Sustainable Asia Bond Fund

Class I5 (GBP Hedged) Acc

SFDR classification: **Article 9**

The Fund[1]

Objective

The Sustainable Asia Bond Fund aims to maximize total returns by investing in issuers and/or securities demonstrating strong environmental and/or social sustainability attributes and/or enabling sustainable practices.

Policy

The Fund invests in fixed income securities in Asia (including Australia and New Zealand) which are 1) issued by Sustainable Issuers and/or 2) bonds labelled as "green", "sustainable" or "sustainability-linked" ("ESG Bonds"). It will invest a minimum of 25% in ESG bonds and may invest up to 35% in debt securities rated lower than investment grade and up to 10% in RMB-denominated debt securities circulated in China Bond Connect.

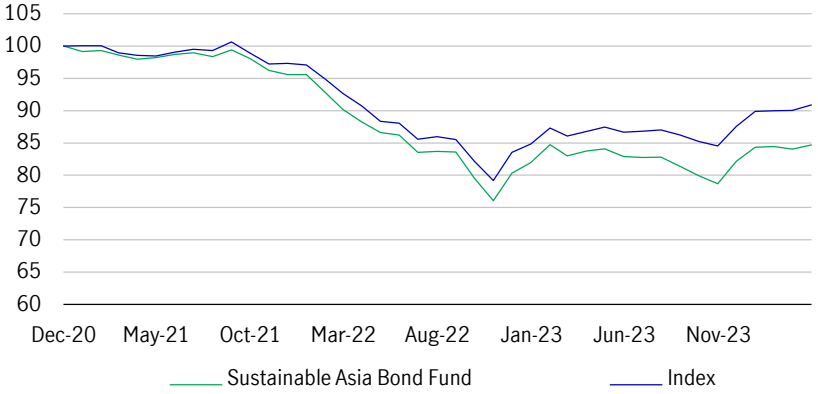
Philosophy

The Fund features a fully integrated ESG portfolio that applies exclusion screening to avoid controversial sectors and positive tilts towards issuers with the potential to deliver positive social and environmental impact. We believe leveraging our extensive on-the-ground proprietary Asian credit research and ESG capabilities provides us with an informational advantage over our peers.

Share class performance since inception

Cumulative performance (%)

Total return in GBP net of fees, as of 31 March 2024 (rebased to 100)



Average annual total returns (%)

	1 mth	3 mths	YTD	1 yr	3 yrs p.a.	5 yrs p.a.	10 yrs p.a.	SI p.a.
Fund	0.76	0.38	0.38	1.15	-4.74	–	–	-4.95
Index	0.95	1.15	1.15	4.78	-2.67	–	–	-2.87

Calendar year returns (%)

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Fund	2.94	-14.25	-3.63	-0.83	–	–	–	–	–	–
Index	5.91	-12.59	-2.97	0.04	–	–	–	–	–	–

Note: Performance in the first year may be partial, please see the key facts for the inception date of the share class.

Key facts

Investment team	Began career
Murray Collis (Lead)	1996
Alvin Ong, CFA, CESGA	2008
Chris Lam, CFA	2005
Endre Pedersen	1999

Fund information

Inception date	06 August 2020
Benchmark index	JP Morgan ESG Asia Credit Index (GBP Hedged)
Fund size (GBPm)	83.2
Base currency	USD
Domicile	Luxembourg
Umbrella	Manulife Global Fund
Dealing deadline	1pm Luxembourg time (daily)

Share class information

Inception date	21 December 2020
ISIN	LU2225691091
Currency	GBP
Bloomberg ticker	MLABI5G LX
Minimum investment	GBP 1 Million
Management fee (%)	0.55
Ongoing charges figure (%) (total expenses p.a.)	0.86

Note: The ongoing charges figure is based on an estimate of the charges of the Fund's operations and may vary over time. It includes charges such as the Fund's annual management charge, registration fee and custody fees. More information about charges can be found in the Fund's prospectus and KIIDS/KIDS. These charges will have an impact on any investment.

Portfolio parameters

Duration	Benchmark +/- 2 years
Credit	Max 35% in non IG corporate bonds
Currency	Min 90% USD

1 The investment objective and policy changed on 1 August 2023. In addition, the Fund's SFDR classification was changed from Article 8 to Article 9.
Past performance is not indicative of future results. The Fund's investment return and principal value will change with market conditions and you may have a gain or loss when you sell your shares. Changes in exchange rates may have an adverse effect. Performance data source: Manulife Investment Management, based upon Class I5 Shares in GBP, includes fees and charges. Returns greater than one year are annualised. Current performance may differ from figures shown.

