<sup>1</sup>?

☐ Yes:

☐ In fossil gas ☐ In nuclear energy

☒ No

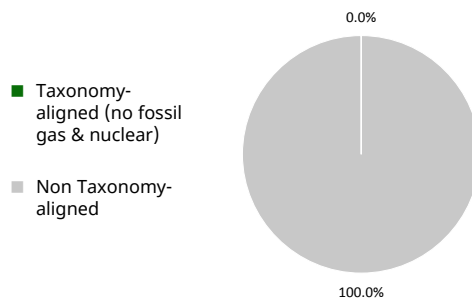
To comply with the EU Taxonomy, the criteria for **fossil gas** include limitations on emissions and switching to renewable power or low-carbon fuels by the end of 2035. For **nuclear energy**, the criteria include comprehensive safety and waste management rules.

Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

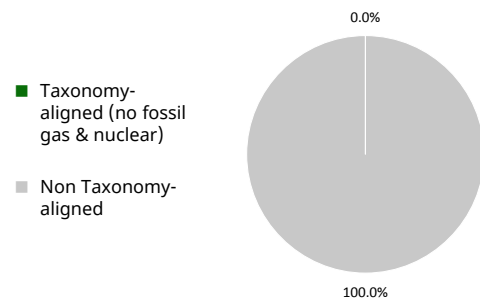
- **turnover** reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee companies
- **capital expenditure** (CapEx) showing the green investments made by investee companies, e.g. for a transition to a green economy.
- **operational expenditure** (OpEx) reflecting green operational activities of investee companies.

The two graphs below show in green the minimum percentage of investments that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the Taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy-alignment in relation to all the investments of the financial product including sovereign bonds, while the second graph shows the Taxonomy-alignment only in relation to the investments of the financial product other than sovereign bonds.

1. Taxonomy-alignment of investments including sovereign bonds\*



2. Taxonomy-alignment of investments excluding sovereign bonds\*



This graph represents x% of the total investments<sup>2</sup>.

\* For the purpose of these graphs, 'sovereign bonds' consist of all sovereign exposures

### ● What is the minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities?

As per the above, at the date of this Prospectus the share of investments by the Fund in transitional and enabling activities is currently deemed to constitute 0% of the Fund's portfolio.

**Enabling activities** directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective.

**Transitional activities** are activities for which low-carbon

<sup>1</sup> Fossil gas and/or nuclear related activities will only comply with the EU Taxonomy where they contribute to limiting climate change ("climate change mitigation") and do not significantly harm any EU Taxonomy objective – see explanatory note in the left-hand margin. The full criteria for fossil gas and nuclear energy economic activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy are laid down in Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1214.

<sup>2</sup> As there is no Taxonomy-alignment, there is no impact on the graph if sovereign bonds are excluded (i.e. the percentage of Taxonomy-aligned investments remains 0%) and the Management Company therefore believes that there is no need to mention this information.



alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.



### What is the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

The Fund commits to invest at least 10% of its assets in sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy.



are environmentally sustainable investments that **do not take into account the criteria** for environmentally sustainable economic activities under the EU Taxonomy.



### What is the minimum share of sustainable investments with a social objective?

The Fund commits to invest at least 10% of its assets in sustainable investments with a social objective.



### What investments are included under “#2 Not sustainable”, what is their purpose and are there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

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### Is a specific index designated as a reference benchmark to meet the sustainable investment objective?

**Reference benchmarks** are indexes to measure whether the financial

- **How does the reference benchmark take into account sustainability factors in a way that is continuously aligned with the sustainable investment objective?**

This question is not applicable for the Fund.

product attains the sustainable investment objective.

- ***How is the alignment of the investment strategy with the methodology of the index ensured on a continuous basis?***  
This question is not applicable for the Fund.
- ***How does the designated index differ from a relevant broad market index?***  
This question is not applicable for the Fund.
- ***Where can the methodology used for the calculation of the designated index be found?***  
This question is not applicable for the Fund.



## **Where can I find more product specific information online?**

More product-specific information can be found on the webpage: <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre>

# Appendix V

## Other Information

- (A) A list of all Funds and Share Classes may be obtained, free of charge and upon request, from the registered office of the Company.
- (B) A list of the third party delegates appointed by the Depositary pursuant to the Depositary and Custodian Agreement is available on <https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/professional/funds-and-strategies/fund-administration/>





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