



# Stewart Investors Asia Pacific Leaders Sustainability Fund Class A GBP

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31 October 2024

## Investment objective and policy

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

The Fund mainly invests in shares of large and mid-sized companies based in or where the majority of their activities take place in the Asia Pacific region excluding Japan and that are listed on exchanges worldwide. These companies generally have a total stock market value of at least US\$1 billion. 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                   | 01 December 2003   |
| Share class launch date            | 01 December 2003   |
| Fund size (£m)                     | 6262.4   |
| UK's investment association sector | Specialist   |
| Benchmark                          | MSCI AC Asia Pacific ex Japan Net Index*                 |
| Number of holdings                 | 41   |
| Fund manager(s)                    | David Gait/Sashi Reddy                                   |
| Minimum investment                 | £1,000/£50 per month                                     |
| Initial charge                     | 0% <sup>c</sup>  |
| Ongoing charges †                  | 1.50%  |
| Share type                         | Accumulation   |
| Sedol                              | 3387421  |
| ISIN                               | GB0033874214   |
| Research rating ‡                  | Morningstar®:Bronze Square Mile:Responsible AA RSM:Rated |
| Fund yield                         | 0.1%   |

\* 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. Given the diverse nature of the constituent funds within the Specialist IA sector the manager does not compare performance of this Fund with its IA sector.

## 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      | 14.4                | -5.5                | -7.7                | 20.4                | 9.3                 |
| Benchmark return | 21.0                | 6.0                 | -18.1               | 9.3                 | 11.9                |

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

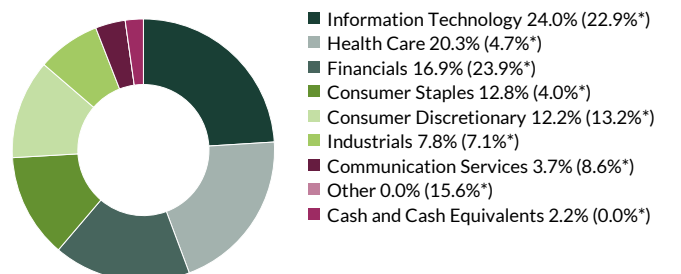
| Period           | 3 mths | 6 mths | 1 yr | 3 yrs | 5 yrs | 10 yrs | Since inception |
|------------------|--------|--------|------|-------|-------|--------|-----------------|
| Fund return      | -2.9   | 4.1    | 14.4 | -0.2  | 31.3  | 98.1   | 834.5           |
| Benchmark return | 4.8    | 8.3    | 21.0 | 5.0   | 28.4  | 96.2   | 562.1           |

**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

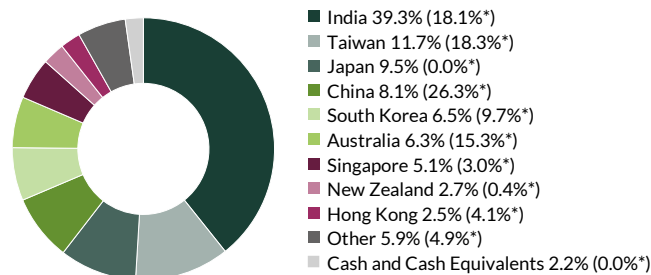
| Stock name                          | %   | Stock name                    | %   |
|-------------------------------------|-----|-------------------------------|-----|
| Mahindra & Mahindra                 | 7.9 | Samsung Electronics Co., Ltd. | 4.1 |
| Hoya Corporation                    | 5.5 | Tata Consultancy Serv. Ltd    | 3.9 |
| HDFC Bank                           | 5.4 | Unicharm Corporation          | 3.7 |
| Oversea-Chinese Banking Corporation | 5.1 | Dr. Reddy's Laboratories Ltd  | 3.5 |
| Taiwan Semiconductor (TSMC)         | 4.2 | CSL                           | 3.3 |

## Sector breakdown



\*Index weight

## Country breakdown



\*Index weight

Sector and country classifications provided by FactSet and Stewart Investors.

Cash equivalents may include T-Bills.



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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) | 8.6       | 101.1     |
| Portfolio Carbon Intensity** (tCO <sub>2</sub> e/USD m revenue) | 37.6      | 253.5     |
| Board Gender Diversity (average %)                              | 25.2      | 23.6      |

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) |
|--------------------------|--|
| TSMC                     | 6.3  |
| Hoya                     | 5.0  |
| Dr. Reddy's Laboratories | 4.0  |
| Unicharm                 | 3.0  |
| Ayala                    | 2.7  |

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).

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\* 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:

**Emerging market risk:** Emerging markets tend to be more sensitive to economic and political conditions than developed markets. Other factors include greater liquidity risk, restrictions on investment or transfer of assets, failed/delayed settlement and difficulties valuing securities.

**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.

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

Investment should be made on the basis of the Prospectus and Key Investor Information Document. If you are in any doubt as to the suitability of any of our funds for your investment needs, please seek independent financial advice.



## Country classification

The fund aims to invest in companies listed in, incorporated in, or earning the greater part of their revenues or profits in Asia Pacific ex-Japan markets. The Japan exposure shown in the country breakdown represents companies that are listed on the Japanese stock market, but produce the majority of their revenues or profits in Asia Pacific ex-Japan markets.

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