



# Stewart Investors Indian Subcontinent Sustainability Fund Class B GBP

a subfund of First Sentier Investors ICVC (the Company) – Fund Factsheet

31 October 2024

## Investment objective and policy

The Fund aims to achieve capital growth over the long term (at least five years).

The Fund invests in shares of companies based in or where the majority of their activities take place in India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka or Bangladesh and that are listed on exchanges worldwide. The Fund invests in shares of high quality companies which are positioned to contribute to, and benefit from, sustainable development.

Investment decisions around high quality companies are based on three key points: (i) Quality of management. (ii) Quality of the company including its social usefulness, their environmental impacts and efficiency and responsible business practices. (iii) Quality of the company's finances and their financial performance. Sustainability is a key part of the approach.

The Fund may invest up to 10% in other funds. The Fund will only use derivatives to reduce risk or to manage the Fund more efficiently in limited cases.

## Fund information

Fund launch date	15 November 2006
Share class launch date	09 November 2012
Fund size (£m)	694.2
UK's investment association sector	India
Benchmark	MSCI India Net Index*
Number of holdings	34
Fund manager(s)	Sashi Reddy/David Gait
Minimum investment	£1,000/£50 per month
Initial charge	0% <sup>c</sup>
Ongoing charges †	0.93%
Share type	Accumulation
Sedol	B1FXTG9
ISIN	GB00B1FXTG93
Research rating ‡	Morningstar®:Gold Square Mile:Responsible AA RSM:Rated
Fund yield	0.0%

\* The benchmark for this Fund has been identified as a means by which investors can compare the performance of the Fund and has been chosen because its constituents most closely represent the scope of the investable assets. The benchmark is not used to limit or constrain how the portfolio is constructed nor is it part of a target set for Fund performance. The IA India Sector was split out of the IA Specialist Sector as of 13 September 2021 to create a new IA India Sector. The Stewart Investors Indian Subcontinent Sustainability Fund joined the new IA India Sector at the same time. Please note that the number of funds in each Investment Association sector will vary over time.

## Annual performance (% in GBP) to 31 October 2024

Period	12 mths to 31/10/24	12 mths to 31/10/23	12 mths to 31/10/22	12 mths to 31/10/21	12 mths to 31/10/20
Fund return	19.2	1.4	14.0	42.3	3.2
Benchmark return	25.2	-1.2	10.9	41.7	-2.5
Sector return	23.9	3.5	5.9	44.0	-5.7
Quartile rank	4	3	1	2	1

## Cumulative performance (% in GBP) to 31 October 2024

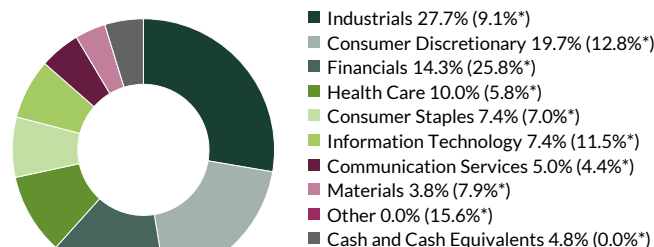
Period	3 mths	6 mths	1 yr	3 yrs	5 yrs	10 yrs	Since inception
Fund return	-4.5	7.5	19.2	37.8	102.3	227.9	414.7
Benchmark return	-5.4	3.2	25.2	37.2	89.6	184.1	268.8
Sector return	-2.5	6.1	23.9	35.9	86.4	187.8	303.3
Quartile rank	4	2	4	2	2	1	1

**These figures refer to the past. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future results. For investors based in countries with currencies other than GBP, the return may increase or decrease as a result of currency fluctuations.**

## Ten largest holdings

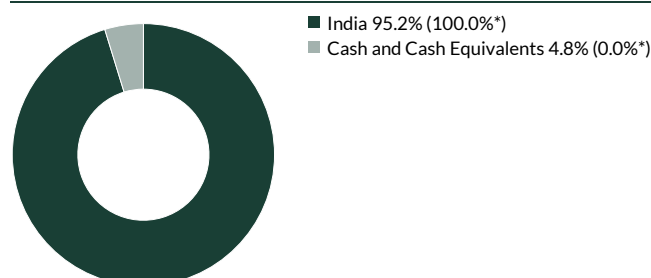
Stock name	%	Stock name	%
Mahindra & Mahindra	8.7	HDFC Bank	4.4
Tube Investments of India Limited	7.6	Aavas Financiers Ltd.	4.0
Blue Dart Express Limited	5.1	CG Power & Industrial Solutions Ltd	3.6
Triveni Turbine Ltd	5.1	Dr. Reddy's Laboratories Ltd	3.5
Cholamandalam Financial Holdings	5.0	Cyient Limited	2.9

## Sector breakdown



\*Index weight

## Country breakdown



\*Index weight

Sector and country classifications provided by FactSet and Stewart Investors.

Cash equivalents may include T-Bills.

Sector returns calculated by Lipper and denote the arithmetic mean performance of funds in the relevant UK's Investment Association Sector. Quartile Ranking by Lipper methodology which ranks funds within a category according to performance; quartile 1 represents the top 25% and quartile 4 the bottom 25%.

