

First State Investments ICVC

Fund charges and costs explained

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Other relevant documents which explain fund charges and costs

There are a number of costs associated with investing in funds within First State Investments ICVC (the "Company"). You can find information about these charges and expenses in:

- the **prospectus** of the Company;
- **key investor information document (KIID)**; and
- additional information can be found in the **Supplementary Information Document (SID)**.

These documents are available under the 'Literature' section of our website at www.firststateinvestments.com.

General fund charges and costs

Funds incur costs as a necessary part of buying and selling underlying investments in order to achieve the investment objective. These transaction costs affect an investor in different ways depending on whether they are joining, leaving or continuing with their investment in the fund.

The information below explains what these charges may be and provides the charges applicable to our funds or where details can be found.

Charges explained:

One-off charges taken before or after you invest		Further Information:
Entry charge	<p>Also known as an 'initial' charge, this is the maximum that might be taken from your money before it is invested. For example, if you invest £1000 in a fund and it has an entry charge of 4%, it means we will take £40 to cover the charge of setting up your investment and the remaining £960 of your money will be used to buy shares in your chosen fund.</p> <p>In most cases the initial charge is waived. However where an initial charge is applied, this will be indicated to you before you invest with us.</p> <p>Currently none of our funds apply an initial charge.</p>	Prospectus (Section: "Fees and Expenses")
Exit charge	Also known as a 'redemption' charge. There is no exit charge for these funds	Prospectus
Charges taken from the fund over a year		Further Information:
Ongoing charges	<p>The Ongoing Charges are the charges you pay over a year for as long as you hold your investment. The Ongoing Charge is made up of an annual management charge and additional expenses. This is explained below:</p> <p>First State fund example (Class B shares)</p> <div><div>Ongoing Charge 0.83%</div><div><div>Annual Management Charge 0.75%</div><div>Additional Expenses 0.08%</div></div></div>	Key Investor Information Document, Prospectus (Section: "Fees and Expenses")

	<p><u>The Annual Management Charge for each fund and shareclass is disclosed in the Prospectus (section “Appendix III”), and covers:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Investment management; • Fund administration services including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Financial reporting services; ○ Pricing and valuation; <p><u>Additional Expenses covers:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • expenses incurred in distributing income to Shareholders; • fees in respect of publishing the price of the fund; • audit fees and the costs of other professional advisers; • the costs of convening and holding Shareholder meetings; • bank charges; • the costs of printing and distributing reports, accounts, the prospectus and key investor information documents; • Costs of registering shares for marketing purposes, including paying agency costs; • taxation costs of the fund; • borrowing costs; • regulatory fees; • the costs of any in specie issue of shares; and • the costs of currency hedging for relevant share classes. <p>Please note that VAT is payable on the charges listed above when appropriate.</p> <p>It is important to note that the Ongoing Charge disclosed in the Key Investor Information Document is based on historic expenses where available, is not fixed, and may vary from year to year.</p> <p>What is the Ongoing Charge paid from? We may take the Ongoing Charges from any income the fund generates or from the fund’s capital (its assets). For some funds, we could take these charges as a combination of both income and capital.</p> <p>Where we take charges from income, if there is not enough income to cover the annual management charge or additional expenses we will take any remaining charge from the fund’s capital. This may have the effect of reducing the growth potential of the fund you are invested in. Further details about this are contained in the prospectus.</p>	
	Other costs not included in the Ongoing Charge	Further Information:
Explicit Transaction Costs	Portfolio transaction costs are expenses incurred by the fund itself in acquiring and disposing of investments. They include broker commission, stamp duties, and other financial transaction taxes – these type of costs are referred to as “explicit” transaction costs.	Table 1 (below)

	<p>Comparing portfolio transaction costs for a range of funds may give a false impression of the relative costs of investing in them for the following reasons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Portfolio transaction costs do not necessarily reduce returns. The net impact of dealing is the combined effectiveness of the Investment Manager's investment decisions in improving returns and the associated costs of investment. • Historic portfolio transaction costs are not an effective indicator of the future impact on performance. • Portfolio transaction costs for buying and selling investments due to other investors joining or leaving the fund may be recovered from those investors. For further information see the 'Pricing policy note' below. • Portfolio transaction costs vary from country to country. • Portfolio transaction costs vary depending on the types of investments a fund makes. • As the Investment Manager's investment decisions are not predictable, portfolio transaction costs are also not predictable. <p>Explicit transaction costs are expressed as an average of the three previous years, in accordance with the Markets in Financial Instruments Directive ("MIFID II").</p>	
Implicit Transaction Costs	<p>It is possible that the effect of a fund deciding to deal in a particular investment is to move its price i.e. the price might go up between the time the instruction to deal is made and the time the fund actually buys the investment. These types of "cost" are referred to as "implicit" transaction costs and are recorded as the difference between the price of an investment at the point an investment decision is made to buy or sell, and the price at which the investment is bought or sold in the market (sometimes known as the "arrival price").</p> <p>As such, implicit transaction costs capture the effect of any dealing spread between the buying and selling prices, as well as of any movement in market prices.</p> <p>Implicit transaction costs are expressed as an average of the three previous years, in accordance with MIFID II.</p>	Table 1 (below)
One-off charges you may pay		Further Information:
Performance fee	No performance fee is charged.	Prospectus (Section: "Fees and Expenses")
Switching fee	The Instrument of Incorporation authorises the Company to impose a switching fee on the switching of shares between funds. The ability to impose a switching fee is exercisable by us as the Authorised Corporate Director ("ACD") at our discretion. The switching fee is payable to the ACD.	Prospectus (Section: "Fees and Expenses")

Platform and adviser fees	If you invest in a First State fund via a platform or adviser, you may also have to pay them a fee – ask your platform provider and/or financial advisor for details.	Platform / adviser
Change in charges		Further Information:
All charges	We will let you know if we increase the initial charge or the annual management charge. The additional expenses may change from year to year. We will not inform you each time they change. The latest KIID document for the fund will show the most recent Ongoing Charges figure.	

