

# SDR CONSUMER FACING DISCLOSURE

## **SVS AllianceBernstein Strategic Bond Fund**

SVS AllianceBernstein Strategic Bond Fund (the Sub-Fund) does not have a UK sustainable investment label. Sustainable investment labels help investors find products that have a specific sustainability goal. The Sub-Fund does not have a sustainability label because, whilst the Investment Manager does consider environmental, social and governance (ESG) factors in its investment decision making process, it does so in order to support the financial risk and return profile of the Sub-Fund and does not seek a specific, positive sustainability goal or outcome.

Basic information		
Manager	Authorised Fund Manager: Evelyn Partners Fund Solutions Limited Investment Manager: AllianceBernstein Limited	
Date	28 May 2025	
PRN	The FCA's Product Reference Number for the Sub-Fund is 1033457	

## About the Sub-Fund

## Sustainability approach

The Sub-Fund seeks to achieve its investment objective by investing at least 80% of the Sub-Fund's total value in global bonds.

The Sub-Fund will invest flexibly across different bond securities, investing in government and corporate bond issuers, investment grade and sub-investment grade bonds, and in bonds issued in any country (including Emerging Market Countries) in any currency. The Sub-Fund may invest in asset and mortgage backed securities.

The Sub-Fund will have a minimum exposure of 80% of its value to Sterling, either directly or indirectly, at any given time.

The Sub-Fund is actively managed meaning that the Investment Manager uses their expertise to select investment to achieve the Sub-Fund's objective.

The Sub-Fund may also invest up to 20% of its value in money markets instruments, deposits, cash and near cash, and up to 10% of its value in Collective Investment Schemes (including other funds managed by the Investment Manager.

The Investment Manager considers material Environmental, Social, and Governance ("**ESG**") factors at each applicable step of the investment process. Material ESG risks and factors are ESG-related events or conditions that, if they occurred, could cause an actual or potential material negative impact to the financial returns of the Sub-Fund (e.g., climate change, pollution, human rights, employee relations, corruption).

## **ESG** Integration

ESG risks and factors are integrated into the Investment Manager's research and investment processes through the AllianceBernstein Stewardship Approach. The Investment Manager's research analysts focus on the specific industries, companies and issuers that they cover. Using their own proprietary research, third-party research and findings from other sources incorporated in the Investment Manager's research

collaboration platform, they analyse issuers' and Sovereigns' ESG practices to identify potentially material ESG risks and opportunities. ESG considerations are incorporated into the Investment Manager's research and investment process and are one of several considerations for making investment decisions, both in deciding to purchase the holding for the Sub-fund and, on an on-going basis, in deciding whether to retain the holding. After consideration of material ESG factors including those that could negatively impact a potential holding, the Investment Manager may still purchase the security and/or retain it in the Sub-Fund. ESG considerations may not be applicable to all types of instruments or investments.

As part of ESG Integration, ESG scoring may be used in the research process for fixed income securities. PRISM, a proprietary credit rating and scoring system integrates fixed-income ESG research into a fully digitalized data and security analysis platform. With PRISM, analysts can develop and share views on individual issuers in a consistent, comparable and quantifiable way across industries, ratings categories and geographies. Analysts evaluate each issuer on multiple dimensions, using research and engagement insights to assign specific ESG scores, which are used in credit scoring. PRISM scoring will weigh ESG factors differently depending on the industry being analysed and are based on what AB analysts view as the most important ESG factors for the company or issuer. For sovereign issuers and securitisations, the ESG scoring framework is adapted to take account of how ESG issues may affect a country's ability to meet its payment obligations, or the extent to which specific ESG issues are applicable to major subsectors of the securitised market, including CMBS and CRTs.

## **Exclusions policy**

The Sub-Fund is subject to the Investment Manager's exclusions policy, under which the Investment Manager employs restrictions to certain sectors such as controversial weapons, private prisons, cannabis, tobacco, coal mining, fossil fuels, and gambling. Further detail can be found in the Sub-Fund's prospectus (please see link below in "Further information").

### Engagement

The Investment Manager engages with companies as part of its fundamental research process and will continue to take an active stewardship role by engaging with companies and actively voting in relation to shares held by the Sub-Fund once it has invested.

The Investment Manager uses engagement in two ways, referring to these as: insight and action.

- **Insight**: To obtain insights into the ESG credentials of companies as part of the Investment Manager's ongoing research and assessment process
- Action: The Investment Manager will actively encourage issuers to better address material ESG risks or take advantage of ESG opportunities

#### **Sustainability metrics**

The following metrics are considered useful in understanding the investment strategy of the Sub-Fund:

No.	Metric	As at 28 May 2025
1	% of the Sub-Fund with an ESG score	There is no past performance information available as the launch date of the sub-fund is 28 May 2025
2	% of the Sub-Fund compliant with its defined exclusion criteria	

More information on the Investment Manager's Stewardship Approach can be found here: https://www.alliancebernstein.com/content/dam/corporate/corporate-pdfs/ab-global-stewardshipstatement-and-report.pdf

For the Sub-Fund's pre-contractual sustainability disclosures please see the Sub-Fund's prospectus at: <u>AllianceBernstein Limited   Evelyn Partners</u>	Once published, the Sub-Fund's and the Manager's sustainability reports will be available at: AllianceBernstein Limited   Evelyn Partners
For the Sub-Fund's Key Investor Information Documents (KIID), please visit: <u>AllianceBernstein</u> <u>Limited   Evelyn Partners</u>	For information on the Sub-Fund's costs and charges, please visit: <u>AllianceBernstein Limited  </u> Evelyn Partners

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