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Portfolio

Fund characteristics	Fund	Index
Average rating	A3/Baa1	A3/Baa1
Average coupon (%)	3.9	4.1
Yield to maturity (%)	6.1	7.4
Current yield (%)	4.2	4.5
Currency (USD net exposure) (%)	99.1	100.0
Effective duration (years)	4.7	4.4
Number of holdings	173	1,110

Geographical allocation (%)	Fund	Index
Australia	7.8	–
China	15.9	21.2
Hong Kong	10.0	13.3
India	7.3	6.9
Indonesia	14.3	13.6
Japan	0.5	–
Malaysia	1.4	1.7
New Zealand	0.8	–
Philippines	6.7	6.4
S.Korea	16.8	16.0
Singapore	7.7	4.8
Taiwan	2.0	3.3
Thailand	2.3	2.3
Other	3.9	10.6
Cash and derivatives	2.7	–

ESG characteristics	Fund	Index
Carbon intensity (scope 1+2) (ton CO2e/m USD revenue)[1*]	69.9	190.5
ESG themed bond exposure (%)[2]	49.0	19.9
Women on board (%)*	24.8	21.2
Board independence (%)*	65.8	65.0
CEO/Chair separation (%)*	89.9	86.4

Credit rating allocation (%)	Fund	Index
AAA	0.6	1.7
AA	11.6	17.2
A	23.0	25.0
BBB	47.9	41.5
BB	11.3	8.3
B	0.6	2.5
CCC or below	0.3	0.9
NR	2.0	2.9
Cash and derivatives	2.7	–

Sector allocation (%)	Fund	Index
Banks	26.2	17.5
Communications	10.2	4.2
Consumer, cyclical	4.3	6.5
Consumer, Non-cyclical	3.8	2.5
Diversified finan serv	4.0	8.7
Government	14.4	26.0
Industrial	4.1	5.0
Insurance	4.8	3.4
Real estate	6.2	5.6
REITS	3.7	0.4
Technology	4.0	4.8
Utilities	6.1	4.2
Other	5.7	11.3
Cash and derivatives	2.7	–

Source: Manulife Investment Management, MSCI, S&P Trucost. *Please refer to definitions. ESG characteristic values for both portfolio and benchmark are calculated on corporate debt holdings only, exclusive of cash, derivatives, sovereign/sub-sovereign and asset backed securities. If only a subset of the securities in a portfolio or benchmark are in coverage, the weights are readjusted by Manulife Investment Management to add up to 100%. **1** Carbon intensity data is the most current data available from S&P Trucost, which typically lags by one fiscal year due to the nature of publicly available emissions disclosure across industries and with individual companies. **2** ESG themed bonds refer to "dedicated" bonds from which proceeds are specifically used for environmental, social and/or sustainability projects.

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Definitions

- **Carbon intensity:** Carbon intensity is measured on a weighted average basis for companies held and allows investors to know how efficient the portfolio is in terms of carbon (GHG) emissions (tons) per unit of sales revenue (US$1,000,000). Scope 1 emissions are direct emissions from owned or controlled sources. Scope 2 emissions are indirect emissions from the generation of purchased energy.
- **Women on board:** Weighted average percentage of women on the board of the holdings.
- **Board independence:** Weighted average percentage of independent board of directors of the holdings.
- **CEO/Chair separation:** Weighted average percentage of holdings where there is a separation of CEO and Chairperson.

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The financial product referenced herein has sustainable investment as its objective and fulfils the requirements of Article 9 of the EU Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation ("SFDR"). We have made available the requisite pre-contractual and website disclosures required under SFDR and further information is available upon request.

Sustainable Asia Bond is a sub fund of Manulife Global Fund. The assets of this Sub Fund are segregated from other sub funds in Manulife Global Fund.

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Portfolio characteristics including holdings, sector weightings and market capitalization are subject to change at any time. Ongoing market volatility can dramatically impact short term returns. All material is compiled from sources believed to be reliable and correct, but accuracy cannot be guaranteed.

Risks

All investments involve risk, including the possible loss of principal. There is no guarantee investment objectives will be met Past performance is not indicative of future results. Investment return and principal value will fluctuate so shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original cost.

Risks associated with investments in debt instruments with loss-absorption features (including Contingent Convertible Debt Securities): debt instruments with loss-absorption features present more significant risks relative to traditional debt securities particularly given that instruments of this type can be written down or converted to equity as the result of the triggering of predetermined criteria relating to solvency and/or regulatory required capital levels, that may be beyond the control of the issuer.

Credit Risk: there is a risk that a debt issuer will default, by failing to repay principal and interest in a timely manner, or that negative perceptions of the issuer's ability to make such payments will cause the price of that bond to decline.

Risks Relating to Sustainable Investing: since the Fund invests primarily in issuers demonstrating sustainability characteristics, this carries the risk that, under certain market conditions, the Fund may perform differently compared to funds that do not utilize a sustainable investment strategy.

High-Yield Bonds Risk: the Fund may invest in higher yielding debt securities rated below investment grade, or if unrated, their equivalent.

Use of Financial Derivatives Instruments (FDIs): the Fund may use FDIs to manage risk and manage the Fund more effectively. The use of derivatives exposes the Fund to additional risks, including volatility risk, management risk, market risk, credit risk and liquidity risk.

Emerging Markets Risk: the investment of the Fund may be exposed to higher risks than in developed economies or markets.

Mainland China Investment Risk: investing in securities issued or guaranteed by issuers in Mainland China is subject to the risks of investing in emerging markets generally as well as to specific risks relating to the Mainland China market.

Liquidity and Volatility Risks: during certain times, the Fund's investments may become difficult to sell for full value or at all, which could affect performance and could result in delays when you sell your shares.

For a more detailed explanation of risks, please refer to the **"General Risk Factors"** section and **"Appendix I"** of the Prospectus.