All performance data for the Stewart Investors Indian Subcontinent Sustainability Fund Class B (Accumulation) GBP as at 31 October 2024. Source for fund - Lipper IM / Stewart Investors. Performance data is calculated on a net basis by deducting fees incurred at fund level (e.g. the management fee and other fund expenses), save that it does not take account of initial charges or switching fees (if any). Income reinvested is included on a net of tax basis. Source for benchmark - MSCI, income reinvested net of tax. Since inception performance figures have been calculated from 09 November 2012.



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## Important Environmental, Social and Governance Information

The information below is environmental, social and governance (ESG) information which may help you to consider your investment in this fund from an ESG perspective. It is provided for information only. Any decision which you may take to invest money should take into account all aspects of the fund, more information on which can be found in our prospectus, which is on our website [here](#), and your investment needs.

ESG Portfolio Metrics	Portfolio	Benchmark
Portfolio Carbon Footprint* (tCO <sub>2</sub> e/USD m invested)	29.8	180.3
Portfolio Carbon Intensity** (tCO <sub>2</sub> e/USD m revenue)	96.0	602.5
Board Gender Diversity (average %)	21.2	20.3

Portfolio Carbon Footprint measures the sum of emissions of all investee companies at a portfolio level proportionally, based on how much of the investee companies' activities are financed by the investment manager. It is measured in tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent (tCO<sub>2</sub>e) per million invested.

Portfolio Carbon Intensity measures a portfolio's exposure to carbon-intensive companies, weighted by percentage exposure to each company. It is measured in tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent (tCO<sub>2</sub>e) per million revenue.

Board Gender Diversity represents the average ratio of female to male board members in investee companies, taking into account the relative importance of each company in the investment portfolio.

## Top 5 Contributors to Emissions by Carbon Intensity

Company Name	Contribution (tCO <sub>2</sub> /USD million revenue)
Tata Chemicals	36.6
Blue Dart Express	14.7
Indian Hotels (IHCL)	8.0
Tube Investments	5.4
Tarsons Products	4.2

Learn more about our approach to climate change [here](#).

## Data Sources

Carbon emissions data provided by ISS ESG Solutions. ISS ESG Solutions enable investors to develop and integrate sustainable investing policies and practices, engage on sustainable investment issues, and monitor portfolio company practices through screening solutions. This data includes estimates for companies who do not disclose emissions. For more information, visit: [www.iss-esg.com](http://www.iss-esg.com).

Board gender diversity data provided by Morningstar Sustainability. Morningstar Sustainability supports investors around the world with the development and implementation of responsible investment strategies to incorporate ESG research, ratings, and data into their investment process. For more information, visit: [www.sustainability.com](http://www.sustainability.com).

\* For emissions (footprint) reporting we have used the Partnership for Carbon Accounting Financials (PCAF) methodology which calculates an investor's share of scope 1 and 2 emissions for each company it invests in. Scope 1 covers all direct greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from sources that are owned or controlled by the reporting entity. Scope 2 covers indirect GHG emissions from the consumption of purchased electricity, heat or steam. An investor's share is based on the amount invested over the Enterprise Value including Cash (EVIC). EVIC is the sum of total outstanding shares plus total outstanding debt, including cash. For example if an investor holds 10% of the company's EVIC, it is allocated 10% of the company's emissions. For investors this is sometimes called 'financed' emissions. To calculate the benchmark comparisons we have used the same approach by assuming benchmarks hold the same total value of investments as comparable strategies. We provide the total footprint, which is influenced the size of the total value of the investment strategy (shown in tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub>-e) and on a 'per 1 million invested' basis, which is useful for comparison purposes.

\*\* Carbon intensity is calculated as the weighted average of Scope 1 and 2 emissions per million of revenue of investee companies. The measure is commonly used to assess the carbon efficiency of an investment portfolio, however, there are many factors (e.g. commodity prices, currencies etc) that will influence company revenues and consequently its carbon intensity by revenues. The measure is most useful for companies in the same industry that generate revenues in the same currency. For most companies an activity or output based intensity measure is a better indicator of efficiency, however, this data is not commonly available.

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The value of investments and any income from them may go down as well as up and is not guaranteed. Investors may get back significantly less than the original amount invested.

## The Fund may experience the following risks:

**Currency risk:** The Fund invests in assets which are denominated in other currencies; changes in exchange rates will affect the value of the Fund and could create losses. Currency control decisions made by governments could affect the value of the Fund's investments and could cause the Fund to defer or suspend redemptions of its shares.

**Single country / specific region risk:** investing in a single country or specific region may be riskier than investing in a number of different countries or regions. Investing in a larger number of countries or regions helps spread risk.

**Indian subcontinent risk:** although India has seen rapid economic and structural development, investing there may still involve increased risks of political and governmental intervention, potentially limitations on the allocation of the Fund's capital, and legal, regulatory, economic and other risks including greater liquidity risk, restrictions on investment or transfer of assets, failed/delayed settlement and difficulties valuing securities.

For further information on risks, please refer to the Risk Factors section in the Company prospectus.

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<sup>\*</sup> On the 14th January 2019 the Stewart Investors Indian Subcontinent Fund changed its name to Stewart Investors Stewart Investors Indian Subcontinent Sustainability Fund.

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