Stewart Investors Asia Pacific Sustainability Fund⁶

Fund objective

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

Fund strategy

The fund invests in a diversified portfolio of equity or equity-related securities of companies that are incorporated or listed, or where a majority of their economic activities take place, in the Asia Pacific region (excluding Japan) and invests in quality companies that are positioned to contribute to, or benefit from the sustainable development of the countries in which they operate.

The manager invests with capital preservation in mind, meaning it defines risk as losing client money, rather than deviation from a benchmark index. The manager's focus on quality companies rather than investing according to a benchmark index may lag in very strong liquidity-driven or momentum-led markets and may perform well when due recognition is given to companies with quality management teams, good long-term growth prospects and sound balance sheets.

Overall rating

All share classes are rated Green and are providing value to investors apart from the Class B (Acc) EUR shares which is rated Amber. This share class has opportunities for improvement and the Fund Board will regularly evaluate this.

Performance

We have assessed performance considering absolute return, relative return and the performance in negative markets for each share class, in conjunction with the investment objective and proposition of the fund.

All share classes are rated Green for performance.

The Class B (Acc) EUR share class is not subjected to the tests as it has not reached the appropriate maturity in order to test the investment objective of the fund over the minimum recommended investment term.

Quality of service

All share classes are rated Green for Quality of service. Please see page 5, section 4 Quality of service for further information.

Classes of units

All share classes are rated Green for Class of units. Please see page 7, section 6 Costs and charges for further information.

AFM costs

All share classes are rated Green for AFM costs. Please see page 7, section 6 Costs and charges for further information.

Economies of scale

All share classes are rated Green for Economies of scale. Please see page 7, section 6 Costs and charges for further information.

Comparable market rates

We have compared the ongoing charge figure (**OCF**) that is made up of an annual management charge (**AMC**) and the additional expenses (**AE**) of each share class against a relevant peer group. Both Class A (Acc) EUR and Class A (Acc) GBP shares have OCFs below the median whereas both Class B (Acc) EUR and Class B (Acc) GBP shares have OCFs above the median.

The median is defined as the mid-point of our peers who we are assessing our OCF against.

Based on our assessment, both class A shares are rated Green for comparable market rates. The Class B (Acc) GBP share class is rated Amber, and the Class B (Acc) EUR share class is rated Red.

For both of these share classes we believe the results are reasonable due to the features of these share classes and services provided to the fund and share classes. We will continue to monitor these share classes on an ongoing basis.

Comparable services

Based on our assessment when compared to similar funds and share classes managed by First Sentier Investors globally the share classes are rated Amber for comparable services.

The revenue earned after all deductions on the fund are slightly higher than the identified comparable funds that we assessed the fund against We believe that the results are reasonable due to the features of these share classes and services provided by the fund and share classes to investors.

We will continue to monitor these share classes on an ongoing basis.

The fund has the following share classes:

Share class	Launch date	£ MUA	AMC %	OCF %	
Class A (Acc) EUR	01-May-08	14,171,057	1.50	1.59	
Class A (Acc) GBP	19-Dec-05	17,359,236	1.50	1.63	
Class B (Acc) EUR	28-Aug-20	30,016	0.85	1.05	
Class B (Acc) GBP	19-Dec-05	649,903,452	0.85	0.92	

Overall rating					
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Performance	Quality of service	Classes of units	AFM costs	Economies of scale	Comparable market rates	Comparable services
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