Pricing policy note

We operate a single price methodology for these funds and, in line with the prospectus, reserve the right to adjust the fund's price (known as dilution adjustment) to protect the fund and its investors from the costs of buying or selling investments as a result of investors joining or leaving the fund. The amount of any such adjustment is calculated by reference to the estimated costs of dealing in the underlying investments, including any dealing spreads and broker commissions.

A dilution adjustment may not need to be made on every dealing day. Although it is not possible to predict accurately whether a dilution adjustment will occur, for illustrative purposes, the Company's prospectus (which is available free of charge on request) contains further information on dilution adjustment for each fund, and the number of days on which an adjustment was made for the fund during the most recent time period.

More information:

The Investment Association has prepared some general information about fund charges and costs which can be found on their website: <http://www.theinvestmentassociation.org/investment-industry-information/costs-and-charges/>

If you have any questions relating to charges and costs please speak to your professional financial adviser or you may wish to contact us using the details below:

by telephone:	from the UK 0800 587 4141 and from abroad +44 131 525 8870; telephone calls may be recorded for your security
by email:	enquiries@firststate.co.uk
or in writing:	Client Services, 23 St Andrew Square, Edinburgh EH2 1BB.

Table 1:

Fund Name	Portfolio Transaction Costs ¹		
	Explicit %	Implicit %	Total %
First State All China Fund	0.156%	0.211%	0.367%
First State Asia All-Cap Fund	0.090%	0.206%	0.296%
First State Asia Focus Fund	0.083%	0.132%	0.215%
First State Asian Property Securities Fund	0.092%	0.051%	0.143%
First State Diversified Growth Fund	-0.107% ²	-0.094% ²	-0.117% ²
First State Emerging Markets Bond Fund	0%	0.566%	0.566%
First State Global Emerging Markets Focus Fund	0.58%	0.12%	0.70%
First State Global Listed Infrastructure Fund	0.087%	0.342%	0.429%
First State Global Property Securities Fund	0.154%	0.17%	0.324%
First State Greater China Growth Fund	0.086%	0.13%	0.216%
First State Indian Subcontinent All-Cap Fund	0.264%	0.202%	0.466%

Fund Name	Portfolio Transaction Costs ¹		
	Explicit %	Implicit %	Total %
First State Japan Focus Fund	0.076%	-0.047%	0.029%
Stewart Investors Asia Pacific and Japan Sustainability Fund	0.066%	0.112%	0.178%
Stewart Investors Asia Pacific Leaders Fund	0.072%	0.218%	0.290%
Stewart Investors Asia Pacific Sustainability Fund	0.120%	0.215%	0.335%
Stewart Investors Global Emerging Markets Fund	0.091%	0.126%	0.217%
Stewart Investors Global Emerging Markets Leaders Fund	0.105%	0.114%	0.219%
Stewart Investors Global Emerging Markets Sustainability Fund	0.150%	0.233%	0.383%
Stewart Investors Indian Subcontinent Sustainability Fund	0.059%	-0.032%	0.027%
Stewart Investors Latin America Fund	0.059%	0.167%	0.226%
Stewart Investors Worldwide Equity Fund	0.08%	0.087%	0.167%
Stewart Investors Worldwide Leaders Sustainability Fund	0.066%	0.111%	0.177%
Stewart Investors Worldwide Sustainability Fund	0.092%	0.167%	0.259%

¹ In addition to the Ongoing Charge, the portfolio transaction costs are paid by the fund each year and are included within the price of the fund. These figures are expressed as an average of the three previous fund financial years up to 31st July 2019. Please refer to the 'Other costs not included in the Ongoing Charge' section for further information.

² Negative values indicate that the market has moved in favour of the fund between the order being placed and executed or that the counterparty to an investment contract has made payment to the fund.

This document contains information relating to First State Investments ICVC, an investment company with variable capital incorporated in England and Wales under registered number IC23 which is authorised by the Financial Conduct Authority. Please ensure that you read this document carefully in conjunction with the key investor information document. You are also advised to read First State Investments ICVC's prospectus which contains further detailed information on the sub-funds. The prospectus is available free of charge on request or from www.firststateinvestments.com.

We recommend that you contact a financial adviser if you have any doubts about the suitability of an investment in any of our funds, or if you are not confident that you fully understand the risks involved.

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Information for Austrian Investors:

The Company's Prospectus, the KIIDs, the Instrument of Incorporation, the current annual report and the semi-annual report are also available free of charge from the Austrian paying agent in paper form. Erste Bank der oesterreichischen Sparkassen AG, Am Belvedere 1, 1100 Vienna, Austria.

Information for German Investors:

The Prospectus, the key investor information, the Instrument of Incorporation, the current annual report and the six-month report are also available free of charge from the German information office in paper form. GerFIS – German Fund Information Service UG (Haftungsbeschränkt), Zum Eichhagen 4, 21382 Brietlingen, Germany.

Information for Swiss Investors:

The Prospectus, the Instrument of Incorporation, the key investor information documents (KIIDs) and the annual and semi-annual reports of the Company may be obtained free of charge from the representative and paying agent in Switzerland, BNP Paribas Securities Services, Paris, succursale de Zurich, Selnastrasse 16, 8002 Zurich